

Mass Intentions

Monday, March 31: Lenten Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Al Rabovsky - Bonnie DeBolt

Tuesday, April 1: Lenten Weekday; [Saint Francis of Paola]

8:00 am (GS) Terry McDowell-Donna & Tom Sofranko & Helen Harasin

Wednesday, April 2: Lenten Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Joe & Irene Monzi - Children

6:30 pm (GS) Silvo & Bertha Maccaglia-Costanza/Bauman Families

Thursday, April 3: Lenten Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Edward Zimmerman -W. PA Youth Football League

Friday, April 4: Lenten Weekday; [Saint Isidore]

8:00 am (SJ) Helen Conray - Staff @ Shadow Lakes

Saturday, April 5: Lenten Weekday; [Saint Vincent Ferrer]

9:00 am (SJ) Living & Deceased of the Beaver Valley Blue Army

4:00 pm (SJ) Dorothy Szymoniak - Dorothy & John Shumsky

5:30 pm (GS) Mutschler & Verigood Families - Ann & Maura

Sunday, April 6: FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

9:45 am (SJ) Matthew & Ella Mihalich - Joan Mihalich

11:00 am (GS) Wachtel & Kosta Families - Jo Ann Kosto

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2014

Fourth Week of Lent

Monday 31 Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54 (244)

Tuesday Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Friday Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Sunday Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Abbie Marie Gadomski (SJ) by Dad, Mom & Sisters

Albert Pinkosky (GS) by Family

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Terry McDowell (GS) by Family

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Dolores Johnson (GS) by Nancy Salopek

Sanctuary Candle

Abbie Marie Gadomski (SJ) by Dad, Mom & Sisters

"Seven Deadly Sins – Seven Lively Virtues" Study

Update All Parishioners are invited to this week's one-hour Lenten Spiritual Study Session with DVD Presentation by Fr. Robert Barron on the **Deadly Sins of "Gluttony and Lust"** as well as their counterbalance in the **Lively Virtues of "Asceticism and Chastity"**. Even if you did not attend the three previous sessions, you are welcome to join us for this final week as each session is complete in itself. Sessions will be held on Wednesday at 7:15 PM in Good Samaritan Church; Thursday at 7:00 PM in St. John's Church Hall; and Friday at 11:00 AM in St. Joseph House at Good Samaritan. This study is appropriate for all families with children over the age of 12. We hope to see you during this mid Lenten week!



From Father Joe

People of the Light: Not LITE Catholics

During the third, fourth, and fifth Sundays of Lent, Catholic parishes typically celebrate the Rites of Scrutiny. In the words of the *Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults*:

The scrutinies are meant to uncover, then heal all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the elect; to bring out, then strengthen all that is upright, strong, and good.

The scrutinies are an opportunity for the *Elect* who are preparing to enter the Church at the Easter Vigil, to examine their hearts to uncover and to heal anything that may be weak or sinful as they prepare to enter the Church.

This weekend, we hear the reading of the man born blind. Jesus spread clay on the eyes of the man born blind and healed him. Upon hearing that Jesus had healed the man, the Pharisees called him in to interrogate him. Instead of rejoicing at the miracle, they grew angry and searched for reasons to judge Jesus. They were blinded by their jealousy.

The blind man not only gained his sight, but also came to see Jesus for who He really was, not just a prophet, but our Lord.

Lent is a time of purification and enlightenment for all of us. As practicing Catholics, we are called to join with the *Elect* in examining our lives and our habits so that we may grow in our faith. Are we like the Pharisees at times, jealous of others? Are we blind to the needs of those around us? Are we lukewarm in our faith, and just going through the motions?

I've noticed lately a number of people who come to Mass each Sunday and leave right after Communion. Somewhere along the line in their catechesis, someone may have said that as long as a Catholic doesn't leave until after Communion, that they have "met their Sunday obligation." While that may be true if a person is ill, or needs to run to make it to work, or if they are on call at a hospital, it was never intended to be an excuse to beat the traffic in the parking lot. That's an insult to God. The moments following Communion are intended to be a period to quietly reflect on the sacrament we have received. It is a time to give thanks and ask for God's grace; a time to let Jesus settle into our being. This quiet time is followed by a closing prayer and God's blessing. Then we join in singing a recessional hymn as the priest and ministers process out. The Mass is not over until the celebrant has left.

Lent is as time to reflect on our habits and ask if we are really entering *fervently* into the worship of God. This includes singing if we are able, reciting the responses, praying, reflecting on the Gift given at the Last Supper, and offering our prayers for others in need. God wants us to enter into the celebration of the Mass wholeheartedly, not timidly. He wants us to be **on fire**, not lukewarm.

Father Joe

2014 Holy Week & Easter Mass Schedule

**GOOD SAMARITAN and
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

Holy Thursday, April 17

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:00 pm GS / SJ
 Eucharistic Adoration *until 11:00 pm GS / SJ
 *Night Prayer 10:45 pm

Good Friday, April 18

Morning Prayer 9:00 am GS
 Passion of the Lord 2:00 pm GS / SJ
 Stations of the Cross 6:30 pm SJ
 Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm GS

Holy Saturday, April 19

Morning Prayer 9:00 am GS
 Blessing of Baskets 12:00 Noon GS
 Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 pm GS

Easter Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday Mass 8:30 am GS
 Easter Sunday Mass 9:45 am SJ
 Easter Sunday Mass 11:00 am GS

Sacrament of Reconciliation

(weekly extended times)

Wednesdays 5:45 - 6:20 pm Good Samaritan
 Saturdays 12:00 - 1:00 pm Good Samaritan
 Saturdays 1:15 - 1:45 pm St. John the Baptist
(Not on Holy Saturday)

Tuesday, April 1 7:00 pm Good Samaritan
 Monday, April 7 7:00 pm Our Lady of Peace
 Wednesday, April 9 2:30 pm Good Samaritan

**GOOD SAMARITAN and
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

**Volunteer Form for Liturgical Ministers
Easter Schedule 2014**

Name: _____

Phone: _____

- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Minister
- Lector

April 12, Palm Sunday Vigil Mass (4:00 pm) ____ (SJ)
 5:30 pm ____ GS

April 13, Palm Sunday Mass 8:30 am ____ GS
 (9:45 am) ____ (SJ)
 11:00 am ____ GS

April 17, Holy Thursday Mass 7:00 pm ____ GS
 (7:00 pm) ____ (SJ)

April 18, Good Friday Passion Service 2:00 pm ____ GS
 (2:00 pm) ____ (SJ)

April 19, Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 pm ____ GS

April 20, Easter Sunday Mass 8:30 am ____ GS
 (9:45 am) ____ (SJ)
 11:00 am ____ GS

Please place in the Good Samaritan or Saint John the Baptist collection basket or return to your parish office by March 31.

Stations of the Cross

(Fridays during Lent)

2:30 pm Good Samaritan, Ambridge
 6:30 pm St. John the Baptist, Baden
 7:00 pm Good Samaritan, Ambridge

For details, visit:
www.cmpitt.org

or call
 Dave Deiter at
 724-266-2735

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9TH ANNUAL GATHERING OF CATHOLIC MEN • Saturday, April 12, 2014





Easter Bake Sale 2014

Good Samaritan Parish

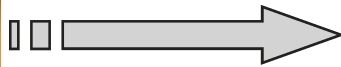
Saturday, April 12 and Sunday, April 13
(Palm Sunday weekend)

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Good Samaritan, Jericho Hall (Cafeteria)
 8th Street and Melrose Avenue, Ambridge, PA



CALL TO PLACE YOUR PRE-ORDER!



by Tuesday, April 8

9:00 AM until 12 Noon

724-266-5742 or 724-869-7677

On Day of Sale ONLY Call: Jericho Hall 724-266-6010

MENU

Whole Nut Roll	\$12.00
Half Nut Roll	\$6.50
Whole Poppyseed Roll	\$12.00
Half Poppyseed Roll	\$6.50
Whole Apricot Roll	\$12.00
Half Apricot Rol	\$6.50
Easter Paska Bread (<i>Jumbo 2 lb. Twisted Loaf</i>)	
Orange/Lemon & Anise (<i>Limited Supply</i>)	\$7.00
Pierogi - Potato/Cheese (<i>Frozen Per Dozen</i>)	\$8.00

PIEROGI SALE Good Friday, April 18

9:00 AM—5:00 PM - \$8.00 per dozen

Call-in Orders On Day of Sale ONLY beginning at 6:00 am

Call 724-266-6010 Pierogi Sold Cooked or Frozen



**WHAT IS THE PENITENTIAL RITE SCRUTINY
OF THE CIC/TEEN RCIA PROCESS ?**

HOW MIGHT IT HELP ALL PARISHIONERS ?

**WHY IS THE ANOINTING OF THE ELECT AND THE
PRESENTATION OF THE CREED PART OF THIS RITE ?**

The **Penitential Rite Scrutiny** is celebrated to help deliver the **un-baptized Elect** from the power of sin and Satan, to protect them against temptation, and to give them strength in Christ, who is the Way, the Truth, and the Life (RCIA#141).

The **Penitential Rite Scrutiny** is meant to uncover, then heal, all that is weak, defective, or sinful in the hearts of the **un-baptized Elect and baptized Candidates** and to bring out through repentance all that is upright, strong, and good.

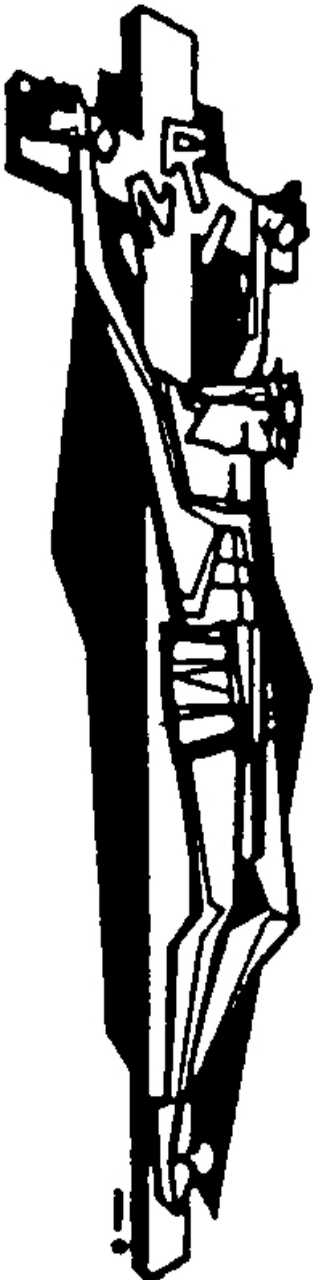
The Elect and Candidates in our CIC/Teen RCIA process, between the ages 8-19, who are in the period of their final preparation for their sacramental initiation at Easter Vigil, will celebrate this Rite during 8:30 a.m. Mass this Sunday, March 30.

The **Rite of Anointing of the Elect**, through the use of the oil of the catechumens, symbolizes their need for God's help and strength so that they can overcome the opposition of the devil and take the step of professing their faith and holding fast to it throughout their lives.

The **Rite of the Presentation of the Creed** for those coming into the Church this Easter Vigil symbolizes that our parish community is passing on and sharing the beliefs of our Catholic faith as revealed in the Nicene Creed with them.

The **Penitential Rite Scrutiny** also reminds the whole parish community of the need to reflect on their own sins and the need for God's help. These readings were chosen to be the driving force of prayerful introspection, surrender, and conversion. They offer powerful images of surrender, sin, conversion, faith, and healing.

As we celebrate these ancient Lenten Rites, please continue to pray for **our un-baptized Elect: Laura Wargo, Gillian Walsh, Alyssa O'Neill, and Sean O'Neill** as well as **our baptized Candidates: Lauren O'Neill, Cecilia Szekely, Connor Szekely, Ryan Sallese, Julianna Jones, and Jessica Rhawn**. Cards of encouragement and welcome may be sent to them c/o Susan DiPietro at the Parish Office, 725 Glenwood Avenue, Ambridge, PA 15003.



TODAY, MARCH 30, CCHD COLLECTION

The Collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions Appeal and National Collection for Black & Indian Missions (CCHD) provides funding for groups that make lasting change and uplift the poor in the United States. CCHD grants improve education, support economic development, and help communities provide housing in low-income neighborhoods. Help us continue to defend human dignity and aid those living on the margins of society. Please give to the CCHD collection.

52nd Annual Spring Luncheon Benefit - Big 4 Raffle

The Sisters of St. Joseph will sell raffle tickets at the doors of Good Samaritan and St. John the Baptist Parishes on the weekend of April 5/6 at all the Masses as part of the Sisters of St. Joseph Auxiliary's 52nd Annual Spring Luncheon event, which benefits the Sisters and their ministries. Raffle Tickets are \$5.00 or 3 for \$10.00. **Winners based on the PA Big Four 7:00 pm Numbers. A total of \$5,000 will be raffled the week of May 17-21.**

St. Titus Parish, Aliquippa will host a Lenten Mission : "Know the Joy and the Power of the Gospel in Your Life." Guest speaker for the Mission will be Sister Ann Shields S.G.L.. The Mission begins on Sunday, March 30th through Tuesday, April 1st at 6:30 pm. with spiritual enrichment followed by Sister Ann's presentation at 7:00 pm. Come and join us as Sister guides us to that personal relationship with Jesus that we all seek. Confessions will be available following each session and light refreshments will be served in Titan Hall. Call 724-378-8561 or log on to our website www.sttituschurch.org <<http://www.sttituschurch.org>> for more information.

**9th Gathering of Catholic Men on Saturday, April 12
AJ Palumbo Center at Duquesne University**

Christ is calling you this Lent. It's time to respond to the invitation to "Come and See" Like Philip invited Nathanael, you are invited to experience Jesus bring a family member, friend, coworkers, or neighbor. Get full conference info and tickets @cmfpitt.org. Dynamic Line-Up Includes: David Garibaldi, John O'Leary, Allen Hunt, Curtis Martin and Bob Rice. Vigil of Palm Sunday with Bishop David Zubik at 3:00 pm Advance tickets are \$40, Students (13-22) \$10, At the door \$50. Complimentary boxed lunch provided. Doors open at 8:00 am. Any questions or for more information call Dave Deiter 724-266-2735.

The Bishop wants to meet with you this Palm Sunday. Looking for an exciting celebration of faith for students in grades 7-12? Want to meet or reconnect with young people from all over the area? Join us **Palm Sunday, April 13th, for Hosanna 2014 at Stage AE of the North Shore.** The day will be centered on Jesus Christ and will feature nationally known speakers, musicians & Mass with Bishop Zubik. Visit our webpage at: www.diopitt.org/hosanna.

LENTEN MISSION

Speaker, Fr. Bill Cieslak, Cap.

*S.S. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church
6th and Melrose Ave., Ambridge,*

Monday, April 7, at 6:30 pm

*"GOD'S AWESOME, NEVER ENDING, UNTIRING
TREMENDOUS LOVE FOR US."*

S.S. Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

20th and Main St., Aliquippa,

Tuesday, April 8, at 6:30 pm

*GOD'S FORGIVENESS AND HEALING -
MAKING US STRONG TO LOVE"*

Good Samaritan Cemetery News

Please remove all Christmas wreaths and decorations **before April 1st.** Anything left on the graves after that day will be removed. Thank you for your cooperation.

Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery News

Tuesday, April 1, Mt. Olivet Cemetery will conduct their annual grounds spring-cleaning. All grave flowers, decorations, statues, and broken lights will be disposed of, if not removed. Anyone wishing to place Easter decorations may do so the week prior to Easter and must remove them by Monday, April 28. Spring flowers for the crypt vases can be purchased at the Office for \$10. Please bring crypt or niche flowers that are not within your reach to the office to be placed by our personnel. Your safety is very important to us. Call the Office 724-378-1141 with any questions.

"A Night at the Races" on Saturday, April 5, 7:30 pm

St. Anthony Congregation of West Aliquippa

A Pasta Dinner at 6:30 pm, at Center Township VFD #1 Firehall, 1075 Brodhead Road, Center Twp. Tickets are \$40. Call 724-375-7675 or 724-775-8291. Everyone is welcome to come and join in the fun, food and prizes.

EASTER EGG HUNT, Saturday, April 12 - 10:00 am

War Memorial Park, Blackburn Road, Sewickley

All are invited to join us on Saturday, April 12, 10 am. All children age 10 or younger may participate. Don't forget your basket or bag. Sponsored by The Knights of Columbus Council #5367

Spring Flea Market on Saturday, April 5 & 6

Sacred Heart Church, Ohio River Blvd. & North Ave., Emsworth will hold its Spring Flea Market on Saturday from 9 am to 3 pm & on Sunday from 9 am to 12 noon. Admission for early pre-sale hour on Saturday 8-9 am is \$5. Donations are accepted. No Clothing, Paint, TV's Computer Equip. or VCR's. Call the rectory 412-761-6651.

Wanted: SOUS CHEF for The Felician Sister

Culinary experience needed to cook for 12 to 75 people. Some weekends and holidays will be required. Person must have their own transportation. Benefits offered. Please email to konecni@aladdinfood.com or call 412.264.2890.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

1st WED. EUCHARISTIC ADORATION, APRIL 2
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place immediately following the 8:00 am Mass and continue until 2:30 pm benediction closing. Please pray for vocations, and come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord.

BLUE ARMY 1st SATURDAY DEVOTIONS, APRIL 5
From May through October, 1917, The Blessed Virgin Mary appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal. One of her requests was that we pray a daily rosary for peace. She promised to assist at the hour of death with all the graces necessary for salvation, all those, who fulfill the First Saturday Devotions.

If you wish to learn how to comply with our Lady's requests, we invite you to join us **Saturday, April 5**, at St. John the Baptist Church. Confessions 8:30 am followed by Mass at 9:00 am. The rosary will be recited after Mass, followed by a brief meeting & continental breakfast. Please refer questions to Colleen between 10 a.m. and 7 p.m. at 724 375-3846.

PIEROGI HELPERS ARE STILL NEEDED

Can you volunteer for a couple of hours on Thursday mornings from 8 am, evenings from 6 pm or all day Friday to lend a hand with our Pierogi Project? If you would like to become a volunteer, call the parish office: 724-869-2280.

CHURCH HOUSEKEEPER NEEDED

Person is responsible for Altar linens, votive lights, flowers, old & new missalettes, vacuuming and general cleaning of the nave & altar of the church; these are some of the responsibilities. Please contact the parish office or Father Joe if interested and for an employment application. Starting pay negotiable. Average 10-12 hours per week; starting date April 28, 2014. 724-869-2280

Beaver Valley Choral Society and Orchestra to Perform "Even the Heavens are Weeping" in the Sanctuary at Good Samaritan on Saturday, April 5th at 7:30 pm. This is an exclusive presentation as we are the only hosting church in the area. The 100 member famed Beaver Valley Choral Society and Orchestra are an outstanding choral and orchestral ensemble. Come, bring your children, family, friends and those from other churches to this concert to be uplifted through inspiring anthems and musical arrangements. There is no charge, all are welcome.

Free Community Senior Day (Senior Day at the Mall) Circle of Friends, Linmore Ave., Baden. Wed., April 9 from 10 am until Noon. Health & Wellness screenings, free refreshments, hand-out, games and prizes. Come join us for "Carnival" sponsored by Beaver Co. Office on Aging.

Good Samaritan 724-266-6565
Saint John the Baptist 724-869-2280

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL DONATIONS

Food Donations: St. Vincent de Paul requests your help to replenish their Good Samaritan Food Pantry. Current needs include peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauce, cereal, snacks and condiments. canned (fruit, fish and meat). **Please place food in the RED collection containers at the Church doors. Monetary donation are always appreciated. Thank you for your support.**

Used Clothing and Shoes: Please place in St. Vincent de Paul's BLUE bin, located outside in the parking lot by the entrance to Jericho Hall. St. Vincent de Paul provides these items at little or no cost to the needy.

+UPCOMING EVENTS

Monday, March 31

5:15- 6:45 pm CCD - Grades 3-5

Tuesday, April 1

9:00 am (GS Baking Project (JH)
6:30 pm (GS) LOC Meeting (JH)
7:00 pm (GS) Facilitators Meeting (SJH)
7:00 pm (GS) Penance Service

Wednesday, April 2

8:30 am -2:30 pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration
5:30 pm (GS) Ambridge Italian Women's Club (JH)
6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice - Church Hall
7:15 pm (GS) *Seven Deadly Sins* Study Week 4 (GS/Chur.)

Thursday, April 3

7:00 pm (SJ) *Seven Deadly Sins* Study Week 4 (SJ Hall)

Friday, April 4

9:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales until sold out. Call 724-869-9758
11:00 am - 7:00 pm (GS) Fish Fry - Call 724-266-6010
11:00 am (GS) *Seven Deadly Sins* Week 4 (SJH)
3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
7/8 pm (GS) Confession-Rosary-Mass/Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, April 5: Sisters of St. Joseph Raffle Tickets

1:00 pm (GS) First Reconciliation (Church)
7:30 pm (GS) Beaver Valley Choral Society Lenten Concert (Church)

Sunday, April 6: Sisters of St. Joseph Raffle Tickets

9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)

✠**IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Michael Brennan (brother of Ed Brennan) Edward Kelleher, Darlene Kurash and Samuel DeMailo.* May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, March 23, 2014	\$7,079.06
On Line Giving, January 2014	\$2,945.00
On Line Giving, February 2014	\$2,844.00
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, March 23, 2014	\$2,758.00



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