

MASS INTENTIONS THE OCTAVE OF EASTER

Monday, April 2 Monday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am (GS) Katherine DeVincent by Family

Tuesday, April 3 Tuesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am (GS) Lena Briola by Frances Soriano & Patty Cicconi

Wednesday, April 4 Wednesday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am (SJ) Eva Hertneky by Joseph Piotrowski

6:30pm (GS) Rhawn & Clay Families by Dorothy Rhawn

Thursday, April 5 Thursday within the Octave of Easter

8:00am (GS) Rose Marie (Kelly) Wenglik by The Breakfast Club

Friday, April 6 Friday within the Octave of Easter

9:00am (SJ) Betty Kostial by Nelle Witalis

8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, April 7 Saturday within the Octave of Easter

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

4:00pm (SJ) Vigil, For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

5:30pm (GS) Vigil, Adeline Briola by Daughters, Maria & Lisa

Sunday, April 8 SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER

(OR SUNDAY OF DIVINE MERCY)

8:00am (GS) John & Margaret Fedorko by Daughter, Mary

9:30am (SJ) William & Agnes Kato by Chuck & Carol Andoga

11:00am (GS) Carl & Helen Zubik by Daughter, Irene & Family

Readings for Week of April 2, 2018

Monday Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday Acts 2:36-41/Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday Acts 3:1-10/Lk 24:13-35

Thursday Acts 3:11-26/Lk 24:35-48

Friday Acts 4:1-12/Jn 21:1-14

Saturday Acts 4:13-21/Mk 16:9-15

Sunday Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/Jn 20:19-31

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

(GS) Michael Krachala by Joe & Patty Cicconi

(SJ) DeNucci & Prodonavich Families by Gerald G. DeNucci

Holy Family Shrine Candle

(GS) Stephen Hramika by Wife, Annette

(SJ) Abby Marie Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski



ANNUAL FAMILY BLESSING

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 1, AT 2:00 PM

SAINT PAUL CATHEDRAL 108 NORTH

DITHRIDGE STREET PITTSBURGH, PA 15213

Each year the "shepherds" of the Diocese of Pittsburgh welcome families from around the Diocese to St. Paul Cathedral. You are invited! Come and meet Bishop David Zubik, Auxiliary Bishop William Waltersheid, and retired Auxiliary Bishop William Winter. Each bishop will receive families for a greeting and blessing. (Rumor has it that chocolate may be involved, too!) Photos will be available for purchase online after the event. Families may drop by any time between 2:00 and 5:00 pm. **Join us for this beautiful Easter tradition!**



From Father Joe

It's Easter — the most glorious day in the entire Liturgical Year. What we celebrate is so magnificent that it can't be contained in just one day, and so we celebrate it as an *Octave*. For eight days, we celebrate as though it were still Easter Day.

It's only Tuesday as I write this. The bulletins need to be in early to the printers. I hope and pray that the churches will be overflowing with people, with children and grandchildren and great grandchildren gathered from all over the country to celebrate Easter with grandma, or Babcia, or Nonna. There will be nutrolls and Paska bread, Easter eggs and food galore. Most importantly, there will be memories — memories to last a lifetime.

In all the joy that is the Easter Season, I hope we stop and take a moment to appreciate the sacrifice that went into the great celebration. I'm not just talking about the weeks of baking, and cooking, and cleaning, and decorating. More importantly, let's not forget the sacrifice of Christ that led to this Easter Sunday.

On Palm Sunday and Good Friday, we recall all of the events that culminated in the Passion and crucifixion of Christ. The physical pain, no matter how horrific, was only part of what Christ suffered for us. How many times did Jesus tell His disciples that the Son of Man must suffer and die? Although the Apostles didn't grasp the meaning of Christ's words, it's obvious Jesus knew what was in store for Him. He knew He would be publicly humiliated. He knew that He would be betrayed by one of His followers. He knew that He would be denied by Peter. He knew that His closest friends would abandon Him at His hour of greatest need — not just running away when Christ was arrested, but even in the garden at Gethsemane, when they fell asleep instead of praying with Him. He knew all of this was coming, yet Jesus still went through with it all.

Think of the anxiety and stress we endure when we know that we are scheduled for a root canal. We know there will be anesthesia or Novocain, yet it produces that inevitable knot in our stomach. Imagine what Christ must have endured, knowing the sacrifices He was about to make, the suffering He was about to endure.

Before we take that first slice of ham or lasagna, before we pass the pierogi, I hope mom or dad will remember to lead the family in a prayer of thanksgiving this Easter. I'm not talking about buzzing through "*Blessus oh Lord and these Thy gifts...*" I mean stopping to specifically thank Jesus for all He did for us. It's a message that needs to be handed on from generation to generation. What greater gift could you pass along to your children, than a tradition of thanking God at Easter for *all* He has done? *A Blessed Easter to all, Father Joe*

A Special Word of Thanks... To all of you, young and older, who sacrificed so much for our parishes over the past weeks — whether it was decorating our churches, making pierogi, volunteering for our fish fry's, or preparing for the beautiful liturgies, please know how much your sacrifices are deeply appreciated. ...and to all those who joined our Church family at the Easter Vigil, thank you for honoring us with your presence. Welcome to the family! God bless you one and all. Happy Easter, *Father Joe.*

Happy Easter!

To be a Christian is to be on the way, announcing the good news of the risen Christ through spiritual attitudes of poverty of being, humility, compassion and openness of heart and mind.

DYING AND RISING

We are a people who are changed by the dying and rising of our Lord Jesus Christ. This Paschal Mystery is reflected in the natural process of death to new life. We see this all around us and in our own lives. For example, we experience dying and rising each year in the change of seasons. Jesus' passion, death, resurrection, and ascension are the ultimate event of dying and rising, of death to new life. Jesus shows us that new life can come from death, that we can find meaning in difficult times of pain and suffering. Jesus' suffering, death, and new life has forever changed us and given us a different way of living. Death no longer has the last word.



EASTER JOY

Easter is a time of joy and new life as we celebrate the resurrection of Jesus and the gift of eternal life. This new life in Christ requires change in our lives and, while change is never easy, it opens the door to opportunity and growth.

ALLELUIA!
HE IS RISEN!

DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**April 8, 2018****GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH****Eucharistic Adoration
Starting at 12:30 PM****Sacrament of Reconciliation
1:30-2:30 PM****Divine Mercy Chaplet Led by the
Good Samaritan Youth Choir
starting at
3:00 PM**

HELLO SISTER! Sister Mercy Briola would love to hear from her home parishes! Would you consider sending a note or an Easter card? Her address is: Sister Mercy Briola, c/o St. Francis Convent, P.O. Box 766, 1515 W. Dragoon Trail, Mishawaka, IN 46546-0766.

Are You Called to Serve? -- Deacons are ordained to serve the Church and the needs of its people in imitation of Jesus, who came not to be served but to serve. The Diocese of Pittsburgh is initiating the nomination and application process for admitting a new class of interested and qualified men from diocesan parishes into the Deacon Formation Program. Questions may be directed to deacons@diopitt.org or 412-456-3124 www.diopitt.org/permanent-diaconate.

Candlelight Mass -- Join your friends and neighbors for a monthly **Candlelight Mass at Saint Stanislaus Church** in the Strip District. The next Mass will be on **Friday, April 6, 2018 at 8:00pm** with Father Mike Ackerman as celebrant. If you can't make it this month, join us every First Friday at 8:00pm. For more information, visit facebook.com/ beholdpittsburgh.

DYNGUS DAY - Easter Monday, April 2, 2018

Polish Falcons Nest 8, Noon to 8 :00 pm

60 South 18th Street, Pittsburgh

Food Vendors, Entertainment, Kids Games, FREE

Info: call 844-203-9917 or visit polisheritage.org*Proceeds benefit Polish Falcons Heritage Foundation.***OLSH HIGH SCHOOL NEWS****Apply Now for OLSH 2018-2019 School Year**

Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School is now accepting applications for incoming freshmen and upperclassmen transfer students. OLSH's open application period for the Class of 2022 is open through May 31st and is limited to 100 students on a first-come, first-served basis. Apply online today www.olsh.org/apps/pages/apply or call the Admissions Office at (412) 262-3300 to arrange a tour.

OLSH Summer Camps

From science to volleyball, there is something for everyone in grades K-12 at OLSH this summer! Join us for Vacation Bible School, cross country training, Notre Dame's Center for STEM Education chemistry camp, and more. Explore your options on our website at www.olsh.org/apps/pages/summercamp, or call/ email for more information at (412) 262-3300 or jsellman@olsh.org.

ST. JAMES-SEWICKLEY 55 CLUB LUNCHEON

The Grammy-nominated accordion virtuoso, Kevin Solecki, will perform for the St. James 55+ Club. **Luncheon on Thursday, April 19th**, Rosary at 12:00 in the sanctuary and lunch to follow at 12:30 in the gathering space. Reservations for members \$9.00, non-members \$9.50. **Reservations due in the parish office at 9:00 am on Monday, April 16th.** Include your name & names of guests with your address & phone number. Check payable to St. James 55 Plus Club. Place reservations in an envelope labeled 55+ Club, Attn: Lil Yankello and drop in offering basket or at the Rectory or mail to 200 Walnut St., Sewickley, PA 15143 before the 16th. Any questions, call Ed at 412-977-8813.

8TH ANNUAL VERA BRADLEY PURSE BINGO**Sunday, April 15, 2018 Doors open at 12 pm****Baden Legion, 271 State Street, Baden**

Benefits: The Leukemia & Lymphoma Society

Light the Night Walk \$25 donation includes Lunch &

20 Games of Bingo, Special Games are Extra.

Limit of 300 ticket to be sold!

For more information please call Theresa Szymoniak at

724-869-2577 Advanced tickets appreciated.

Hope to see you there! Bring a friend!

Bellevue Flea Market**The Knights of Columbus Council #1400**

Knights of Columbus are looking to hold a Flea Market on May 5th at their hall in Bellevue. We are asking interested vendors to please contact us at 412-761-8370 or bellevueknightsfleaamt@gmail.com

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

WED, APRIL 4, FIRST WEDNESDAY ADORATION



Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass until 12:30 PM closing. Please pray for religious vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord.

SAT, APRIL 7, BLUE ARMY

The Beaver Valley Blue Army (the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its First Saturday meeting at St. John's. Confessions begin at 8:15AM. After 9:00 Mass, members will pray the Rosary. A continental breakfast follows. New members or those interested in our organization are welcome. Please call Colleen (724) 375-3846 if you have any questions.



SUN, APRIL 8, DIVINE CHILD JESUS Saint Padre Pio

Prayer Group **SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION**, will meet at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 PM followed by 3:00 Holy Hour and 4:00 meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Father Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

Beaver County Holy Name Society 52nd Annual Blessed John of Vercelli Awards Banquet

at St. Frances Cabrini Social Hall, 115 Trinity Dr., Center Twp., **Sunday, April 15**. We congratulate the **St. John the Baptist, award recipient, Bradley Dornish**. Open Bar 4:30pm; Dinner 5:30pm. Tickets cost \$28 and can be ordered from Jack Firich 412-877-3625.

"We are Christians and strangers on earth. Let none of us be frightened, our native land is not in this world." St. Augustine

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA MASSES

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

ALTAR SERVERS & LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Please return to the Parish Office by April 5

Indicate your choices & place in the collection basket.

- Altar Server
- Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist
- Lector
- 1 7:00pm Tuesday, April 17
- 2 7:00pm Tuesday, April 24
- 3 7:00pm Tuesday, May 1
- 4 7:00pm Tuesday, May 8
- 5 7:00pm Tuesday, May 15
- 6 7:00pm Tuesday, May 22
- 7 7:00pm Tuesday, May 29
- 8 7:00pm Tuesday, June 5
- 9 6:30pm Tuesday, June 12 *Closing*

NAME _____

PHONE _____

EMAIL _____

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 1 EASTER SUNDAY

NO (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA and CCD

Monday, April 2 EASTER MONDAY

NO (GS/SJ) OFFICES CLOSED

NO (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5

6:30pm (GS) **Our Lady of Lourdes Novena-week 7 (Church)**

Wednesday, April 4

NO (GS) Youth Praise Band

8:30am-12:30pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration

7:15pm (GS) Final **"Forgiven"** Study Week 5 (JH Classroom)

6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice

6:30pm (GS) Italian Women's Club (JH)

Thursday, April 5

NO (GS) Adult Choir

Friday, April 6

11:00am (GS) Final **"Forgiven"** Study Week (JH Classroom)

7:00pm (GS) Rosary/Confession, 8:00pm Mass-Marian Prayer

3:00-8:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

Saturday, April 7

(GS/SJ) Sisters of Saint Joseph selling Raffle Tickets

Sunday, April 8 DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

(GS/SJ) Sisters of Saint Joseph selling Raffle Tickets

8:00am (GS) HNS Meeting

9:30-1:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8

9:30-10:15am (GS) Children Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room)

10:30am (SJ) CCM Board Meeting

12:30pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration-Divine Mercy 3:00pm

2:00pm (SJ) Mass, 3:00 Holy Hour, 4:00 Meeting-Padre Pio

SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH RAFFLE TICKETS

The Sisters of Saint Joseph will sell raffle tickets next **weekend on April 7-8** Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each. Tickets have two numbers and are a one-month ticket based on the PA Pick 4 Lottery with winners every day in June 2018.



Good Samaritan Our Lady of Lourdes Living Rosary Novena for Health & Healing - Monday, 6:30pm

All women are invited to bring your Rosary & your needs to the attention of Our Blessed Mother who always hears our prayers & leads us to the Sacred Heart of her Beloved Son, Jesus.

✠ **IN SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the souls of all the dearly departed from our parishes, as well as those who miss them. May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed, through Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering, March 25, 2018	\$6,545
Palm Sunday	\$2,629
Parish Share	\$735
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, March 25, 2018	\$2,492

GOOD SAMARITAN
St JOHN THE BAPTIST

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