

MASS INTENTIONS

FIFTH WEEK OF LENT

Monday, April 3: Lenten Weekday

8:00am (GS) Joseph Turco by Annette Hramika

Tuesday, April 4: *Saint Isidore*

8:00am (GS) Alice Harvatin by Vickie Indovina

Wednesday, April 5: Lenten Weekday

8:00am (SJ) Miriam Gadowski by St. John's Christian Mothers

6:30pm (GS) Herb & Mary Frank Gallagher by Family

Thursday, April 6: *Saint Vincent Ferrer*

8:00am (GS) Louis Colorito by Mr. & Mrs. Ron Santarelli

Friday, April 7: *Saint John Baptist de la Salle*

8:00am (SJ) Donna Chinchilla by Family

8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, April 8: *Optional Memorial of Blessed Virgin Mary*

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) John & Rose Stefansky by JoAnn Prellwitz

5:30pm Vigil (GS) For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

Sunday, April 9: PALM SUNDAY - THE PASSION OF THE LORD

8:00am (GS) Mutschler Family by Grandchildren

9:30am (SJ) Walter & Frances Kasper by Robert, Sheila & Family

11:00am (GS) Philip, Mary & Joseph Volpe by Rose Volpe

2:00pm (SJ) Padre Pio Prayer Group

Readings for the Week of April 3, 2017

Monday Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Jn 8:31-42

Thursday Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Sunday Mt 21:1-11 (37)/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 6:14—27:66 or 27:11-54

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER Sanctuary Candle

(SJ) Michael DeMailo by Grandma & Family

EASTER NUT ROLL BAKING SCHEDULE, JERICHO HALL

SUNDAY, APRIL 2 DOUGH & FILLING 9:00 am

MONDAY, APRIL 3 MAKE ROLLS 8:30 am

GOOD SAMARITAN YOUTH CHOIR

11am Mass, Easter Sunday, April 16, be in choir room @10:15am

5:30pm Mass, Saturday, April 22, be in choir room @5:00pm

5:30pm Mass, Saturday, April 29, be in choir room @5:00pm

Choir Room Rehearsals, Sundays 9:30-10:15am, April 2 & 9

GOOD SAMARITAN FESTIVAL LEADERSHIP COMMITTEE

IMPORTANT MEETING!

**Monday, April 10
6 pm at Parish Center**

All members please try to attend.

Thank you, Sal Aloe



Good Samaritan
Saint John the Baptist

724-266-6565
724-869-2280

JESUS WEPT

In this Sunday's Gospel from Saint John, we hear the story of Lazarus and his sisters Martha and Mary. Jesus really loved Lazarus and his sisters, so when Lazarus became deathly ill, his sisters sent word to Jesus.

Jesus responded by waiting two days before returning to Bethany, where his friends lived. By the time he got there, Lazarus had already been dead four days.

Before arriving in the town, Mary met Jesus along the way. Jesus asked, *"Where have you laid him?"* She replied, *"Sir, come and see."* He responded with what some have referred to as the shortest verse in the Bible, *"Jesus wept."*

Many of the Jews had gathered in Bethany to comfort Martha and Mary. Even those who didn't like Jesus were apparently touched by His tears and they remarked, *"See how He loved him!"*

How do you know that you love someone? You can't smell love or touch it. Often the greatest sign of love is pain. How do you know that you are in love with someone? If they depart from you, you're in pain. When they aren't near, you miss them.

How do we recognize that someone loves us? Often we recognize someone's love by what they are willing to suffer for us. It may be in the form of little sacrifices they are willing to make for us, like letting us have the last French fry, or doing the dishes even when it isn't their turn, just because they know we are tired or don't feel well. It may be the sacrifices they make in scrimping and saving to buy the perfect gift for us. They may even be willing to make the ultimate sacrifice for us, by risking their lives for our safety.

Sometimes the degree of suffering one is willing to undergo is a sign of their love for us. The greater the pain - the greater the sacrifice - the greater the love. As we prepare to enter Holy week, retracing the steps of Jesus on the road to Calvary, it's a great time to think about all the suffering *He* endured for our sake. Every insult, every lash from the whip, every strike of the hammer as the nails pierced His hands is a testimony to His love for *each* of us.

CIC & TEEN RCIA

This weekend, our CIC *Elect*, Kristel Valderrama, and our Teen RCIA *Candidate*, Claudee Gonzalez, will celebrate the Penitential Rite Scrutiny at the 11:00 Mass. It is part of their preparation for the Sacraments of Initiation at the Easter Vigil. The prayers of this rite not only help them to resist temptation, to hold fast to Jesus, and to love God above all, but also help us to renew our own commitment to Christ. Kristel and Claudee will also be presented with the Creed of our faith which recalls the wonderful deeds of God for the salvation of souls. Please keep Kristel and Claudee in your daily prayers as they continue their two-year journey into the Paschal Mystery.



2017 LOCAL LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

April 2	Sunday	7:00pm	St. Cecilia, Rochester
April 3	Monday	7:00pm	St. Frances Cabrini, Center Twp.
April 4	Tuesday	7:00pm	Our Lady of Fatima, Hopewell
April 5	Wednesday	7:00pm	Our Lady of Peace, Conway
April 6	Thursday	7:00pm	Sts. Peter & Paul, Beaver
April 8	Saturday	10:00am	St. Titus, Aliquippa
April 8	Saturday	12 Noon	St. John the Baptist, Monaca
April 10	Monday	7:00pm	Holy Family, New Brighton



GOOD SAMARITAN & ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST LENTEN RECONCILIATION SCHEDULE

Wednesday 6:00-6:20 pm Good Samaritan
 Saturday 12:00-12:30 pm Good Samaritan
 Saturday 1:15-1:45 pm St. John, Baden
*No Confessions on Holy Saturday
 Times may be adjusted due to Funerals.*

"Mondays with Mary"

All women are invited to bring your Rosary and join us this Monday at 7:00 PM in Good Samaritan Church as we continue our "Living Novena" to ask Our Lady to undo the "knots of hopelessness" in our lives. Afterwards, we will all gather in Jericho Hall Classroom for refreshments, to view Garden of Gethsemane scenes from the "Passion of Christ," and a brief DVD reflection on "hopeless" Roman siege of Herod's mountain-top fortress at Masada. Call Susan for more info at 724-266-6565 Ext #17.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS (Fridays during Lent)

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



2017 Parish Triduum & Easter Mass Schedule

Holy Thursday, April 13

7:00pm Mass Good Samaritan Adoration until 11:00pm
 7:00pm Mass St. Johns, Baden Adoration until 10:00pm

Good Friday, April 14

9:00am Morning Prayer Good Samaritan
 2:00pm Passion of the Lord Good Samaritan
 2:00pm Passion of the Lord St. John the Baptist

Holy Saturday, April 15

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

Easter Sunday, April 16

8:00am Mass Good Samaritan
 9:30am Mass St. John the Baptist
 11:00am Mass Good Samaritan

"SECOND CHANCE" HISTORIC CHURCH BUS TOUR Friday, April 21 from 6:00 to 9:30 PM

Tickets available www.eventbrite.com. Call 724-266-3040
 St. John's Lutheran, St. Mary's Coptic Orthodox, St. Vladimir Ukrainian Orthodox, Sts. Peter & Paul Ukrainian

FATHER JOE FREEDY LENTEN MISSION - 6:30 PM at Saints Peter & Paul Ukrainian Catholic Church

404 6th Street, Ambridge, PA

Monday, April 3 *Living Life to the Full*

Tuesday, April 4 *Getting God Right/Forgiveness*

Wednesday, April 5 *Being Set Free*

Confessions before at 6:00 pm and after the Mission.

Father Joe Freedy will preach at all Sunday Liturgies, including: Sunday, April 2, at 8:00 am & 11:00 am

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH ALTAR SERVERS & LITURGICAL MINISTERS FOR SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA MASSES

Please return to the Parish Office by April 3.

Indicate your choices & place in the collection basket.

- Altar Server
 - Extraordinary Minister of the Holy Eucharist
 - Lector
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| 1 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7:00pm Tuesday, April 18 |
| 2 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7:00pm Tuesday, April 25 |
| 3 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7:00pm Tuesday, May 2 |
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| 5 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7:00pm Tuesday, May 16 |
| 6 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7:00pm Tuesday, May 23 |
| 7 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7:00pm Tuesday, May 30 |
| 8 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 7:00pm Tuesday, June 6 |
| 9 | <input type="checkbox"/> | 6:30pm Tuesday, June 13 <i>Closing</i> |

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**Spring Open House La Roche College
9000 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh
Saturday, April 8**

La Roche College invites high school sophomores, juniors and seniors to explore more than 50 career-focused majors with faculty, staff and current students. Learn about the admissions process, financial aid and the college's merit-based scholarships. La Roche Study Abroad + Study USA program is included in the tuition structure. Tour the buildings & grounds and enjoy a complimentary lunch. Event is scheduled 9 am to 2 pm, Kerr Fitness Center. Registration on line. Questions? admissions@LaRoche.edu or 412-536-1272. La Roche College is a Catholic co-educational institution in North Hills, McCandless Twp.

**Spring Open House Bishop Canevin High School,
Wednesday, April 26, from 6pm to 8pm
2700 Morange Road, Pittsburgh**

Families and students in grades 6-11 are invited to tour the school, meet students and faculty and learn about Bishop Canevin's Jesuit-inspired education. Contact Marianne Reinhart, Director of Admissions and Enrollment, 412-922-7400, ext. 228, or reinhartm@bishopcanevin.org.

CALLED BY NAME

**Sunday, April 30, 4-8:30 pm
Saint Paul Seminary. No Cost**

We're all called to holiness, but what does that mean? Come and explore our universal call to holiness as well as the particular vocations to Priesthood and the Religious Life. This evening for high school men and women features Fr. Matt McClain and Sr. Bethany Madonna (from the Sisters of Life) as speakers. Ben Walther, a nationally-renowned worship leader, will play during Mass and a time of adoration. Visit PGHPriest.com to register.

A CHOCOLATE SUNDAY

Sunday, April 30, 2017, 2-5 pm

Seven Oaks Country Club, \$20/person

Hosted by the Marion Gordon Auxiliary to benefit the children and adults of McGuire Memorial.

For tickets and information call 724-728-3716 or 724-847-2692

Limited tickets available at the door.



A Rachel's Vineyard weekend retreat for post-abortion healing on May 5-7, 2017 at Tabor House in Millvale.
Call Toni Jester 412-352-5348 email toniafj1@comcast.net

15TH ANNUAL PASSION PLAY

"Make Us Believers"

St. Alphonsus School, 201 Church Rd, Wexford

Friday, April 7th & Saturday, April 8th

More Info Call: 724-538-5258

**EUCCHARISTIC
ADORATION**

**GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH
3:00 - 8:00 PM Every Friday,
Followed by Mass at 8:00 PM**

**Job Opportunity – Personal Care Aide
The Sisters of St. Joseph of Baden**

Personal Care Aide, assisting residents daily life functions. Covering vacant shifts is vital including the availability to work weekends and holidays. High school diploma or GED, criminal clearance, drug & alcohol testing required. Allie Mooney 724.869.6544 or email amooney@stjoseph-baden.org. Visit www.stjoseph-baden.org

Mt. Olivet Catholic Cemetery Annual Spring Cleaning
All grave flowers, decorations, statues, and broken lights will be disposed of, if not removed by **Monday April 3**. Anyone wishing to place Easter decorations may do so the week prior to Easter & remove them by **Monday, April 24**. For info call Cemetery Office 424-378-1411.

Aquinas Academy Speaker Series
Mathew Leonard *internationally known Catholic Speaker*
"No Regrets: "The Art of Living as a Catholic
Wednesday, April 5 at 7:00-8:15 pm
A light reception will follow the talk.
Lectures are free and open to the public.
Aquinas Academy, 2308 West Hardies Rd., Gibsonia
www.AquinasAcademy.info, for info call 724-444-0722.

Attention graduate of Quigley Catholic High School
Please join us as we celebrate 50 years of Quigley Catholic. Celebration festivities will take place September 15-16, 2017. For more information please visit www.qchs50.com

Quigley Catholic Entrance Exam, Friday, April 7, 2017
The entrance exam is required for 8th graders to be considered for admission into Quigley Catholic High School. Registration is required! Please contact our Admissions Department to register at [724-869-2188](tel:724-869-2188) or admissions@qchs.org.

McGuire Memorial Hiring Summer Employees for 2017
"Direct Care Staff Positions" assisting individuals who have physical & intellectual disabilities with their daily life at \$12.50 an hour. Open interviews at 2119 Mercer Road, New Brighton at 10 AM on April 8, 14, 15, 22, 29. Email d.oravitz@mcguirememorial.org. Call 724-843-3400 x1152

OLSH HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

Ham Bingo – Saturday, April 8, Angela Activities Center (OLSH's gymnasium) Doors open 5:00 pm; early birds start 6:00 pm; regular bingo starts 6:30 pm; 6 bingo cards for \$5. Proceeds benefit the OLSH Theatre Dept. Info call OLSH Main Office 412-264-5140.

Ambridge Fireworks 3rd Bingo Extravaganza
Saturday, May 13, 2017 Bingo Packets \$11
Ambridge Eagles, 4th & Maplewood Ave., Limited Space. Tickets at Municipal Building or from Committee Member.

"Meet the Candidates" Night, Tuesday, April 18, 7 PM
Ambridge American Legion, 400 Duss Ave., Free Event Sponsored by Ambridge Regional Chamber of Commerce.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED! This is a **HUGE** week for the Pierogi Project. Can you please help this Thursday and Friday? Call the parish office to become a volunteer. 724-869-2280. Thank you.

PARISH SHARE PROGRAM REPORT

Payment \$8,744 Balance \$26,770

Thank you for your payments. If you have not yet returned your pledge card, please complete and return it to the parish office.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5, EUCHARISTIC ADORATION following the 8:00 AM Mass until 2:30 PM closing. Please pray for religious vocations.

SUNDAY, APRIL 9, SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION, Divine Child Jesus/Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group, St. John's Holy Mass begins 2PM; Holy Hour 3PM and meeting 4 PM.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY SPRING WINE TASTING Saturday, April 29, 5:00-7:30 PM in the social hall. A tasting of 2 white wines, a mead, 3 red wines, cheese, fruit, crackers, bubbly & chocolate fountains. Silent auction items available. Cost of admission is \$20. Holy Name members will sell tickets before and after weekend Masses. *Proceeds benefit the charitable works of Holy Name Society.* We hope to see you there!!

SUNDAY, APRIL, 23, 51st ANNUAL BEAVER COUNTY HOLY NAME SOCIETY ST. JOHN OF VERCELLI AWARDS BANQUET Join us as we honor awardees, Richard O'Neill, from our parish at St. Frances Cabrini Church. Open bar 4:30PM; Dinner 5:30PM. \$28 tickets are available from any Holy Name Society member and before and after weekend Masses.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITY

Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild

We will once again award \$500 scholarships to two graduating seniors of the class of 2017.

For an application packet, please email your request to GSPCMLG@comcast.net.

The deadline has been extended to April 9, 2017.

A SINCERE THANKS TO THE FOLLOWING FOR THEIR DONATIONS TO THE GOOD SAMARITAN MEMORIAL FUND:

IN MEMORIAM

In Memory of Helen Rygalski
by Lynn & Marge Berckmiller

In Memory of Yolanda Spinelli
by Thomas Pappas-Maple Restaurant,
KJMSH & LLP-Attorneys at Law,
Michael & Christy Roberson,
John D. Houston II, Ralph Flara

In Memory of Margaret J. Spolarich
by Martin M Spolarich, Jr.

In Memory of Patricia Stubbins
by Mr. & Mrs. Jack Karnavas

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, April 2

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
9:00am (GS) Dough Making (JH)
9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
9:30am (GS) Youth Choir (Choir Room)
11:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA, Penitential Rite at Mass

Monday, April 3

8:30am (GS) Baking of Nut Rolls (JH)
5:15-6:45am (GS) CCD Grades 1-5
7:00pm (GS) Week #4 "Living Novena" to *Our Lady Undoer of Knots* (Church & JH Classroom)

Tuesday, April 4

7:00pm Lenten Penance Service at *Our Lady of Fatima*

Wednesday, April 5

8:00am-2:30pm (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration after Mass
1:30pm (SJ) Peeling & Cutting Potatoes for Pierogi
6:00pm (GS) Italian Women's Club (JH)
6:30pm (SJ) Saint John the Baptist Choir Practice
7:00pm Lenten Penance at *Our Lady of Peace, Conway*
7:15pm (GS) *Gospel of John*, Bible Study, Week #4(JH)

Thursday, April 6

7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice
7:30-10:00am (SJ) Cooking/Mashing Potatoes-Pierogi
Noon-7:00pm (SJ) Potato Ball Making-Pierogi Cooking

Friday, April 7

6:00am-2:30pm (SJ) **Last Pierogi Making of the Season**
PIEROGI SALES HOTLINE 724-869-9758

11:00am (GS) #4 *Gospel of John*, Bible Study (JH)
11:00AM-7:00PM (GS) **LENTEN FISH FRY**
2:30pm (GS) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
3:00-8:00pm (GS) **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**
6:00PM (SJ) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
7:00PM (GS) **STATIONS OF THE CROSS**
7:00/8:00pm (GS) Confession/Rosary/Mass, *Marian Prayer*
6-9pm (GS) *Retreat Evening*-Teen RCIA Candidates

Saturday, April 8

9am-2pm (GS) Easter Bake Sale (JH) 724-266-6010
10:00am (SJ) Breakfast with Easter Bunny/Egg Hunt (hall)
Noon Lenten Penance Service at *St. Titus, Aliquippa*

Sunday, April 9

9am-2pm (GS) Easter Bake Sale (JH) 724-266-6010
NO (GS) CIC /Teen RCIA
9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
9:30am (GS) Youth Choir (Choir Room)

GOOD SAMARITAN	Our Gift to God
Weekly Offering, March 19, 2017	\$6,673.42
Parish Share	\$456.00
Easter Flowers	\$301.00
Campaign for Human Development	\$903.61
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, March 12, 2017	\$2,329.25
Campaign for Human Development	\$430.30

