

# Mass Intentions

## SECOND WEEK OF EASTER

**Monday, April 4 ANNUNCIATION OF THE LORD - Solemnity**  
8:00am (GS) In honor of St. Francis Paola - Costanza Aloe

**Tuesday, April 5**  
8:00am (GS) Guy & Carmen Cafarelli by Mary & Patsy Bevilaqua

**Wednesday, April 6**  
8:00am (SJ) Elaine Graham by Regina LaRue  
6:30pm (GS) Bernard Grzegorek by wife, Mitzi and daughters,  
Geri, Evie, Judy & Kami

**Thursday, April 7 Saint John Baptist de la Salle, Priest**  
8:00am (GS) Virginia Rossi by Helen Gause

**Friday, April 8**  
8:00am (SJ) Bea Nardelli by Dave Krupa  
8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, April 9**  
4:00pm Vigil (SJ) Helen Syka by Barbara Costa  
5:30pm Vigil (GS) For the living & deceased of our parishes

**Sunday, April 10 THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**  
8:00am (GS) Leona & Stanley Labik & son, Stan  
by Sr. Mary Evelyn Labik  
9:30am (SJ) Allan Lizzi by Robert & Jani Lizzi  
11:00am (GS) William Cameron, Sr. by DeMaris Cameron & Family

### Readings for the Week of April 3, 2016

Monday Is 7:10-14; 8:10 Ps 40:7-11 Heb 10:4-10 Lk 1:26-38  
Tuesday Acts 4:32-37 Ps 93:1-2, 5 Jn 3:7b-15  
Wednesday Acts 5:17-26 Ps 34:2-9 Jn 3:16-21  
Thursday Acts 5:27-33 Ps 34:2, 9, 17-20 Jn 3:31-36  
Friday Acts 5:34-42 Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 Jn. 6:1-15  
Saturday Acts 6:1-7 Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 18-19 Jn 6:16-21  
Sunday Acts 5:27-32, 40b-41 Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13 Rv 5:11-14 Jn 21:1-19 or 21:1-14

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### SANCTUARY CANDLE

(GS) Stejskal Family by Sivy Family  
(SJ) In memory of John Brooks by Mike, Shelly & Cheryl

#### BREAD & WINE

(GS) Albert Pinkosky by Family  
(GS) In honor of Divine Mercy Sunday  
and Mary & Frank Pingitore by Pingitore Family  
(SJ) DeNucci & Prodonavich Families  
by Gerald G. DeNucci Family

#### ALTAR FLOWERS

In memory of Abby Gadomski by Mark & Mary Gadomski

### ✠ IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially *Robert Edmond* and *Tommy Plasko Jr.*, who died recently. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

**GOOD SAMARITAN 724-266-6565**  
**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST 724-869-2280**

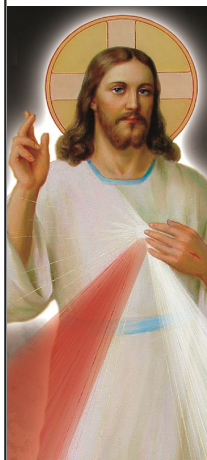
## DIVINE MERCY

Pope Francis declared 2016 a Jubilee Year of Mercy that will conclude on Sunday, November 20 with the Solemn Feast of Christ the King. Why a year of Mercy? Below is the answer in the Pope's own words:

"Many question in their hearts: Why a Jubilee of Mercy today? Simply because the Church, in this time of great historical change, is called to offer more evident signs of God's presence and closeness... This is a time for the Church to rediscover the meaning of the mission entrusted to her by the Lord on the day of Easter: to be a sign and an instrument of the Father's mercy"

Over the past year, I've celebrated a number of very difficult funerals. Certainly, funerals are always sad, but it's particularly difficult when it is unexpected or when it's a young person -- particularly someone who is well loved. What strikes me as I ponder this year of Mercy--and Divine Mercy Sunday in particular -- are the words of Pope Francis that call us to be "a sign and an instrument" of the Father's Mercy.

One of the things that has touched me profoundly is the way in which people around here react in times of grief. I have watched people come out of the woodwork in times of great need and sadness, offering more than just platitudes. They offer *themselves*.



Sometimes it's a tray of lasagna, or a heartfelt hug, an arm around the shoulder, or a loving glance that speaks more than a thousand words could ever say. I remember someone telling me once about her best friend who lost a loved one. She would call and talk for hours about it. Finally one day she asked, "Don't you get tired of me telling the same story over and over again?" She smiled knowingly and said, "No, because each time I hear you tell the story, I hear a little less sadness in your voice, and I know you're healing."

I thank God that I live and minister in a community where God's Divine Mercy isn't just a concept or a slogan. It's a reality, lived out in a million little acts of kindness to those in our midst who desperately need to be reminded that God still cares. God bless you all. *Father Joe*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

Masses begin at 7:00pm  
Closing Mass at 6:30pm



<b>Tuesday, April 19</b>	<b>Tuesday, April 26</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 3</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 10</b>
<b>Tuesday, May 17</b>	<b>Tuesday, May 24</b>
<b>Tuesday May 31</b>	<b>Tuesday, June 7</b>
<b>Tuesday, June 14 - Closing Liturgy &amp; Procession</b>	

## *On Mission for The Church Alive!*

It is a word that is shot through the Gospels and Acts — disciples. Jesus is walking with his disciples, talking with his disciples. And he is always teaching his disciples. They are his closest followers after the Apostles. There is the Commission of the 70 when Jesus sends them out in pairs “like lambs among the wolves” to prepare the way for him (Luke 10: 1-24). Just as in Scripture, we are called to this discipleship. We need to seek out what this means to us today in how we live out our faith.

To read more, check out “On Mission for The Church Alive!” on page 5 of this week’s Pittsburgh Catholic and visit [www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org](http://www.OnMissionChurchAlive.org).

### **HIGH SCHOOLERS & YOUTH LEADERS**

**COME JOIN US!**

## CALLED *by* NAME

**Sunday, April 24, 2016  
4:00PM —8:30PM**

AN EVENING EXPLORING  
OUR UNIVERSAL CALL TO  
HOLINESS

— WITH FATHER JOE FREEDY —

**FEATURING:**



FATHER JOSH WALTZ  
DIOCESE OF BISMARCK



SISTER THERESE MARIE  
IGLESIAS, T.O.R.

**FREE OF CHARGE  
VISIT [PGHPRIEST.COM](http://PGHPRIEST.COM)  
TO REGISTER**

Limited tickets are available for the **St. John the Baptist (Monaca) Christian Mothers' Annual Tea and Luncheon, "Music Lights Up Our Lives", on Sunday, April 17 at 2:00 pm** Doors open at 1:00

pm. Join us for a fun afternoon of musical entertainment from Rudy Zetz and Voices, fabulous raffles and a delicious lunch. Appetizers, dessert and beverages are also included.

Tickets are \$20 and must be purchased by April 6. **NO TICKETS WILL BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** Please contact Laura at 724-775-2628 for tickets or more information.



*St. Joseph Spirituality Center hosts two events:*

*Where is God Leading Me?*

*A Vocational Discernment Retreat* beginning **Saturday, April 16** at 9:30 am and ending on **Sunday, April 17**, at 12:00 noon. This discernment retreat, directed by Sr. Marguerite Kropinak, Sr. Catherine Higgins and Fr. Phillip Fogarty, SJ, is an opportunity for women and men to explore the possibility that God might be calling them to religious life as a Sister, Brother, or priest. Using a discernment model based on the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola, it provides a welcoming environment and prayerful atmosphere for participants to listen for God's voice. A fee of \$65 includes meals, lodging, and materials. Some scholarships are available. To register, call Sister Marguerite at 724-869-6585 by April 11.

*Ignatian Weekend of Prayer*, beginning **Friday, April 15** at 7:00 pm and closing on **Sunday, April 17** at noon. This directed retreat, offered by Sr. Catherine Higgins and a team of spiritual directors, is based on the spirituality of St. Ignatius Loyola. It is an opportunity for Scriptural-based prayer in a contemplative mode in an atmosphere of silence and quiet prayer. The retreat includes daily liturgy and daily individual retreat direction. A fee of \$120 includes meals & lodging. To register, please call 724-869-6587 by April 11.



Bishop Canevin High School Presents

## GUYS and DOLLS



Thursday, April 21; Friday, April 22 and Saturday, April 23 at 7:30pm  
 Tickets are \$10.00/\$7.00 Call 412 922 7400 X210 to reserve

### Laudato Si

#### Addressing Climate Change, Capitalism and Community



Join the Sisters of St. Joseph on **April 16 from 9:30 a.m. to noon** for a presentation on "Climate Change, Capitalism and Community" as it relates to *Laudato Si*, a teaching letter on the environment released by Pope Francis.

Maureen Crossen, PhD, Associate Professor of Theology at Carlow University will talk about Catholic social teaching. Humility of Mary Sister, Barbara O'Donnell, Catholic Climate Ambassador for the Catholic Climate Covenant and staff member at Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center, will talk about ecological sustainability. Dr. Crossen and Sr. Barbara will offer brief presentations and encourage a conversation and exploration of the papal document. The free presentation, which is open to the public, will take place at the Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse in Baden. Registration is required.

For more information, contact:  
 Barbara Hecht, Director of Communications  
[bhecht@stjoseph-baden.org](mailto:bhecht@stjoseph-baden.org) or 724-869-6566

### Calling All Crafters!



You are cordially invited to participate in the Sisters of Divine Providence Craft Extravaganza on **Saturday, Oct. 8, 10am-3pm**, at Providence Heights in Allison Park. Booths are \$30. Reserve your table now at [cdpsisters.org](http://cdpsisters.org).

Contact Pat Serafini with questions:

**412-635-5401 or [pserafini@cdpsisters.org](mailto:pserafini@cdpsisters.org)**



The St. Anthony Congregation of West Alliquippa will sponsor

### A Night at the Races

Saturday, April 16, 2016 at 7:30pm  
 (Pasta dinner to be served at 6:30pm)

Center Twp. VFD #1 Firehall  
 1075 Broadhead Rd., Center Twp, PA

Tickets are \$10.00 and can be purchased by calling  
 724-375-7675 or 724-775-8291.

**Quigley Catholic High School** invites you to an **Information Night on Tuesday, April 12, 2016 from 6:00 to 7:30 PM**. Quigley Catholic is a college preparatory high school that places a high priority not only on academics, but also on faith formation. Quigley Catholic is consistently recognized among the top Catholic high schools in the nation. Come and compare the investment value that we offer at QC. Come meet our exceptional faculty. Tours will be given by our student ambassadors. We offer 15 clubs and 10 sports teams, which compete in the WPIAL. If you would like more information please call [724-869-2188](tel:724-869-2188), email us at [admissions@qchs.org](mailto:admissions@qchs.org), or visit our website at [www.qchs.org](http://www.qchs.org).



### St. Anthony Program

It's extraordinary what children with intellectual disabilities can find when they're in an inclusive environment. Academic challenge, friends, and a loving community will help them grow. You'll find St. Anthony School Programs in Catholic schools throughout our region including a new program at Cardinal Wuerl North Catholic. Enroll now for grades K – post secondary. Find out more at [stanthonykids.org](http://stanthonykids.org) or **1.844.STA.KIDS**

# SAINT JOHN'S CORNER



**APRIL 6, FIRST WEDNESDAY ADORATION**  
Exposition and Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass and continue until 2:30 PM closing. Please pray for vocations. Come and experience the beauty and peace of Our Eucharistic Lord.

**APRIL 10, SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION: Divine Child Jesus/Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group** will meet at Saint 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.

**MANY THANKS!**

**NEW ALTAR LINENS** on our altar for this Easter were purchased and donated by Ellen & Donna Napoleon. Thank you for your generosity! The sanctuary is beautiful and it certainly enhanced our celebration of The Resurrection Feast.

**FLOWER BEDS** in front of the church and statues were cleaned out and flowers purchased by Regina Slavik and her daughter, Loretta Thompson. The effect is beautiful!

**THANK YOU, HOLY NAME SOCIETY & FAMILY MINISTRY!**  
Families of the parishes are very grateful to the St. John's Holy Name Society for cooking a delicious Breakfast with the Easter Bunny on March 19. Ladies of Family Ministry, we appreciate your sponsorship and coordination of the event and treats provided for the children. May God bless all of our dedicated volunteers.

**ETHNIC COOKING CLASSES STARTING!**  
Call Bob Mikush Mon.-Fri. 9am to 5pm at 724-266-3140 for details, to register, or to teach your specialty:

**STUFFED CABBAGE** with Janet Duzicky and Sue Palumbo on Monday, April 4, 6pm at Jericho Hall

**GNOCCHI** by Muffy Cappabianco on Wednesday, April 20, 6pm at St. John's, Baden.

**KRAFNE CROATIAN DOUGHNUTS** by Janet Cvitkovic (Sometime in May - date to be determined) at Jericho Hall

**PIEROGI PROJECT** Our project continues for 2 more weeks. We will be back and need volunteers for **this week** and the week of April 15. The need for more help is great on Fridays! Can you lend a hand? Call the parish office to become a new volunteer. 724-869-2280. Thank you!

**SISTERS OF SAINT JOSEPH RAFFLE**

*The Sisters of St. Joseph will sell raffle tickets **the weekend of April 16 and 17** at the parishes as part of the Sisters of St. Joseph Auxiliary's 54th Annual Spring Luncheon event, which benefits the Sisters and their ministries. Raffle tickets are \$10.00 each, but they contain two Pick 4 Numbers on each ticket. Winners are based on the PA Pick Four 7:00 pm Number. A total of \$5,000 will be raffled the week of May 14-18. The Sisters are very grateful for your support of this significant fundraiser.*

## +UPCOMING EVENTS+

**Sunday, April 3**

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)  
9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass

**Monday, April 4**

5:15-6:45 pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5  
6:00pm (GS) Ethnic Cooking Class: Stuffed Cabbage with Janet Duzicky and Sue Palumbo (Jericho Hall)

**Tuesday, April 5**

**Wednesday, April 6**

After 8:00am Mass (SJ) Eucharistic Adoration until 2:30 pm  
3:00-5:00pm (SJ) Potato peeling for Pierogi  
6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice

**Thursday, April 7**

8:00am (SJ) Potato cooking & mashing for Pierogi  
2:00pm (SJ) Potato ball making  
7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice

**Friday, April 8**

7:30am (SJ) **St. John's Pierogi Project: Pierogi Making Starts**  
**Pierogi Hotline 724-869-9758**  
**Orders Taken starting at 6:00am until sold out**

**Saturday, April 9**

9:00am-10:30am (GS) CMLG Shut in Baskets (Jericho Hall)

**Sunday, April 10**

8:00am (SJ) Holy Name Society Meeting  
9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)  
9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass

Members of **Good Samaritan Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild** are reminded that we will be assembling fruit baskets for shut-ins on **Saturday, April 9th at 9:00 AM** in Jericho Hall. We will deliver them immediately afterwards. Please call JoAnn Smith at 724-869-7677 if you can help.



**RETRouvaille - SAVE OUR MARRIAGE**

This program has helped countless couples experiencing marital difficulty at all levels, including disillusionment and deep misery. The next weekend begins **April 8, 2015** Please call 412-277-3434 for confidential information or visit [www.helpourmarriage.com](http://www.helpourmarriage.com).

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering Mar. 20, 2016	\$6,160.30
Palm Sunday	\$3,204.00
Children's Offering	\$65.00
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering Mar. 20, 2016	\$2,513.50

**NOTE: EASTER SUNDAY COLLECTIONS WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE APRIL 10 BULLETIN**