

Mass Intentions

Monday of Holy Week, April 15

8:00 am (GS) Paul Miskulin - Daughter, Paula Dobrosielski

Tuesday of Holy Week, April 16

8:00 am (GS) Helen Hydzik - Daughter

7:00 pm (GS) (1) Albert & Frances Krol - Steve & Loretta Krol
(2) Bernie Skonieczny - Carol Kubicki

Wednesday of Holy Week, April 17

8:00 am (SJ) John Cappabianco - Joe & Regina Slavik

6:30 pm (GS) Joseph & Mary Hapich - Steve & Loretta Krol

Thursday of Holy Week, April 18

HOLY THURSDAY Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00 pm (GS) Arthur T. Conti - Wife & Children

7:00 pm (SJ) Poor Souls in Purgatory

Friday of the Passion of the Lord, April 19

GOOD FRIDAY (See Passion Service Schedule in bulletin)

Saturday of Holy Week, April 20

HOLY SATURDAY EASTER VIGIL

8:30 pm (GS) (1) Newly Initiated CIC/Teen RCIA and RCIA

(2) Samangy & DiPietro Families-Susan & Dominic

Easter Sunday, April 20

EASTER SUNDAY OF THE REURRECTION OF THE LORD

8:30 am (GS) Intentions of the Easter Flower Donors

9:45 am (SJ) Intentions of the Flower Donors

11:00 am (GS) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes

Readings #6 for the Week of April 13, 2014-Holy Week of Lent

Monday Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday Is 52:13—53:12/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1-19:42

Saturday Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 2:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/ Ex 14:15—15:1/Is 54:5-14/Is 55:1-1/Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Sunday Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

In Honor of the Passion of the Lord, Mary & Frank Pingitore
(GS) by Pingitore Family

Bill Shanholtz (GS) by Wayne & Debbie Catanzarite

Maria Spagnolo (GS) by Anna & Oscar D'Angelo

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Michael Pavkovich (GS) by Jennie & Justin Hendrickson

Sanctuary Candle

Alojzija Pavlakovic (GS) by friend, Caroline Kejas

PLEASE NOTE

NO MORNING MASS on Holy Thursday, April 17

NO CONFESSIONS Holy Saturday, April 20 at GS/SJ

NO EASTER VIGIL MASS April 19 at St. John the Baptist

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 28, 2014

HOLY LAND COLLECTION



From Father Joe

Why Do We Do That?

This weekend we celebrate Palm Sunday. The Catholic Church has a rich history of rites and symbols, and liturgical practices, many of which are celebrated during Holy Week. Over the years, some of the meaning behind these symbols and practices may have been forgotten.

Together with Christmas, Easter and Ash Wednesday, Palm Sunday is one of the busiest weekends of the year in most parishes, yet the whole symbolism behind the use of palms is often forgotten. The procession at Mass and blessing of palms recalls the glorious procession of Christ into Jerusalem. As Christ passed riding a donkey, the faithful gathered waving palm branches. Others laid their cloaks or palm branches on the ground so that neither the feet of Jesus nor the animal upon which he rode would touch the dirt beneath them. It was the kind of entrance normally reserved for a king. The irony of Holy Week is that less than a week later, the crowds would be chanting "*Crucify Him! Crucify Him!*"

Unfortunately, as the palm branches dry out and shred after Easter, many of the faithful don't know what to do with them. There was an old tradition of bringing them to the church before Ash Wednesday to be burned and used for ashes. Most parishes just purchase ashes because it is difficult to sift the ashes to remove sharp pieces of partially burned palm, and to ensure that there is enough oil left in the ashes to allow them to adhere when given on the forehead. Since they have been blessed, old pieces of palm should never be thrown away. They may be returned to the church, or burned and the ashes buried in the ground in a spot where neither man nor animals are likely to tread.

Palm branches can symbolize many things: In ancient Greece and Rome, they were a sign of victory. In Egypt, they represented immortality and eternal life. Palm is also recognized as a symbol of peace in many works of art. Over the years, many ethnic traditions have arisen around the use of palm. Palm branches are often formed into crosses, woven into wreaths or rings, or turned into elaborate works of art. Perhaps the most profound and beautiful practice is the placing of a piece of palm behind every crucifix in the home. But why?

The image of a branch of palm behind a crucifix is a powerful symbol worth meditating upon, especially during Holy Week. In one sense, the palm calls to mind the hypocrisy of our sins. Just as the crowds turned on Jesus a few days after His triumphal entrance into Jerusalem, when we sin, we turn away from Christ. In another sense, it is a symbol of hope. Looking beyond the horror and suffering of the Cross, the palm is a sign of hope, a sign of Christ's victory over death, a sign that He is King, and a symbol of eternal life. This week, take a few moments to ponder the meaning of the palm behind the cross, and the love behind the suffering. May your Holy week be filled with God's blessings.

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***(No Confessions on Holy Saturday)***Wednesday 5:45-6:20 pm (*extended time*) Good Samaritan**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

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 17, 2014***Offering for the Poor SVDP Collection 7:00 pm Mass***

Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food items at Mass during the offertory. Cash donations also accepted.

THE LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Start your Holy Week with The living Stations of the Cross at St. Joseph Church, Fifth Avenue, Coraopolis, PA, on Palm Sunday, April 13, 2014 at 7:00 pm. ALL ARE WELCOME!

EASTER BLESSING OF THE FAMILIES

On Easter Sunday, April 20, 2014, Bishops David Zubik, William Waltersheid and William Winter will welcome families of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to their Annual Blessing of Families at St. Paul Cathedral, Oakland, beginning at 2:00 pm.

As they greet and bless your family personally, they affirm and support you as a household of love and witnesses to The Faith. Come and experience the Bishops' expression of appreciation for the gift that you are and that and the gifts that you bring to our Diocesan Faith Community. Each family will receive a special memento and the children will receive a sweet treat.

pasquetta***The Italian Easter Monday Celebration***

Join us for Dinner and The Music of Italian Tenor

Marco Fiorante**Monday, April 21, 2014****6:30 pm**

Good Samaritan Parish ~ Jericho Hall
 799 Glenwood Avenue Ambridge, PA 15003

Menu to include:

Assorted Antipasti, Salad, Polenta with Mushroom Sauce, Chicken Marsala, Roasted Rosemary Potatoes, Braciolo, Balsamic Roasted Onions, Cavatelli with Broccoli & Sausage, Stuffed Zucchini, Italian Specialties for Dessert B.Y.O.B

Come for Dinner and celebrate
 this Joyous Season with family and friends!

Donation \$20.00 per guest

Tickets can be purchased at the Parish Centre
Call 724-266-6565 by Noon, Monday April 14th
NO Tickets Sold at the Door and NO Refunds

"A Night at the Races" on Friday, April 25

St. Monica Parish School, Divine Mercy Academy
 Sangl Hall, 116 Thorndale Road, Beaver Falls. Doors Open 5:30 pm/Races Star 7:00 pm. General Admission \$15/With Horse \$25/Corporate Races \$50. Includes: Buffet, Beer & Mixers (BYOB). Tickets call 724-846-5955.

St. James Sewickley/Knights of Columbus

CASH BINGO, Friday, April 25th, St. James Cafeteria. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Regular Bingo begins at 7:00 pm. \$10.00 Admission Includes: 6 Regular game cards and 1 coverall special card. Additional regular game cards available at \$1.00 each, 20 Regular games with a \$15.00 total payout each game. 1 coverall paying 100% of coverall specials sold! (Additional coverall specials available at \$1.00 each), 10 Special games - \$1.00 per three card strip, Each Special Game paying 50% of specials sold."

BEAVER COUNTY HOLY NAME SOCIETY. The Beaver County Holy Name Society's Blessed John of Vercelli award banquet will be held on Sunday, April 27, 2014 at St. Titus social hall in Aliquippa. The food will be prepared by the ladies of St. Titus. There will be free cocktails starting at 4:30 pm to 5:30 pm. The dinner will begin at 5:30 pm. The cost of the ticket is \$28.00. Tickets may be purchased via mail sent to Mr. Richard Fetkovich, 1067 Timberwood Drive, Beaver Falls, PA 15010. Reservations are requested by April 13th.

*This Easter Season, come to know the
"heart of God" through "His love letter to
you" by participating in our*
**7-Week Easter Season
Great Adventure Bible Study**

"GALATIANS: SET FREE TO LIVE"

**Learn the truth about St. Paul's
timeless letter as you:**

- Reignite your love for God this Easter Season
- Discover the merciful love of our heavenly Father
- Unite yourself to the redeeming sacrifice of Christ
- Set yourself free to live your faith in the Spirit

Wednesdays at Good Samaritan, Ambridge 7:15 PM (Church)

Galatian Bible Study Session 1 on April 23

Thursdays at St. John the Baptist (Baden) 7:00 PM (Hall)

Galatian Bible Study Session 1 on April 24

Fridays at Good Samaritan (Ambridge) 11:00 AM (SJH)

Galatian Bible Study Session 1 on April 25

Two Ways to Participate in this Easter Season Study:

- (1) Come and watch
the 45-Minute DVD Presentation by Jeff Cavins.
- (2) Stay after DVD Presentation
for 30-Minute Small Group Scripture Sharing.

(An accompanying *Galatians Study Set Binder*
with Questions, Responses, and DVD Notes
will be available for \$25 if you choose this option.)

For more information, call Susan at 724-266-6565 at Ext. #17.

Women of All Ages...

give yourself the gift of 90-Minutes
once a month and take a break from your
daily "Martha" responsibilities in order to
become more Christ-centered like "Mary"

"Mary and Martha Monday" Women's Bible Study on "The Woman at the Well"

Monday, April 14, 2014

7:00 – 8:30 PM

**in Good Samaritan Church
(Ambridge)**

This is a *"come as you are, no
prep, no homework, no cost"*

Bible Study for Women of All Ages

Evening includes:

- "Night Prayer" of the Church with
opportunity for Personal Petitions
- DVD Presentation by Anita Gutschick on
"The Woman at the Well"
- Savory and Sweet Snacks provided by
Women of WELL-come
- Scripture Sharing and Sisterhood
Bonding with Spirit-filled Women

***For more information, call Susan at
724-266-6565 Extension #17***

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ☩

SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2nd SUNDAY DEVOTIONS, DIVINE CHILD JESUS Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group meets here at St. John's. on April 13th. Holy Mass begins at 2:00 pm followed by 3:00 pm Holy Hour & 4:00 pm meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

HOLY THURSDAY OFFERTORY The Holy Thursday offertory at St. John's will be for the Ladies of Charity of our parish. Ladies of Charity help the poor, beginning in our own community. Thank you

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST The St. John's Holy Name Society is sponsoring their Mother's Day Breakfast following 9:45 AM Mass on May 11. **Breakfast is FREE**, but you must pre-register in the book at the main church entrance.



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LADIES GUILD

Good Samaritan monthly meeting on April 16 in Jericho Hall after the 6:30 pm Mass. Our speaker will be Alicia Stankay, a local author from Ambridge who has published two books of short stories. One of her books is "*Tales of Twenty Women: Reflections on Love.*" She will talk about the inspiration for her writing and read a few stories that show the love women have for their families in their lives.

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.**

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. Thank You



GOOD SAMARITAN 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

Quigley Catholic High School Honor Roll

Good Samaritan students who have made the honor roll. **High Honors:** Anna Majewski & Kathryn Kaunert. **Honors:** Nicholas Schroeder, Stephanie Kazmierczyk & John Kazmierczyk.

Holy Land Olive Wood Carved Religious Items For Sale

Little Bethlehem Christians will be selling & displaying their olive wood carving at all the Masses at Good Samaritan & St. Johns on the **weekend of April 26/27**. The profit goes to support the Christianity in the land of Christ. Please visit the website at www.little-bethlehem.org.



March Baptism: Congratulations and blessings to **Miguel Angel Fernandez, Jr. & Isabella Nancy Bachurski** who were baptized at Good Samaritan and **Anessia Louise Sprowls** who was baptized at St. John the Baptist.

SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA

(#1) Tuesday, April 15, - 700 pm Mass, Celebrant Fr. John Skirtich, Pastor, Saint Maurice Parish

Annual novena in honor of St. Anthony of Padua begins on Tuesday, April 15th and runs nine consecutive Tuesdays through June 10th at Good Samaritan Parish. Liturgy will be celebrated at 7:00 pm followed by the Novena to St. Anthony. The Closing Novena Mass on June 11th will be at 6:30 pm. Each week of the Novena will feature a different Guest Celebrant/Homilist. All are invited.



St. Anthony Floral Basket



\$35 Flower Tribute for Novena Masses

Flowers placed at St. Anthony Shrine Statue
Call Parish Office to schedule 724-266-6565.

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, April 14

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

7:00 pm (GS) "Mary & Martha Monday" Bible Study (Ch/SJH)

630 pm (SJ) CCM Board Meeting

Tuesday, April 15

6:30 pm (GS) LOC Meeting (JH)

Wednesday, April 16

6:30 pm (GS) CMLG Meeting (JH)

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Good Friday, April 18: Holy Land Collection

(GS & SJ) Offices Closed - Good Friday & Easter Monday

9:00 am - 5:00 pm (GS) Pierogi Sales 724-266-6010

(GS) NO Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, April 19

1:30 pm (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA & RCIA Preparation Rites for Easter Vigil (GS Church)

Sunday, April 20

NO - CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)

☩ **IN SYMPATHY:** Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Janina Osowski**. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, April 6, 2014	\$9,201.1
On Line Giving, March, 2014	\$2,863.00
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, April 6, 2014	\$2,503.00

Good Samaritan

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Saint John the Baptist

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