

Mass Intentions

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday, April 25 St. Mark, Evangelist - Feast

8:00am (GS) In memory of John & Bertha Sherman by Bob & Judy

Tuesday, April 26

8:00am (GS) Joseph Zielinski by Family

7:00pm (GS) SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA #2

Fr. Joe Carr

Fr. Tom Sparacino

Roseann & Neal Pane by the Pane Family

Ted DiMarzio by wife & daughters

Wednesday, April 27

8:00am (SJ) John & Elizabeth McDermott by Daughter & Grandchildren

6:30pm (GS) Mary & Tony Galant by Family

Thursday, April 28 Saint. Peter Chanel, Priest & Martyr;

Saint Louis de Montfort, Priest

8:00am (GS) Helen D. & Stephen B. Kuzma by Stephen A. Kuzma and Winslow Family

Friday, April 29 St. Catherine of Siena, Doctor of the Church

8:00am (SJ) Helen Contray by Cindy, Marcelle, Michelle & Sandy

8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, April 30 Saint Pius V, Pope

4:00pm Vigil (SJ) **First Holy Communions at Mass**

For the Living & Deceased of Our Parishes

5:30pm Vigil (GS) Bill Shanholtz by wife, Marie

Sunday, May 1 SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

8:00am (GS) Bernard Grzegorek by wife & daughters, Mitzi, Geri, Evie, Judy & Kami

9:30am (SJ) Valentine & Margaret Peck by Jim & Valene Connolly

11:00am (GS) **First Holy Communions at Mass**

Blake Kantz by wife & family

Readings for the Week of April 24, 2016

Monday	1 Pt 5:5b-14 Ps 89:2-3, 6-7, 16-17 Mk 16:15-20
Tuesday	Acts 14:19-28 Ps 145:10-13b, 21 Jn 14:27-31a
Wednesday	Acts 15:1-6 Ps 122:1-5 Jn 15:1-8
Thursday	Acts 15:7-21 Ps 96:1-3, 10 Jn 15:9-11
Friday	Acts 15:22-31 Ps 57:8-10, 12 Jn 15:12-17
Saturday	Acts 16:1-10 Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5 Jn 15:18-21
Sunday	Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Ps 67: 2-3, 5-6, 8 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER...

SANCTUARY CANDLE

(GS) In memory of Galant Family by Family

(SJ) In memory of Shirley Smolnery
by Mike, Shelly & Cheryl

HOLY FAMILY SHRINE CANDLE

(GS) William Raymer by Jean, Carl, Ashton, & Camden

ST. ANTHONY NOVENA SHRINE FLOWERS

(GS) Ted DiMarzio by wife and daughters

Over the past few Sundays since Easter, we have been reading stories from the *Acts of the Apostles*. The book was written by Saint Luke, a travelling companion of the Apostle Paul. Together with Luke's Gospel account, the book of *Acts* gives us a sense of the challenges that faced the early Church. Paul and his companions Luke and Barnabas initially encountered a great deal of resistance to their preaching, especially among the Jews. Subsequently, they turned their attention to the Gentiles, who were eager to learn about the Messiah.

In time, the Church began to grow by leaps and bounds. As it grew, they experienced severe growing pains, many of which are described in the book of *Acts* and in Saint Paul's letters. At one point in the early Church, 3,000 people were baptized in a single day!

Realizing that the 12 Apostles could not handle all of the needs of the growing Church, they eventually selected a handful of men who were known to be of good reputation and filled with the Holy Spirit to become Deacons. The first reading this Sunday from *Acts* relates how Paul and Barnabas travelled from region to region, appointing elders to watch over the churches they established in each town.

Just as the Church in the time of the Apostles was undergoing radical changes, the Church in our time has been undergoing radical changes over the past 30 years. The population has aged dramatically. People are not having as many children. Many young people have moved away to find employment. The remaining population has shifted away from the city and the old steel towns, and has moved to suburban areas like Cranberry.

As part of the Bishop's initiative "**On Mission for the Church Alive!**" the diocese has asked each parish to select a team of 6 people to meet and discuss these and other changes as they relate to our parishes and our parish clusters. In the coming weeks, you will hear more about this "**On Mission**" initiative.

The objective of all of this planning is to address essential challenges facing us, especially the fact that:

- 1) In less than 10 years we will have more parishes than priests. In 2000 we had 338 priests. In 2015 we had 225. By 2025, it is projected we will have 112 priests.
- 2) Families have so much on their plates these days that finding time for anything more than an hour a week for church is difficult.

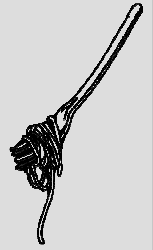
On Mission for the Church Alive! is an effort to re-envision parish models taking into account the changes we are facing. We cannot spread our clergy too thin. Secondly, *On Mission* is an effort to implement initiatives that will make parish life **so relevant & important to families** that they will willingly make the sacrifices necessary to make the parish a focal point of family life once again. We need to find ways to breathe new life into our parishes to make **The Church Alive!** more than a slogan. We need to make it a reality. **Father Joe**

THANK YOU, VOLUNTEERS!

Christian Mothers Ladies Guild of Good Samaritan wants to sincerely thank the members who helped pack and deliver fruit trays on April 9th. The dedicated volunteers, both men and women, braved the questionable weather to complete the task that morning. A special thank you to Kay Matzie and Angie Cantanzarite who baked delicious bread rolls for the trays. We truly appreciate all the help!

SPAGHETTI DINNER AT ST. FELIX PARISH

St. Felix Parish in Freedom, PA is having a Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, May 19, from 3 pm to 7 pm. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, drink and dessert. The cost is \$8.00 for adults and \$5.00 for children under 10.



Jadran Beaver Valley Junior Tamburitzans

Students in the Jadran Beaver Valley Junior Tamburitzans will present their 58th Annual Concert at 3:00PM on May 21st at Robert Morris University's Massy Hall, Moon Township. Featured regions will be Croatia, Serbia, Romania and Poland. Admission to the concert will be \$10 (\$5 for 12 and under). Immediately following the concert is a dinner and dance held at the Aliquippa Croatian Center, 2365 Concord Street. Admission is \$15 (\$10 for 12 and under) which includes a homemade dinner!

Please come and support the youth of the area and let them show you what they have been doing in their free time!

Fraternal Order of Eagles Ambridge Auxiliary No. 1365

ANNUAL CARD PARTY

Thursday, May 5, 2016 - 7:00 p.m.

Eagles Club - 401 Maplewood Ave.

Cost: \$5.00

Bake Sale, Silent Auction, and more!

ETHNIC COOKING CLASS; MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

Call Bob Mikush for details, to register, or to teach your specialty: 724-266-3140 Mon.-Fri. 9am to 5pm.

STRUDEL by Roberta Sciulli on Monday, May 9th, 6:00pm at Jericho Hall. **Be sure to call Bob to register!**

All are welcome.

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

On May 8th we celebrate Mother's Day. As a way of paying tribute to our mothers, both living and deceased, we will offer candles that will burn in front of the Blessed Virgin Mary statue in our church. The names you wish to memorialize or honor will be attached to the candle just as we do for All Souls' Day. Should you wish to burn a candle in tribute to your mother, Godmother, grandmother, guardian, or as a memorial, please fill in the form below and return it to the parish office or place it in the collection basket.

Donation is \$4.00 per candle.

One Name per Memorial Candle

(please print)

Deadline: Tuesday, May 3

MOTHER'S DAY MEMORIAL CANDLES

Name _____

living deceased

Name _____

living deceased

Name _____

living deceased

Name _____

living deceased

NAME _____ PHONE _____ TOTAL ENCLOSED \$ _____

Please drop in the collection basket in an envelope

NEWS FROM AROUND THE DIOCESE

What's Cooking with the Felician Sisters – Thursday, May 5 6-9 p.m. at Phipps Conservatory, combines information about the diverse ministries of the Sisters with cooking demonstrations and ethnic food. Father Sam Esposito, Regional Vicar for Vicariate III, is one of the guest chefs for the evening along with Sister Marilyn Marie Minter and Sister Mary Inga Borko from our Felician mission in Haiti. *For ticket information, please contact 724-384-5315.*

The Sacrament of the Sick will be administered during a special Mass on Sunday, May 22nd at 1:00 pm at St. Anthony's Chapel. For more information, please call 412-231-2994 during business hours, or see the Chapel's website at www.saintanthonyschapel.org.

Rev. Stan M. Gregorek 50th Jubilee to the priesthood --All are welcome to attend the celebration. If you have not received a personal invitation, consider this your invitation and join us for Mass at 2:00 PM on Sunday, May 15--Saint Mary Parish, 10 St. Mary's Lane, Cecil, PA 15321.

Travel with Rev. Stan M. Gregorek and Saint Mary Parish in Cecil to Spain and France, Including Lourdes from October 18 – 27, 2016. \$3279.00 per person/double occupancy. For full itinerary and more information, visit: stmarycecil.org

Duquesnefest—Duquesne University's largest open house event, Duquesnefest, will be held this summer on Sunday, June 12 beginning at 8:00am. This exciting day is a fun way for Fall 2016 high school seniors to learn more about the University. Register online at www.duq.edu/duquesnefest.

INTERNATIONAL EXHIBITION :

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World

The Eucharistic Miracles of the World will be on display at *Our Lady of Peace Church* in Conway on Saturday and Sunday Sept. 17th and 18th. This informative production will begin after mass on Saturday with the story of the miraculous image of Our Lady of Guadalupe. The Vatican Eucharistic Miracles Exhibition from around the world will be on display Sat. and Sun. where we will experience a "Virtual Visit" where miracles occurred, including the Miracle of the Eucharist in 740 AD in Lanciano, Italy and how it relates to the Miracle of the Eucharist in 1994 involving Pope Francis.

More information on this presentation will be updated in future bulletins. This is a must see, dynamic presentation for everyone! For information call Jackie @ 724-869-9908. Both the presentation after Mass and the Vatican International Exhibition are free of charge.

2016 Aquinas Academy Summer Programs- Summer is right around the corner and Aquinas Academy is once again offering several sports camps including soccer, basketball, field hockey and lacrosse, as well as a variety of enrichment camps including music and movement, future engineers, band, crochet, art, works of mercy, chess, and SAT Prep. All of the camps are very affordable and directed by the excellent faculty of Aquinas Academy. Visit our website at www.AquinasAcademy.info.

Magnificat Pittsburgh Prayer Breakfast—Ladies, come to the Magnificat Prayer Breakfast on May 7, from 9am-12pm at the Crowne Plaza in GreenTree. Cost of the breakfast is \$20. To register, call Pam at 412-461-8906 or visit www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Deadline is April 29.

2016 Saint Anthony Novena Masses

Good Samaritan Parish - 725 Glenwood Avenue
Ambridge, PA 15003 724-266-6565

Tuesday, April 26 7:00 pm

Fr. Tom Sparacino

Pastor of St. Richard Parish, Gibsonia

Tuesday, May 3 7:00 pm

Fr. Lou Vallone

Pastor, St. Catherine of Siena, Crescent

Pastor, Saint John of God Parish, McKees Rocks

Tuesday, May 10 7:00 pm

Fr. Mark Thomas

Pastor, Holy Redeemer Parish, Ellwood City

Tuesday, May 17 7:00 pm

Fr. Tim Whalen

Pastor, St. Mary of the Assumption, Glenshaw

Tuesday, May 24 7:00 pm

Fr. William Lechnar

Director, Office for Planning
Diocese of Greensburg

Tuesday, May 31 7:00 pm

Fr. Sam Esposito

Episcopal Vicar, Pastoral Vicariate Region 3
Diocese of Pittsburgh

Tuesday, June 7 7:00 pm

To Be Announced

Tuesday, June 14 6:30 pm**

Fr. Joe Freedy, Director of Office for Priestly Vocations
Closing Liturgy & Procession - Reception Following Novena

**Note that Closing Novena begins early due to procession.



SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

SUN., APRIL 24, CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MASS & MEETING ELECTION OF OFFICERS will take place at this meeting and we will hold our Baby Shower for Lifeline. Some needed items for babies are: diapers (NB, 3 & 4), formula, wipes, infant clothing and bath soaps. **All parishioners are welcome to donate baby items. Drop off in the social hall before or after April 23-24 Masses.**

TUESDAY, APRIL 26, PA PRIMARY... MAKE SURE YOU CAST YOUR VOTE!! Voters guides are available at parish offices. The guides do not tell you how to vote, but show candidates' responses to a survey from the PA Catholic Conference regarding various social issues.



CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MAY BREAKFAST-SUNDAY, MAY 1 Join us for a catered breakfast following 9:30AM Mass on May 1. Members: \$5, Guests: \$9. Payment is due by April 24 and confirms your reservation. Call Regina LaRue to register or if you have any questions. 724-869-1904

SUN., MAY 8, MOTHER'S DAY BANQUET sponsored by St. John's Holy Name Society will be served after May 8th 9:30AM Mass. **All mothers are free**; \$3 for other adults and children. All are welcome with **advance reservations** in the sign-up book at the main church entrance by **May 1.**

IN MEMORIAM

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

In memory of Kay Zychowski
From: SMACNA of Western PA

In memory of Dorothy Barcikowski from Karen Barr

In memory of Willian Polinsky
From: Mary Nolan
David Streissguth
Jane Hawronsky, Judy Banting and Jim Kremmel
Kathleen Polinsky
John and Janet Kremmel
Lynn and Marge Berckmiller

In memory of Rose Beck
From: Lena, Dorothy and Eleanor Scalese
Mary Rouse
Ruth and Joni Gagliardi
Sandie Eckle and Family
Frank and Chris Strano
Dominic and Josephine Mazzotta

In memory of Frank Aloe from wife, Costanza

Donation from Michael and Frances Veloski



SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

**Tuesday, April 26
at 7:00 PM**

NOVENA & MASS

**with Fr. Tom Sparacino
Pastor of St. Richard Parish**



+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Sunday, April 24

9:00am (GS) Making dough for pierogi
9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
9:30am Mass (SJ) Liturgy of the Word with Children
Christian Mothers meeting following Mass
9:30-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8, followed by 11:00 Mass

Monday, April 25

5:15-6:45 pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5
6:30pm (GS) FESTIVAL LEADERSHIP MEETING
7:00pm (GS) Consoling the Heart of Jesus # 9 (JH Classroom)

Tuesday, April 26

6:30pm RCIA Mystagogy (Susan's Home)

Wednesday, April 27

6:30pm (SJ) Choir Practice
7:15pm (GS) Consoling the Heart of Jesus # 9 (JH Classroom)

Thursday, April 28

7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice

Friday, April 29

11:00am (GS) Consoling the Heart of Jesus # 9 (JH Classroom)
3:00-8:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
7:00/8:00pm (GS) Rosary/Mass-Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, April 30

4:00pm Mass (SJ) First Holy Communion

Sunday, May 1

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)

**FESTIVAL LEADERSHIP MEETING
MONDAY, APRIL 25, AT 6:30PM
IN THE PARISH PASTORAL CENTER**

✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed, especially for **Liberata "Lily" DiDomenico** and **Hubert Majetic** who died recently. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering-April 17, 2016,	\$7,103.05
Children's Offering	\$42.30
ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering April 17, 2016,	\$2,257.00