

# Mass Intentions

[Fourth Week of Easter]

**Monday, April 27: Easter Weekday**

8:00 am (GS) Ann Ordons by Jeri Giammaria

**Tuesday, April 28: Easter Weekday** [Saint Peter Chanel and Saint Louis Grignion de Montfort]

8:00 am (GS) Edward J. Tomayko by M/M Jeff Stein

7:00 pm (GS) (1) Josephine Matzie by Fran Dionisiu

(2) Louise Szymoniak by Sister, Marcella Razo

**Wednesday, April 29: Saint Catherine of Siena**

8:00 am (SJ) Gerald Ward by Chuck Protenic

6:30 pm (GS) Betty Astorino by Lizanne & Sara Berger

**Thursday, April 30: Easter Weekday** [Saint Pius V]

8:00 am (GS) Doris Lavelle by Janice Alicandio

**Friday, May 1: Easter Weekday** [Saint Joseph the Worker]

8:00 am (SJ) Mildred Stuban by Stuban Family

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

**Saturday, May 2: Saint Athanasius**

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

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil-Lawrence & Gertrude Mutschler  
by Kevin Mutschler

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil - Michael & Florence Rompala

by Children and Grandchildred

**Sunday, May 3: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

8:00 am (GS) David Duke by Grandfather Milo Kusnir & Family

9:30 am (SJ) The Living & Deceased of our Parishes

11:00 am (GS) CCD Student of our Parishes

**Readings for the Week of April 27, 2015**

**Monday:** Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:1-10

**Tuesday:** Acts 11:19-26/Jn 10:22-30

**Wednesday:** Acts 12:24—13:5a/Jn 12:44-50

**Thursday:** Acts 13:13-25/Jn 13:16-20

**Friday:** Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6 (283) or, for the Memorial,  
Gn 2:2-3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24/ Mt 13:54-58

**Saturday:** Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14

**Sunday:** Acts 9:26-31/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8

**THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER**

**Bread & Wine**

(GS) William Raymer by Carl, & Jean Pietroboni,  
Ashton, Kayle, Rob, Lauren & Camden

**Blessed Mother Shrine Candle**

(GS) Betty Astorino by Lizanne & Sara Berger

**Holy Family Shrine Candle**

(GS) Dorothy Matuscak by Family

**Holy Trinity Shrine Candle**

(GS) Georgiann Rozman by Joseph & Yvonne Rozman

**Sanctuary Candle**

(SJ) Shirley Lyden by Family

**Saint Anthony Novena Flowers**

(GS) Vera Bova by Daughter Jan Bova

GOOD SAMARITAN

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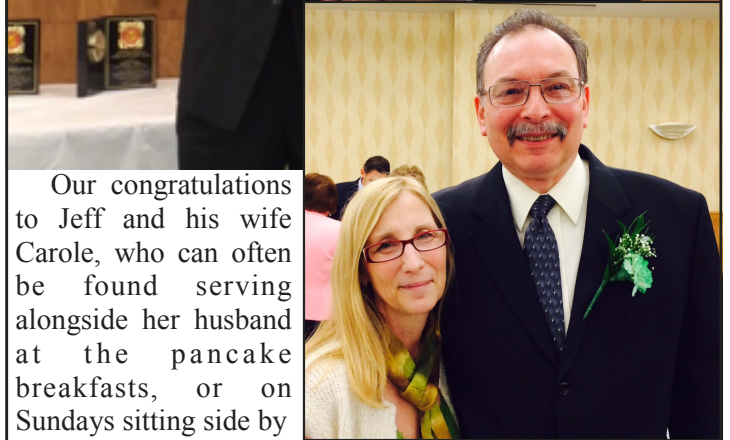
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST

724-869-2280

**From Father Joe**

**What's Your Calling in Life?**

Congratulations to Jeff Rudek, a member of the Saint John the Baptist Holy Name Society for receiving the *Blessed John of Vercelli Award* at the annual Beaver County Holy Name Society Banquet last Sunday. Jeff and the other members of the Holy Name Society serve the parish in many capacities, including the monthly pancake breakfast socials at Saint John's. Not only do the breakfasts provide an opportunity for families to get to know one another, but proceeds from the breakfasts allow the Holy Name Society to do various works of charity, like underwriting the annual parish picnic and the purchase cassocks for our altar servers.



Our congratulations to Jeff and his wife Carole, who can often be found serving alongside her husband at the pancake breakfasts, or on Sundays sitting side by side in the pews at Saint John the Baptist in Baden.

This weekend, we celebrate **World Day of Prayer for Vocations**. The word "vocation" is actually rooted in the Latin word *vocare*, which means "to call." Each of us has a calling from God. Some are called to be Priests. Some are called to be Religious Sisters or Brothers. Some are called to the life of a single person, and others are called to the sacrament of Marriage. Each in their own way serve to build up the Church and to make our world a better, more holy place. It is inspiring to see couples like Jeff and Carole live out their vocations, quietly serving God in His Church. Anyone interested in a vocation to the priesthood or religious life can call Father Joe Freedy at the Diocesan Vocations Office at 412-456-3123. Anyone interested in the Holy Name Society can call 724-869-2280. Ω



**Good Samaritan Parish &  
Saint John the Baptist Parish  
First Holy Communion Class 2015**

Saturday, April 25 at Saint John the Baptist, 4:00 pm Mass  
Sunday, April 26 at Good Samaritan, 11:00 am Mass



**Congratulations to our First Holy Communicants!  
Lambs of Jesus**

\* Allison Baker  
Adam Fernandez  
Balise Fischer  
Anthony Gerace  
Kaitlyn Gill,  
Dredyn Gnarra  
Francesca Gonzalez  
Ashlee Grimm,  
\* Aaron Haney  
Ryan Hare  
Savanna Jones  
Mia Modrovich  
\* Thomas Moore  
\* Margo Petalino  
Dante Prentice  
Adrien Rotondo  
Elizabeth Wintersgill

\* Saint John the Baptist Students

**The Holy Shroud of Turin  
and Miraculous Holy Face of Jesus World Tour**  
*sponsored by the Apostolate Committee*

Our Lady of Peace Parish sponsors the Holy Shroud of Turin, a presentation by Donald Nohs, an expert on the Shroud, on **Thursday, July 9<sup>th</sup> at 7 PM in the Church.** This unique evangelization presentation inspires audiences of all ages and motivates them to accept more deeply the loving message of the Passion of Jesus. Don will be joined by opera singer, Christine Cullen, singing "Ave Maria" and Marty Rotella, a renowned Christian singer and song writer. Ticket donation of \$10 is limited to available space at Our Lady of Peace Church, 1000 Third Ave., Conway. For tickets or info Jackie 724-869-9908 or Ellen 724-869-3320.

**The Ambridge Eagles Ladies Auxiliary will hold their Annual Card Party on Thursday, May 7th, at 7:00 PM.** Cost is \$5.00 which includes refreshments. Bake Sale, Silent Auction, Door Prizes and \$50.00 Money Tree. The Eagles Club is located at 401 Maplewood Avenue. Come to a Fun Night Out

**May 16- 21 at 6:30 PM  
PARISH MISSION  
ST. CECILIA CHURCH  
632 Virginia Avenue, Rochester, PA  
"Ignite Your Faith"**

**FR. JOHN PETRIKOVIC, OFM. CAP.**

Nationally Famous Capuchin Preacher

**Monday, May 18, 6:30 pm Mass**

*"Faith is About Facing Reality"*

**Tuesday, May 19, 10:00 am Mass; 6:30 pm Prayer**

*"Called to a More Reflective Life"*

*"Life is Not About Me, It Just Looks that Way"*

**Wednesday, May 20, 6:30 pm Mass**

*"Having Babies is Natural, Building a Family Isn't"*

**Thursday, May 21, 10:00 am Mass; 6:30 pm Prayer**

*"Are We Still Just Receiving Communion?"*

*We Might be Missing the Point."*

**Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School  
News and Events**

**OLSH Class of 2019 Welcome Night on Wednesday, May 6th at 7:00 pm.** This event is for all applied students and their parents. Information sessions for students to sign up for activities and athletics, meet their guidance counselor, and receive a Class of 2019 t-shirt! Parents will learn about policies and procedures and meet members of the administration. Contact Jessica Sellman '02, Director of Admissions and Enrollment, at 412-262-3300 or [jsellman@olsh.org](mailto:jsellman@olsh.org) if you have any questions.

**Join the OLSH Class of 2019** Open Enrollment continues through the month of May. To complete application, please use our secure online form at [www.olsh.org/admissions/apply](http://www.olsh.org/admissions/apply). Financial aid, EITC and OSTC funding is available to families who qualify. Contact Jessica Sellman '02 at 412-262-3300 or [jsellman@olsh.org](mailto:jsellman@olsh.org) if you have any questions

**Now Accepting Upperclassmen Transfers for the 2015-16 School Year** OLSH accepts transfer students to grades ten and eleven dependent If you have a student currently in high school who desires a strong academically-focused environment and would benefit from a transfer, please contact Jessica Sellman '02, Director of Admissions and Enrollment, at 412-262-3300 or [jsellman@olsh.org](mailto:jsellman@olsh.org).

**Jadran Beaver Valley Junior Tamburitians Concert**

May 30 at 3:30 PM Admission \$5, & \$3, 12 yrs & under  
Central Valley High School, 160 Baker Road Ext, Monaca  
Dinner & Dance Follows for \$15, & \$7, 12 yrs. & under  
at Aliquippa Croatian Center, 2365 concord St. Aliquippa  
*Featured will be Croatia, Serbia, Bulgaria & Greece*  
*Please come and support the youth of the area;*

**SISTER MARISE MUSINGS: Need help?** A local young man is trying to earn money for college and is willing to cut grass or do odd jobs. Call 724-266-0396.

# ON MISSION FOR THE CHURCH ALIVE!

## More About “ON MISSION”

Last week I wrote about the next phase of *The Church Alive!* campaign in our Diocese. “ON MISSION” is essentially the planning phase of the *Church Alive!* campaign. On Tuesday, we hosted an information session at Saint John the Baptist in Baden with Dr. Linda Ritzer from the Diocese and our Episcopal Vicar, Fr Sam Esposito. The purpose of the meeting was to invite the staff from local parishes to come and learn more about **ON MISSION** for *The Church Alive!*

Following my article last week, I got some questions, so I decided to write a little more and hopefully clarify some things. Money from the *Church Alive!* Campaign has been coming in to the Diocese, and they in turn, have been sending money to us in the parishes. (That is how we are able to begin major repairs on the office building at Good Samaritan.) The Diocese is also moving ahead, having hired Linda Ritzer to work with parishes, clusters, and vicariates to begin the planning process.

In oversimplified terms, the *Church Alive!* campaign has two parts. One part involves what I would call “hard projects”, like buildings and brick & mortar improvements to facilities. The second part is what I would term “soft projects” which are programs and staffing to breathe new life into parishes and into the local Church. The hard projects are straightforward, but the programmatic side of the *Church Alive!* campaign will require more planning and input from people at a local level. That is what **ON MISSION** is all about. What we want to accomplish is relatively clear-cut: We want to look to the future and lay plans to ensure that the local Church is not just surviving, but *vibrant & thriving* for generations to come. To accomplish this, there are challenges we must face.

At a local level, we have to look at the reality that there are fewer priests to staff the 200 parishes of the Diocese, and it is only going to get more difficult. By far, the largest group of priests ordained since 2,000 was Father Terry O’Connor’s class, which was 6 priests. Since then we have probably averaged *at least* a dozen priests a year retiring or taking ill. Not so long ago, our cluster of Good Samaritan, Saint John the Baptist, Our Lady of Peace, and Saint Felix had 5 priests. Now we have roughly half that number.

The number of practicing Catholics in many parishes has also declined. In Good Samaritan alone, we have gone from well over 6,000 parishioners when we merged 20 years ago to a little under 4,000. The idea of the ON MISSION phase of the *Church Alive!* campaign is to plan for the future. This planning will look at ways in which local parishes can work more closely to share resources like priests, and staff, programs, and facilities. It will also look at ways in which we can reach out to those who have left the Church for one reason or another, and to attract those who have never been a part of the Church. There are plenty of “former Catholics” out there.

Before we can effectively bring more people into the pews, we really need to find ways to revitalize our own spirituality. We need to become more on fire for our faith so that we can energize others, especially those who are seeking something that is missing in their lives — even if they don’t realize what it is. At the meeting on Tuesday, Linda Ritzer, who is a former parish catechist herself, mentioned something profound. She said that we need to recognize the fact that we lose too many of our young people once they are confirmed. We need to look at the way we are teaching them about the faith and help them to fall in love with their faith and with the Church. We can’t keep doing the same thing we have been doing for the past 50 or 100 years, because this generation is different. It is a generation that grew up on the Internet and Facebook, text messaging, and iPhones.

To complicate matters, a significant number of the parents of this generation are so busy that they drop the kids off for CCD classes expecting them to learn about the faith, but they don’t take them to Mass. It’s not enough to learn about the faith—we must teach the children, and sometimes parents—to *love* the faith and share the faith in their own homes. We need to once again make the Church and our parish a significant part of our lives.

How do we fix this all? It’s a great question. That is the focus of **ON MISSION**, to look at the needs now and in the future, to explore how we can work together to re-ignite the faithful who are already in the pews, and to reach out to those who need to feel the fire of God’s love. We know what we need to do. We need to put on our thinking caps, work together to share resources and ideas, and roll up our sleeves to get it done. That’s what **ON MISSION** is all about. It isn’t easy, but we are committed to making it work, not only for ourselves, but for generations that are yet to be born. *Father Joe*

## SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

**MANY THANKS TO HOLY NAME SOCIETY AND FAMILY MINISTRY!** The parishes are grateful for the wonderful Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast with the Easter Bunny provided by these two ministries. May God bless you for the time and talents you shared with our children.

**NEW PARISHIONERS** "Warm Greetings" to recently registered parishioners: Mrs. Genevieve Adams, Ms. Agnes Maiuro, Mr. & Mrs. William & Dorothea Cody, Mr. & Mrs. Cory & Kimberly Peterson, Ms. Mary Anne Frank and Mrs. Diane Erdner. Welcome to St. John the Baptist Parish!

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS MASS & MTG APRIL 26** Please bring an unwrapped baby gift to the meeting. Items needed include: baby wipes, diapers (sizes newborn, 4 & 5), baby bath, onesies, summer clothes, A&D ointment. Monetary donations are gratefully accepted.

**FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTIONS** The Beaver Valley Blue Army (the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima) will hold its First Saturday meeting on Sat., May 2, here at St. John's. We will have our May Crowning of the Blessed Mother on this day. Confessions will be heard beginning at 8:15AM. After 9:00 AM 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.

**MAY 3, CCM MOTHER-DAUGHTER BREAKFAST** Our annual breakfast will be held in the social hall on Sunday, May 3 following 9:30 Mass. Breakfast will be catered by Janice's Catering. Cost is \$5 for CCM members and \$9 for guests. Reserve with Regina LaRue at 724-869-1904 by April 26. You may drop your payment in the collection basket marked "CCM Breakfast". Please include your name and phone number on the envelope.



**MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST** St. John's Holy Name Society invites you to our **FREE** Mother's Day Breakfast on Sunday, May 10, following 9:30AM Mass. The menu features eggs, ham, hash browns, fruit cup, sweet roll, coffee, tea and juice. There is no charge for breakfast, but reservations are required in the sign-up book near the main church entrance. **SEE YOU THERE!**



### SAVE THE DATE: VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

Family Ministry is proud to present:

*Hometown Nazareth, Where Jesus was a Kid*

**WHEN:** Sun., June 14th through Wed., June 17th. Watch the bulletin for information. This year we again feature free dinners for the children each day of VBS. Volunteers are needed! We had *wonderful* supporters and volunteers last year and are looking for your support again. Please call Traci Ziemkiewicz at 724-266-3974 or email [gtciem@comcast.net](mailto:gtcziem@comcast.net) if interested in helping out.

## ANNUAL ST ANTHONY OF PADUA NOVENA

Annual 9 Week Novena, Tuesdays through June 9 at Good Samaritan Parish. Mass at 7pm followed by the Novena.

All are invited. Come & bring a friend!

**WEEK 3, APRIL 28**

**VERY REV. TIMOTHY WHALEN  
RECTOR, SAINT VINCENT SEMINARY**



### St. Anthony Floral Baskets

\$35 Flower Tribute for the Novena Masses. Call the parish .

**Good Samaritan is sponsoring a booth at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Nationality Days on May 15, 16 and 17.** We are in need of volunteers to work in the booth for any or all of those days. Please contact Janet Duzicky at 724-513-4668 or [janetduzicky@comcast.net](mailto:janetduzicky@comcast.net) for more information or to sign up to help. The more people we have, the shorter our shifts will be. Please come out and lend a hand to make this a successful endeavor!

**The Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild** will hold their next meeting on Wed, May 6th in Jericho Hall, Good Samaritan after the annual May Crowning Mass at 6:30 PM. Scholarships will also be awarded to high school seniors

### +UPCOMING EVENTS+

#### Monday, April 27

9:00 am (GS) Onions & Cabbage (JH)

#### Tuesday, April 28

7:00 pm (GS) #3 Saint Anthony Novena Mass

#### Wednesday, April 29

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

7:15 pm (GS) Bible Study, *Priest/Prophet*-Session #3 (JH)

#### Thursday, April 30

7:00 pm (SJ) Bible Study, *Priest/Prophet*-Session #3 (Hall)

#### Friday, May 1

11:00 am (GS) Bible Study, *Priest/Prophet*-Session #3 (JH)

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7:00/8:00 (GS) Rosary/Mass - Marian Prayer Group

#### Saturday, May 2

9:00 am (SJ) 1st Sat. Mass-Our Lady of Fatima, Blue Army

#### Sunday, May 3

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

9:30 am (SJ) After Mass, CCM Mother-Daughter Breakfast

11:00 am (GS) CCD Students Closing Mass, May Crowning

### ✠IN SYMPATHY:

Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Mary Longo, William Turney (brother of Dawn Finnegan) and William Weber (son-in-law of Nancy Salopek)*. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, April 19, 2015	\$6,637.08
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, April 19, 2015	\$3,751.35