

## Mass Intentions

### Monday, May 12 Weekday in the 4th Week of Easter

[Saint Nereus, Saint Achilleus and Saint Pancras]

8:00 am (GS) Jennie Hamilton - Children

### Tuesday, May 13 Easter Weekday [Our Lady of Fatima]

8:00 am (GS) Edward Klavin II - Mary Ann Hartman

7:00 pm (GS) (1) Frank, Brigida & Louis Antonini - Anna & Gaylord  
(2) Ann, Andrew & Lorraine Krol - Andrea, Janet, Debbie

### Wednesday, May 14 Saint Matthias, Apostle

8:00 am (SJ) Helen Conray - Ethel & Jim

6:00 pm (SJ) Members of Beaver Co. St. Vincent de Paul Society

6:30 pm (GS) Joseph, Mary and Mona Indovina - John & Vickie

### Thursday, May 15 Easter Weekday [Saint Isidore]

8:00 am (GS) Dorothy Pinkosky - Family

### Friday, May 16 Easter Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Thomas Napoleon - Ellen, Tom Jr. & Donna

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group

### Saturday, May 17 Easter Weekday

4:00 pm (SJ) DeNoble & Fabanich Families - Ed, Gerri, Kevin,  
Phillip & Maegan

5:30 pm (GS) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes

### Sunday, May 18 Fifth Sunday of Easter

8:30 am (GS) Richard Bufalini - Wife, Helen & daughters,

9:45 am (SJ) Charmaine Richards - Diane Barto

11:00 am (GS) Moron & Topolski Families - Family



## From Father Joe

### Shepherd Us Oh God

Most of us have never experienced the life of a shepherd or a farmer. Growing up in the inner city, I ended up knowing more about potholes than pole barns. It's really a shame that the profound examples that Jesus uses in His parables are often lost on us.

In this Sunday's Gospel reading from Saint John, Jesus talks about the sheepfold. Unlike many animals, sheep do not instinctively have the ability to find their way home if they should wander off. They also lack the ability of most animals to protect themselves. As such, they must rely on a shepherd to protect them, to guide them, and to keep them together as a flock.

In the Ancient Near East, shepherds would build large pens to hold their flocks. Often there were stone walls on 4 sides with a single opening or "gate" through which the sheep could pass. It was not unusual for large towns to have a public sheepfold. A half dozen shepherds would lead their sheep into the common sheepfold after a day of grazing in the fields.. In the morning, the shepherds would approach the gate and call their sheep. Amazingly, the sheep would only follow the voice of their own shepherd, thereby making it easy to separate the flocks each day as they prepared to head out in search of a grassy field to feed the flock.

As the flocks wandered farther from the cities in search of places to graze, shepherds would sometimes fashion sheepfolds out in the fields to provide shelter and protection whenever they were too far from town to return each night. Instead of having a wooden or metal gate, there was usually just an opening or "gateway" through which the sheep were led. Once the sheep were bedded down, the shepherd would then lay across the entrance to the sheepfold, becoming a human gate. If the sheep tried to wander out of the fold, or if a predator tried to enter, they would have to get past the shepherd first. Occasionally thieves would come to steal sheep. Avoiding the gate, they would sneak over the walls in search of lambs.

Jesus tells His followers that He is the Gate for the sheep, protecting and leading them. He is also the Shepherd, and those who follow His voice will be saved.

The world is so full of other voices trying to capture our attention. Whether TV, advertisements, movies, or special interest groups promoting their own agenda, if we do not listen closely to the voice of the Good Shepherd, it is all too easy for us as individuals, as families, and as a nation to wander from the safety of the flock. In this generation more than ever, it is critically important that we listen closely for the voice of the Shepherd in our hearts, in Scripture, and in His Church. He is the way, the truth, and the life for all who listen. Those who fail to do so often wander away, never to be seen again.

*Father Joe*

### Readings for the Week of May 12, 2014 - 4th Week of Easter

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

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

Wednesday Acts 1:15-17, 20-26/Jn 15:9-17

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

Friday Acts 13:26-33/Jn 14:1-6

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

Sunday Acts 6:1-7/1 Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Bread and Wine

Dolores Johnson (GS) by Mary Vilella

#### Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Guillio and Pierina Vettorazzi (GS) by Children & Grandchildren

#### Holy Family Shrine Candle

In Honor of Joseph J. Kosto, Jr. (GS) by JoAnn Kosto

#### Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Jennie Hamilton (GS) by Children

#### Sanctuary Candle

All Mothers Living & Deceased (SJ) by Marie Marsilio

Mary E. Deiter (GS) by Dave, Missy, Adam & Rachel

#### Altar Flowers

Ann Krofcheck (SJ) by Mary Ann & Bernie

Josephine Janicki (GS) by Bernie & Mary Ann

#### Blessed Mother Shrine Flowers

Dorothy Pinkosky (GS) by Family

#### Holy Family Shrine Flowers

Florence Rompala (GS) by Daughter

#### Tabernacle Flowers

Anna M. Yosler (GS) by Carmen Petroff & Yosler Families

#### #4 St. Anthony Novena, St. Anthony Shrine Flowers

In Honor of St. Anthony (GS) by Dottie & Jim Loebig

**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER** ✠



May 11, DIVINE CHILD JESUS, St. Padre Pio Prayer Group, 2nd Sunday Devotions at St. John the Baptist, Baden. Holy Mass at 2 pm, Holy Hour at 3 pm and social meeting at 4 pm. All are welcome, Fr. Ladis Cizik, Celebrant.

**THANK YOU!** Many thanks to all who donated items and financial assistance to Lifeline of Beaver County through the Christian Mothers Baby Shower for Lifeline last month. If you have new or gently-used baby items for donation, bring them to the social hall, labeled: "LIFELINE", and they will be delivered. Families of our County appreciate your support!

**Graduating Seniors from Good Samaritan & St. John the Baptist Parishes** who have not received an invitation to the Baccalaureate Breakfast for May 18 should contact the Parish Office as soon as possible.

**Special May Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima**  
**SS. Peter and Paul Parish, Beaver, Sunday, May 18 from 3:00 to 5:00 pm.** Father Ladis J. Cizik, renowned speaker on Our Lady of Fatima will talk and lead the devotions: Crowning of the statue of Our Lady of Fatima, Exposition of the Most Blessed Sacrament, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Holy Rosary; and Benediction.

**St. Anthony Congregation Rosary March in Honor of the Blessed Virgin Mary at 3 pm on Sunday, May 18 at St. Anthony Center, Erie Avenue, West Aliquippa** led by Rev. Howard W. Campbell, pastor of Our Lady of Fatima Parish, Hopewell Township. Refreshments follow at St. Anthony Center. Everyone is invited to attend. Any questions call Louise 724-622-8445.

**St. Frances Cabrini's Youth Ministry** is sponsoring a Broom Hockey Game for boys in grades 7-12 on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> from 1:15-3:30 pm at Brady's Run Park. Cost is \$10.00. Bring your broom and a roll of duct tape! You must pre-register by Wed. May 14<sup>th</sup>. A signed permission slip is required which can be e-mailed to you. Call Rose at Good Samaritan @ 724-266-6565 x12, email: ccd@goodsam1.org

**50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Dedication of Our Lady of Peace Church Building, Saturday, May 31, Stephens Hall.** Mass at 4 pm followed by dinner, drinks and entertainment, *all you can eat & BYOB*. Entertainment: Eric Kearns, the Voices of Legends, will perform. Info or reservations call Jackie 724-869-9908, Ellen 724-869-3320 or Parish office.

**On behalf of the staff at Good Samaritan and Saint John the Baptist, HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY to all of our moms. May God reward you for all the many sacrifices you made for us over the years, especially those we failed to notice. Father Joe**

**SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA**

(#5) Tuesday, May 13, 2014  
 7:00 pm Mass

**CELEBRANT:**

Fr. Michael Ruffalo, Pastor  
 Saint John the Baptist, Monaca



**MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR PIEROGI**

Good Samaritan will make pierogi for our upcoming sales and Festival beginning at 8:30 am. Lunch will be served. **MAY 19 - JUNE 9 - JUNE 16.**



**Holy Family Academy Enrolling - Open House May 21**  
 Holy Family Academy is a new independent Catholic high school for students of all faiths who are serious about post-secondary education that will lead to a career. A corporate work study program in which students go to work once a week at companies to help fund the cost of their tuition and gain career experience. We are enrolling students entering 9th grade. Open House on May 21 from 4-7 pm at 8235 Ohio River Blvd, Pittsburgh. Contact Lindale Smith, Admissions Director, at 412-766-4030 ext 336, or visit the website at <http://hfa-pgh.org>.

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

- Monday, May 12**  
 7:00 pm (GS) *Mary & Martha* Women Bible Study (Ch/SJH)
- Tuesday, May 13**  
 6:00 pm (GS) Ladies of Charity (JH)  
 8:00 pm (GS) Galatians Facilitators Meeting (SJH)
- Wednesday, May 14**  
 6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice  
 7:15 pm (GS) Galatians Bible Study Session #6 (Ch/SJH)
- Thursday, May 15**  
 7:00 pm (SJ) Galatians Bible Study Session #6 (SJB Hall)
- Friday, May 16**  
 11:00 am (GS) Galatians Bible Study Session #6 (SJH)  
 3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration  
 7/8pm (GS) Rosary/Confessions/Mass-Marian Prayer Group
- Sunday, May 18**  
 9:00 am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (SJH)

✠IN SYMPATHY: Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Dr. Rodney Altman, Loretta Kopriva, Irene Marnic, Edward Nicgorski (brother of Mike & Susan Komlos) George Petrosky (father of Jim & Michaelen Petrosky) and Sara Pollock (mother of Harry & Geri Pollock) and Joseph Rysinski.** May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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| <b>Good Samaritan</b>        |            |
| Weekly Offering, May 4, 2014 | \$7,952.87 |
| <b>St. John the Baptist</b>  |            |
| Weekly Offering, May 4, 2014 | \$2,885.00 |

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