

MASS INTENTIONS

FOURTH WEEK OF EASTER

Monday, May 8: Easter Weekday
 8:00am (GS) Mary Besong by Maureen & Don Erickson
Tuesday, May 9: Easter Weekday
 8:00am (GS) Vincent G. Sacco by Wife, Theresa, Sons & Family
Tuesday, 9, SAINT ANTHONY NOVENA MASS
 7:00pm (GS) Frank Aloe & Vince Sacco by Family
 (GS) Shirley Zunic by Andrew & Kathleen Petcash
Wednesday, May 10: *Saint Damien de Veuster, Priest*
 8:00am (SJ) Joseph Span by DeMailo Family
 6:30pm (GS) Rudy Colella, Sr. by Mary Ann & Family
Thursday, May 11: Easter Weekday
 8:00am (GS) Michael Trella by Bill & Sue Scherfel
Friday, May 12: *Saints Nereus and Achilleus, & Saint Pancras,*
 8:00am (SJ) Jennie Pinchotti by George & Chris Spila & Family
 8:00pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group
Saturday, May 13: *Our Lady of Fatima*
 4:00pm (SJ) Ronald D. Suhayda by Libby Suhayda
 5:30pm (GS) Joseph Sasinovich by Don & Mary Jo Sivy
Sunday, May 14: FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER
 8:00am (GS) Frances Maruca & Mary Lou Paliani
 by Daughter & Niece, Beverly Maruca
 9:30am (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of Our Parishes
 11:00am (GS) In Thanksgiving by Minda Aguire & Family

Readings for Fourth Week of Easter May 7, 2017

Monday Acts 11:1-18/Jn 10:11-18
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
Saturday Acts 13:44-52/Jn 14:7-14
Sunday Acts 6:1-7/1Pt 2:4-9/Jn 14:1-12

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle (GS)

Joseph Kosto by JoAnn Kosto

Saint Anthony Shrine Flowers (GS)

In Honor of Saint Anthony by Costanza Aloe, Nina DeLuca,
 Theresa Sacco, Josephine Mazzotta & Anna Marie Aloe

Sanctuary Candle (SJ)

Ronald D. Suhayda by Libby Suhayda

BAPTISMS Congratulations and Blessings to
Nora Mary Valerino who was recently baptized
 at Good Samaritan Parish.

On Mission for the Church Alive!

A BRIEF UPDATE

As I mentioned at all the Masses this past weekend, the Diocese recently revealed the latest “Groupings” proposed for the parishes in our region. Over the next few weeks, each of the parishes in the Diocese will learn the names of the parishes who *most likely* will be their partners in the mergers that are to come. Although nothing is set in stone, at this point in time, it appears that the 188 parishes in the Diocese of Pittsburgh may become 49 parishes. Each of these newly-defined parishes will likely include more than one campus (or worship site).

The new “Groupings” of parishes take the place of the “Models” that were initially proposed. The Groupings were defined after processing the feedback from the parish listening sessions as well as comments received either by mail or submitted via the internet. All together, the Diocese collected over 30,000 comments.

As it stands, Good Samaritan and Saint John the Baptist are in a Grouping with Our Lady of Peace and Saints John and Paul in Wexford/Franklin Park. The Diocese is proposing that the 4 existing parishes form one new parish with 2 campuses.

The Diocese is still accepting comments and suggestions regarding the groupings through June 1. From June through December the *On Mission Commission* will review the proposed Groupings along with any comments and suggestions submitted, and develop recommendations for the Bishop. In March of 2018, Bishop Zubik will announce a blueprint for the Diocese, including the Groupings of new parishes, along with all priest and deacon assignments. The plan will be implemented in stages. Once the decisions have been made, a few parish Groupings will be implemented immediately. Others will be implemented in 1-3 years, and some of the more complex parishes will be implemented in 3-5 years.

If you would like to learn more about the process, or to send a comment to the diocese, please visit

<http://onmissionchurchalive.org/mission-changes-expected-phases/>

There is still time to voice your opinions. If you have questions or would like to submit suggestions to the On Mission Teams in our parishes, feel free to send an e-mail to: OnMission@Goodsam1.org

Please continue to pray for our parishes and for Bishop Zubik as he prepares to make critical decisions in the months to come.

CCD Attendance Awards 2016~2017

★ *Perfect Attendance*

First Grade: ★Michael Semonik, Lucija Cvitkovic, Ava Erickson, Jillian Firich, Alexander Mitchell, Sylvia Ruck, Colin Sutton
Second Grade: ★James Fawcett, ★Isabella Landy, Ambry Clay, Marija Cvitkovic, Aidan Erickson, Mason Herbuth, Benjamin Vukovcan, James Zarabi
Third Grade: ★Bradley Semonik, ★Logan Szymoniak, Andrew Buckley, Mayliya Strong
Fourth Grade: ★Savanna Jones
Fifth Grade: ★Camden Mawhinney, Emily Gray, Domenic Maier
Sixth Grade: Amara Platz
Seventh Grade: Francis Aguirre, Michael Heater, Emma Preston
Eighth Grade: John Barnhart, Krista Capone, Gabrielle Milcoff, Devon Pollock



All Parishioners & Friends
are invited to join us for

“A Mass of Thanksgiving to Our Lady, Undoer of Knots”

on Monday, May 15th
at 6:30 PM
in Good Samaritan Church.

Fr. Joe Carr, our celebrant, will also make the
“Rite of Enrollment in the Brown Scapular”
available for those desiring to be enrolled
in anticipation of the
100th Anniversary of the Fatima Apparitions.

Immediately following Mass,
All are invited to Jericho Hall for
“A Potluck Party”

with food prepared by our Monday Night “Women Of Our Lady”.

For more information, Please contact Susan DiPietro at 724-266-6565 Ext. # 17



ALTARATION

THE MYSTERY OF THE MASS REVEALED

All Adults and Teens are invited to our 3-Week “ALTARATION” DVD presentation
by the top Catholic youth presenters in our Church today.

Through a combination of stunning cinematography and powerful teaching,
you will come to see the awesome beauty of the Mass in a dramatic new way that promises to inspire your soul and
deepen your love for the Real Eucharistic Presence of Our Lord.

SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS (May 17, 31, June 7) **at 7:15 PM**
AS WELL AS FRIDAY MORNINGS (May 19, June 2, & 9) **at 11:00AM**
in Jericho Hall Classroom at Good Samaritan Church.

This event is FREE!

An “ALTARATION” workbook/guide will be available for \$15 during each session.

To register or for more information, call Susan DiPietro **ASAP** at Parish Office (724-266-6565 Ext. #17).

La Roche College Hosts STEM Savvy Conference

For current 7-12th Grade Students, 8:30 AM – 2:30 PM, **Saturday, May 13**, Cost \$5 per attendee, includes light breakfast, lunch and t-shirt for student. Students that attend are not required to bring a parent/adult. STEM Savvy is a one day Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) career conference designed to develop the interest of students in STEM fields and provide information to their parents and educational professionals on STEM educational opportunities. More details and registration at www.laroche.edu/STEMSavvy. Call Peggy Schmiedecke, 412-536-1274 or peggy.schmiedecke@laroche.edu.

Lutheran, SeniorLife Valley Care 345 Maplewood Avenue, Ambridge

Since 1978, Valley Care Adult Day Services has served the Ambridge community. Adults with memory loss or physical impairments enjoy a fun and safe environment throughout the day, while family caregivers have time to recharge or fulfill their other responsibilities.

Benefits for the people we serve include: Increased personal safety with supportive supervision from our caring staff. Daily exercise and interesting activities that enhance health and happiness. Onsite nursing supervision of medical conditions.

In partnership with Alzheimer Foundation of America, Valley Care offers free, confidential Memory Screenings to the community. These efforts are to promote awareness and detection of memory problems. Individual who wish to be screened include adults with memory concerns, a family history of dementia or Alzheimer's disease, or those who wish to have the results for future comparison.

Call 724-266-9626 today to arrange a screening.

Victorian Tea & Basket Raffle May 13, 12:00-4:00pm Hosted by

The Holy Ghost Ladies Altar Society, Holy Ghost Orthodox Youth Center, 405 Maplewood Ave., Ambridge

Admission: \$20.00 (includes Lunch & 20 raffle tickets)

12:00-1:00pm-Basket Viewing & Selection, *Tea and Co*
1:00-2:30pm-Tea Luncheon; 3:00-4:00pm-Select Winners
Limited: Reserve a seat, call Patty Lear 724-457-7383.

SAINT JAMES 55 CLUB "Proud to be an American"

Betsy Ross, Patrick Henry, Neil Armstrong, JFK and others will bring history to life in the **PROUD TO BE AN AMERICAN** production that will be performed for the St. James 55 Plus Club at the **May 18th** luncheon. God Bless the U.S.A., a Civil War Medley, You'll Never Walk Alone and America are just a few songs that will be featured in this red, white and blue spectacular. The Rosary will begin at 12:00 in the Sanctuary with lunch to follow at 12:30 in the Gathering Space. Lunch reservations for members are \$8.00 and non-members are \$8.50. **Reservations are due in the parish office NO later than 9:00 a.m. Monday, May 15th.** Reservations must include your name, the names of your guests, your address including city, your phone number plus your check made payable to St. James 55 Plus Club. Place reservations in an envelope labeled 55+ Club Attn: Lil Yankello and place in the offering basket, drop off at the Rectory or mail to 200 Walnut St., Sewickley, PA 15143 so it arrives before the 15th. If there are questions, call Ed at 412-977-8813

Maifest - May Festival Dinner Dance, Saturday, May 13

Come celebrate the traditions of Catholic Bavaria held at Teutonia Maennerchor club house, North Sidc. German Buffet dinner served 5:30-7:30pm for a separate charge. German Band 7:30-11:30pm. D'Lustigen Isartaler Bavarian club dancers and chorus will perform. Tickets/RSVP-call Tricia 724-822-9444. \$12 dance only ticket. For more info, please see our club website: www.isartalerpittsburgh.org

Ambridge Fireworks 3rd Bingo Extravaganza Saturday, May 13, Bingo Packets \$11

Ambridge Eagles, 4th & Maplewood Ave., Limited Space. Tickets at Municipal Building or from Committee Members.

Aquinas Academy School Day Admissions Open House on Wednesday, May 10.

Stop by any time 9am until 2pm to receive a guided tour, observe Preschool-Grade 12 and experience what makes Aquinas Academy the best value in private education. Head of School, Leslie Mitros, will be available to answer questions. All are welcome to join us for Mass in our school chapel 11am. Please contact Mr. Juan Mata, Director Admissions 724 444-0722x15 or mata@aquinas.pvt.k12.pa.us.

St. Joseph Coraopolis presents a 6 week series -Catholicism: The Pivotal Players Presented by Fr. Richard Jones in the church 6:45 pm till 8:00 pm

Come join us on our Journey through the Pivotal Players. With *The Pivotal Players*, Bishop Barron gives a portrait of six people who dared to walk the walk and, in their own way set the world on fire.

Monday, May 8 Saint Francis *The Reforme*
Monday, May 15 Saint Thomas Aquinas *The Theologian*
Monday, May 22 Blessed John Henry Newman *The Convert*
Tuesday, May 30 Saint Catherine of Sienna *The Mystic*
Monday, June 5 G. K. Chesterton *The Evangelist*
Monday, June 12 Michelangelo *The Artist*

The ultimate goal of the films is to bring people closer to Christ. Bishop Barron makes this clear by stating that the saints and other holy men and women are, above all, representatives of Christ whose lives act as an invitation to greater communion with Christ and his Church. This is no boring history lesson.

Come join us as we learn from the Pivotal Players in the hope that we may become one of them!

Based on the Study Program - Catholicism: The Pivotal Players by Bishop Robert E. Barron.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10 Join us for coffee and donuts in the social hall following 8:00AM Mass.

MOTHER'S DAY BREAKFAST, SUNDAY, MAY 14

St. John's Holy Name Society will be serving their Mother's Day Breakfast in the social hall following the 9:30AM Mass. **All mothers' meals are free of charge.** Other adults' and children's meals cost \$3. All are welcome with advance reservations by Monday, May 8. Sign-up book is at the main church entrance. We look forward to seeing you on Mother's Day.

SUNDAY, MAY 14, SECOND SUNDAY MONTHLY DEVOTION, DIVINE CHILD JESUS, Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group will meet here at St. John's. Holy Mass begins at 2 PM followed by 3 PM Holy Hour and 4 PM meeting. A social follows in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, SPAGHETTI DINNER AT ST. JOHN'S

Christian Mothers and Holy Name Society are hosting a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, May 21, in the social hall from 1:00-5:00 PM Included are: spaghetti & meatballs, rolls, salad, dessert and drinks. Adult tickets cost \$10; children 5-10 years old \$5; younger than 5 are free. Tickets available in the social hall after weekend Masses. Volunteers will be needed to make the dinner a success. **If you would like to help, or for information, call Cathy Johnston: 724-869-7523.**



A Fond Farewell...

It's with mixed emotions that we say goodbye to Diane Barto, parish secretary and office manager at Saint John the Baptist. I met Diane in 2006 when I was first assigned to Saint John the Baptist and Good Samaritan as a brand new priest. In some ways it seems like a lifetime ago, but in another sense, it was just yesterday.



Diane's quiet confidence and dedication have carried me and other pastors through some rough times. Among her many other accomplishments, she has survived three Father Joes! On a personal note, I can say that I don't know how I could have done it as an inexperienced pastor of two parishes without Diane's help, prayers and support. No matter the challenge, she would smile, shrug her shoulders and somehow make everything work out. Diane truly is a Wonder Woman in disguise.

Words cannot say how much you have done for our parish, Diane. I know I speak for many others in saying that we will miss you dearly, but share your joy as you and Dan get the chance to enjoy some well deserved time off together. May God bless you always, just as you have blessed so many of us.

Father Joe III



DIANE BARTO



ALTER EGO

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, May 7: WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

8:00am (SJ) Holy Name Society Meeting
9:00am (GS) (GS) CIC /Teen RCIA
11:00am (GS) Children's May Crowning

Monday, May 8

7:00pm (GS) Week "Living Novena" Week #9
to *Our Lady Undoer of Knots* (Church & JH Classroom)

Tuesday, May 9

7:00pm (GS) Saint Anthony Novena

Wednesday, May 10

7:15pm (GS) "John" Bible Study Week 8, (JH Classroom)
8:30am (SJ) Coffee/donut in the social Hall after 8am Mass
6:30pm (SJ) Saint John the Baptist Choir Practice

Thursday, May 11

7:00pm (GS) Choir Practice

Friday, May 12

11:00am (GS) "John:Bible Study Week 8 (JH Classroom)
3:00-8:00pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, May 14: HAPPY MOTHERS DAY

9:00am (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (JH Classroom)
10:30am (SJ) Mother's Day Breakfast
2:00pm (SJ) Mass Padre Pio Prayer Group,
3pm Holy Hour, 4pm Meeting & Social



EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH
3:00 - 8:00 PM Every Friday
Followed by Mass at 8:00PM

Dear Father Joe, Parish Staff & the Parishioners of St John The Baptist,

Thank you for the privilege and honor I had in working for you over the past 24 years. It has been easy, for the most part, because of the wonderful people who make up this parish and their love and support for each other. I want to thank you for your faith & trust in me over the years to help keep this parish up and running. I have learned more than enough about electric, plumbing, roof repair and boilers to last me a lifetime. I will truly miss working for you.

Love & Prayers, *Diane*

✠IN SYMPATHY

Please pray for the repose of the souls of all our dearly departed who died recently, especially **John "Tim" Caul**. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the Mercy of God, rest in peace. Amen

GOOD SAMARITAN	<i>Our Gift to God</i>
Weekly Offering, April 30, 2017	5,742.50
Saint Anthony Novena	379.02
Easter	583.00
Parish Share	280.00
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, April 30, 2017	\$2,754.00

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