

Mass Intentions

24th WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

Monday, September 22: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) James Simon by Wife, Joanne, Dan & Jennifer

Tuesday, September 23: Saint Pius/Padre Pio of Pietrelcina

8:00 am (GS) Anthony Len by Leigh and Elaine Urda

Wednesday, September 24: Weekday

8:00 am (SJ) Harry Polding by Pauline Polding

6:30 pm (GS) Arthur J. Conti by Wife & Children

Thursday, September 25: Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Kathleen Albert by Beverly, Susan & Marcella

Friday, September 26: Weekday [Saints Cosmas and Damian]

8:00 am (SJ) Danny Scheller by Cathy Johnston

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

Saturday, September 27: Saint Vincent de Paul

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil - Joyce Helsing by Tom & Family

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil - Ted DiMarzio by Wife & Children

Sunday, Sept. 28: 26th SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

8:00 am (GS) Anthony Rossi by Amy Tresky

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

11:00 am (GS) Michael Pavkovich by Wife & Family

Readings for the Week of September 22, 2014

Monday: Prv 3:27-34/Lk 8:16-18

Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Lk 8:19-21

Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Lk 9:1-6

Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Lk 9:7-9

Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Lk 9:18-22

Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Lk 9:43b-45

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Helen Hertneky (SJ) by Helen Ringel

Catella Palladini (GS) by Friend & Family

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Frank & Brigida Antonini

(GS) by Anna & Gaylord Munny

Sanctuary Candle

Private Intention (SJ)

Frank Posega (GS) by Family

THIS WEEKEND, SEPTEMBER 20 & 21, 2014

A SPECIAL COLLECTION IS REQUESTED BY BISHOP ZUBIK AT ALL MASSES TO PROVIDE HUMANITARIAN AID AND PASTORAL SUPPORT FOR OUR AFFECTED BROTHERS & SISTERS IN THE MIDDLE EAST CRISIS.

MISSION APPEAL September 27 & 28, 2014

Rev. Albert Adeleke of the Diocese of Ijebu-Ode in Nigeria will be at all of the Masses at Good Samaritan and St. John the Baptist to make an appeal for help. Thank you for your cooperation.

**GOOD SAMARITAN
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST**

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From Father Joe

TO SEE AS GOD SEES

My thoughts are not your thoughts, nor are your ways My ways, says the LORD. As high as the heavens are above the earth, so high are My ways above your ways and My thoughts above your thoughts. **Isaiah 55**

Sometimes life doesn't seem fair. Why do some folks seem to suffer through so many trials and tribulations, while others seem to have it made?

Many of the ancient Israelites believed that if something tragic happened, it was a result of a person's sins. In the Gospel of John, there is a story of Jesus and His encounter with a man born blind. As they came upon the blind man, His disciples asked, "*Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?*"

Some of the Jews at the time didn't have the sense of heaven and hell that we do. In fact, the Sadducees did not believe in the resurrection of the dead. There was a sense that all rewards and punishments had to be accomplished in this life. As Christians, we know that at the Final Judgment, God will reward the righteous and punish unrepentant sinners. We believe that God is both righteous and merciful, yet it's still hard to watch someone suffer innocently through trials and unfair situations in this life. It's also hard at times in our humanness not to question the good fortune of someone who seems to be "the bad guy".

By way of example, it's really difficult for parents to watch their adult children in divorce situations where one of the spouses seems to do everything right, while the other is grossly unfair. It's particularly hard if grandchildren are involved. Even though the Gospel is filled with encouragement to turn the other cheek, in our human nature, it's difficult not to say, "*Oh yeah? Two can play at this game*" and allow ourselves to say and do things in retaliation that we never thought we would do.

It's often really, *really* hard to take the high road when we face unfair situations in life. After all, many of the most popular contemporary movies feature the "hero" who takes sweet revenge after he or she is wronged. There is even a vigilante comic book character named *The Punisher* who has achieved a somewhat cult following.

Taking the high road and responding in love to unfair situations is really challenging. Sometimes it can even leave us with the feeling of being a doormat. Lowering ourselves in the name of winning is not God's answer. Perhaps God is allowing us to serve as an example to others of how to face adversity without losing a sense of who we are. In the words of scripture, "What does it profit a person to gain the whole world, and in the process to lose himself? In the end, God always wins. Those who follow *His* way will eventually be vindicated, and ultimately, it's the High Road that leads to Heaven. May we always have the Grace to stay the course. **Father Joe**

**CATECHETICAL
SUNDAY
2014**

Teaching about God's Gift of Forgiveness



Today the Church celebrates Catechetical Sunday on September 21, 2014, and will focus on the theme "Teaching About God's Gift of Forgiveness." Those whom the community has designated to serve as catechists will be called forth to be commissioned for their ministry. Catechetical Sunday is a wonderful opportunity to reflect on the role that each person plays, by virtue of Baptism, in handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for *all of us* to rededicate ourselves to this mission as a community of faith.

THIS SUNDAY A RESPONSE TO BLACK MASS:

All are encouraged to participate in Eucharistic Adoration



Bishop David A. Zubik invites the clergy, religious, and lay faithful to join him in a special time of Eucharistic Adoration this Sunday, September 21, 2014

Eucharistic Adoration

Sunday, September 21, 2014

From 6:00 – 9:00 pm

Bishop McDowell Auditorium

Saint Paul Seminary

2900 Noblestown Road, Crafton, PA.

Adoration will conclude with Benediction at 8:45 pm

This time of prayer is in response to the so called "black mass" to be held at the Civic Center Music Hall in Oklahoma City, Oklahoma on Sunday, September 21, 2014. It is a deadly serious, blasphemous, and obscene affront not only to the Catholic Church, but to all persons of faith.

CATHOLIC FAITH OPPORTUNITIES

Do you know an adult, teenager, or child who has not been baptized?

Have you or your children received all your sacraments?

Have you considered learning more about becoming Catholic?

If you answered "yes" to one of these questions, then the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults process (RCIA) may be for you. For more information, or to begin the RCIA process, please contact Susan DiPietro, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation, at 724-266-6565 Extension #17 ASAP.

SEVENTY-SIXTH INTERNATIONAL EUCHARISTIC ROSARY MARCH

Sunday, October 5, 2014

1:30 pm Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Liturgy of the Word and Homily

Epiphany Church, 164 Washington Place, Uptown, Pittsburgh

Please Note: There will NOT be a Noon Holy Mass at Epiphany Church

Procession with the Most Blessed Sacrament and the statue of Our Lady of Fatima through the City of Pittsburgh. Rosary will be prayed en route and at Epiphany Church for those who cannot process. On return to Epiphany Church, Benediction and Crowning of Our Lady, with Fr. William Kiel presiding. A special Blessing for Healing for those who choose to stay. Sponsored by The Legion of Mary. Any questions or info 412-885-8822, 412-884-3213.



MARY

A Biblical Walk with the Blessed Mother

An Eight-Part Bible Study Featuring Dr. Edward Sri



Dates, Times, Location

Wed., October 1st, 7:15 pm, Good Samaritan Church, Ambridge
Thur., October 2nd, 7:00 pm, St. John the Baptist Hall, Baden
Fri., October 3rd, 11:00 am, St. Joseph House, Good Samaritan.

Cost/Registration

\$25 Study Set with Binder, Questions, and Responses with DVD Notes for each session. Make checks payable to: Good Samaritan Church. Materials for purchase at the first sessions listed above.

For More Information

Contact Susan DiPietro, Coordinator of Adult Faith Formation
Parish Office: 724-266-6565 Ext.#17, Home: 724-266-3921

Filmed on location in the Holy Land, this study will place you in the midst of the powerful drama of Mary's earthly life, taking you through her joys ... and her sorrows.

You will learn how she works in our lives today, drawing us ever closer to her Divine Son. **Seeing Mary in this way will change you forever.**

In Mary you will:

- Visit the grotto of Mary's home, the cave where Christ was born, and other rarely seen places in the Holy Land.
- See the significance of Mary as you explore the Biblical roots of our beliefs about her.
- Deepen your devotion to Mary as you discover our Blessed Mother in a uniquely personal way.



"Dr. Sri's amazing teaching and unique insights gave me a deeper understanding and appreciation of Our Blessed Mother."
—John W.



Visit BibleStudyForCatholics.com to learn more!

"40 Days for Life" KICK-OFF EVENT

Catholic Charities Welcome Center, 212 Ninth Street, Corner of Liberty and Ninth

Tuesday, September 23, 2014 from 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Free Event! Music provided by Jeane Schalk. Speakers include Fr. Tim Kruthaupt of the Greensburg Catholic Diocese, Fr. Jason Charron from the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese and Rev. Bryan Werner, Pastor of Christ Church Ministries in Penn Hills. Come get motivated to begin another 40 days of prayer & fasting, community outreach and peaceful vigil at Planned Parenthood! A candlelit procession from the Welcome Center to Planned Parenthood will begin at 8:30 pm, where we will gather for a short time of prayer and song. Come help us to prepare the way for this fall 40 Days for Life...in which we pray for many lives to be saved! **Contact Event Coordinator: Diane Deely with any questions at deely408@hotmail.com** or go to <http://40daysforlifepittsburgh.us2.list-manage.com/track/click?u=d93023ad71e72e609e64c2096&id=036e75830f&e=008f00af57> for more information on how you can be involved in this fall's 40 Days for Life campaign!

Bishop Zubik will be leading a pilgrimage to the Basilica of The National Shrine of The Immaculate Conception in Washington, DC on October 4, 2014. A bus will be leaving from Our Lady of Peace in Conway at 6:00 am & returning at 11:00 pm. If you are interested, please call Cindy Deschaine at 724-869-4723 or olopdre@verizon.net.

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

MANY THANKS TO HOLY NAME SOCIETY! Thank you, Holy Name Gentlemen, for the wonderful picnic you provided last Sunday. The food was delicious and the fun activities were enjoyed by all. We appreciate you so very much. Also, thank you to Ladies of Charity for games including Bingo! May God bless all of you and your ministries.

SVDP FRIENDS OF THE POOR Walkers & Sponsor ticket stubs and money are due to the parish office by Sept. 30. Any unsold tickets should be returned by Sept. 29.

CCM RECIPROCITY MEETING On Mon., Sept. 29. Dinner will begin at 6:00 PM followed by an informative program on Advocacy for Children with Disabilities. **Don't forget to bring your place setting and dish to share.** Yearly dues of \$5 may be paid at this meeting. Please plan to attend. If you have any questions, you may call Mary Ellen Kuniewicz: 724-869-4483.

ANNUAL OCTOBER COUNT Each October, parishes are to conduct a census of Mass attendance by counting every individual (adults and children) who attend Mass during the four weekends of October. Our ushers will take the "October Count" which provides valuable information on Mass attendance trends throughout the Diocese that is critical to pastoral planning.

COATS FOR KIDS COLLECTION Ladies of Charity **October 4 & 5 at Good Samaritan Parish Church Doors** Please help Ladies of Charity with our annual Coats for Kids Collection. Your generosity has helped hundreds of our community's children stay warm each winter! Thank you for your continued support.

Beaver County Theology On Tap (Young Adults 20-40's) **Beaver Brewing Company, on Wed., Oct. 1, from 7-9 pm** "Jesus: Real Presence in the Eucharist," Allison Kruczek, shares her journey from Bahai to Catholicism. Note our new home, Beaver Brewing Co. located at 1820 7th Ave., Beaver Falls. Food will be provided and a free will offering will be accepted! Call May Ann Schweitzer 724-846-7540, website at www.theologyontapbc.org.

PILGRIMAGE: Our Lady of Lourdes Shrine **Sponsored by the St. Anthony Congregation in West Aliquippa on October 5.** Cost is \$25. Bus leaving from St. Frances Cabrini Church at 7:30 am. Call Cil at 724-375-3896 or Marie at 724-495-3136 for further information.

Last Week to Register. Retrouvaille offers help to couples in a troubled marriage. The weekend and post sessions focus on rebuilding marriage through better communication. Info is available at www.retrouvailleofpittsburghinc.org. Call to begin the healing process with a weekend on Sept. 26. Retrouvaille 412-277-3434, e-mail 3041@retrouvaille.org.

The Saint Vincent de Paul Friends of the Poor® Walk/Run are still in need of Walkers & Sponsors. Walkers will receive a Pedometer and a T-Shirt for their participation and Sponsors will be entered in the gift card drawings: \$3,000 Visa Card, \$500 Wal-Mart Card and \$250 Giant Eagle Card. Raffle tickets & walker sign up at the parish office or place your donation in church collection basket. For info call Dave Carr 724-869-2872.

SAVE THE DATE! Saturday, October 25, 2014
OKTOBERFEST Christian Mothers Ladies Guild
Good Samaritan Jericho Hall

CCD CLASSES BEGIN THIS WEEK
Sunday, Sept. 21, @ (GS) Grades 6-8, from 9:30-11:00 am.
Monday, Sept. 22, @ (SJ) Grades 1-5. from 5:15-6:45 pm.

Night at the Races OUR LADY OF FATIMA, Hopewell On Saturday, October 4, in Kohler Hall. Doors open at 6:30 pm and races begin at 7:30 pm. Ticket cost is \$15. Horses can be purchased for \$20 each. Contact rectory 724-375-7626 or email Carla.Mastellino.Thomas@gmail.com.

Fall Vendor Fair Fundraiser OUR LADY OF PEACE On Sunday, October 5, in Stephen Hall from 9 am to 4 pm: Vendors, Crafters, Silent Auction, Food & Beverages. Get a jump on your holiday shopping.

Slavic Food Festival-Holy Ghost Orthodox Youth Center On Saturday, October 11, 405 Maplewood Ave. Ambridge, from 11 am to 6 pm. For takeouts call 724-266-7744 Entertainment The Pittsburgh Russian Balalaika Orchestra.

HELP WANTED: Christian Home Health Care is contracting with independent health care workers. For more info Contact Bill Backa 412-323-0203 x 6112 email: Bill@Christianhomehealthcare4u.com.

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, September 22
5:15-6:45 pm Grades 1-5 (SJ)
6:30 pm (GS) Women of WELL-come (SJH)
Wednesday, September 24
6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice
Friday, September 26
3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
7:00/8:00 pm (GS) Rosary/Mass - Marian Prayer Group
Sunday, September 28: SECOND COLLECTION FOR THE NIGERIAN MISSIONS
9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8
9:30 am (SJ) CCM Meeting

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, Sept. 14, 2014	\$5,995.00
Bishop's Education Fund	\$655.75
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, Sept. 14, 2014	\$2,090.35
Bishop's Education Fund	\$490.00