

MASS INTENTIONS**THIRTY-SECOND WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME**

Monday, November 13 Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
8:00am (GS) Jack Geffel by Kathy Geffel

Tuesday, November 14 Weekday in Ordinary Time
8:00am (GS) Harry Molchen by Carol & Family

Wednesday, November 15 *Saint Albert the Great*
8:00am (SJ) Ellen Napoleon by Rosemary & Jeff Stein
6:30pm (GS) Pauline Stanovich

Thursday, November 16 *Saint Margaret of Scotland; St. Gertrude*
8:00am (GS) Nick Shayka by Family

Friday, November 17 **Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**
8:00am (SJ) Anna Puhalla by Rudy Puhalla
8:00pm(GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, November 18 *The Dedication of the Basilicas of
Saints Peter and Paul; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne*
4:00pm (SJ) Newman Centers Serving in Ministry on College
Campuses by St. John the Baptist Parish
5:30pm(GS) Bernie Skonieczny by Brandie & Barb Skonieczny

Sunday, November 19 **33rd SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**
8:00am (GS) For the people of the Parish
9:30am (SJ) Catherine & Pete Gaudino by Hendrickson Family
11:00am (GS) Mariani & Gerace Families by Elmo Mariani Family

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER**Bread & Wine**

(GS) Edward & Connie Stojan & Charlotte Stojan Magiske
by niece & cousin Nancy Savie

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

(GS) Philomena Rainaldi Scalsese by daughters

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

(GS) Katherine Hodovuns DeVincent
by John & Theresa Ellen Wyllie

Sanctuary Candle

(GS) Rudolph Tabinowski by Darlene, Dale and Anne
(SJ) Vincent DePace by Parents, Joe & Josie DePace

Scripture Readings from Mass**for 32nd Week in Ordinary Time: Beginning November 13, 2017**

Monday Wis 1:1-7/ Lk 17:1-6
Tuesday Wis 2:23-3:9/ Lk 17:7-10
Wednesday Wis 6:1-11/ Lk 17:11-19
Thursday Wis 7:22b-8:1/ Lk 17:20-25
Friday Wis 13:1-9/ Lk 17:26-37
Saturday Wis 18:14-16; 19 6-9/ Lk 18:1-8
Sunday Prv 31:10-13, 19-20, 30-31/1 Thes 5:1-6/Mt
25:14-30 or 25:14-15, 19-21

Retirement Fund for Religious**Second Collection - November 18/19 Weekend**

Elderly Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests need your help. Many served for years in Catholic schools, hospitals, and parishes -- often for little to no pay. Now there is a shortage in retirement savings. Your gift provides funding for medications, nursing care, and more. Please give to those who have given a lifetime.

When's the Last Time You Heard a Homily About Hell?

It's 2:30 in the morning, and the bulletin is due tomorrow. I have been struggling for hours about what to write. I know what I'm about to say may upset some folks, but it is a message that weighs heavily on my heart.

The Gospel reading this weekend tells the parable of 10 bridesmaids who are waiting for the bridegroom to appear. Upon his arrival, they plan to escort him to the wedding banquet, lighting the way with their oil-filled lamps. Unfortunately, the bridegroom is delayed. Five of the bridesmaids are prepared with extra oil for their lamps, while the other five are about to run out. At the last minute, they run off to buy more oil. The groom appears while they are gone. When the bridesmaids return from purchasing oil and appear at the door to the wedding banquet, the bridegroom (who represents Jesus) won't let them in. He replies "*I say to you, I do not know you!*"

Obviously, the wedding banquet represents Heaven. This story of the bridesmaids is part of a series of parables in Matthew regarding Judgment Day. Jesus tells His followers that they will know neither the day nor the time, so Christians are called to *always* be prepared.

We often begin Mass with the Confiteor prayer, which includes the words, "*I have greatly sinned... in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done, and in what I have failed to do.*"

Somehow it seems much of society has lost the sense of what God expects of us. In many parishes, dozens of parents drop kids off for CCD classes and pick them up to take them to soccer games or to breakfast without ever stopping to attend Mass -- as if it is a choice between CCD **OR** Mass. It breaks my heart to hear kids in CCD say that they *would* come to Mass, but their parents don't go and there is no one to take them. Even if the parents are working and for some reason can't go to Mass, isn't that the kind of thing Godparents solemnly pledge they will do as part of the Baptismal ceremony?

A grandparent from another parish once mentioned that they missed Mass because they took their child to a soccer tournament, and then added "*...but that's not really a sin.*"

I told him "*It is a sin, if you are teaching the kids that soccer is more important than God.*" In astonishment, he replied "*That's not what I'm doing!*"

It may be unintentional, but that is **exactly** what we are teaching children when we choose between sports or other activities and the obligation to attend Mass every weekend and Holy Day of Obligation.

I'm not implying that it is easy, but a majority of parents in this area are Christians, many of whom are Catholics. This means a large number of people on athletic boards and school boards are Christians. What if parents asked them to allow time in the schedules for Church? Is that so much to ask? And if they say no, aren't many of these folks elected? We are losing too many young people too young. This Veterans Day, maybe it's time we started to stand up for what's important, like God, and Church, and country.



Calling all Singers!

Have you ever wanted to join the choir but you just don't want to make a full time commitment?

Join us for the Christmas Choir Season!

We rehearse on Thursday evenings at 7PM. The Choir sings at the 11PM on Christmas Eve and the 11AM Mass each Sunday through the Christmas Season. Come share your musical gifts. If you have questions, or would like more information, Contact Chrystal Shelvey at musicministry@goodsam1.org or 724 266-6565 ext 21

GOOD SAMARITAN ANNUAL CHOIR RAFFLE

\$1,400 IN PRIZES

Winner based on PA 7:00 pm

PICK 3 Lottery Number

\$100 Each Day

November 19, 20, 21, 22, 2017

\$1,000 THURSDAY,

NOVEMBER 23, 2017

Donation \$3.00 -

Tickets Compliments of Kasper-Hahn Funeral Home
For Tickets, see a Choir Member or stop in the Parish Office
Seller of the \$1,000 winner receives \$100



Time to raise our voices to the Lord again! All children 5 years and older are invited to come and praise the Lord with their voices in song for the Christmas Season.

Rehearsals are in the Choir Room:

Sundays from 9:45-10:15AM Beginning November 12.

We invite All Women & Men to join us in prayer

“Living Rosary Novena to Our Lady of the Rosary of Fatima”

Monday, November 13, 2017 at 6:30 pm in Good Samaritan Church

Refreshments & 30-minute “Queen of Heaven” DVD Presentation on Session 6

“FATIMA: The Lady of the Rosary”

for those wishing to stay after the Novena Prayers. This event is FREE

HOLIDAY VOLUNTEER FORM FOR LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Name _____

Phone Number _____

E-Mail _____

Alternate Phone _____

Extraordinary Minister Lector Altar Server

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm Vigil
 11:00 pm Vigil

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25

8:00 am
 11:00 am

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

CHRISTMAS EVE
Sunday, December 24

4:00 pm Vigil
 9:30 pm Vigil

CHRISTMAS DAY
Monday, December 25

9:30 am

NOTE: January 1, is ordinarily a Holy Day of Obligation. This year it is not a Day of Obligation, but we will still have extra Masses for those who wish to attend and honor the Blessed Mother.

GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH

Sunday, December 31 Monday, January 1

5:30 pm Vigil Mass 8:00 am

SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST PARISH

Sunday, December 31 Monday, January 1

4:00 pm Vigil Mass 9:30 am

Saturday & Sunday Masses for December 30 & 31 follow the normal weekend schedule, with the exception of the additional Masses listed above for the Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God.

Please return to the Parish Office or place in the collection basket **BY DECEMBER 1.**

Good Samaritan Parish Christmas Bake Sale 2017



Saturday December 16

Sunday December 17

9:00 AM—2:00 PM

Good Samaritan Parish

Jericho Hall (Cafeteria)

8th and Melrose, Ambridge, PA

TO PLACE YOUR ORDER

CALL 9:00 AM till NOON ONLY

724-266-5742 or 724-869-7677

DAY OF SALE ONLY:

CALL 724-266-6010

Whole Nut Roll \$12.00

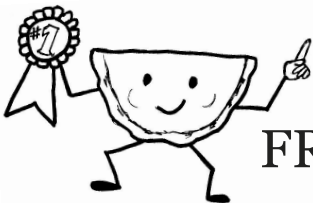
Half Nut Roll \$6.50

Whole Poppyseed Roll \$12.00

Half Poppyseed Roll \$6.50

Whole Apricot Roll \$12.00

Half Apricot Roll \$6.50



And Don't Forget to Order...

FROZEN POTATO/CHEESE PIEROGI


\$8.00 per dozen (limited supply)

Get your supply for your Christmas Vigil Supper !!

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE RECEIVED BY MONDAY,
DECEMBER 11, 2017 at 12:00 NOON**

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER

SUN., NOV. 19, PANCAKE BREAKFAST & BAKE SALE!



Join us next Sunday as the Holy Name Society offers their All-You-Can-Eat Pancake, French Toast, Waffle & Sausage Breakfast from 8:30-11:30AM. Adult meals cost just \$5, kids 5-10 yrs. of age, \$2. Younger than 5 are free. **The St. John's Choir will hold a bake sale, too! We hope to see you there!**

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!

Ushers for weekend Masses are needed at St. John's. See Jack Firich if you would like to volunteer to usher on Saturdays or Sundays. **Also, there is a need for Lectors** who proclaim God's Word at Mass on weekends, Holy Days and other special Liturgies such as funerals. Would you like to serve? Call the parish office, 724-869-2280. Training is provided.

LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR FOOD DRIVE

Don't forget your food and paper donations for the Little Sisters during the month of November. We will collect for them through November 26.

PIEROGI PROJECT

Don't forget to order your pierogi each Friday! The cost is **\$7.50 per dozen** for potato, cottage cheese, kraut and prune. **The hotline opens at 6:00AM. Call 724-869-9758.**

PIEROGI VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED ON FRIDAYS!

We need help in the kitchen. Please volunteer if you are available. New volunteers, call Rose Marie at the parish office: **724-869-2280.**

SAT., NOV. 18, ORAM'S CINNAMON ROLLS SOLD BY BADEN-ECONOMY LIONS

Help the Lions Club and enjoy a special treat from 8-10AM at 1124 Harmony Rd., Baden. Cinnamon rolls: \$2 each/\$22 per dozen. Call to pre-order: 724-622-4499.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED AT GOOD SAMARITAN NUT ROLL MAKING

9:00AM - JERICHO HALL NUT ROLLS

**SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 12, MAKE DOUGH
MONDAY, NOVEMBER 13, ROLL DOUGH**

LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED - BRING A FRIEND!

ETHNIC COOKING CLASS

November 14 at 6:30PM

Vicky DeBona will be teaching Wedding Soup. **BE SURE TO SIGN UP NOW** call Bob Mikush 724-266-3140 M-F 9AM-5PM Attendees really enjoy learning and the camaraderie!! Get information on **ETHNIC COOKING ACTIVITIES** sent straight to your phone. Simply go to your phone enter 81010 and text this message @ethnicco (FREE to use) or email ethnicco@mail.remind.com Italian Greens cooking with Deb Zubrucky Dec. date TBD.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Sunday, November 12

8:00am (SJ) Holy Name Society Meeting
 9:00am (GS) Make Dough-Nut Rolls (JH)
 9:00am CIC Session (JH Classroom)
 9:30am (SJ) Liturgy of the Word with Children during Mass
 9:30am-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
 9:45-10:15am (GS) Children's Choir Starts (Choir Room)
 2:00pm (SJ) Padre Pio Group; 3:00pm Holy Hour/4:00pm mtg.
 4:00pm (GS) **Volunteer Appreciation Picnic (Jericho Hall)**
 5:30pm (GS) Rite of Acceptance & Welcome Prep for RCIA
 CIC & Teen RCIA (Church)

Monday, November 13

9:00am (GS) Making Nut Rolls (JH)
 5:15-6:45pm (SJ) CCD Grades 1-5
 6:30pm (GS) Fatima Living Rosary-Week 8 (JH Classroom)

Tuesday, November 14

8:30am (GS) RCIA Inquiry (JH Classroom)
 6:30pm (GS) Wedding Soup -Ethnic Cooking-Vicky DeBona
 7:00pm (GS) Youth Praise Band

Wednesday, November 15

6:30pm (GS) CMLG Meeting after Mass (JH)
 6:30PM (SJ) Choir Practice
 7:15pm (GS) "Queen of Heaven" Session 7 (JH Classroom)

Thursday, November 16

7:00pm (GS) Adult Choir

Friday, November 17

(SJ) Pierogi Sales **PIEROGI HOTLINE 724-869-9758** begins **6am**
 11:00am (GS) "Queen of Heaven" Session 7 (JH Classroom)
 1:00pm (GS) RCIA Inquiry (JH Classroom)

Saturday, November 18

5:30pm (GS) Rite of Acceptance & Welcome for RCIA, CIC, and
 Teen RCIA (during 5:30pm mass)

Sunday, November 19

8:00am-11:30am (SJ) Pancake Breakfast & Choir Bake Sale
 9:00am (GS) CIC Session (JH Classroom)
 9:30am-11:00am (GS) CCD Grades 6-8
 9:45-10:15am (GS) Children's Choir
 12:20pm (GS) Confirmation Parent Meeting
 5:30pm (GS) Teen RCIA

✠ **IN SYMPATHY** Please pray for the repose of the souls of our dearly departed who died recently, especially, **Bernadette "Bernie" Anthony, Anthony Barszcz, Katherine DeVincent and Ralph Falsettl.** May their souls 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, November 5, 2017	\$8,864
Parish Share	\$443
All Saints Collection	\$1884
SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST	
Weekly Offering, November 5, 2017	\$2,715
Parish Share Collection	\$577
All Saints Collection	\$465