

## Mass Intentions

33rd WEEK IN ORDINARY TIME

**Monday, November 17: Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**  
 8:00 am (GS) Bernie Skonieczny by Barb, Brandie & Brian

**Tuesday, November 18: Weekday** [*The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul; Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne*]  
 8:00 am (GS) Teddy Krofcheck, Jr. by Bernie, & Mary Ann Janicki

**Wednesday, November 19: Weekday**  
 8:00 am (SJ) Frank Firich by Andrea Browser & Family  
 6:30 pm (GS) Mutschler Family by Marlene & Richard

**Thursday, November 20: Weekday**  
 8:00 am (GS) William J. Raymer by Betty Raymer & Children

**Friday, Nov. 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary**  
 8:00 am (SJ) Mark Trautman by Helen Sutton  
 8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

**Saturday, November 22: Saint Cecilia**  
 4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil - For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes  
 5:30 pm (GS) Vigil - Gerace & Mariani Families  
 by Elmo Mariani Family

**Sunday, November 23: FEAST OF JESUS CHRIST THE KING**  
 8:00 am (GS) Albert & Dorothy Pinkosky by Family  
 9:30 am (SJ) Anna Puhalla by Rudy Puhalla  
 11:00 am (GS) Rudolph Tabinowski by wife, Cecile

### Readings for the Week of November 17, 2014

**Monday:** Rv 1:1-4; 2:1-5/Lk 18:35-43  
**Tuesday:** Rv 3:1-6, 14-22/Lk 19:1-10  
**Wednesday:** Rv 4:1-11/Lk 19:11-28  
**Thursday:** Rv 5:1-10/Lk 19:41-44  
**Friday:** Rv 10:8-11/Lk 19:45-48  
**Saturday:** Rv 11:4-12/Lk 20:27-40  
**Sunday:** Ez 34:11-12, 15-17/1 Cor 15:20-26, 28/Mt 25:31-46

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Bread and Wine

Donald Cottage (SJ) by John & Doretta Moss  
 Ed & Connie Stojan (GS) by Magiske Family  
 Bernard Skonieczny (GS) by Cousin, Nancy Savie

#### Holy Family Shrine Candle

Mildred Eisenberg (GS) by Jim & Dotty Loebig

#### Sanctuary Candle

Rudolph Tabinowski (GS)  
 by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren



**FEAST OF CHRIST THE KING**  
**Sunday, November 23, 2014**  
**Good Samaritan Church**  
**Eucharistic Adoration 12:00 pm**  
**until Benediction at 2:45 pm**



**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** Share your gratitude for the retired Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who have made a difference in so many lives. Please give generously to next week's collection for the **Retirement Fund for Religious.**



### From Father Joe

This weekend we hear Matthew's account of the *Parable of the Talents*. In the parable, Jesus describes a rich man who goes on an extended journey and leaves money with each of his three servants. To one, he gives 5 talents, to another 2 talents, and to a third servant he gives one talent. The first two invest the talents, and upon his return, the master gets his money back with interest. The last servant buries the talent in the ground instead of investing it. The Master is *livid* at the last servant, calling him lazy and wicked because he has just buried the talent instead of using the talent to produce interest on his return.

To put the story in perspective, a *Talent* in New Testament times was a sizeable amount of money. By one account, it was equivalent to 6,000 drachmas. A drachma was a day's wage. Even at minimum wage, this would be well over \$100,000! (No wonder he was upset).

God has invested each of us with talents of our own. Like the talents in the parable, the talents we have received are more valuable than most of us realize. They are easily taken for granted. Jesus uses the parable to remind listeners that each of us has been uniquely gifted with talents that are to be used to bear great interest. As proof, we need only listen to the words of the Confiteor, "I confess to Almighty God and to you my brothers and sisters that I have *greatly* sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done *and in what I have failed to do...*

Regardless of our situation in life, we have all been given gifts and talents. They may seem insignificant to us, but two of the most powerful gifts God can give are the gifts of listening, and intercessory prayer. The heroes in our parable each doubled the money they were given to invest. What if by using your God-given talent, whether it is singing, or public speaking, or listening, or praying, or the gift of hospitality, you could bring just one more person to Church? What if your gift of reaching out to someone else resulted in their coming back to the faith before they die? What if your encouragement led a young person to enter the convent or the seminary? Those are investments that pay off in eternity.

It's critical that we all use our talents to build up God's kingdom. As we head toward Advent and the holidays, it becomes more and more obvious to me that shepherding two parishes and trying to implement the Bishop's vision for *The Church Alive!* is something that will require lots of help. Over the years, our parishes have become *legendary* in the diocese for two things: legendary for the number of faithful who generously volunteer their time, and for the way you participate at Mass with singing and prayer responses. Don't ever doubt that something as simple as singing out in Mass can deeply touch the hearts of visitors. We need to become a parish of *disciples* reaching out to others who may desperately need to feel, and hear, and experience the Love of God. What talent has God given you, and how will you use it to serve Him?

*Order Now for your  
Thanksgiving Dessert Table!*



# PUMPKIN LOG SALE

(Rolled pumpkin cake with cream cheese filling)

Sponsored by Good Samaritan Christian Mothers & Ladies Guild

**November 22-23, 2014**

Donation \$10.00 each

Please return order by November 17

(Place in the collection basket or drop off at Good Samaritan Office)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Number ordered: \_\_\_\_\_

Call 724-266-4656 for information or to place order by phone.

### WHAT ARE YOUR PLANS FOR THANKSGIVING?

Consider joining St. James Catholic Parish at 200 Walnut St., in Sewickley on Thursday, Nov. 27th at 1:00 pm in the school cafeteria. **Dinner is FREE.** You may bring a dessert to share if you would like. Don't spend Thanksgiving alone! We saved a seat at our table. For a reservation, please call Karin 412-741-6650 ext. 310 or Rett 412-749-8172.

### FREE Community Thanksgiving Dinner at Saint Cecilia

If you live alone or have difficulty making ends meet, enjoy a hearty Thanksgiving Turkey Dinner with all the trimmings-**no charge.** St. Cecilia Church Hall, 632 Virginia Ave., Rochester. (California Street Entrance) on Thursday, Thanksgiving Day, Nov. 27, from 1 to 3 pm. Reservations are required. Call Marlene 724-775-8875 by Mon., Nov. 17. Limited transportation available by calling 724-775-0801.

### Quigley Catholic High School invites you to an "Hour at Quigley" on Wednesday, November 19 from 6-7pm.

Quigley Catholic is a college preparatory high school that places a high priority not only on academics, but also on faith formation. Quigley Catholic is in the top Catholic high schools in the nation. **All are welcome to come to Quigley.** For information please call 724-869-2188, email [admissions@qchs.org](mailto:admissions@qchs.org), or visit our website [www.qchs.org](http://www.qchs.org).

### Fall Day of Reflection-Thurs., Nov. 20, Auxiliary to the Sisters of St. Joseph.

Presenter: Sister Michelle Prah, CSJ Liturgy: Fr. John Getsy, OFM Cap. A reservation is required. Call Sr. Karen 724-869-6592, email, [kstoila@stjoseph-baden.org](mailto:kstoila@stjoseph-baden.org) ASAP or by Nov. 17. We ask a \$5 donation for lunch & \$5 annual dues for the Auxiliary.

### Sacred Heart Parish, Emsworth, Night at the Races on Saturday, Nov. 22 at 7:30 pm.

\$10/ticket includes dinner and snacks, BYOB. Tickets at the door are \$15, if available. \$10 to name & buy a horse & \$50 if it wins. Buy multiple horses, no need to be present. Deadline Nov., 15. Contact Jennifer 412-445-4699 or [Jennifer.engel@hotmail.com](mailto:Jennifer.engel@hotmail.com).

## Volunteer Form for Liturgical Ministers Good Samaritan Parish

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number \_\_\_\_\_

- Extraordinary Minister
- Lector
- Altar Server
- Greeters (Christmas Vigil & Christmas Day Only)

### Christmas Eve, Vigil

Wednesday, December 24, 2014

5:30 pm

### Christmas Day, The Nativity of the Lord

Thursday, December 25, 2014

12:00 am (Midnight)     8:00 am     11:00 am

### New Year's Eve, Vigil

Wednesday, December 31, 2014

5:30 pm

### New Year's Day, Mary, the Holy Mother of God

Thursday, January 1, 2013

10:30 am

Return to the Parish or in the collection basket by Dec. 7.

St. Joseph Spirituality Center will sponsor *Journey From Grief to Healing During the Holidays*, conducted by Sister Mary Ann Thimons. On Tuesdays, December 2 & 16 from 1:30-3:00 pm. Sessions help coping with the loss during the holidays. There is **No Fee** for this program. To register, call 412-600-3247 by Nov. 26.

*Coping With the Holidays Our Lady of Fatima Parish, hosting an evening of support for the bereaved on Thur., Dec. 4, 7:00 pm, Fatima House Chapel.* We will provide helpful suggestions & reflection at this difficult time. To register or info call Sister Margie 724-375-7626.

## FLAGS DONATED TO GOOD SAMARITAN

We are grateful for the donation of two U.S. flags given in honor of our Veterans. The first was donated by *Bev Maruca* in memory of Edward Klavin III, grandson of Annette Hramika. Ed served in the prestigious post of Escort with *The Old Guard* at Arlington National Cemetery. The flag will be flown over Jericho Hall. A Second U.S. Flag was donated by *Lynn & Marge Berckmiller* to be permanently displayed in church. The Good Samaritan *Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild* have also generously agreed to donate a Papal Flag to be displayed in church. Thank you for all your generosity.



***Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy*** Presented in Baden at Sisters of St. Joseph Motherhouse Auditorium

**Saturday, November 22 at 7:00 p.m. Tickets are \$10 each + a canned food item**

*In Faustina: Messenger of Divine Mercy, audiences experience firsthand the spirit and life of Saint Faustina (1905-1938), a Polish mystic whose personal encounters with Jesus have inspired a world-wide devotion to Christ's Divine Mercy. A parallel modern story within the drama offers audiences a compelling personal connection to the moral issues of our times.*

**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER** ✠

**SUN., NOV. 16 PANCAKE BREAKFAST** Come on down for a delicious breakfast! All-You-Can-Eat Pancakes, French Toast, Waffles & Sausage will be served from 8:30 to 11:30 AM. Only \$5 for adults; \$2 for children, under 5 yrs. of age eat free. **CHOIR BAKE SALE** is also happening today. We have lots of tasty treats!


**MEMORIAL DONATION:** A donation was made in memory of Nick Frynkiewicz and Walter & Stella Makowski, by Don & Karen Frynkiewicz towards the purchase of new carpet in the choir loft. Thanks so much!

**THANK YOU!** To Helen Ringel for the donated ceramic pilgrims and pumpkin as part of our fall altar decorations. Your kindness is so appreciated.

**PARISH SHARE** October Payment: \$3,178, Balance: \$12,732 We have just **2 months** remaining to achieve our goal! Please continue sending in your monthly payments.

**REMINDER: FOOD DRIVE FOR LITTLE SISTERS OF THE POOR** Place your food donations in the boxes near the main entrance. May God bless you!

**CCM SUNDAY, NOV. 23 is Christian Mothers Sunday.** Please join us for 9:30 Mass and our monthly meeting which follows in the social hall. All women of the parish are invited to join the Christian Mothers.

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS CHRISTMAS PARTY** Our Christmas Party will be held in the St. John's social hall on **Sunday, Dec. 7**, starting at 3:00 PM. Cost is only \$10 per person; guests are welcome. Call Mary Ellen Kuniewicz at 724-869-4483 or send payment via the collection basket. Mark the envelope "**CCM Christmas Party**". Include your name & names of your guests. 

**FOOD! FOOD! FOOD!**

We all need it! Some have very little. If you can help, please drop your non perishable donations in the **RED RECEPTACLES** at the doors of Good Samaritan Church. Thank you, Saint Vincent de Paul Society.

**THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES  
THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014**

9:00 am at Good Samaritan with Fr. Joe Mele


9:00 am at St. John the Baptist with Fr Joe Carr

A monetary collection will be taken for the *St. Vincent de Paul Society at Good Samaritan and Little Sisters of the Poor at St. John the Baptist*. You are also welcome to bring non-perishable food items to Mass to place before the altar. Please make checks payable to St. Vincent de Paul Society, Good Samaritan and Little Sisters of the Poor, St. John the Baptist.

**GOOD SAMARITAN** 724-266-6565  
**SAINT JOHN THE BAPTIST** 724-869-2280

**CHRISTIAN MOTHERS/LADIES GUILD  
GOOD SAMARITAN PARISH**

**Monthly Meeting on Wednesday, November 19th in Jericho Hall after the 6:30 PM Mass.** Please bring your gently used items in a bag for the Pig in a Poke auction that benefits Catholic Charities.

**Christmas Party on Sunday, December 7th in Jericho Hall after the 11AM Mass.** Cost is \$15.00. Please have your paid reservation in by Dec.1st. If paying by check, make it out to Good Samaritan CM/LG and place it in the collection basket. It will be catered by Janice's Catering and entertainment by Craig Klinger. All members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome. 

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

**Monday, November 17**

5:15-6:45 pm CCD Grades 1-5 (SJ)

6:30 pm (GS) Women of WELL-come (SJH)

**Wednesday, November 19**

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

7:15 pm (GS) "Mary" Bible Study Session 5 (Church/SJH)

**Thursday, November 20**

6:00 PM (SJ) Potato Ball Makers

7:00 pm (SJ) "Mary" Bible Study Session 5 (Hall)

**Friday, November 21**

6:00 am (SJ) Pierogi Sales - Call 724-869-9758 (Hall)

11:00 am (GS) "Mary" Bible Study Session 5 (SJH)

3:00 pm (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

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

**Saturday, November 22**

After Mass (GS) CM/LG Pumpkin Log Sale (JH)

5:30 pm (GS) During Mass, RCIA/CIC /Teen RCIA

*Rite of Acceptance & Welcome*

7:00 pm *Faustina* Divine Mercy Drama at St. Joseph Motherhouse Auditorium, + please bring canned item

**Sunday, November 23:**

After Masses (GS) CM/LG Pumpkin Log Sale (JH)

9:30-11:00 am CCD Grades 6-8

9:30 am (SJ) Liturgy of the Word with children

9:30 am (SJ) CCM Sunday and Meeting

12:00 pm to 3:00 pm (GS) Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Benediction at 2:45

2:00 pm (GS) CIC/Teen RCIA (SJH)

**✠IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Regina 'Jeannie' (Wasko) Baumbach*. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, Nov. 9, 2014	\$7,830.90
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, Nov. 9, 2014	\$2,538.00