

## Mass Intentions

34th or Last Week of Ordinary Time

**Monday, November 24: Saint Andrew Dũng-Lạc**

8:00 am (GS) Tim Ross by Geri & Marlene

**Tuesday, November 25: Weekday** [*Saint Catherine of Alexandria*]

8:00 am (GS) Andrew Gulish by Family

**Wednesday, November 26: Weekday**

8:00 am (SJ) Genevieve Lee by Jeanne McCracken

6:30 pm (GS) Joseph & Veronica Belczyk by Children

**Thursday, November 27: Weekday** *Thanksgiving Day*

9:00 am (SJ) St. John's Volunteers by Parish Staff

9:00 am (GS) Living and Deceased of our Parish

**Friday, November 28: Weekday**

8:00 am (SJ) Milton Hertneky by Joseph F. Troyan

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

**Saturday, November 29: Weekday** [Blessed Virgin Mary]

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil - John Shumsky by Dorothy & Family

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil - Paula Trzcianka by Len & Marge Berckmiller

**Sunday, November 30 FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

8:00 am (GS) For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

9:30 am (SJ) Barbara Baran by Marian Trasp

11:00 am (GS) Tom Majewski by Wife, Cheryl, Peter & Anna

### Readings for the Week of November 24, 2014

**Monday:** Rv 14:1-3, 4b-5/Lk 21:1-4

**Tuesday:** Rv 14:14-19/Lk 21:5-11

**Wednesday:** Rv 15:1-4/Lk 21:12-19

**Thursday:** Rv 18:1-2, 21-23; 19:1-3, 9a/Lk 21:20-28

**Friday:** Rv 20:1-4, 11—21:2/Lk 21:29-33

**Saturday:** Rv 22:1-7/Lk 21:34-36

**Sunday:** Is 63:16b-17, 19b; 64:2-7/1 Cor 1:3-9/Mk 13:33-37

### THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

#### Bread and Wine

Albert & Dorothy Pinkosky (GS) by Family

*In Honor of Jesus Christ, King of the Universe,*

Mary & Frank Pingitore (GS) by Family

In Thanksgiving, 25th Wedding Anniversary (GS)

by Darcy & Richard Deakin

#### Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Health of Nicholas Wittman (GS) by Grandma & Pop

#### Holy Family Shrine Candle

In Thanksgiving, 25th Wedding Anniversary

(GS) by Darcy & Richard Deakin

#### Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

In Thanksgiving for 50th Wedding Anniversary

of Eugene & June Wagner (GS) by Irene & Ceil

#### Sanctuary Candle

Lorraine Bailey (SJ) by Dorothy Otrhalik

Walter & Jeanne Kroczeck (GS) by Bernie & Mary Ann Janicki

**Today's collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious** provides vital support for the retirement needs of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priest. It also helps ensure that members can continue their good works.



## From Father Joe

### KING FOR MORE THAN JUST A DAY

A lot is going on this week. This Sunday, the Solemnity of *Christ the King* means we are drawing near to the end of the liturgical year in the Church. Soon Advent will be here and the beginning of spiritual preparation for Christmas. This Thursday, we will celebrate Thanksgiving, a time for family and friends to gather, to give thanks, and to share memories of years and people gone by.

In the secular world, Thanksgiving marks the start of the holiday season. Sadly, some national stores are even opening on Thanksgiving Day. Others refuse, saying it isn't fair to their employees or to the customers. The thought of hearing, "*Hurry up and cut the pumpkin pie grandma, there's a door-buster special on televisions*" is like fingernails on a chalkboard.

This Thursday, families will gather from near and far to celebrate Thanksgiving. Hopefully, many who gather at Grandma's table will also gather at the Lord's table.

This year we have several more reasons to be thankful. At the 5:30 Mass on Sunday, we will celebrate the Rite of Acceptance & Welcome for 3 people who are preparing to become Catholic. Sondra Pharr and Helen Dunda have already been baptized and have been studying as part of the RCIA process to become Catholics and to receive First Eucharist and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass. Charles Beisgen has been participating in the Teen RCIA process to receive Baptism, as well as First Eucharist and Confirmation. It's always wonderful to see new folks coming into the Church. As we congratulate them for reaching this next milestone on their faith journey, please continue to pray for them as they continue on the path to full communion with our church family at Easter.

By long-standing tradition, we will again this year have Eucharistic Adoration at Good Samaritan starting immediately following the 11:00 Mass. It will end with Benediction at 2:45. As we prepare to enter into the Christmas Season, it is a good time to take a step back and relax and pray in front of the Blessed Sacrament, giving thanks for all He has given us, and asking His blessings on us and on our families. In the process, I hope we will remember those who are saddened during the holidays because of one less seat at the table. I hope we can also remember those families in other parts of the world who no longer have a home because they have been forced to run for their very lives due to religious persecution.

Our world is changing at such a breathtaking pace, that it's easy to get frustrated and testy with one another. Adoration is a great way to take a step back from the world for a few minutes and just be present to God. It can be a time to pray and a time to listen. One of my favorite memories of seminary were the Friday afternoons when we had Eucharistic Adoration before dinner. No matter *what* needed to be done, it was a few moments of respite to recharge our batteries in the presence of Christ, our King.

## 1 TEEN AND 2 ADULTS PREPARING TO BECOME CATHOLIC AT EASTER VIGIL

***What's happening this Saturday during 5:30 p.m. Mass for those ready to move forward in our parish's RCIA process?***

The initial Inquiry period for our parish's group of Inquirers will be moving into the second stage of the RCIA process, the Catechumenate period, with an opportunity for **1 Unbaptized Inquirer to go through the Rite of Acceptance into the Order of Catechumens** and **2 Baptized Inquirers from other Christian denominations to go through the Rite of Welcoming** this Saturday.

These 3 Inquirers have consciously and freely sought the living God and entered into the way of faith and conversion as the Holy Spirit opened their hearts. At this Rite, they are introduced, asked if they are ready to listen to the apostles' instruction, gather with our worshipping community in prayer, as well as join our parish in love and service of others. They are signed with the cross to show that they belong to Christ and are fellow members of His household with us. For the unbaptized Catechumen, this Rite places him in a formal relationship with the universal Catholic Church.

***What are the names of the Inquirers celebrating this Rite?***

We congratulate the following **unbaptized "Catechumen"** who will celebrate the *Rite of Acceptance* at 5:30 p.m. Mass this Saturday, November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

- **Charles Beisgen**

We also congratulate our **2 baptized "Candidates"** from other Christian denominations who will celebrate the *Rite of Welcoming*.

- **Sondra Pharr**
- **Helen Dunda**

***What can parishioners do for our Catechumen and Candidates?***

We invite all parishioners to be faithful to your baptismal commitment to evangelize and take an active role in welcoming our Catechumen and Candidates by becoming a **"Prayer Partner"** for one of them. ***Cards of Welcome, Inspiration, and Prayer can be sent to them via the collection basket or Parish Center by printing their name on the envelope c/o RCIA. Thank you for proclaiming the "Good News" of the Gospel to those preparing to join our Catholic Church Family!***

**Good Samaritan Parish  
Christmas Bake Sale 2014**

Saturday December 20  
Sunday December 21  
9:00 am—2:00 pm

Good Samaritan Parish,  
Jericho Hall (Cafeteria)  
8th and Melrose, Ambridge, PA

**TO PLACE YOUR ORDER CALL ONLY FROM  
9:00 AM until 12 NOON  
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**

**FROZEN POTATO/CHEESE PIEROGI  
\$8.00 per dozen (limited supply)**



***Get your supply for your  
Christmas Vigil Supper !***

**ALL ORDERS MUST BE  
RECEIVED BY**

**TUESDAY, DEC. 16  
12 NOON**

**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, 2015**  
 10:30 am

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

**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 reservation, please call Karin 412-741-6650 ext. 310 or Rett 412-749-8172.

**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.***

**THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!**

***Has it been a Loooooong time  
since your last confession?***

This Lenten season, Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on **Wednesday, December 10 from 6:00 pm to 9:00 pm.** This is a wonderful opportunity to reconnect with Christ and His Church. ***"The Light is Still On for You!,"*** especially if you haven't been to confession in a while. Visit [www.diopitt.org/lightstillon](http://www.diopitt.org/lightstillon) for more info.

**SAINT JOHN'S CORNER** ✠

**THANKSGIVING FLORAL ARRANGEMENTS**

*Amazing Crafts By You* will be selling Fresh Thanksgiving Floral Arrangements for \$25 each at their shop at 540 State Street in Baden on November 24 & 25 from 2:00-6:00 PM and on November 26 from 12:00-6:00 PM or until supplies are gone. You can reserve your arrangement by calling 724-242-5531. Thanks for supporting this family-owned & operated local business.

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

**SAINT JOHN'S CHRISTIAN MOTHERS' CHRISTMAS PARTY** Don't forget to register for the Christmas Party on **Sunday, Dec. 7**, starting at 3:00 PM. We will again have our Lottery Tree and Silent Auction as well as 50/50 drawing. The local Tamburitzans will entertain. Cost is \$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.

**Advent & Christmas Booklet *Waiting in Joyful Hope***  
Offers daily reflections for Advent & Christmas.  
Publication from Liturgical Press can be found at the doors of both churches. Please take one to enhance your Advent journey.



**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.

**Good Samaritan Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild Christmas Party: Sunday, Dec. 7th in Jericho Hall after 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. Catering by Janice's Catering and entertainment by Craig Klinger. All members are encouraged to attend and guests are welcome.



**THANKSGIVING DAY MASSES**  
**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 27, 2014**  
**9:00 am at Good Samaritan**  
**9:00 am at St. John the Baptist**

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.



*In Thanksgiving...*

**RECENT BAPTISMS AT ST. JOHN THE BAPTIST:**

Congratulations and blessings to  
*Janelle Mac Francis, Clare Helena Fleinrichs, and Luca Phillip Fabanich*

**RECENT BAPTISMS AT GOOD SAMARITAN**

Congratulations and blessings to  
*Julian Bryant Beneviat, Knox Oakley Racioppo, Javier David Pabon, Jr., Mikayla Brooke Chickness, Leo Christian Yannessa, Isabella Michaelynn Iorio, Ana Rosetta Jane Kovacevic, Holly Anne Bell, Samuel Christopher Staffen, Dane Ryan Patterson, and Danielle Leigh Downey*



**RECENT WEDDINGS:**

Congratulations and blessings to  
*Dan Lucey & Jackie Klootwyk and Eli Sweesy & Hope Klimkowski* who were married at Good Samaritan.  
Congratulations and blessings also to  
*Michael Meerdo & Jessica Rhwan, Michael Attilio & Brittany Merkel, Cory Peterson & Kim Cvitkovic and to Steven Coley & Shannon Yakubik* who were married at Saint John the Baptist recently.

**+UPCOMING EVENTS+**

- Monday, November 24**  
5:15- 6:45 pm CCD - Grades 3-5
- Wednesday, November 26**  
6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice  
(GS) NO Mary Bible Study
- Thursday, November 27**  
(SJ) NO Mary Bible Study
- Friday, November 28** (SJ) NO Pierogi Sales This Week!  
(GS) NO Mary Bible Study  
7:00/8:00 pm (GS) Rosary/Mass - Marian Prayer Group
- Sunday, November 30**  
NO - CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)  
9:00 am (GS) CIC/TEEN RCIA  
6:30 pm (GS) RCIA

✠ **IN SYMPATHY**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of *Justine Antkiewicz, Anna Bell Goodbread (Mother-in-law of Helene Goodbread) Helen Kapsha, Stanley Kuny, Jr. and Vincent Svegel, Sr.* May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, November 16, 2014	\$6,641.11
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, November 16, 2014	\$1,731.00

**Good Samaritan** 724-266-6565  
**Saint John the Baptist** 724-869-2280