

Mass Intentions

SECOND SUNDAY IN ADVENT

Monday, December 8: The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)

8:00 am (GS) Elizabeth Vlastic by Angie Iwanczyk
 9:00 am (SJ) John Cappabianco (SJ) by Ann Allison
 7:00 pm (GS) For the Living and Deceased of our Parishes

Tuesday, December 9: Advent Weekday

[St. Juan Diego Cuauhtlatotzin]

8:00 am (GS) Paul Miskulin by Daughter, Paula Dobrosielski

Wednesday, December 10: Advent Weekday [St. Damasus I]

8:00 am (SJ) In honor of Frederick J. Ringel Sr.'s birthday by Helen Ringel

6:00 pm (GS) Stanley Slawianowski by Wife & Children

Thursday, December 11: Advent Weekday

8:00 am (GS) Hilda Murga by Bartosh & Melton Families

Friday, December 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00 am (SJ) In honor Wayne Lindsey's birthday by Dorothy Starr

8:00 pm (GS) Marian Prayer Group Mass

Saturday, December 13: Saint Lucy

4:00 pm (SJ) Vigil - Frank Firich by Muffy Cappabianco

5:30 pm (GS) Vigil - For the Living & Deceased of our Parishes

Sunday, December 14: THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

8:00 am (GS) James Simon by Wife, JoAnne; Children, Dan & Jennifer and Granddaughters, Alexis, Catie & Faith

9:30 am (SJ) John Varhol by St. John's Holy Name Society

11:00 am (GS) Raymond D. Frangione by Steve & Vera Solomich

2:00 pm (SJ) Padre Pio Prayer Group

Readings for the Week of December 8, 2014

Monday: Gn 3:9-15, 20/Eph 1:3-6, 11-12/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Is 40:1-11/Mt 18:12-14

Wednesday: Is 40:25-31/Mt 11:28-30

Thursday: Is 41:13-20/Mt 11:11-15

Friday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Lk 1:26-38

Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11/Mt 17:9a, 10-13

Sunday: Is 61:1-2a, 10-11/1 Thes 5:16-24/Jn 1:6-8, 19-28

THIS WEEK WE REMEMBER

Bread and Wine

Raymond E. Cowles (SJ) by Mary Ann Cowles

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle

Michael Pavkovich (GS) by Granddaughter, Juli Pavkovich

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

John & Louise Strella (GS) by Cheryl Schmidt

Sanctuary Candle

Sharon Papasodero (SJ) by Shultz Family

**The Immaculate Conceptions of the Blessed Virgin Mary
 Monday, December 8 (HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION)**

8:00 am Mass at Good Samaritan

9:00 am Mass at St. John the Baptist

6:30 pm Mass at St. John the Baptist

7:00 pm Mass at Good Samaritan

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



From Father Joe

As we enter our second week of Advent, I realize just how quickly this month will come and go. In your kindness, I hope you will keep me and our staff and all our wonderful volunteers in prayer as we enter our first Christmas season without a parochial vicar.

Together with parishes throughout the Diocese, this Wednesday, December 10, we will participate in *"The Light Is Still On For You"*, an evening where folks who may have been away from the Church for a while, or people who just want to talk to a priest, can drop into the Church and a priest will be present. Unfortunately, this year we will only be doing it at Good Samaritan (unless I can figure out how to bi-locate between now and Wednesday). Please note that we have moved the 6:30 pm Mass to 6:00 pm, so that I can be available for confessions, or spiritual direction or just conversation from 6:30 to 9:00.

Please also remember that Monday, December 8 is the *Immaculate Conception*, a Holy Day of Obligation. May God bless you this Advent, and thanks for your prayers...

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24, 2014

4:00 pm Christmas Mass, Vigil St. John the Baptist

5:30 pm Christmas Mass, Vigil Good Samaritan

9:30 pm Musical Prelude St. John the Baptist

10:00 pm Christmas Mass, Vigil St. John the Baptist

11:15 pm Singing-Traditional Carols Good Samaritan

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25, 2014

Midnight Christmas Mass Good Samaritan

8:00 am Christmas Mass Good Samaritan

9:30 am Christmas Mass St. John the Baptist

11:00 am Christmas Mass Good Samaritan

ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

Prepare for the coming of Christ in your heart by taking advantage of the sacrament of Penance this Christmas

Wednesday, December 10 6:30-9:00 pm Good Samaritan

Monday, December 15 7:00 pm Our Lady of Peace

Tuesday, December 16 7:00 pm St. John the Baptist

Monday, December 22 2:30 pm Good Samaritan

Most Diocesan parishes will also be open December 10 for *"The Light Is Still On For You"* from 6-9:00 PM

Good Samaritan	
Weekly Offering, November 23, 2014	\$6,071.61
Weekly Offering, November 30, 2014	\$5,159.91
Religious Retirement Collection	\$3,393.65
Thanksgiving Collection SVDP	\$274.00
Online Giving, November 2014	\$2,703.00
St. John the Baptist	
Weekly Offering, November 23, 2014	\$2,943.00
Weekly Offering, November 30, 2014	\$1,939.00
Religious Retirement Collection	\$833.85
Thanksgiving Collection	583.00

The Light is
Still On
for You.



Has it been a *long* time
since you've been to confession?

Been away from the Church?

Just need to talk with a priest?

This Advent season, Catholic parishes throughout the Diocese of Pittsburgh will have their doors open and lights on Wednesday evening, December 10, from 6:00 to 9:00 pm.

If you have been reluctant to come to the sacrament, have been away for some time or just found it difficult to get to a Saturday confession, 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. www.diopitt.org/lightstillonmatin. The Light is Still On schedule is below:

Good Samaritan Parish: Wednesday, December 10, 2014
Mass at 6:00 PM, (NOT at 6:30 as usual)
Followed by confessions/opportunity to talk with a priest until 9:00 PM

GOOD SAMARITAN MEMORIAL CHRISTMAS TREE

Remembering Our Departed Loved Ones At Christmas

Each year parishioners are invited to hang a Christmas ornament on our Memorial Christmas Tree in memory of departed loved ones. The tradition began years ago as part of parish bereavement ministry, which was directed by Connie Christioff who passed away in 2009. Now, affectionately known as "Connie's Tree," the tradition continues.

You are invited again this year to bring an ornament and place it on our tree, even if you cannot make it to the lighting service.



The Memorial Tree will be decorated and blessed on
Sunday, December 14th
after the 11:00 Mass

Refreshments will follow. The Tree will remain until Epiphany.

All are welcome to add Christmas ornaments in memory of beloved ones. Ornaments may be personalized with names and pictures, but should be weatherproof. Please do not bring heirloom ornaments because they are on display outdoors and we cannot guarantee their safety.



Pancake Breakfast with Saint Nicholas

Hosted by Family Ministry and Holy Name Society



Crafts and visit with Saint Nick

Saturday, December 20th at 10:00 AM

Saint John the Baptist Church Social Hall in Baden

Cost: \$6.00 per person. \$20.00 per family

Adult Name: _____ Phone: _____

Number of adults attending: _____

Number and ages of children attending: _____

1. _____ Age: _____

2. _____ Age: _____

3. _____ Age: _____

4. _____ Age: _____

Please return registration to Saint John the Baptist or Good Samaritan

BEFORE DECEMBER 15

SAINT JOHN'S CORNER ✠

SUN., DEC. 14, DIVINE CHILD JESUS Saint Padre Pio Prayer Group, 2nd SUN. MONTHLY DEVOTION at St. John the Baptist. Holy Mass at 2:00 pm; Holy Hour at 3:00 pm. A meeting and social follows at 4:00 pm in the hall. All are welcome. Fr. Ladis Cizik will be the celebrant.

PIEROGI PROJECT We have just 2 more weeks of pierogi sales before the Christmas break. These will be very busy days in the kitchen on Thursdays (Dec. 11 and 18) beginning at 8 AM and also Thursday afternoon-evening from 3:00 PM on and **ALL DAY** on Fridays (Dec. 12 and 19). **PLEASE**, more volunteers are needed; can you help for a couple of hours? If you are a new volunteer, call the parish office 724-869-2280. Thanks, and God bless you!

GIVING TREE REMINDER Please be sure to return wrapped gifts with the ornament attached to the church or parish office by Monday, Dec. 15. If you have any questions, call the parish office: 724-869-2280.

"Our Lady, Undoer of Knots Fourth Month Novena Prayers" will take place this Monday, December 8th, in Good Samaritan Church immediately following the 7:00 pm Holy Day Mass.

Women's Bible Study and DVD Presentation by Anita Gutzchick will resume at our January 12th session.

Christian Mothers/Ladies Guild

Good Samaritan Holiday Fruit Baskets for Shut -Ins will be packed on Friday, Dec. 12th at 6:30 pm and delivered on Saturday, Dec. 13th at 9:00 am before the Christmas Parade. Please call JoAnn Smith to help at 724-266-7677. Thank you.

DECORATING HELP NEEDED:

Good Samaritan Church will be decorated for Christmas on Sunday, December 21st after the 11:00 am Mass. All help will be appreciated. Thank you.



Saint Vincent de Paul Society thanks all who contributed food and cash that enabled us to provide for families at Thanksgiving. We will have a Christmas distribution to help families in need. Please place your non-perishable food donations in the red collection barrels at the doors of Good Samaritan. God bless you all for your generosity.



Congratulations and blessings to **Janelle Mae Francis and Claire Helena Heinrichs** who were baptized at Saint John the Baptist.

Congratulation to the following Good Samaritan students who were named on the OLSH Honor Roll from Our Lady of the Sacred Heart High School. Highest Honors: Heidi Langhorst, Victoria Schmidt & Jessica Kerecman. Honors: Malachi Kristek.



**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.

+UPCOMING EVENTS+

Monday, Dec. 8: HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION

Offices Closed for **Immaculate Conception**

9:00 am (GS) Dough Making (JH)

5:15-6:45 pm CCD - Grades 3-5

7:00 pm (GS) Women's Bible Study (Ch./SJH)

Tuesday, December 9

8:30 am (GS) Baking (JH)

6:30 pm (SJ) Choir Practice

Wednesday, December 10 MASS TIME CHANGE

6:00 pm (GS) Mass time change due to "Light is On"

6:30-9:00 pm (GS) Confessions *The light Is On For You.*

7:15 pm (GS) Mary Bible Study Session 7 (SJH)

Thursday, December 11

6:00 pm (SJ) Potato Ball Rollers

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

Friday, December 12

(SJ) Pierogi Sales 724-869-9758

11:00 am (GS) Mary Bible Study Session 7 (SJH)

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

Saturday, December 13

4:00 pm (SJ) after Mass, Family Ministry Christmas

Sunday, December 14

9:00 am (GS) CIC/TEEN RCIA (SJH)

9:30 am (SJ) Liturgy with children during Mass

9:30-11:00 am - CCD Grades 6-8 (GS)

11:00 am (GS) after Mass, Memorial Tree Service (outside)

2:00 pm (SJ) Padre Pio Group

4:00 pm (GS) Doors Open for Christmas Vigil Dinner (JH)

6:30 pm (GS) RCIA (SJH)

✠IN SYMPATHY: Please pray for the repose of the souls of *Joseph Coppenrath, Steve Kennedy, Mike Klaich (father of Alan Klaich), Louis Marsilio, Jr. and Ralph Thomas.* May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.