

Mass Intentions

Monday, November 19: Weekday

1 Mc 1:10-15,41-43,54-57,62-6; Lk 18:35-43

8:00 a.m. (GS) Gerace & Mariani Families – Elmo Mariani Family

Tuesday, November 20: Weekday

2 Mc 6:18-31; Lk 19:1-10

8:00 a.m. (GS) Stanley & Josephine Wujs – daughter, Felicia

Wednesday, November 21: The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary

2 Mc 7:1,20-31; Lk 19:11-28 or Zec 2:14-17; Mt 12:46-50

8:00 a.m. (SJ) John Uhernik – Betty Strnisa

6:30 p.m. (GS) William J. Raymer, Sr. – wife, Elizabeth & children

Thursday, November 22: Mass of Thanksgiving

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Helen Ulinski - CCM

10:00 a.m. (GS) Ted & Helen Kon – Carole J. Kon

Friday, November 23: Weekday

1 Mc 4:36-37,52-59; Lk 19:45

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Walter J. Prusick – Prusick Family

Saturday, November 23: Andrew Dung-Lac, priest, martyr and his companions, martyrs

1 Mc 6:1-13; Lk 20:27-40

4:00 p.m. (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

5:30 p.m. (GS) Casimir & Cecilia Falkowski - family

Sunday, November 24: Our Lord Jesus Christ the King Thirty-Fourth or last Sunday of Ordinary Time

2 Sm 5:1-3; Col 1:12-20; Lk 23:35-43

8:30 a.m. (GS) For the Living & Deceased of the Parish

9:45 a.m. (SJ) Shirley Smolnery – St. John the Baptist CCM

11:00 a.m. (GS) Our deceased parents - Eugenio & Ezia Romano

4:00 p.m. (GS) Vespers & Benediction



From the Pastor

On Thursday of this week we celebrate Thanksgiving Day. The word Eucharist means thanksgiving. It is in the celebration of the Eucharist that we thank God the Father for the saving actions of Jesus His Son.

We all have a lot to be thankful for in our lives. I am very thankful to be here as your pastor with all of you. I would like to share the following entitled, "Things to be Thankful for" (I do not know the author):

"Be thankful for the clothes that fit a little too snug, because it means you have enough to eat.

Be thankful for the mess you clean up after a party, because it means you have been surrounded by friends.

Be thankful for the taxes you pay, because it means you're employed.

Be thankful that your lawn needs mowing and your windows need fixing, because it means you have a home.

Be thankful for your heating bill, because it means you are warm.

Be thankful for the laundry, because it means you have clothes to wear.

Be thankful for the space you find at the far end of the parking lot, because it means you can walk.

Be thankful for the lady who sings off-key behind you in church, because it means you can hear.

Be thankful when people complain about the government, because it means we have freedom of speech.

Be thankful for the alarm that goes off in the early morning hours, because it means you're alive."

We invite you to give thanks to God at one of our Thanksgiving Day Masses. The Thanksgiving collection at St. John the Baptist is for the Little Sisters of the Poor. There will be a monetary collection, as well as a collection of canned and non-perishable items at Good Samaritan for the St. Vincent de Paul Society. Please be as generous as possible.

Next weekend we conclude the Church liturgical year with the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ the King. To give special honor to our King we will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament after the 11:00 a.m. Sunday Mass at Good Samaritan. We will conclude the day with Vespers/Benediction at 4:00 p.m. I hope you can join us!

Youth Ministry News

"Got Faith" How do we live our faith in our daily lives?

All 9 -12 grade students are invited to join us for an evening of faith reflection from 6:00 to 9:00 p.m. at the Youth Center.

Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild

Our Christmas Dinner will be held on Saturday, December 1 after the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Jericho Hall. All members and their guests are invited to attend. The cost is \$15.00 per person. Reservations must be in no later than Sunday, November 25. Reservations can be made by calling Nancy at 724-266-7244 or Rita at 724-266-4656. The food will be catered by the Rusty Nail Restaurant of Bellevue. Entertainment will be provided by "Reach for the Stars Dance Troupe" of Ambridge

Our annual Baby Shower will be held the weekend of December 1-2. All parishioners are invited to donate to Lifeline of Southwestern PA in Beaver. We will be collecting items for newborn babies; i.e., diapers, onesies, undershirts, blankets, etc. Items can be placed in the red receptacles at the church entrances. Anyone attending the CMLG Christmas Dinner on December 1 can bring their

items that evening. Any questions call Rose Marie at 724-266-6886.

We want to welcome Roberta Sciulli and Mary Ross who have shown interest in joining our group. They will be officially installed in May. Glad you chose to be with us!!!

The annual Interfaith Christmas Concert will be at Heinz Hall on Monday, December 17. The bus will leave our parking lot at 5:45 p.m. and make a stop at the Christmas Crèche at the U. S. Steel Building. The cost for the bus is \$8.00 which includes the bus driver's tip. We will have 45 free concert tickets. To make your reservation, call Rose at 266-6886. A check or cash will hold your reservation. Make checks payable to Rose Marie Volpe and send to 901 - 11th Street, Ambridge, PA 15003. The bus will return around 10 or 10:15 p.m. Reservations must be in by December 9.

Bereavement Support Group

If you or someone that you know has lost a loved one please join Good Samaritan's "Shared Grief" support group. This is an opportunity to explore and understand your grief and the grieving process in a warm, caring environment. The process of grieving can be self healing and moves us to live more vital, active lives during difficult times. The group will meet for 6 consecutive Mondays from 6:30-8:30 p.m., at the St. Joseph House beginning November 12 and ending December 17. Transportation to and from the meetings can be arranged. For more information, please contact Connie Christoff at 724-251-9340. **It's not too late to sign up.**

Upcoming Baking Project

It's time to begin our Baking Project for the holiday season at Good Samaritan. We are calling all folks who have helped in the past and new faces are welcome. We will begin at 8:30 a.m. on **November 30**. Lunch will be served. Please come out and lend a hand.

Free Seminar on Estate Planning at Good Samaritan

The PA Elder Estate Advocacy Services will hold a free seminar at Good Samaritan on Wednesday, Dec. 12 from 7:15 p.m. - 8:15 p.m. in Jericho Hall. Learn the answers to such questions as, "How do I pass my estate probate free to my family? How do I pay less inheritance tax on my IRA? Should I deed my house to my children or put them on my bank accounts? Do I need a Living Trust? How do I protect my assets from the nursing home? What do I do in terms of Medicaid if I am entering a nursing home?"

Day of Recollection

Father Angelus M. Schaughnessy, from EWTN, will preside for a Day of Recollection at Saints Peter and Paul Parish, 200 Third Street, Beaver on Wednesday, Dec. 5 from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. The day includes Mass & lunch. Please make reservations by November 28. Please phone Betts Miller at 724-728-6571 or Cindy Kalkstein at 724-775-7480

Advent Booklets

With advent starting up, please take a few minutes a day, maybe five minutes, and use the daily reflections in *The Word Among Us* to grow closer to the Lord before Christmas. Spending just five minutes a day reading *The Word Among Us* magazine will dramatically change your experience during Advent from one of commercialization to spiritual openness. **Copies will be available the weekend of Dec. 1 & 2 at the doors of both Good Samaritan and St. John the Baptist.**

This Week We Remember...

The Sanctuary Candle

Pete & Catherine Gaudino (SJ) Family

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Health of Grey, Sally, Kristen & Kate (GS) Jim & Dotty Loebig

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Jerry Steinmetz (GS) 5:30 p.m. Ushers

Bread and Wine

Kovach, Svedok & Bufalini Families (GS) Helen Bufalini & Daughters
Pfeiffer Family (GS) granddaughter/ neice, Peggy Thomas
William Raymer, Sr. (GS) daughter, Jean, Carl, Kyle & Ashton Pietroboni
Lorraine Bailey (SJ) Dorothy Otrhalik



Wednesday, November 21

No Bible Study

Thursday, November 22

No Bible Study

Parish Offices Closed

Friday, November 23

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3:00 p.m. (GS) Eucharistic Adoration

7:00 p.m. (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, November 24

No CCD

7:30 a.m. (GS) Catholic Men's Fellowship – Parish Center

Sunday, November 25

No RCIA

No CCD



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Dominic R. Pokrin and Julia Montagna. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

Good Samaritan	Collection
Sunday 11/11/07	\$8,917.58
St. John the Baptist	
Sunday 11/11/07	\$2,652.00