

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 17: Advent Weekday

Gn 49:2, 8-10; Mt 1:1-17

8:00 a.m. (GS) Intentions of Bulletin Sponsors – Rick Cortez

Tuesday, December 18: Advent Weekday

Jer 23:5-8; Mt 1:18-25

8:00 a.m. (GS) Chester Sulkowski – Josephine Macurak

Wednesday, December 19: Advent Weekday

Jgs 13:2-7,24-25a; Lk 1:5-25

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Leonard Ptak – Mr. & Mrs. Jack Gilloch

6:30 p.m. (GS) Ruth Bartosch - Richard (husband)

Thursday, December 20: Advent Weekday

Is 7:10-14; Lk 1:26-38

8:00 a.m. (GS) Raymond & Anne Besong, Anniversary

Rememberance – Dennis & Gloria O'Connor

Friday December 21: Advent Weekday

Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a; Lk 1:39-45

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Anita Lewis – Ben Lewis

Saturday, December 22: Advent Weekday

1 Sm 1:24-28; Lk 1:46-56

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

5:30 p.m. (GS) Saverio & Mariangela Bevacqua - Family

Sunday, December 23: Fourth Sunday of Advent

Is 7:10-14; Rom 1:1-7; Mt 1:18-24

8:30 a.m. (GS) Salvatore & Giovanna Pane & Family – Frank Pane

9:45 a.m. (SJ) For the Members of the Choir – Regina Slavik

11:00 a.m. (GS) For the Living & Deceased of the Parish



From the Pastor

Today we celebrate Gaudete or "rejoicing" Sunday. Why are we so joyful? It is because we are at the half way point to Christmas. We wear rose vestments and light a rose candle in order to express a sense of joy. A half way point is a good time to assess things. If we are having a spirit filled Advent then we need to continue. If we have started slow then we need to pick up the pace.

On this day, let us be filled with joy since the Christ child is just about in our midst.

In the past we have given Christmas gifts to our liturgical ministers. In lieu of giving a token gift to those involved in liturgical ministries, both Good Samaritan and St. John the Baptist have decided to give a generous donation to the Chimbote Foundation. Chimbote is our diocesan mission in Chimbote, Peru.

We thank all liturgical ministers for your service and I am sure the poor of Chimbote will be most appreciative of the monetary donation given in your name.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Mon., Dec. 24	St. John the Baptist	4:00 p.m.
	Good Samaritan	5:00 p.m.
	St. John the Baptist	10:00 p.m.
	(Traditional Singing of Carols)	9:30 p.m.)
	Good Samaritan	12:00 a.m.
Tues., Dec. 25	(Traditional Singing of Carols)	11:15 pm.)
	Good Samaritan	8:30 a.m.
	St. John the Baptist	9:45 p.m.
	Good Samaritan	11:00 a.m.

Volunteers Needed to Decorate

We will be decorating both of our churches for Christmas on Sunday, December 23. The schedule is as follows: St. John the Baptist - 12:00 p.m.; Good Samaritan - 1:00 p.m. All are welcome to lend a hand.

Holy Name Breakfast – St. John the Baptist

The Holy Name Society of St. John the Baptist, Linmore Avenue, Baden is having an "All You Can Eat" Pancake or French Toast and Sausage Breakfast on Sunday, December 16, in the church social hall from 8:00 a.m.– 12:00 p.m. The cost is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children 12 & under. Children under five are Free.

Good Samaritan Christmas Bake Sale

Please pick up Christmas Bake Sale Orders on Sunday December 16 from 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. in Jericho Hall.

Memorial Christmas Tree Service

The holidays are times that bring back memories of those that we have lost. As a way of remembering those we have loved, Good Samaritan Parish will be having our 4th Annual Memorial Christmas Tree service on December 16 at 3:00 p.m. Bring a weatherproof ornament to hang in memory of your loved one(s) and we will decorate our Tree at the church doors (parking lot entrance).

The service will include music, inspirational readings and a presentation of the ornaments of those remembered. Please bring the name of the love one to be remembered. This is an outdoor service so please dress appropriately. A hot chocolate and cookie reception will be held following the service.

Choirs – Our Lady of Peace & St. John the Baptist

The combined choirs of Our Lady of Peace and St. John the Baptist, Baden, will present a Christmas Cantata on Sunday, December 16, at 6:00 p.m. at Our Lady of Peace in Conway.

CLUSTER PENANCE SERVICES

Thurs., Dec. 13	St. Cecilia	7:00 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 17	Good Samaritan	1:30 p.m.
Mon., Dec. 17	St. John the Baptist	6:30 p.m.
Wed., Dec. 19	Our Lady of Peace	7:00 p.m.

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Youth Ministry News

Ice Skating Party- We will leave from Good Samaritan Parking Lot at 5:00 p.m. and return at 9:30 p.m.

Movie Night - Sunday, December 30, from 6 - 9:00 p.m. Bring a friend!

Middle School Ministry - A big thank you to all who helped make our kick-off such a success. We had 28 students attend! Our next session will be in February. Middle School Ministry is open to all 6 - 8 grade students.

Christmas Wafers (Oplatki)

The traditional Christmas Wafer (Oplatki) will be available each Sunday of Advent at Good Samaritan from the ushers for your use at the Christmas Vigil Meal. Donation is \$1.00 for an envelope of 2 wafers. They will also be available at the Parish Center during regular business hours. We have a limited supply, please be sure to get yours early.

Christian Mothers and Ladies Guild – THANK YOU

Shut-in Baskets – Thank you to those who prepared and delivered baskets to the shut-ins on Friday, December 14. Your generosity surely brightens the day of those who are homebound. May God bless you and reward you and your families abundantly.

Lifeline Baby Shower- Thank you to all who donated money or items for newborn babies during our baby shower for Lifeline of S.W. PA. As usual, your generosity is heartwarming. The baby items will be delivered hopefully this week and a check for \$123 will be sent to Lifeline of S.W. PA. On behalf of those innocent babies who will be served, thank you and God bless you.

Stress in Your Marriage?

Retrouvaille is a program for married couples who feel bored, disillusioned, frustrated, or angry in their marriages. Some experience coldness. Others experience conflict in their relationships. Most don't know how to change the situation or even communicate with their spouses about it. This program has helped tens of thousands of couples experiencing difficulties in their marriages. For confidential information about or to register for the winter program beginning with a weekend on January 11-13, 2008, call 1-800-470-2230, send email to 304l@retrouvaille.org, or visit the web site at www.helpourmarriage.com

Bread and Wine

John Moss (SJ) John & Doretta Moss
 Fred Otrhalik (SJ) Dorothy Otrhalik
 Jerry Steinmetz (GS) 5:30 p.m. Ushers
 Health of Edna Kremmel (GS) Jim & Dottie Loebig



Sunday, December 16

8:30 a.m. - 12:00 p.m. (SJ) HNS Breakfast
 9:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. (GS) Holiday Bake Sale
 9:00 a.m. (GS) CIC (SJH)
 7:00 p.m. (GS) RCIA

Monday, December 17

1:30 p.m. (GS) Parish Penance Service
 6:30 p.m. (SJ) Parish Penance Service

Tuesday, December 18

10:00 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. (GS) Leisure Club (JH)
 6:30 p.m. (GS) St. Vincent de Paul
 6:30 p.m. (SJ) Choir Practice
 7:00 p.m. (GS) Bible Study Facilitators (SJH)

Wednesday, December 19

4:00 p.m. (GS) Bible Study Closing (JH)
 7:00 p.m. (GS) Matthew Bible Study - Lesson 24

Thursday, December 20

7:00 p.m. (GS) Choir
 7:00 p.m. (SJ) Bible Timeline Study – Lesson 24

Friday, December 21

8:00-2:00 p.m. (GS) Pierogi Sale
 11:00 a.m. (GS) Matthew Bible Study Lesson 24 (SJH)
 3:00 p.m. (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
 7:00 p.m. (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday, December 22

No CCD

Sunday, December 23

NO CCD

12:00 p.m. (SJ) Christmas Decorating
 1:00 p.m. (GS) Christmas Decorating



Good Samaritan	Collection
Immaculate Conception Sunday 12/09/07	\$2,635.75 \$9,382.04
St. John the Baptist	
Immaculate Conception Sunday 12/09/07	\$920.90 \$2,861.00

This Week We Remember...

The Sanctuary Candle

William Domarack (SJ) Jane Domaracki
 Jimmy Mitro (GS) Uncle Bernie & Aunt Mary Ann

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Anthony & Sophie Valentine (GS)
 Steve & Annette Hramika

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Olga Dzikowski (GS) Pine Street Neighbors