

Mass Intentions

Monday, December 24: Vigil of Christmas

4:00 p.m. (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of the Parish
 5:00 p.m. (GS) Intentions of our floral donors
 10:00 p.m. (SJ) Intentions of our floral donors
 12:00 a.m. (GS) For the Living and Deceased of the Parish

Tuesday, December 25: Christmas

8:30 a.m. (GS) Intentions of our floral donors
 9:45 a.m. (SJ) Intentions of our floral donors
 11:00 a.m. (GS) Intentions of our floral donors

Wednesday, December 26: Stephen, First Martyr

Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Walter Prusick – Prusick Family
 6:30 p.m. (GS) Lucinda Gulish – Don Pasquarella & Family

Thursday, December 27: John, Apostle, Evangelist

1 Jn 1:1-4; Jn 20:1a,22-8
 8:00 a.m. (GS) Stephen & Pauline Mikush – Karen O'Bryan, daughter

Friday December 28: The Holy Innocents, Martyrs

1 Jn 1:5-2:2; Mt 2:13-18
 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Holy Innocents

Saturday, December 29: The Fifth Day in the Octave of Christmas

1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
 4:00 p.m. (SJ) Eugenie Marsilio-Mikulich – Mom and Dad

5:30 p.m. (GS) John T. Karnoski – Mom, Bill & Krystal

Sunday, December 30: The Holy Family

Sir 3:2-7,12-14; Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17; Mt 2:13-15,19-23
 8:30 a.m. (GS) For the Living and Deceased of the Parish
 9:45 a.m. (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of the Parish
 11:00 a.m. (GS) Michael Benko – Tony and Mary Ann



From the Pastor

"For today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Christ and Lord" (Lk 2:11). Today we are filled with inexpressible joy as we celebrate the birth of the Christ Child. What a love story it is! The Word has become flesh. God has become one like us so that he can share his love and his very life with us. How blessed are we to have a relationship with the baby born in Bethlehem. Where would we be without the Christ Child? It is on this day that we sing with the heavenly host, "Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests." (Lk 2:14)

It is my first Christmas with you. I am so blessed to be assigned here and I look forward to spending Christmas with all of you. **On behalf of Fr. Joe, Sr. Marise, Bro. Ambrose, both Parish Staffs, and myself, May you have a blessed Christmas filled with the love of the Christ Child.**

Lastly, the Christmas Charities Collection for Children and Youth will be held during the Christmas Masses. The proceeds are used to support a number of programs in our

diocese for children and young people. Please be as generous as possible.

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.)
Tues., Dec. 25	Good Samaritan	12:00 a.m.
	(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.

Office Hours

Both St. John the Baptist and Good Samaritan Parishes will be closed on Christmas Eve & Christmas Day and on New Years Eve & on New Years Day.

Discover the Priesthood

The Office for Vocations is hosting an overnight gathering at Saint Paul Seminary Friday and Saturday, January 25-26, 2008 for all college and career age men who are interested in learning more about the priestly formation program, seminary life, and the priesthood. For more information, please contact Father Thomas Sparacino at (412) 672-9763 or Father James Wehner at (412)-456-3048.

January 11-13, 2008 – Vocation Awareness Weekend

"Take the Plunge/Celebrating Our Baptismal Call." For Single Men and Women ages 18-40 who are discerning God's will; Place: Kearn's Spirituality Center; Sponsor: Pittsburgh Serrans and the Pittsburgh Religious Vocation Council; Many know about the married and/or single vocation but few know about the joys of being a sister or priest...take the plunge. Call 412-456-3067 to register or e-mail at progan@diopitt.org. No Cost.

✠ NEW YEARS DAY ✠

HOLY DAY OF OBLIGATION SCHEDULE

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Mon., Dec. 31	St. John the Baptist	4:00 p.m.
	Good Samaritan	5:30 p.m.
Tues., Jan. 1	Good Samaritan	8:30 a.m.
	St. John the Baptist	9:45 a.m.
	Good Samaritan	11:00 a.m.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Youth Ministry News

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

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.

NEW GOOD SAMARITAN MISSION STATEMENT

We, the family of Good Samaritan, are a welcoming community consisting of various ethnic traditions.

Centered in the Eucharist, we are a faith-driven parish that strives to uphold traditional Catholic values.

In celebration of God's gifts, we are committed to prayer, evangelization, life-long learning, and service to God and to one another.

Rooted in the heart of Jesus Christ, we pledge to grow in God's love as a faith community.

EWTN Special Christmas Programming

Join the EWTN Global Catholic Network in celebrating the birth of the Christ Child. EWTN is proud to bring you Christmas Eve and Christmas Day Masses live from Rome and the Basilica of the National Shrine in Washington, DC, as well as inspiring musical performances, animated features, specials for children and teens, and new holiday presentations the whole family will enjoy. Watch EWTN on Channel 22 in the Greater Pittsburgh area.

St. Philomena Bingo

Every Tuesday in Hungerman Hall on the corner of 6th Avenue and 40th Street, College Hill, Beaver Falls. The "Cover-All" pays \$1,000. Bring a friend and have fun playing Bingo! "Early Birds" start at 7:00 p.m. and Regular Games start at 7:30 p.m. Minimum package is \$12. St. Philomena Bingo is non-smoking.

Pilgrimages 2008 Medjugorje

1) Medjugorje Pilgrimage on March 27 - April 5, \$2,095.00. Includes round trip airfare from Pittsburgh; all transfers in luxury motor coach; breakfast and supper; comfortable European accommodations and English speaking guide; Spiritual Director, Rev. Michael Maranowski.

2) Medjugorje/Italy - July 29 - August 9, \$2,850.00

3) EWTN - Alabama, Shrine of the Most Blessed Sacrament April 28-May 2, \$520.00. Includes airfare, motor coach, lodging, and meals. Be present at "EWTN LIVE" show. For information call Bernadette Burke 412-563-3857.

This Week We Remember...

The Sanctuary Candle

Walter Prusick (SJ) Louise Vochko
Our deceased children (GS) Joseph & Joan Nenadovich

Holy Family Shrine Candle

Helen, John, & Johnny Karnoski (GS) Francis Karnoski

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle

Louise Levato (GS) Bill Krol & Family

Bread and Wine

Frank & Mary Janicki (GS) Children
Dolores Fitzgerald (GS) Joe & Mary Ann Sasinovich
Ida Pisano (GS) Children, Grandchildren, Great
Grandchildren



Sunday, December 23

NO CCD
12:00 p.m. (SJ) Christmas Decorating
1:00 p.m. (GS) Christmas Decorating

Monday, December 24

(GS) No Morning Mass
(SJ) & (GS) Second Collection Christmas Charities
(SJ) & (GS) Office Closed

Tuesday, December 25

(SJ) & (GS) Second Collection Christmas Charities
(GS) Office Closed

Thursday, December 27

(SJ) Communion Service at Green Diamond

Friday, December 28

3:00 p.m. (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
7:00 p.m. (GS) Marian Prayer Group

Saturday & Sunday, December 29 & 30

NO CCD



Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Domenic D' Alessandro, Jonathan Martin,
Eleanor Ronczka and Gabrielle Spina.

May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed
through the mercy of God rest in peace.



Good Samaritan	Collection
Sunday 12/16/07	\$8,050.18
St. John the Baptist	
Sunday 12/16/07	\$2,311.00