

Mass Intentions

Monday, January 28: Thomas Aquinas, priest, doctor
 2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Mk 3:22-30 or Wis 7:7-10,15-16; Mt 23:8-12
 8:00 a.m. (GS) Jerome Steinmetz - Ed Dzubak

Tuesday, January 29
 2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19; Mk 3:31-35
 8:00 a.m. (GS) George Vilella - Wife, Mary

Wednesday, January 30
 2 Sm 7:4-17; Mk 4:1-20
 8:00 a.m. (SJ) For the Living and Deceased of the Parish
 6:30 p.m. (GS) Richard Bufalini - Wife and Daughters

Thursday, January 31: John Bosco, priest
 2 Sm 7:18-19,24-29; Mk 4:21-25 or Phil 4:4-9; Mt 18:1-5
 8:00 a.m. (GS) Hovanec Family - Family

Friday, February 1
 2 Sm 11:1-4a,5-10a,13-11; Mk 4:26-34
 8:00 a.m. (SJ) Janice Gilmore-Parents: Ed & Tillie Silkroski

Saturday, February 2: The Presentation of the Lord
 Mal 3:1-4; Heb 2:14-18; Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
 9:00 a.m. (SJ) For the Living & Deceased of the Parish - Blue Army
 4:00 p.m. (SJ) Blake Kantz - Brenda Briola
 5:30 p.m. (GS) For the Living and Deceased of the Parish

Sunday, February 3: Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zep 2:3;3:12-13; 1 Cor 1:26-31; Mt 5:1-12a
 8:30 a.m. (GS) Pauline Evanish-Husband, Alan
 9:45 a.m. (SJ) Shirley Smolnery-Michael, Michele & Cheryl
 11:00 a.m. (GS) James Costanza-Wife and Children



From the Pastor

On Feb. 2, we welcome Bishop Zubik at the Saturday, 5:30 p.m. Mass at Good Samaritan. He will celebrate the Mass and then attend a banquet in his honor at Franzee's-Javy's Banquet Hall at 7:00 p.m. If interested in attending the dinner, please see details in the bulletin.

Next Sunday, Feb. 3, is the Memorial of St. Blase, bishop and Martyr. He is said to have miraculously healed a boy who was choking on a fishbone. Due to this miracle it has become tradition to bless throats on his feast day. We will confer the Blessing of Throats at each of the weekend Masses.

Next Sunday is also World Day for Consecrated Life. We recognize and give thanks for those who consecrated their lives to God and the Church through the vows of poverty, chastity and obedience. We give thanks for our own Sr. Marise and Bro. Ambrose. May God continue to bless them.

Our annual Parish Share Program will begin next Sunday, Feb. 3. You will be mailed a Parish Share packet during the week of Feb. 3 which will further explain the Parish Share Program. Please be as generous as possible.

It is amazing to think that Lent is right around the corner. Ash Wednesday is Feb. 6. **I alert you to our special Lenten Schedule insert in this weekend's bulletin.** Please retain

this schedule to help you keep track of the many opportunities offered during the Lenten season. I also call your attention to the special Lenten issue of the Pittsburgh Catholic which you will soon receive. This particular issue is to contain much valuable information.

Lastly, Saturday, Feb. 2, is the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. The Blue Army will gather for its usual First Saturday Devotions on Feb. 2 at St. John the Baptist (details in the bulletin). The Mass of the Presentation of the Lord will be celebrated at 9:00 a.m. All are welcome.

Papal Visit to Washington and New York

During the upcoming visit by Pope Benedict XVI on April 16-20 to the archdioceses of Washington and New York, there are two public Masses scheduled. It is extremely unlikely that any tickets will be available for those Masses, or any other events associated with the Holy Father's visit, outside of the two host archdioceses and their immediate neighboring dioceses. Because the chance is so remote, the Diocese of Pittsburgh indicated that calling or writing to request tickets will serve no point, and in light of the very few tickets that will be made available, if any, the Diocese will not be in a position to take any names or to maintain any waiting lists. In the unforeseen event that a limited number of tickets do become available through the Diocese, a notice will be published in the *Pittsburgh Catholic* and sent to parishes. Both public Masses will be broadcast live on EWTN which is available locally.

Bishop Zubik Returning to be Honored

Bishop Zubik will be the honored guest at a banquet welcoming Fr. O'Connor, Fr. Carr, and other clergy new to the Ambridge Area. The banquet, hosted by the Ambridge Area Chamber of Commerce, will be held on Saturday, February, 2, at 7:00 p.m. at Franzee's-Javy's. Tickets for the sit-down dinner are \$30. For more information, call the Chamber at (724) 266-3040 or email to ambridgechamber@gmail.com. **Bishop Zubik will celebrate Mass on Feb. 2 at Good Samaritan at 5:30pm.**

Beaver Valley Blue Army

The Blue Army will hold its First Saturday meeting on Feb. 2 at St. John the Baptist, Baden. Mass of the Presentation of the Lord is at 9:00 a.m. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 8:30 a.m. Following Mass, members will pray the rosary. A continental breakfast will follow. New members of those interested in our organization are welcome to attend. For more information, call Hope at 724-869-4736.

Photo Directory of Good Samaritan Parish

Olan Mills will be at Good Samaritan to photograph our parishioners for a new parish directory on Feb. 19-23 and Mar. 13-15, 2008. **We are urging all parishioners to participate.** Sign-ups will be the weekends of Jan. 26-27, Feb. 2-3, and Feb 9-10.

Youth Ministry News

Monthly Movie Night is on Sunday, March 2 from 6:00-9:00 p.m. Bring a friend! Snacks and refreshments will be served. Activities calendar for February and March will be available. Make sure you get your copy. There are lots of plans for the coming months.

Easter Basket Raffle

New items are now being accepted for the Good Samaritan Lenten Fish Fry Easter Basket Raffle. Easter Baskets will be displayed each Friday during Lent. Winning tickets will be picked at the end of the last Fish Fry. Please drop off items to the Parish Center by January 31. For more information contact Bro. Ambrose at the Parish Center.

Women of Grace Bible Study

Looking for ladies who would like to become part of our monthly *“Women of Grace Bible Study”* by Johnnette Benkovic of EWTN’s *“The Abundant Life.”* This transforming journey will allow you to explore the great call and gift of your femininity as you meet some of the great women saints, learn from the wisdom and guidance of Holy Mother Church, unpack the treasures of Sacred Scripture, and look to Mary as our spiritual path that leads you to the Father through Jesus. If you desire to discern your true vocation as a daughter of God and a bride of Christ, this is the answer for you! The once a month sessions will be from 6:00 p.m.–8:00 p.m. at Good Samaritan Saint Joseph House. Beginning on Monday, February 11 and will continue the second Monday of each month through November. Cost of the *“Women of Grace”* Study Kit is \$36. Call Susan ASAP at the Parish Center for more information or to register.



Sunday, January 27

- No CCD
- 9:00 a.m. (GS) CIC - (SJH)
- 4:00 p.m. (GS) Jamaica Mission Dinner Refreshments - (JH)
- 5:00 p.m. (GS) Jamaica Mission Dinner - (JH)
- 6:00 p.m. (GS) RCIA - (SJH)

Monday, January 28

- No CCD
- 6:00 p.m. (GS) Women of WELL-come - (SJH)

Tuesday, January 29

- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (GS) Leisure Club - (JH)
- 6:30 p.m. (SJ) Choir Practice
- 6:30 p.m. (GS) St. Vincent de Paul

Wednesday, January 30

- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (GS) Bingo/Cards - (JH)

Thursday, January 31

- Paczki Prep
- Pierogi Prep
- 7:00 p.m. (GS) Choir

Friday, February 1

- Paczki Prep
- 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. (SJ) Pierogi Sales
- 3:00 p.m. (GS) Eucharistic Adoration
- 7:00 p.m. (GS) Marian Prayer Group - Mass: 8:00 p.m.

Saturday, February 2

- 9:00 a.m. (SJ) First Saturday Mass - Blue Army
- Paczki Prep-Set Up 9:00 a.m.
- 5:30 p.m. Mass – Bishop Zubik
- 7:00 p.m. Bishop Zubik Recognition Dinner-Franzee-Javy’s

Sunday, February 3

- Paczki Prep
- 9:00 a.m. (GS) CIC - (SJH)
- (GS) NO RCIA TONIGHT



GOOD SAMARITAN PARISHIONERS ONLY... REQUESTS FOR 2007 TOTAL CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you would like a Total Contribution Statement for tax purposes for 2007, please fill out the form provided in this week’s bulletin insert at Good Samaritan. For those who are visiting Saint John the Baptist, forms will be available in the back of the church. To avoid confusion, please do not call the parish to request a statement.



| Good Samaritan | Collection |
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| Sunday 1/20/08 | \$6,899.52 |
| St Anthony Programs | \$1,783.98 |
| St. John the Baptist | Collection |
| Sunday 1/20/08 | \$1,965.00 |
| St. Anthony Programs | \$876.09 |

This Week We Remember

Blessed Mother Shrine Candle
Justin Zankel (GS) Parents, Barb & Hap Zankel

Holy Family Shrine Candle
John Smergolski (GS)

Holy Trinity Shrine Candle
Justine Zankel (GS) - Parents, Barb & Hap Zankel

The Sanctuary Candle
Hovanec Family (GS) - Family
Janice Gilmore (SJ) - Ed & Tillie Silkroski

Bread and Wine
(In Memory) Justin Zankel (GS) - Parents,
Barb & Hap Zankel

Tabernacle Flowers
(In Memory) Justin Zankel (GS) - Parents,
Barb & Hap Zankel

In Sympathy Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Borkowski. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.