



# Mass Intentions

**02/04/12-Saturday-5th Sunday of Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

4:30pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)  
 5:00pm David Zubalik by Gary & Andrew Iezzi (Church)

**Gift Bearers: Family**

**02/05/12-Sunday-5th Sunday of Ordinary Time**

8:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 8:40am Rosary (Chapel)  
 9:00am Mary Baracca by Richard Boggio (Church)

**Gift Bearers: Family**

**02.06/12-Monday-St. Paul Miki & Companions, Martyrs**

7:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 7:45am Rosary (Chapel)  
 8:00am Willie Sundry by Pat Dettore & Ella Wodowski (Church)

**02/07/12-Tuesday-Weekday in Ordinary Time**

7:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 7:45am Rosary (Chapel)  
 8:00am Mickey Roble by Ray, Shirley & Robin (Church)  
 6:45pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)

**02/08/12-Wednesday-St. Jerome Emiliani; St. Josephine Bakhita, Virgin**

7:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 7:45am Rosary (Chapel)  
 8:00am Joseph & Mary Serwinski by Mary Ann & Joe Serwinski (Church)

**02/09/12-Thursday-Weekday in Ordinary time**

7:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 7:45am Rosary (Chapel)  
 8:00am Liturgy of the Word and Communion (Church)

**02/10/12-Friday-St. Scholastica, Virgin**

7:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 7:45am Rosary (Chapel)  
 8:00am Pavel Kudlac by Mike Kudlac (Church)

**02/11/12-Saturday-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time (Vigil)**

4:30pm Evening Prayer (Chapel)  
 5:00pm Dan DeGruttola by Morning Mass Crew (Church)

**Gift Bearers: Family**

**02/12/12-Sunday-6th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

10:30am Morning Prayer (Chapel)  
 10:40am Rosary (Chapel)  
 11:00am Kelley Pezzi by Family (Church)

**Gift Bearers: Family**

**HOST & WINE IN MEMORY OF FR. MACK BY JOHN & ETHEL BUKOSKY.**



**+++CHURCH OFFERTORY REPORT+++**

January 29, 2012

Offertory Collection .....	\$ 5,436.00
Loose Collection.....	\$ 150.00
Children's Collection .....	\$ 2.00
Sub Total.....	\$ 5,588.00
Roof Donation .....	\$ 50.00
Candle/Wine/Host .....	\$ 30.00
Votive Candles.....	\$ 35.65
Total .....	\$ 5,703.65
Weekly Need.....	\$ 7,600.00
Short.....	\$ -1,896.35

**OTHER DEPOSITS**

Endowment Fund Donation .....	\$ 10.00
Catholic Accent .....	\$ 182.00
Bazaar Account.....	\$ 660.00
Mass Account.....	\$ 190.00
St. Vincent DePaul Account.....	\$ 315.00

**Envelopes Issued: 486 Envelopes Returned: 214  
 Average Weekly Gift: \$26.92**

**BILLS PAID THIS WEEK**

Opening/Closing Church.....	\$ 20.00
Altar Bread .....	\$ 67.90
Janitorial Expense.....	\$ 110.00
Janitorial Supplies.....	\$ 192.50
Priest Reimbursement .....	\$ 207.84
Rectory Table Food .....	\$ 625.00
Snow Plow/Salt .....	\$ 1,000.00
Payroll .....	\$ 8,251.74
Total .....	\$ 10,474.98

**ASSESSMENTS**

11.5% Catholic School Assessment .....	\$ -655.92
8% Diocesan Assessment .....	\$ -456.29

Remember SS. Simon & Jude Church in Your Will.

**+++CEMETERY REPORT+++  
WEEKLY INCOME**

Donation.....	\$ 10.00
Opening.....	\$ 625.00
Total .....	\$ 635.00

**BILLS PAID THIS WEEK**

Snow Plow/Salt .....	\$ 450.00
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*Stewardship is how the Catholic faith has been lived out vibrantly in every age, in every place, in every generation. It is our response to Jesus' message.*

COMING EVENTS PLEASE MARK YOUR CALENDAR

WE ARE COLLECTING NON-PERISHABLE ITEMS FOR THE BLAIRSVILLE FOOD BANK ON 2<sup>ND</sup> & 4<sup>TH</sup> WEEKENDS

Feb 05-IS OBSERVED AS BOY SCOUT SUNDAY-SCOUTS ARE INVITED TO ATTEND MASS IN THEIR UNIFORMS.

Feb 05-MAKING OF MEAT RAVIOLI FOR PRE-LENTEN ITALIAN DINNER (Kitchen)..... 10:00am

Feb 04-GOOD SHEPHERD FAITH FORMATION (Parish Center-Atrium) ..... 9:00am

Feb 04-Ethnic Dinner at St. Rose Church, Latrobe, PA ..... 4:00pm to 5:00pm

Feb 05-RCIA BREAKING OPEN THE WORD FOR CATECHUMENS DURING MASS..... 9:00am

Feb 05-FAITH FORMATION FOR 7<sup>TH</sup> – 8<sup>TH</sup> GRADES (Parish Center)..... 10:00am

Feb 05-CHILDREN’S GROUP 1<sup>ST</sup> – 5<sup>TH</sup> GRADES (Marian Hall)..... 10:15am

Feb 05-PARENT AND ADULT DISCUSSION CLASS (Parish Center) ..... 10:00am

Feb 06-WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS AND CHILDREN REGARDING 1<sup>ST</sup> COMMUNION (Parish Center) ..... 6:00pm

Feb 07-GROUNDS, BUILDINGS & MAINTENANCE COMMITTEE MEETING (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm

Feb 09-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)-Parish Center ..... 7:00pm

Feb 10-Night at the Races at St. Vincent Grove-Latrobe, PA-Benefits Youth Group ..... 7:00pm

Feb 11-GOOD SHEPHERD FAITH FORMATION (Parish Center-Atrium) ..... 9:00am

Feb 11-RCIA BREAKING OPEN THE WORD FOR CATECHUMENS DURING MASS ..... 5:00pm

**February 12 – PRE LENTEN DINNER**

12Noon to 3:00pm Marian Hall

Wedding Soup, Salad, Meat Ravioli, Cavatelli, Pasta, Meatballs, Sausage with peppers and onions, Pizza Barn  
Pizza, Bread from Sansos, Desserts, and Drinks

Adults-\$10.00 Children (6-12) \$5.00 Under 5 free

Take Outs Available

Chairpersons-Peg & Paul Mosco & Kathy & Richard John

Profit to go for new roof on Parish Center

Feb 14-ART AND ENVIRONMENT MEETING (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm

Feb 15-Lecture Series on Aging & Spirituality at St. Vincent College-Fred Rogers Center-Speaker-Jason King ..... 3:00pm

Feb 15-LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm

Feb 15-LEGION OF MARY MEETING Anyone interested in the work of the Legion is ask to attend (Parish Center) ..... 7:00pm

Feb 16-RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (RCIA)-Parish Center ..... 7:00pm

Feb 18-RCIA BREAKING OPEN THE WORD FOR CATECHUMENS DURING MASS..... 5:00pm

Feb 18-GOOD SHEPHERD FAITH FORMATION (Parish Center-Atrium) ..... 9:00am

Feb 18-“Night at the Races” at St. Edward Parish, Herminie, PA ..... 7:00pm

Feb 19-Benefit Concert at St. John Church, Delmont, PA..... 2:00pm

Feb 20-PARISH OFFICE CLOSED IN OBSERVANCE OF PRESIDENT’S DAY—To reopen on Tuesday at 9:00am

Feb 20-COMFORTING FRIENDS SERVICE FOR THE DECEASED (Church) ..... 7:00pm

**February 21 - FAT TUESDAY TICKET**

February 16--\$1,000.00

February 18--\$1,000.00

February 20--\$1,000.00

February 17--\$1,000.00

February 19--\$1,000.00

Fat Tuesday--February 21--\$9,000.00

Chairpersons-Mary Jo Miller and Roseann Ferguson

Profit goes to 2012 Bazaar

**FEBRUARY 5—FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME:** Jesus' power and authority extend over all things. In the Gospel, Jesus cures the sick, and he drives out evil spirits. Even today, Jesus' divine Word possesses the same strength and authority. Jesus is the Prophet and Teacher who speaks the Word of the Father on the breath of the Spirit. Let us open our hearts to hear his voice and receive his healing power.

**MONDAY—FEBRUARY 6—MEMORIAL OF ST. PAUL MIKI AND COMPANIONS, MARTYRS:** Paul Mike (+1571) was a Jesuit priest, one of the 26 martyrs of Japan. The local governor felt threatened by a growing influence of the Jesuits and had members of the Christian community arrested and thrown in jail. They were forced to walk six hundred miles from Kyoto to Nagasaki as a deterrent to other Christians, but they sang the Te Deum as they went. At Nagasaki they were crucified. Then Christian missionaries returned to Japan in the nineteenth century. They found that a secret Christian community had survived by transmitting the beliefs and prayers from generation to generation.

**FRIDAY—FEBRUARY 10—MEMORIAL OF ST. SCHOLASTICA:** Information regarding the life of this saint is rather meager, but her legacy continues to live on. She was the twin sister of Saint Benedict, the father of Western Monasticism. From a young age (480-547) she expressed a deep desire to dedicate her life to God through the monastic vows: obedience, conversion of life (poverty and chastity), and stability. She founded and supervised a monastery of nuns near her brother's monastery at Monte Casino. Once a year Saint Scholastica and Saint Benedict would meet somewhere between their two monasteries to pray and discuss spiritual matters. Just prior to her death she met with her brother one more time. As the time came for him to leave, she prayed that somehow his visit would be extended. All of a sudden, a violent thunderstorm broke forth from the heavens, preventing Saint Benedict from departing. Her prayers were answered—they spent the entire night pondering the deeper mysteries of life.

**ANY CHILD IN GRADES 1-6** interested in participating in the Children's Stations of the Cross on March 30th is asked to complete the form below and submit it to the church office to the attention of Elaine Scherer. We will be scheduling several practice sessions in March.

**ANY ADOLESCENT IN GRADES 7-12** interested in participating in the Stations of the Cross for Teenagers on March 9th is asked to complete the form below and submit it to the church office to the attention of Elaine Scherer. We need readers and acolytes to lead the procession to each Station of the Cross.

NAME \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE NUMBER \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ CHILDREN'S STATIONS OF THE CROSS

\_\_\_\_\_ STATIONS OF THE CROSS FOR TEENAGERS

\_\_\_\_\_ READER

\_\_\_\_\_ ACOLYTE

**BAPTISM:** The first sacrament, and the one of central importance to Christians. Various cleansing rituals had been in use by both Jewish communities and pagan religions around the time of Christ. Indeed, the urge to symbolically wash away one's sins through ritual cleansing is hard-wired into the human psyche. Witness the millions of Hindu people who even today bathe themselves in the Ganges River of India during their sacred season. Water, which is so symbolic of cleansing, is also, especially in the Middle Eastern countries, symbolic of death because these people are all too familiar with the dangers of sudden flash floods in their arid land. To discover what makes Christian initiation so different or special read the Gospels. John the Baptist baptized with a Baptism of repentance, a symbolic cleansing ritual Jesus enters. Jesus chose to be baptized to elevate this ordinary ritual to the status of a sacred and grace-filled encounter.

**NUNS** in the strict sense, women in religious orders who take solemn vows of poverty, chastity, and obedience. Nuns observe the papal cloister and live a life of silence, contemplation, and prayer. Choir nuns chant the Divine Office daily. Vatican II (1952-65), called for modifying the cloister, eliminating outmoded customs, and modifying the habit. The word "nun" is also popularly used by women in religious congregations who take simple vows and who do not observe the cloister. It is also used as a synonym for "sister" (Encyclopedia of Catholicism, page 923)

**A HUSBAND AND WIFE** were arguing and not speaking but the husband needed his wife to wake him at 5:00 a.m. for an early morning business flight. Not wanting to be the first to break the silence (and LOSE), he wrote on a piece of paper, "Please wake me at 5:00 a.m." He left it where he knew she would find it. The next morning, the man woke up, only to discover it was 9:00 a.m. and he had missed his flight. Furious, he was about to go and see why his wife hadn't wakened him when he noticed a piece of paper by the bed. The paper said, "It is 5:00 a.m. Wake up." Men are not equipped for these kinds of contests!

<b>MASS ATTENDANCE</b>	
January 29, 2012	
5:00pm.....	250
9:00am.....	253
Total.....	503

**READINGS**-February 12, 2012  
 Leviticus 13:1-2, 44-46 (1st)  
 1 Corinthians 10:31-11:1 (2nd)  
 Mark 1:40-45 (Gospel)  
 6th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**SARRIS CANDY EASTER SALE:** The Cemetery Committee will be selling Sarris Candy for Easter. Order forms are in the bulletin this week. Colored brochures of the candy are in the back of the church if you would like to see the products. Order forms must be returned with your payment by February 26th and pick-up will be March 16th.

**CHAIRPERSON/S NEEDED FOR TWO EVENTS.** If no one volunteers to chair an event it will be canceled.  
**MAY—ANNUAL CARD PARTY**-Date to be chosen.  
**JULY 29—BAZAAR**-Paul & Peggy Mosco would like another couple to help.

**UPDATE ON NEW ROOF FOR PARISH CENTER:** Estimated Cost—\$135,000.00; Presently Refunded from Today's Challenge, Tomorrow's Hope (Bishop's Campaign)—\$75,804.54; Donations from Individuals—\$6,180.39; Fund Raiser Proceeds—\$19,230.98; Interest from Catholic Institute—\$2,072.24; Needed—\$31,711.85. We thank those who are still making payments to the Bishop's Campaign.

**PLEASE HELP SUPPORT THE \$14,500 FAT-TUESDAY GIVEAWAY.** There are still tickets available. Please let us make this a success. Please call Roseann Ferguson 724-459-7702 or Mary Jo Miller 724-459-9747 for tickets.

**MASS ON SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 12TH WILL BE AT 11:00 A.M.**

**PILGRIMAGE** to Italy and Switzerland on September 15-27. Fr. Dan Mahoney of Holy Family Church, Latrobe is Chaplain of this trip. Call 1-855-842-8001 for information.



**THE SS. SIMON & JUDE DIVINE DINNER DELIVERY PROGRAM** wants to serve meals to parents and siblings of newborn babies, preferably shortly after returning home from the birth but will serve the dinner around a baptism. Please notify the parish office at 724-459-7103 or Beth Ratus at 724-459-8369 when the birth occurs.

**ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CLOTHING DRIVE:** The St. Vincent de Paul Society in our Diocese is embarking on a project to better serve the poor. This project involves the bulk collection of clean, gently used clothing and shoes. You can assist the Society in this endeavor by placing your no longer needed clothing and shoes in the St. Vincent de Paul clothing bin located in our parking lot.

**DO YOU ENJOY SINGING?** Consider joining the Greensburg Diocesan Choir. This ensemble sings for Diocesan Liturgies at Blessed Sacrament Cathedral. Contact Christopher Pardini at 724-834-3710 for more information.

**THE BYZANTINE ARCHEPARCHY (DIOCESE) OF PITTSBURGH:** The Pope has named Bishop William Skurla as the new Archbishop. He will rank the other Bishops of Pennsylvania except Cardinal Chaput of Philadelphia. May God grant him many long and happy years.

**RECENTLY,** I was approached by some members of the Legion of Mary to encourage all or some of my parishioners to become active members in this great Catholic Organization. Membership in the Legion of Mary is a direct calling from God to a direct religious apostolate. The main object of the Legion of Mary is the personal sanctification of each of its members and to build and expand a spiritual and apostolic life to become complete Christians. Mark this date in your calendar: Wednesday, February 15 at 7:00 p.m. More on this next week.

**DONATIONS:**  
**Roof Fund:** In memory of Helen Smith by Peoples Natural Gas Company.  
**Cemetery:** In memory of William Sundry by Pauline Gasbarro & Family.  
**Health Ministry:** Cecelia Henigin.

**MASSSES** were received in memory of William Sundry and Mickey Roble by Chuck & Peggy Boeh.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Joel & Tammy Bowers on the baptism of their daughter, Alyson Joelle. May God bless Alyson on her journey of life and faith.

**“LIGHT UP YOUR HEART” SERVICE** sponsored by “The Comforting Friends” will be held on Monday, February 20th at 7:00 p.m. at our church. Registration is encouraged by completing the form on the bulletin insert and place it in the collection basket or call Kathy John at 724-840-2744 by February 13th. If there is no answer, please leave a message including your name and number. A return call will be made to obtain information needed. A small reception will be held immediately after in Marian Hall.