

February 22 & 23, 2014

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

**AN EYE
FOR AN
EYE AND
THE WHOLE
WORLD WOULD
BE BLIND**

*An eye for an eye and a Tooth for a Tooth and
when someone strikes you on your right cheek,
turn the other one as well.*

Mass Intentions

(Please Note: Mass times for the week)

Monday – 2/24 – 8:00 AM

Julia Ann Scheitrum by Jim Bonenberger

Tuesday – 2/25 – 8:00 AM

William Moyer by Tom & Audrey Milot

Wednesday – 2/26 – 9:00 AM

Paul Nester, Jr. by Mom & Children

Eucharistic Adoration starts after Mass

and concludes with devotional prayers, about 7:45 PM

Thursday – 2/27 – 8:00 AM

Cory McCarroll by Mr. & Mrs. Ray Bonetsky

Friday – 2/28 – 8:00 AM

Violet Shamonsky by Tommy & Betty Cunningham

Saturday – 3/1 – 4:00 PM

Marjorie Jane Barres the Parishioners of St. Jerome's

Sunday – 3/2 – 8:00 AM

Parishioners of St. Jerome's

11:00 AM

Robert O'Gorman & son Bob by Jeanette

Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Lector	EM	Altar Server
Sat – 2/22	4PM	P Glogg	R Hechler	1. P Baddick 2.
Sun – 2/23	8AM	B Haggerty	A Baddick	1. S Pratt 2. P Pratt
	11AM	S Pentz	M Cinicola	1. S McCabe 2. A McCabe
Sat – 3/1	4PM	J Meier	A Baddick	1. 2.
Sun – 3/2	8AM	J Malarkey	D Boran	1. 2.
	11AM	J McCabe	J Habel	1. 2.

Ceili Rain & Spring Raffle Ticket Info

Come and celebrate St. Patrick's Day with Fish & Chips and Ceili Rain in the SJRS Gym on March 21. Cost is \$20 and Children 12 & under is \$15. To purchase Tickets or for more info, contact the Parish Office. Visit Ceili Rain at: www.ceilirain.com

Tickets for St. Jerome's Spring Raffle can also be purchased in the Parish Office. Only 250 Tickets will be sold at the cost of \$100 each. Winning Tickets will be drawn at the Fish & Chips and Ceili Rain.

1st Prize: 14 Day Ireland / Scotland Pilgrimage Trip for 2 from Sept. 20 to Oct. 2, 2014 (www.proximotravel.com) 2nd Prize: 4 Nights for 2 at Caigers Resort in Ontario, Canada (www.caigers.ca) 3rd Prize: 10 winners will receive \$250 each

Sunday Contributions

Week of February 15 & 16

Thank you for your generous support

Total Contribution to Date:	\$153,252.00
Weekly Collection Needed:	\$5,465.00
Sunday Collection:	\$3,309.00
Offset funds from Bingo:	\$00.00
Other Contributions:	\$484.00
No Bingo on Feb 14:	\$00.00

Sanctuary Lamp is in Memory of:

Paul Nester, Jr. requested by Mom & Children.

Banns of Marriage:

William Bednarz & Karen Tobin

Home Missions Collection – March 1 & 2

The Catholic Home Missions Appeal will take place next weekend, March 1 & 2. One way that this Appeal works to support mission dioceses here at home is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. Your support is needed for these young men so that they can return to serve their parishes. Please help strengthen the Church at home.

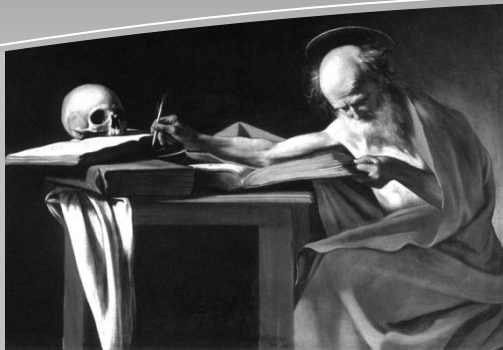
From the desk of Father John...

Snow's effect

By now, we are all tired of the snow and winter weather. I am, more than you can imagine! This is true considering the effect it has had on the parish: people have been missing Mass. Sadly when people miss Sunday Mass, our Sunday collection takes a big hit and your parish is placed in a very difficult situation: you can't pay your bills; people are in danger of being laid off... So if you missed one or more Sunday's contribution please remember that the bills must still be paid.

St. Patrick's Day

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day in Irish style: Fish & Chips AND Ceili Rain! This is the music group that we had last year and everyone who was at the concert loved it! Tickets will go on sale in the coming weeks - call to reserve today - \$20 for adults and \$15 for children 12 & under. Because we will be serving dinner, there will be limited space. So mark your calendar for MARCH 21st, dinner at 7, concert at 8.



Read about

Snow's effect (*new)
St. Patrick's Day (*old)

Being Godly...

Last month, I wrote in my column about a new way to think about your Sunday Contribution. After reading that article someone offered this thought: if I give once a month through the new online giving program (*which I highly recommend*), I feel guilty when the basket is passed in Church and someone/anyone sees that I don't put anything in the collection. My response: too bad what others think, you have no reason to feel guilty!

You might think that sounds kind of callous but I do not think so. Why? There is only one person (well, three) that we really need to be concerned about when it comes to Church: God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit).

We have been hearing from the Gospel of Matthew these past few weeks. As I have mentioned in my homilies, Jesus' teaching in the Sermon on the Mount is very difficult. When you stop to reflect, you may realize that His way of thinking is far different from even common sense. For example, this week, it makes no sense to "turn the other cheek." No philosopher, no moralist, would ever subscribe to that way of thinking. Yet Jesus does!

Jesus is not thinking like man thinks, He thinks like God does! His way is God's way and He is calling us into a relationship with God. Not a human style relationship where we accept and learn to love the attributes of another person, rather a relationship where we take on the attributes of the other person. St. Paul says we "put on Christ Jesus." By putting on Jesus Christ, we become Godly in our words and actions. If we truly become Godly in all that we say and do then it will never really matter what others think.

So, if you believe, as I do, that supporting the Church once a month, writing one check instead of half a dozen makes sense AND it is what God wants and is calling you to do (because it is the best way to support YOUR Parish), then do it! I do!

On a side note, I had a phone call (Thursday morning) from a Diocesan official letting me know that "the check is in the mail." Sometime next week, we can expect to get our share of the distribution of the funds received from the sale of St. Bartholomew's! So, I am actively working on making arrangements to have the interior of the Church painted - but

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2nd Quarter Honor Roll

Congratulations to our students who achieved honors for the 2nd Quarter!

Grade 5: Distinguished Honors: Christina Walko. **First Honors:** Ryne Fisher, Caitlin Kernick and Samuel Sterns. **Second Honors:** Gabrielle Tobias.

Grade 6: First Honors: Lucas Gregoire, Elizabeth Kelshaw, Emily Ostergaard, Alana Troxell and Julia Whitbeck.

Grade 7: Distinguished Honors: Zachary Boyer and Courtney Rodick. **First Honors:** Nicholas Kernick. **Second Honors:** Christopher Fowler, Kailyn Jones, John Patton, Haley Sanko and Lindsay Salazer.

Grade 8: First Honors: Gianna Agosti, Kyle Binder, Angela Ceci, Gabriel Gregoire, Carly Kosciolk, Emily Meier, Zaccary Roberts and Casey Rother. **Second Honors:** John Burns, Matthew Cervasio, Kyle Kaphish, Nicholas Kerestus, Catherine O’Lear, Sophia Susarchick and Maizy Troxell.

Everything (Consultant Bingo & Emporium) – Feb. 23

Doors will open on Sunday, Feb. 23, at 12:00 Noon and the Bingo will begin at 1:30 p.m. Tickets will be available at the Door. Cost is \$25.

Prizes include: Longaberger, Scentsy, Thirty-One, Celebrating Home, Premier Design, gift cards and more... Homemade refreshments will be available.

T & L Pierogies Sale – Order Deadline Feb. 24

Call the SJRS Office to order T & L Pierogies for Ash Wednesday. Pick-up is on March 4 from 2:00 to 4:30 p.m. Orders are due by Monday, Feb. 24.

Available Pierogies: Potato & Cheese, Cabbage, Cheddar & Bacon, Sauerkraut, Farmers Cheese, Jalapeno and Spinach & Feta. Cost is \$4.25 per dozen.

Also available: Cheese Ravioli (16) for \$4.50 and 2lb. Potato Pancake Batter for \$5.50.

To register new Kindergarten and Transfer Students, please contact the SJRS Office. Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and Immunization Records are required. Students for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by Oct. 15. Transfer grants are available (\$1,500) for students transferring into Grades 1 - 8 from a public, charter or home school. The grant is \$1,000 for the first year and \$500 for the second year.

SJRS Events

- ✓ March 9: Used Book, Soup and Bake Sale
- ✓ March 5 – 19: Gertrude Hawk Easter Candy Sale
- ✓ March 17- 21: Science/Technology Week
- ✓ March 24- 28: IOWA Tests of Basic Skills (Standardized Testing Gr. 2-8)

Rediscover the Love in Your Marriage!

The Retrouvaille Marriage Program offers help for struggling marriages. It gives you the chance to rediscover yourself and your spouse. Tens of thousands of couples headed for divorce have successfully saved their marriages by attending a Retrouvaille weekend and the 6 post sessions that follow it.

Retrouvaille is not just a social gathering or series of seminars but rather a way to rediscover and rekindle the loving relationship in your marriage.

The next program begins on the weekend of April 25 to 27 at the Family Life Center in Malvern, PA. All inquiries are kept strictly confidential. For more info or to register, call (800) 470-2230 or visit them on the web at: www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Online Giving Tip

The Online Giving system provides you the ability to select the date you would like your contribution to occur. You will receive an email notification prior to each contribution date and your account will be debited on the date you specify.

For questions, please contact Technical Support at (800) 348-2886 - Option 4.

Lenten Soup Suppers

Our Lenten Soup Suppers will begin on Ash Wednesday, March 5, in the SJRS Gym. Dinner will be served beginning at 6:00 p.m.



Church law considers every Friday and the season of Lent as penitential days and times. The practice of penance is a part of our faith and Christian life. When we do penance, we imitate Jesus, who Himself, recommended it as necessary to His followers and gave them the example of His prayer and fasting.

The Lenten Obligation, as determined for Catholics in the United States by our Bishops, requires that fasting be observed on Ash Wednesday, March 5, and Good Friday, April 18. The Law of Abstinence is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent.

Who must fast?

All Catholics who are between the ages of 18 and 59 must fast. The obligation ceases when one begins his/her 60th year on his/her 59th birthday.

Who must abstain?

All Catholics who are 14 years and older must abstain.

What does fasting mean?

The Observance of Fasting means that those obliged may take only one full meal on the day of fast. Two lighter meals (not equal to another full meal) may be taken to maintain strength according to one's needs.

What does abstinence mean?

The Law of Abstinence forbids the eating of meat, including poultry. Voluntary abstinence refers to refraining from lawful pleasures in a spirit of penance.

Can anyone be dispensed or excused from fast and/or abstinence?

Individuals, for a just cause, may be dispensed by their pastor or by a priest with the faculty to do so. In our Diocese, all priests may dispense individuals who are committed to their pastoral care. Those who are ill or have a similar serious reason are excused from the Observance of Fast and Abstinence. Catholics are reminded that they should not lightly excuse themselves from this obligation.

Are there other obligations which we should fulfill?

Catholics are obliged to fulfill what has been called their "Easter Duty." They are required to receive Holy Communion during the Easter time. In the United States, this obligation can be fulfilled from the First Sunday of Lent until Trinity Sunday (March 9 to June 15).

Those conscious of serious sin are reminded of the obligation to confess their sins at least once a year during this time. Catholics also are encouraged to make Lent a time of more intense prayer and to practice almsgiving and other works of charity. Parishes are encouraged to continue participation in Operation Rice Bowl.