

# January 25 & 26, 2014

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time



*Jesus said to them, "Come after me, and I will make you fishers of men."*

## Mass Intentions

*(Please Note: Mass times for the week)*

Monday – 1/27 – 9:15 AM

The Students, Faculty and Staff at SJRS

*(In the event of a school weather delay or cancellation, the school will have Mass on Thursday at 9:15 AM)*

Tuesday – 1/28 – 8:00 AM

Cecilia Dillon by Joe, Gloria, Anne and Dave

Wednesday – 1/29

No Mass Today

*Eucharistic Adoration starts at 9:30 AM*

*and concludes with devotional prayers, about 7:45 PM*

Thursday – 1/30

No Mass Today

Friday – 1/31

No Mass Today

Saturday – 2/1 – 4:00 PM

Parishioners of St. Jerome's

Sunday – 2/2 – 8:00 AM

Marie Baddick by Peter & Sophia Kringer

11:00 AM

Robert Johnson by August & Millie Gulla

## Sunday Contributions

Week of January 18 & 19

*Thank you for your generous support*

<b>Total Contribution to Date:</b>	<b>\$137,135.00</b>
<b>Weekly Collection Needed:</b>	<b>\$5,465.00</b>
<b>Sunday Collection:</b>	<b>\$4,258.00</b>
<b>Offset funds from Bingo:</b>	<b>\$500.00</b>
<b>Other Contributions:</b>	<b>\$906.00</b>
<b>Bingo Profit on Jan. 17:</b>	<b>\$742.00</b>

Sanctuary Lamp is in Memory of:

All the Deceased Alumni, Faculty and Staff at St. Jerome's Regional School

Memorial Mass Fund Intentions

Mary Alice Lynch requested by Jeanne McAndrew.

## Lector and Eucharistic Minister Schedule

Day/Date	Time	Lector	EM	Altar Server
Sat - 1/25	4PM	B Haggerty	M Dakosty	1. L Baddick 2.
Sun - 1/26	8AM	J Habel	G Schmauch	1. P Pratt 2. S Pratt
	11AM	T Ward	M Cinicola	1. R Kinder 2. G Kinder
Sat - 2/1	4PM	J Meier	J Malarkey	1. A Williams 2.
Sun - 2/2	8AM	G Schmauch	M Dakosty	1. S Pratt 2. P Pratt
	11AM	M Cinicola	R Hechler	1. N Mayernik 2. D Valentine

## SJRS CSW Calendar of Events

**Sunday:** (In Our Parishes) Along with the Breakfast Buffet and Open House, a Social Studies Fair will be on display in the SJRS Gym. Tour Classrooms, Science and Computer Lab, Early Childhood Center and the Lion's Den.

**Monday:** (In Our Community) CSW Liturgy at 9:15 a.m. in St. Jerome's Church. There will be a special Morning Prayer for our communities, families, parishes, cities and country. A story hour for Grades Pre-K, K and 1 as students in Grades 7 & 8 read to the younger students.

**Tuesday:** (In Our Students) Students will dress in school colors – Red/White/Black – to show their school spirit. The Home & School Association will provide Lunch and an Ice Cream Treat.

**Wednesday:** (In Our Nation) Students show American Pride and dress in Red/White/Blue with a Prayer Service for Veterans and Flag Coloring Activity.

**Thursday:** (In Our Vocations) Students will pray the Rosary for Vocations and Kim Zardet, the MCA Director for the Diocese of Allentown, will present a program about missionary work and the MCA. Students can wear a hat representing a vocation or profession for \$.50 for the Missions.

**Friday:** (In Our Faculty, Staff and Volunteers) Volunteers will receive cards from the Students. The Faculty and Staff will be treated to a special Luncheon. Grandparents will join their Grandchildren for a special morning treat at 9:30 a.m. followed by a program for Grandparents at 10:00 a.m. Dismissal is at 1:00 p.m.

# From the desk of Father John...

## Watch Your Mail

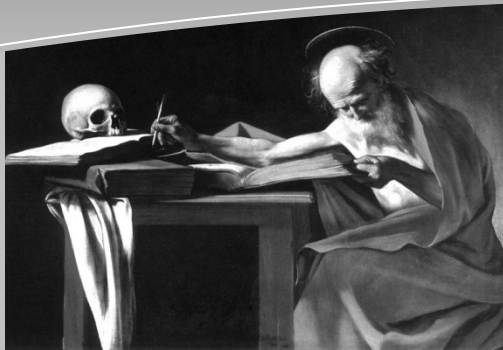
In the coming weeks, you will be receiving a letter outlining an opportunity to help fund the additional \$10,000 we need to get the church painted AND the floors redone for only \$100 and win a trip to either Ireland and Scotland or the Thousand Islands in Canada or \$250.

## 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 21<sup>st</sup>, dinner at 7, concert at 8.

## Thank You

I wish to extend a heart felt thank you to all those parishioners who personally remembered me with Christmas cards and gifts – these gifts are an expression of your love and concern for me and I am deeply grateful for your remembrance. Be assured of my prayers for you and your families.



## Read about

Watch Your Mail (\*new)

St. Patrick's Day (\*new)

Thank You (\*new)

## Giving...

This past week many of you received in the mail your annual giving statement. As I signed each statement, I was edified by the level of giving and (again) say thank you for your generosity in giving to support YOUR parish.

Would you do me a favor? Take a look at your statement again and consider all the different envelopes that you would have used through the course of the year. Add to that all the loose money that you may have thrown in the basket, especially the second collection. Now, take that number and divide it by 53 (52 Sundays and Christmas) (or divide by 12); what number do you come up with? Would you consider making one simple weekly or monthly contribution of that amount?

I like to think (once in a while, I like to think...) that most people have a level of intelligence that sometimes we (the leaders of church-world) underestimate. That's why we have a multiplication of envelopes; dues, special collections, fuel, holy days, etc. and etc.! All these extra envelopes COST the parish money. If I could get MOST everyone to consistently make either a weekly or monthly contribution and

eliminate some of these extra envelopes then YOU would be saving YOUR parish some money. I would then be able to provide MORE opportunities for YOUR spiritual growth.

The fact is that for the most part, all the money from those different envelopes goes to one common fund to pay all the bills so there's no need for all those extra envelopes. The problem is that many pastors believe that the more envelopes there are the more money he will get. I DO NOT SUBSCRIBE TO THAT WAY OF THINKING because I respect your intelligence.

Truthfully, I would like to END the "second collection" as well as all the "special envelopes." When there is a diocesan collection, I'd like to say that I will tithe 10% of the Sunday Offering (because you would not have a special envelope for that collection).

This would simplify your giving and ensure that each week/month there are sufficient funds to cover all the parish expenses.

Please consider this proposal, if you would like to move in this direction personally

St. Jerome's Bingo  
Every Friday Night!  
Donation Drop Off after 2:30 p.m.  
Doors Open at 4:00 p.m.  
Games begin at 6:00 p.m.

### Donations Needed

Any and all donations are greatly appreciated and welcomed! Donations can be dropped off during the week at the Parish Office and on Friday's after 2:30 p.m. at the SJRS Gym.

We are in need of the following items:

Coke Products // Ice Tea // Dawn Dish Detergent  
// Clorox or Lysol Wipes // Napkins // Small and  
Large Paper Plates Paper Towels // Plastic Utensils,  
especially Regular Tea Spoons // Quart and Gallon  
Freezer Bags

**Thank you very much for your continued  
support & generosity to St. Jerome's Bingo!!!!**

Catholic Relief Services Collection – Jan. 25 & 26

“Amen, I say to you, whatever you did for one of these  
least brothers of mine, you did for me” (Mt 25:40).

Today, we are reminded that Jesus identified  
himself with our poorest brothers and sisters.

The Catholic Relief Services Collection serves  
Jesus in the victims of human trafficking, in those who  
suffer from unjust laws and in those who need pastoral  
care and humanitarian assistance across the globe.

Through your support with this weekend's  
Collection, you help Jesus in disguise. Please be  
generous.

Religious Education Office  
Mrs. Jane Habel, DRE  
DRE Office: (570) 668-1211  
religiously@sjctamaqua.org  
Office Hours are Monday to Friday:  
9:00 to 4:00 p.m.  
(Please call for an appointment)

### Bishop's Scholarship

Applications for the Bishop's Scholarship are  
available to any student in Grade 8 who plans to attend  
one of the Catholic High Schools in the Diocese of  
Allentown. Applicants must be parishioners of a parish in  
the Diocese of Allentown.

### C.C.D. Reminder

Students should be in their Class Pew for the start  
of prayers at 8:55 a.m. each Sunday.

### Grade 2 News

Parents and children are reminded of the  
importance of attending Mass each weekend and on Holy  
Days of Obligation. Please remember to bring your card  
to Fr. John for his signature.

## Confirmation Information

### Parent Meeting – May 18

A Parent Meeting will be held on May 18 for  
students leaving Grade 7 and entering Grade 8 and who  
are preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

At least, one parent from each family is asked to  
attend. The meeting will begin after the 11:00 a.m. Mass in  
St. Jerome's Church.

We will discuss the requirements for Service  
Hours and Sponsors at the beginning of the meeting.  
After that, we will go over the calendar of CCD classes and  
meetings from July through Confirmation which will be  
held in the Spring of 2015.

### Grade 8 Confirmation Class Schedule

Grade 8 Confirmation Classes will be held in the  
summer, with a monthly meeting during the school year.

**Each student will need to attend one week of  
class in July and one week of class in August.**

**Please check your calendars to avoid conflicts  
with summer camps, sports programs or family  
vacations.**

**Students must register for a complete week.**

If you have questions, please contact the Religious  
Education Office.

- July 7 – 11: Class sessions (Lessons 1-5) from  
9:00 – 12:00 Noon
- July 14 – 18: Class sessions (Lessons 1-5)  
from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon
- August 4-8: Class sessions (Lessons 6-10)  
from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon
- August 11 – 15: Class sessions (Lessons 6-10)  
from 9:00 – 12:00 Noon

**SJRS**  
Mrs. Mary Ann Mansell, Principal  
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[www.sjrschool.com](http://www.sjrschool.com)  
[www.shop.com/SJRS](http://www.shop.com/SJRS)

### Breakfast Buffet & Open House – Jan. 26

The Breakfast Buffet will be held on Sunday from 8:00 to 12:00 Noon. The Menu includes: pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs, toast, juice, coffee and tea.

Tickets for the Breakfast will be available at the Door. Cost is \$6 per person and \$4 for children 12 and under

The Open House is from 8:00 to 1:00 p.m. Walk through the school to see all the great things that are happening academically and spiritually for our students at SJRS.

### Registration

Registration will be held in the SJRS Office during CSW. The following documents are required: Birth Certificate, Baptismal Certificate and Immunization Records. Students for Kindergarten must be 5 years old by Oct. 14, 2014.

Jan. 26 from 11:30 to 1:00 p.m.  
Jan. 27 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Jan. 28 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.  
Jan. 29 from 1:00 to 3:00 p.m.  
Jan. 30 from 6:00 to 7:00 p.m.  
Jan. 31 from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m.

### Mt. Airy Casino Bus Trip – Feb. 16

SJRS will have a Bus Trip to Mt. Airy Casino on Feb. 16. The Bus will leave the Tamaqua Family Practice at 9:00 a.m. and will depart the Casino at 3:00 p.m. Cost is \$30 for \$25 in slot play and a \$10 food voucher. To reserve a seat, call the SJRS Office.

### SJRS Upcoming Events

- Feb. 23: Everything Bingo at 1:30 p.m.
- March 5 and April 15: SJRS Pierogie sale for Ash Wednesday and Good Friday
- March 9: Used book, soup and bake sale
- March 5 – 19: Gertrude Hawk Easter candy sale

### Marian High School Open House – Jan. 26

The 23rd Annual Open House program for prospective students (Grades: 7 and 8) and their parents will be held on Jan. 26 at MHS.

“Catholic Schools: “Communities of Faith, Knowledge and Service” is the 2014 theme. The program begins at 1:00 p.m. with registration, tours, discussions, booth displays and door prizes.

The program concludes at 3:00 p.m. with a drawing of \$500 toward tuition for the 2014 – 2015 or 2015 – 2016 school year. (Must be present to win)

Anyone needing information, please call the Development Office at (570) 467-0641

### Chicken & Waffle Dinner – Jan. 26

Trinity Church in Tamaqua will have a Buffet Style Chicken and Waffle Dinner on Jan. 26 from 11:00 to 1:00 p.m. Take outs are available.

### Soup Social – Feb. 1

Trinity Church in Tamaqua will have a free outreach Soup Social on Feb. 1 from 4:00 to 6:00 p.m.

### Super Bowl Sale

Zion’s Church in Tamaqua is having a “Super Bowl Sale”. To order, call Shirley by Jan. 27 at (570) 668-0623. Pick up on Feb. 1 from Noon to 4:00 p.m.

Available items are: Chili, Vegetable Beef, Broccoli Cheese and Chicken Noodle (\$6 a quart) and Hoagies at \$5.

### Online Giving

Thank you for using Online Giving. Parishioners who use the service are pleased with how easy it is to set up and manage.

Online Giving allows you to start, stop and change your contributions at any time and it also gives the option to manage your contributions online or with your offering envelopes.

For questions, please contact Technical Support at (800) 348-2886 - Option 4. Sign up for Online Giving by clicking on the Link on our new Parish Website at: <http://sjctamaqua.org>