



## MASS INTENTIONS

## From the Pastor's Desk



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### Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>

*9:00 am Living & Deceased Members  
of St. John Club*

*11:00 am Laurence Stepanek*

### Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>

**NO MORNING MASS**

### Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>

*8:30 am John Dzuricko*

### Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>

**NO MORNING MASS**

*Tennebrae 7 pm*

### Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>

**NO MORNING MASS**

*Mass of the Lord's Supper*

*7:00 pm Members of the Voland and*

*Rakoczy Families*

*Eucharistic Adoration until midnight*

### Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>

*12:00 noon Stations of the Cross*

*Led by our Parish Youth*

*7:00 pm Solemn Celebration*

*of the Passion of our Lord*

### Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> Easter Vigil

*3:00 pm Blessing of Food Baskets*

*9:15 pm Easter Vigil Service & Mass*

### Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

*9:00 am Special Intention*

*11:00 am Special Intention*

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### **Thank you for the following collections:**

Sunday, March 29 <sup>th</sup>	\$2753.10
Students	\$ 1.00

One of the favorite traditions at Easter is to gather in our church for the Easter Food Blessing. We gather to bless this food prepared for the Easter Feast. During this blessing, we recall those mysteries symbolized by this food. We connect this food with the food that never perishes.

We will have the traditional Easter Food Blessing on Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup> at 3:00 pm. Why not come to experience the blessing that seeks to connect your Easter meal at with the Easter meal in our church? We ask Jesus Christ the Risen Lord to be present in your home as He is present in our church.

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**Baptisms** – The 2nd & 4th Sunday of the month at 12:00 PM. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism.

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**Weddings** – Parishioners are to contact the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment.

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**Rosary** – Rosary is held at 8:00 AM on weekdays when morning Masses are celebrated.

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**Sick Calls** – Please notify the rectory office to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized. Call the parish office or our Pastoral Minister, Heidi Madsen

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**Godparent and Sponsor Certificate** – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be **registered** and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. If you attend mass, but are not registered, please contact our parish office so that you can be registered here.

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**Pre -Cana Program** for couples anticipating the Sacrament of Marriage will be held at the Jesuit Retreat House on **April 19, 2009** at 12:45 PM. This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Call 440-884-9300 to register.

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**Baptism Class-** Before you baptize your child, parish and diocesan policy require you to complete a **Baptism Preparation Class**. The next class will be held at **Immaculate Heart Parish**, on **April 19, 2009** at 1:30 pm. Please call 341-2734 to register.

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**Palm Sunday, April 5<sup>th</sup>**

**Palms will be blessed & distributed**  
at 9 am & 11 am Masses

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**Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>**

**Confessions** 9-10 am 3-4 pm

**PSR** 6:30-8 pm

**RCIA** 6:30 pm

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**Tuesday, April 7<sup>th</sup>**

**NO Rosary Making**

**Chrism Mass** at Cathedral 7 pm

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**Wednesday, April 8<sup>th</sup>**

**Tenebrae 7 pm**

Tenebrae, Latin for “shadows” or “darkness,” is a service of shadows, using increasing darkness to dramatize the increasing sadness of Holy Week. The gradual extinguishing of 15 candles while a series of readings and psalms are chanted provide a somber setting. Those attending participate by chanting the provided verses, collected from various books of the Old Testament, listening to readings from the Bible, praying, and extinguishing their personal candles at intervals as the service progresses. The Christ candle establishes Christ as the center of the service and remains lit throughout the service. Tenebrae ends with the organ sounding the *strepitus*, Latin for “great noise.” This harsh sound symbolizes the closing of Christ’s tomb. Traditionally, people leave the church in silence.

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**Holy Thursday, April 9<sup>th</sup>**

**NO Alanon Meeting**

**Early Dismissal for SJN Students** 1:30 pm

**Mass of the Lord’s Supper** 7 pm

**Eucharistic Adoration until Midnight**

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**Good Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**

**Stations of the Cross** 12 noon

**Solemn Celebration**

**Of Passion of our Lord** 7 pm

**NO BINGO ON GOOD FRIDAY**

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**Holy Saturday, April 11<sup>th</sup>**

**NO Confessions**

**Blessing of Food Baskets 3 pm**

In Eastern European countries, the blessing of Easter foods was an important tradition and is still found in the ritual of our modern church. People bring the foods intended for their first meal after Lent, Easter morning breakfast, to the church for a special blessing with Holy Water by the priest. Eating blessed foods for the first meal after Lent makes for a good transition to help us prepare for Easter. A basket is commonly used to transport the foods.

Traditional foods usually included in the basket are: bread; kielbasa, ham and/or pork meat; lamb meat; butter lambs; eggs, usually boiled and dyed; sweets; horseradish; and salt.

**Easter Vigil Mass** 9:15 pm

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**Easter Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**NO Holy Name Meeting**

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**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**Holy Name Society Meeting** 7 pm in the rectory  
Members need to finalize plans and ticket count for the Spring Chicken Family Dinner. All tickets must be returned and accounted for.

Questions call Ted Grabowski 216-397-9467.

**NO PSR**

**RCIA** 6:30 pm

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***PRAY FOR***

**The sick or hospitalized** that through our prayers they will receive comfort and strength remembering; Carol Bellomy, Joe Krol, Mary Creo, Marge Hirsch, Deacon Donlin & Pat Donlin, Walter Ozdowski, Sue Pastula, Dave Doult, and Sr. Mary Ann Flannery

**May our Loved ones who have died** rest eternally in heaven remembering Louise Lucas

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## Stewardship of Time

We have had an eventful Lent. We have learned the fate of our family of churches and many of the decisions have been, to say the least, a surprise. Many of our fellow Catholics are mourning the coming loss of their parish homes and we feel their pain. Yet this time of change can also be seen as a time for new possibilities and rebirth.

Today, Palm Sunday is a time of rejoicing as our Lord enters the holy city of Jerusalem. The holiest of weeks lies immediately before us. And we know what's coming in this week: we will travel with Jesus as He is betrayed, arrested, tried, tortured, hung on the cross and buried. But on Easter, Jesus will rise from the grave and transform our hearts and our church as He promised in the temple. Just as our fellow Catholics will travel through many stages as they prepare for the coming changes, we travel with them to a future full of promise because of Jesus' sacrifice and resurrection.

This week is full of activities that take us on the journey with Jesus. We ask that you attend as many of these activities as you are able in keeping with the Stewardship of Time commitment you made the first week of Lent. Even if you did not make a commitment at that time, it is not too late to choose to participate in our Holy Week services.

**(Please see the Holy Week Booklet Insert for all Holy Week Services)**

By attending these services and reconciling your heart, you will gain a better understanding of the road Jesus traveled for our sake. We look forward to seeing you at some or all of these activities. But if it is not possible for you to attend the Holy Week activities, remember it is not too late to pray more, to read the Bible and/or the Mass readings each day, or to perform acts of kindness. Whatever your commitment, thank you for taking this journey with us as we travel with Jesus to the cross and His resurrection, and thank you for your renewed commitment of Time

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### Sanctuary Guild Volunteers

**April 1<sup>st</sup> thru April 14<sup>th</sup>**

Jackie Hejl & Elaine Smith

## “Be a Part of History”

Purchase a Paver in the Founder's Walkway in the Garden at St. John Nepomucene.

We are selling paver bricks to complete the Founder's Walkway, a place to permanently remember loved ones or commemorate important events. We anticipate the first pavers will be installed in the summer of 2009.

Please call the rectory at 216-641-8444 for more information.

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**The 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary Celebration** will be held at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, on Sunday, July 26, 2009 at 2:30 pm Mass. The Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon will be the principal Celebrant. Reservations are being accepted for couple married 50 years (married in 1959) Couples who are celebrating other significant years 55 or over or have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. **Please call the rectory at St. John Nepomucene to register by June 26<sup>th</sup>.**

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### Pastoral Council Nominations

The annual election for new Parish Pastoral Council members will take place. It is not too early to begin prayerfully considering if you or someone you know would be able to serve the parish on this council. To be eligible for membership, you must be at least 18 years of age and be a registered parishioner. Meetings are held the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month.

Please consider giving of your time and talent to serve our parish. If you would like more information or would like to submit your name for nomination, please contact Sue McDonough at 216-271-5347 or email Jim Fletcher at [pyrodudejim@yahoo.com](mailto:pyrodudejim@yahoo.com)

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### **Catholic Charities Annual Pledge Statements**

The monthly statements for the Appeal pledges are mailed around the last week of each month. It is important that these pledges are paid so that our parish will reach and hopefully, exceed our goal. Please be sure to make your pledge payment prior to the 15<sup>th</sup> of the month so that you will receive credit for it on your statement next month.

## Church Preservation Memorial & Gifts

### **In Memory of Elizabeth Morrish**

From Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Morrish  
From the Morrish & Calo Family  
The Mack Family  
George & Sharon Biada  
Dorothy Eppick

### **In Loving Memory of Grace Voland**

From her husband Charles

### **In Memory of Grace Voland**

From Rita Petkoff & Family  
Members of Newburgh Hts. Golden Agers  
Lillian Vanek  
Cuyahoga County Mayors & Managers, Secretaries  
& Assistants Association

### **In Loving Memory of Arline Matousek**

From her husband Frank & Family

### **In Memory of Catherine Bromeier**

From Eleanor Morrish & Bernice Balata

### **Special Remembrance for Marion Clark**

From Joseph & Cheryl Clark

### **In Memory of Frank Leciejewski**

From Lillian Vanek  
Dave & Sharon Hensel  
Rose & Frances Holecek  
Rita Petkoff

### **Thank you to Kimm Bunch**

Winner of February \$1000 Raffle for her generous  
donation

### **In Memory of Louise Lucas**

From Mel & Janet Hanacek  
Rita Petkoff

## Save Our School Memorials

### **In Loving Memory of Zadrzil, Ruzicka & Lewandowski Family**

From Joe Kocab

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### **In Loving Memory of**

Albert & Josephine Pivonka  
From their son, James

### **In Loving Memory of Stanley & Cecilia Vitt**

From Mary Ann & Jan Vitt

### **In Loving Memory of James & Mary Stepanek**

From Mary Ann & Jan Vitt

### **In Memory of Grace Voland**

From Joe Kocab

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**The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland will be presenting a new program for beginning the annulment process.** The Quick Start Program is meant to provide individuals with a simplified method for the initial presentation of a case to the Tribunal. The program will consist of two sessions. The first meeting will be a general overview of marriage as understood by the Catholic Church and an explanation of the Tribunal process. This meeting is also open to anyone who would be interested in deepening his/her knowledge of marriage in the Catholic Church and the annulment process. Individuals who would like to begin the Quick Start Program will be given the appropriate materials at the conclusion of the meeting. **The second meeting will be an individual meeting, by appointment only,** for the purpose of presenting the completed materials. Meetings will be held at St. Raphael Church, Bay Village on April 14<sup>th</sup> and April 28<sup>th</sup>, at Holy Martyrs, Medina on April 23<sup>rd</sup> and May 7<sup>th</sup> and Immaculate Conception Church, Willoughby on April 16<sup>th</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup>. If you have questions, please call Lynette Tait at the Tribunal 216-696-6525 or 800-869-6525, ext 4000.

**There are yellow insert sheets in this weekend's bulletin with more information.**

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As part of the **Holy Thursday** liturgy there will be the traditional washing of feet.

**If you would like to participate in this part of the liturgy please contact**

Sue McDonough at 216-271-5347.



**St John Nepomucene Holy Name Society  
2nd Annual 'Spring Chicken' Family Dinner  
Sunday, April 26, 2009**

12:00 noon until 2:00 pm

\$8 for adults

\$6 for children (under age 12) and seniors

Meal consists of two 2 chicken quarters  
(1quarter chicken for children and seniors)

Two sides, salad, roll and beverage.

**Advance Registration Required –**

Pay in Advance – by Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

**Purchase Tickets** from a Holy Name Society  
Member or the SJN Rectory



**St. John Nepomucene School now accepting  
registration for 2009-2010 School Year**

St. John Nepomucene School is accepting registration for new students in Grades K-8. Please bring the following; Birth Certificate, Immunization Records, Custody Papers (if applicable) and the registration fee of \$150 for the first child and \$70 for each additional child. Call the school office at 216-341-1347 to schedule an appointment.

St. John Nepomucene School is chartered and fully accredited. We offer a quality Catholic education committed to giving students the opportunity to grow in faith and academic excellence since 1903!

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**Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries presents  
Tetelestai**

***The Trial, Execution & Resurrection of Jesus the  
Messiah***

April 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup>

Fairlawn Lutheran Church

3415 West Market Street

Fairlawn, Oh 44333

**Call 330-836-7286 for more information**

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The Ohio Education Department has announced the availability of the Cleveland Scholarship and Tutoring Program Applications for the 2009-2010 school year. Applications will be submitted online. Please call the school for information 341-1347.

**Please participate in the \$5 Friends & Family**  
fundraiser and support St John Nepomucene  
School.

Envelopes are available at the end of the pews and may be placed in the collection basket. You may also mail donations to the school at

3777 Independence Rd.

Cleveland , Oh 44105

Please ask your friends and family for support. Pass along a flier or provide us with an address and we will send a \$5 request note. You can reach the school at 216-341-1347.

Help us reach our goal. If 100 people donate \$5 and ask 1 other person to donate \$5, we will raise \$1000!



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**Show your support for SJN Parish & School  
Purchase a magnet for your car or refrigerator.**

**Cost-** \$7.50 or 2 for \$12.00

All proceeds go to the St. John PTU to support student activities throughout the year!

Magnets can be purchased at the rectory during office hours or call

Kelly Sikora 216-262-2629- PTU President  
Steve Gercak 216-402-1501-PTU 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice Pres.

## **Would you like to earn money while you shop?**

Parents of SJN Grade School and Catholic High School students can do just that by participating in our Certificate Program.

**Did you know you earn \$20 tuition credit for every \$1000 purchased?**

Certificates may be purchased by anyone; parents, aunts, grandparents, neighbors, work associates, etc., and credited to you.

**Parishioners may also support the program with proceeds going to our parish.**

Call the rectory at 641-8444 for more information.

### **Certificates Available**

**\$100.00 Certificates-** Acme Market, Giant Eagle, Kohl's, Dave's, Heinens, J.C. Penney (Kohl's & J.C. Penney certificate may be used to pay on charge accounts)

**\$50.00 Certificates-**Honey Baked Hams, Home Depot, Lowes

**\$25.00 Certificates-**Applebee's, Acme Market, Giant Eagle, Heinen's, Dave's, J.C. Penney, Kohl's, K-Mart, Sears, Shell, Speedway, Marathon, BP, Macys, T.J. Maxx, CVS Pharmacy, Drug Mart, Walgreen's, Old Navy/Gap/Banana Republic, Dillard's, Bed Bath & Beyond, Dick's Sporting Goods, Longhorn, Olive Garden/Red Lobster, Damons, Toys/Kids/Babies-R-Us, GFS (Gordon Foods Services), Office Max, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays

**\$20.00 Certificates-**Bath & Body, Pat Catans,

**\$10.00 Certificates-**Arbys, Bakers Square, Malley's Candy, Macys, Bob Evans, Blockbuster Video, Borders Books, Waldenbooks, Cracker Barrel, Panera Bread, Toys-R-Us, Starbucks, Wendy's

**\$15.00 Certificate-** Subway

**\$5.00 Certificates-**Burger King, KFC, Mr. Hero, Mr. Chicken

## **Congratulations!!**

**SJN Alumni Priscilla Flores has obtained Honors at Trinity High School.**

### **Please Note**

We have many people who attend weekly mass and are not registered here at St John Nepomucene Parish. If you are interested in becoming a parishioner, please complete a registration form, which can be found on table in the back of the church, and either mail it to our parish rectory or drop it in the weekend offertory collection basket. You may also obtain a registration form by calling the rectory office at 641-8444.

### **Holy Land Collection**

The annual Good Friday collection for the Holy Land will be taken up on April 10, 2009. The collection is utilized as it was in apostolic times. It is a concrete response to the need for aid felt by our brethren in the Holy Land, and at the same time, an expression of our spiritual communion with them, precisely on the day on which we commemorate the passion and Death of the Lord.

**Envelopes have been provided in your monthly packet.**



### **Congratulations**

**Winners of the March \$1000 Raffle**

**\$1000 Winner-** Kristin Riegelmayr

**\$100 Ticket Seller-** Peg Riegelmayr

**\$10 Consolation Winners-** Sr. Barbara O'Donnell, Lucy Krupa, Madeline Gercak, Peg Riegelmayr, and Tom Balcer.

**The next drawing will be April 24, 2009.**

A book of raffle tickets is \$5.00 with all proceeds going to our grade school. Anyone interested in receiving or selling a book(s) of tickets is asked to call the rectory at 641-8444.

We are in need of book purchasers & sellers!

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