



# Mass Intentions for the Week

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## Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>

9:00 am *Joseph Morrish Sr. &  
Elizabeth Morrish*

11:00 am *Albina Selva*  
1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

## Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>

No Morning Mass

## Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am *Special Intention*

## Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>

No Morning Mass

## Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am *Mike and Irene Kavka*

## Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup>

8:30 am *Joseph & Gertrude Nejman*

## Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>

4:00 pm *St. John Nepomucene Parish*

## Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> Palm Sunday

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

11:00 am *John Schram*  
10<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

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### Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, March 15<sup>th</sup></i>	<i>\$4122.55</i>
<i>Catholic Relief Services</i>	<i>165.00</i>
<i>Easter Flowers</i>	<i>239.00</i>
<i>Memorial Gifts</i>	<i>65.00</i>
<i>Improvement Fund</i>	<i>60.00</i>

*Thank you for your continued generosity!*

**Sick Calls** – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

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**Weddings** – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany

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**Baptisms** – The 1st & 3rd 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.

Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class.

**The next class will be on Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Holy Name Parish at 1:00 pm.** Reservations needed; please call 216-4242 to make your reservation.

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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. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

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**Pre-Cana Program** for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House- **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland.

Register at 440-884-9300 or

[www.jrhcleve@att.net](http://www.jrhcleve@att.net)



Dear Parishioners,

Thank you for the wonderful response in regards to celebrating the Tradition of St. Joseph's table. Through your generosity, we are able to provide food to the people who request it at our rectory as well as helping provide food to the poor in our neighborhood at the Pope John Paul II Ozanam Center.

On Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>, we invite you to help us clean the inside of our church for Easter. We begin with a Continental Breakfast in the hall at 9 am and a luncheon at Noon. If you have pails and rags at home, please bring them. Otherwise, we will provide them.

On Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>, we will be holding our Annual Easter Breakfast and Raffle which benefits our Parish St. Vincent dePaul Society in serving the needs of the poor in our midst. The breakfast will be served from 8 am to 1 pm. Tickets may be purchased that day in our parish hall. Please consider coming to our parish hall to enjoy the breakfast, have fellowship with our parishioners, and to support our St. Vincent DePaul Society.

Our Holy Week booklet is in this week's bulletin. I warmly invite you to participate in as many Holy Week Services as you can. Please invite family and friends to attend with you. Extra copies are near the church entrance doors. Please take a copy for someone not attending our parish who may be interested in returning to celebrate Easter.

May this upcoming week truly be a Holy Week in all of our lives.

Prayers & Best Wishes!  
Father Jasany

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**Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting 10 am  
**\$1000 Raffle Drawing** after 11 am Mass  
Anyone interested in purchasing tickets may stop in the school lobby after Mass.

**GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRACTICE** after 11 AM Mass

**Breakfast with**

**The Easter Bunny** at

the American Legion

Post 627; 3935 East

42<sup>nd</sup> Street in

Newburgh Hts. Serving

from 9 am-1 pm.

Adults \$5.00 and

Children \$3.00. Pictures with the Bunny

are \$2.00 each. Breakfast includes French

Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice,

Coffee, Tea & Milk. This fundraiser

supports our Veterans.



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**Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup>**

**PSR Classes 6:30 - 8 pm**

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**Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary at 8 am before Mass**

**Fundraising Meeting 7 pm - Rectory**

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**Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary Makers 10 am - Noon**

**Choir - 7 pm**

**Zumba - 7 pm School Hall**

**East 50<sup>th</sup> Block Club Meeting 6:30 pm**

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**Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> Day of Abstinence**

**Stations of the Cross** after 8:30 am Mass

**Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>**

**IT'S TIME FOR OUR CHURCH CLEANING**

Continental Breakfast at 9 am and a luncheon at 12 Noon, for all our volunteers, sponsored by our Altar & Rosary Society. We would like to have our church thoroughly cleaned for Palm Sunday, Holy Week Services and Easter. Everyone in the parish is being asked to participate, if you are physically able to do so. Students needing Service Hours are also encouraged to help. If you have pails and rags at home, please bring them with you. Otherwise, we will provide them.

So, bring your SMILES, your rags and pails and an appetite for breakfast and lunch.

**Confessions 3-3:30 and 5-6 pm in preparation for Holy Week & Easter**



**Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup>**

Palms will be blessed and distributed during our 4 pm

Mass on Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup> and at our 9 and 11 am Masses today.

**Our Annual Easter Breakfast** to benefit our St. Vincent DePaul Society. Serving from 8 am until 1 pm.

**Readings for the Week of March 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/Jn 12:20-33

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/

Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/

Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1--15:47 or 15:1-39

May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially



Mildred Aiello, Agnes Bartoszek, John Balciar, Pat Bednarz, Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican, Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche, Bill Connors, Corrine Dawe, Robert Dunning, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Rose Holecek, Rich Krzynowek, Cindi Magyar, Dorothy Mangan, Marilyn O'Meara, Rita Petkoff, Nancy Recko, Briana Rhine, Laura Schram, Elaine Stack, Andrew Turowski, Virginia Turowski and Joe Zelenka.

May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven remembering especially Immaculata Mancini, whose funeral was last week.

For the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

As part of our Holy Thursday liturgy, there will be the traditional washing of feet. This liturgy will be celebrated on Thursday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at our 7 PM Mass of the Lord's Supper. If you would like to participate in this part of the liturgy, please call Sue McDonough at 216-271-5347



Please remember in your prayers these individuals, who have been called to the priesthood in your daily prayers.

Sunday, March 22<sup>nd</sup> – All Seminarians

Monday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> – Deacon

Robert Ramser

St. Mary Seminary

Tuesday, March 24<sup>th</sup> – J.P. Regam

St. Mary Seminary

Wednesday, March 25<sup>th</sup> – Joseph Robinson

St. Mary Seminary

Thursday, March 26<sup>th</sup> – Daniel Samide

St. Mary Seminary

Friday, March 27<sup>th</sup> – Patrick Schultz

St. Mary Seminary

Sat., March 28<sup>th</sup> – Anthony Simone

St. Mary Seminary

Sunday, March 29<sup>th</sup> – Pray for All Pastors

Also, please remember the Sisters of the Most Holy Trinity (OSST) in your prayers.

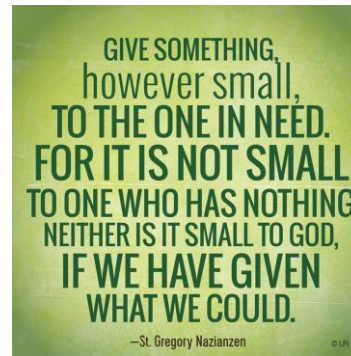
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### **2015 CATHOLIC CHARITIES APPEAL**

The Catholic Charities Annual Appeal raises money to support the programs and services of Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland. The 2015 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal has an \$11,300,000 goal and each month, dollars raised are invested in programs and services that meet the basic needs of the most vulnerable amount us.

The cold temperatures and snow storms of February kept many donors from Mass the weekend of the In-Pew Appeal. If you have not yet had a chance to make your pledge to the 2015 Annual Appeal please respond generously to the letter being mailed in April by calling Meghan McGuan at 800-869-6525, ext. 1049 or give online at

[www.catholiccommunity.org/cc/newgift](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/cc/newgift)



### **Stewardship**

The climactic event of Jesus' passion and death is drawing closer; a time when the great

confrontation between Jesus and the powers of darkness take place. Jesus invites his disciples into a great mystery with curious pronouncements: Those who love their lives just as they are will lose them. If a grain of wheat dies, it will bear much fruit. When Jesus is lifted up, he will draw all to himself. The Christian steward knows life can't be lived in complacency. We are called to die to self, bear more fruit, be raised up with Jesus. In today's Gospel reading Jesus brings discomfort to those who are comfortable. Jesus urges us to step out of our "comfort zone." How will we respond to Jesus?

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**The community concert, under the direction of James Feddeck, former assistant conductor of the Cleveland Orchestra** takes place at 7:30 pm on Friday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, 3395 East 53<sup>rd</sup> street. Free tickets to the concert will be available at six locations throughout Broadway Slavic Village. Tickets limited to four per person. Seating is general admission and on a first-come, first served basis. Tickets will be available at Becker's Donuts, Bi-Rite Supermarket, R&K Sausage, Red Chimney, Seven Roses, & Neighborhood Summit at Bohemian National Hall.

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
March 18<sup>th</sup> thru March 31<sup>st</sup>  
Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec

## *Karen's Corner*

Did you know that the third deadly sin is Anger? The Catechism defines anger this way: When considered as one of the capital sins, anger is that passion which leads one to either harm a person or want to harm a person because of a desire for vengeance. Thomas Aquinas defines anger as the unreasonable desire for vengeance or revenge.

We have all wrestled with anger. Anger at someone we perceived has hurt us, someone who has hurt us, and we have that desire to get back at them. You hurt me so I am going to hurt you! That attitude can be seen by some as being "OK", but is it really?

In Dante's "Purgatorio", he punishes the angry by inundating them with smoke. They can't see, the smoke chokes them and they cough and sputter. That is what anger does to us. We cannot see the other and we cut ourselves off from the other. That is the biggest problem with anger, it cuts off all communication. A clear example of this is in the Garden of Gethsemane, when Peter cuts off the ear of a servant. He cuts off the very organ of communication, the ear, and makes it impossible for any communication to happen. Anger does this to us, it cuts us off from each other so that we no longer communicate.

Fr. Robert Barron tells us that the lively virtue that is the antidote for anger is forgiveness. Forgiveness is not just of the mind, but it throws a monkey wrench into the works. Peter says to Jesus, "Lord, I am a sinful man, leave me!" and Jesus says, yeah, I know but I have a job for you! Isaiah said, "I am a man of unclean lips!" and God sends a seraph to purge Isaiah, and then says, Isaiah I have a job for you!

Forgiveness is God's way, God wants us to see our sin, but then turn it over to His forgiving mercy which will liberate us for

our own "job" or mission! Forgiveness is very courageous and dangerous because it is putting yourself in the middle of something and saying "Stop!" Fr. Barron mentions that a young lawyer, Mahatmas Gandhi, read the gospel of Matthew and thought, wow, there is something to this! But when he began to talk to Christians, they were all "Yeah, yeah, we know." But Gandhi latched onto this message and took it to heart and was able to change both South Africa and India.

Another young man read the gospel and did the same thing and his name was Martin Luther King, Jr. Forgiveness is not wimpy or a way of "running away", it is a stand your ground attitude, but deftly getting out of the way of violence in order to dissipate it! Think about Jesus on the cross: All the violence, stupidity, hatred, and injustice of the world came roaring at him on the cross and Jesus allowed it to spend itself out on him and said, "Father, Forgive them." He could have sent legions of angels to save him, but He didn't. So what should we do? Forgive quickly, don't let it fester.

Take concrete steps to mend a broken relationship; send a letter, a card, an email, to open up communications again. Say only the good things that people need to hear. When we do this, we allow God's love to surge through us!

See you soon! Karen

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**THANK YOU!** We would like to Thank all of our parishioners for their overwhelming generosity for last week's St. Joseph's Table. All of the food and paper products donated will go to help those in need in our parish and surrounding community. May God Bless all of You!

St. Vincent DePaul Society