



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

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

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 6th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 12:30 PM.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-641-2829 for information or to make your reservation.

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 as adults

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on **April 6, 2014 at 12:45 pm.** This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or online at www.jrhcleve@att.net

Sunday, March 23rd

*9:00 am Sick & Needy of SJN Parish
St. Vincent DePaul Society*

11:00 am All Souls

Monday, March 24th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, March 25th

*8:30 am William, Stella and Barbara
Weglewski*

Wednesday, March 26th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, March 27th

8:30 am Gertrude & Joseph Nejman

Friday, March 28th

8:30 am Mike & Irene Kavka

Saturday, March 29th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, March 30th

*9:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of the Rauscher Family*

*11:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of Ceska Sin Karlin*

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, March 16 th	\$3257.00
Praise the Roof	162.00
Add'l Ash Wednesday	317.00
Collection for St. Vincent dePaul Society	

Thank You & God Bless for your continued support & generosity!



Dear Parishioners,

I am so very grateful for your generous response to support our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society and to provide non-perishable food items and paper products for St. Joseph's Table to serve the poor in our midst.

We are happy to have Lauren Kingsmill, who will receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at our Easter Vigil. We will be celebrating the Scrutinies with her and our community on the 3rd, 4th and 5th Sundays of Lent at our 11 AM Mass. These are prayers of purification and enlightenment to prepare Lauren for being fully initiated at the Easter Vigil.

Please consider attending our Lenten Series, which will take an in depth, look at the Days of Holy Week. This series will be offered on Wednesday - April 2nd & 9th from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the rectory.

We are making attempts to grow the active participation of people in the World Apostolate of Our Lady of Fatima. All parishioners are invited to attend an Open Annual meeting on Saturday, March 29th at 1 PM at Mary Queen of Peace Parish, which is located at 4423 Pearl Road in Cleveland.

On Saturday, March 22nd we will have Eucharistic Adoration from 5 – 5:30 PM in our parish church. At 5:30 pm, we will have our Solemn Closing Eucharistic Service with Taize Meditation and Benediction. We are invited to spend quiet time before our Eucharistic Lord.

We will have our Lenten Communal Penance Service on Monday, March 31st at 7 pm in our church. We will have four confessors to hear your confessions. All of us are encouraged to receive the Sacrament of Penance during Lent.

I am happy to report that thus far \$67,402.87 has come in for the Praise the Roof Fund through payment on the Rooted In Faith Pledges, Memorials Gifts, Donations, Fundraisers and the Praise the Roof envelope in the monthly envelope packet. The cost of the new roof on our church building was \$88,800.00. The remaining balance is \$21,397.13. Please consider using the Praise the Roof envelope to help us defray the expense of our new church roof.

Thank you for your participation in our parish events and for your continued generosity in financially supporting our parish.

Prayers and Best Wishes,
Father Jasany

Readings for the Week of March 23rd

Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/

Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42

Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Lk 4:24-30

Tuesday: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Heb 10:4-10/
Lk 1:26-38

Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Mt 5:17-19

Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Lk 11:14-23

Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Mk 12:28-34

Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Lk 18:9-14

Next Sunday: 1 Sm 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a/
Eph 5:8-14/Jn 9:1-41 or 9:1, 6-9, 13-17,
34-38

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for
March 19th thru April 1st
Jackie Hejl & Elaine Smith

Sunday, March 23rd

Good Friday Stations of the Cross Practice & Meeting in church after the 11 AM Mass

\$1000 Raffle after the 11 AM Mass. Please stop in the school hall if you are interested in purchasing tickets for today's drawing.

St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting at 10 AM in the rectory

Monday, March 24th

PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 PM

Tuesday, March 25th

Rosary before 8:30 AM Mass at 8 AM

Wednesday, March 26th

Rosary Making – 10 AM until Noon at the rectory

Please Note - Zumba Class has been cancelled for tonight

Choir Practice 7 PM

East 50th Street Block Club Meeting at 7 PM in the rectory

Thursday, March 27th

Rosary at 8 AM followed by Mass

Friday, March 28th

Rosary at 8 AM followed by Mass
Stations of the Cross after 8:30 AM Mass
Holy Name Church Fish Fry from 11:30 AM – 7:30 pm. Dine In or Take Out. Take Out orders available by calling 216-271-9002.

Fish, Shrimp, Pierogi & Pasta Dinners available. Fish Sandwich & Side dishes too.

Today is a day of Abstinence from meat & meat products for those 14 years & older.

Saturday, March 29th

The World Apostolate of Fatima, Cleveland Diocesan Division Annual Open Meeting at Mary Queen of Peace (4423 Pearl Road in Cleveland). Everyone is invited to attend and this **open meeting** and learn more about the Apostolate, the Message of Fatima and the Apostolate's mission. If you have any questions please call Kathryn at 440-223-8570.

Sunday, March 30th

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports Catholic Church organizations that carry out international relief & solidarity efforts. Programs include relief and resettlement for victims of persecution, war and natural disasters; development projects to improve living conditions for the poor plus much more. Envelopes for this collection are included in your monthly envelope packet.

Sokol Sunday Dinner at Bohemian National Hall; 4939 Broadway Avenue. Serving from 1-2:30 pm. Pork Steak with Dumplings & Sauerkraut served with coffee and dessert. Call Olga at 216-447-0264 for reservations or information.

Thanks to everyone who supports our Market Day Program – the profit from our March sale was \$189.92.

In addition, through your recycling efforts we received \$47.30 from the River Valley Paper Company.

We recycled 4730 lbs of paper in February and saved 16,555 gallons of Water, 9,996 kilowatts of Electricity and 40.21 Trees! Great Recycling Effort!



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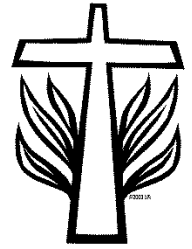
Giving is an act of the heart. You may give without loving, but you cannot love without giving.

In today's first reading from the Book of Exodus, we hear of the hardships endured by the people of Israel on their wilderness journey out of Egypt. The wilderness is a demanding place for human life. Just trying to survive can seriously test our faith. In the Israelites' journey away from a life of slavery and oppression, harsh conditions challenged their trust in the God who liberated them. But their transition brings them closer to God, and they are constantly reminded of the Lord's gracious provision and nurturing. Good stewards believe the Lord's presence transforms their own "wilderness" experiences into a place of divine mercy and nourishment. Reflect on your own "wilderness" experiences. How has God been present for you and nourished you in times of transition?

This Week's Operation Rice Bowl

Reflection: Guatemala This week, CRS Rice Bowl invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Guatemala. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, *Rights and Responsibilities*, and reminded that as Christians, we are called to uphold and protect the basic rights of others. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Guatemala and all around the world that we may come to know and protect the rights of all people.

For those who are sick and those who care for them, may they receive comfort and strength through our prayers, remembering especially



Agnes Bartoszek,
Mary Ann Betliskey,
Joann Burke, Noella Burrows,
Corrine Dawe, Larry Dooley,
Jose Dybzinski, Joe Fortuna,
Debbie Haltuch, Rose Hensley, Kristin Hill,
Dolores Jastrzebski, Gertrude Kocab,
Madeline Koston, Milton Kostyack,
Cindi Magyar, Linda Rivera, Albina Selva,
Virginia Turowski, Wendy Wexler and
Dolores Witovicz.

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

For Our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven, remembering Mike Jaranovic, brother of Dana Trzaska, whose funeral was last week.

We would like to thank Father Jasany for designating the



Ash Wednesday collection for our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society. In addition, a big THANKS to the generosity of our parishioners for their contributions. Also, thank you again for your donations of canned goods and paper products for St. Joseph's Table this past Sunday. With your support and prayers, you enable us to continue to help the needy in our midst.

May God Bless All of you!
St. Vincent dePaul Society

Karen's Corner

Did you know that Friedrich Nietzsche's famous declaration that "God is dead!" is only part of his quote? The complete quote by the German Philosopher is: "God is dead! And we are His murderers! With what kind of sponge did we wipe away an entire horizon?"

When I first read this in Ronald Rolheiser's book "The Shattered Lantern", I was surprised and shocked! In the secularist society we live in, how did this happen? Why is it a struggle to imagine and feel God's existence? Can we "murder" God by the way we live? Is there a route back? What should WE do as believers in a culture of agnosticism?

I cannot answer all of these questions, and I'm not sure anyone can answer them fully. But I love to pray the way the father whose son had a demon did in Mark 9:24 "Lord, I believe, but help my unbelief!" It is so easy to listen to people who use half-truths and twisted truths about the Catholic Church to lure people out of their faith. It is up to those of us with very strong faith to refute these arguments! Let me give you a great example: In the magazine SKEPTIC, there was an article entitled "Did Jesus Really Exist?" I decided to read it, just to see what it said. The author used a quote from C.S. Lewis that claimed that Jesus was a myth and went on to explain how this was reality. The article makes it seem that C.S. Lewis didn't believe in God. And for a good portion of his life Lewis was an atheist and did write the essay that was quoted.

But because of Lewis's friendship with J.R.R. Tolkien, Lewis converted to Christianity and became one of the great theologians of the 20th century!

So the author of the SKEPTIC article left some information out of his article to try to prove a point.

Whenever I read things like this I do even more research. For example, when Nietzsche declared that God was dead, he was saying that God no longer mattered in everyday life. This is perhaps the biggest problem of faith. Too many people do not see God as being important in their day to day life. Why not?

One answer is because they no longer have a personal relationship with God. They don't pray as much, or continue to learn about the religion they profess to believe in. They don't read the Scriptures or even attend Liturgy every week! Without these things our faith WILL falter. I pray, read Scriptures and read spiritual things every day. When do I have time? I work as a teacher as well as a pastoral minister so I am very busy! But I don't watch much television. Most of it, as far as I am concerned is junk anyway. That leaves me with time to read and reflect. Now, don't get me wrong, I do NOT spend all my time in religious "things"! I love the novels of Iris Johansen and Kay Hooper! I love to scrapbook and crochet and sew! But I also make sure that no matter how tired I am, how frustrated, how much I have to do, that I spend time in prayer.

As St. Frances de Sales said "Everyone needs half an hour of prayer each day, except when we are busy, then we need an hour."

See you soon!
Karen

Easter Breakfast Raffle Tickets are on the back sheet of the Breakfast Flyer. Tickets are 5 for \$1.00. Please fill out and return to the rectory office or place in the collection basket at the weekend Masses in an envelope marked: Breakfast Raffle

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

Sunday, March 23rd – Rev. Mark Latcovich

Monday, March 24th – Jeyaraj Joseph
William

St. Mary Seminary

Tuesday, March 25th – Evan Jamison

Borromeo Seminary

Wednesday, March 26th – Joseph Hyunsu
Kim

St. Mary Seminary

Thursday, March 27th – Joseph Kim

Borromeo Seminary

Friday, March 28th – Kevin Klonowski

St. Mary Seminary

Saturday, March 29th – James Kulway

St. Mary Seminary

Sunday, March 30th – Pray for All Those
Discerning God's Call

Also, include in your prayers the Bishops of the Diocese of Cleveland

Sail away on a 7-night Catholic Alaska Cruise with Father John Harper from August 3rd-10th on Holland America Statendam out of Seward, Alaska. Ports of Call – Glacier Bay, Haines, Alaska, Juneau, Ketchikan, Cruising Inside Passage, Vancouver, British Columbia.

Prices begin at \$2008 for two passengers and includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass offered. Deposits of \$350/person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register contact Doug or Eileen at 860-399-1785 or Doug@CatholicCruisesandTours.com

**Annual Church
Cleaning on
Saturday,
April 5th at 9 AM**



Dear Parishioners,

It's time for our Annual Church Spring Cleaning. Our Sanctuary Guild volunteers and maintenance staff provide weekly cleaning of our Church. The people who come to weekday morning mass make sure that the pews are straightened up after our weekend masses.

BUT a Spring Cleaning Event gives our Church a thorough cleaning to everything within reach.

So, we are asking all of our parishioners who are able to help – Men, Women, Teens to please volunteer three hours of your time to help clean our church. The more volunteers, the easier and quicker the work will be completed. More volunteers, means more areas of our church can be cleaned. This is a great opportunity for students who need service hours at their high school.

Our Altar Society has once again, graciously offered to provide coffee and doughnuts (breakfast) at 8:30 AM. They will also serve a luncheon at noon for everyone.

So, please consider helping us to keep our church beautiful! If you have pails and rags at home, please bring them with you. Otherwise, we will provide them. We shall also provide the cleaning products.

There are yellow sign up sheets at the doors of the church.

If you have any questions please call the rectory office at 216-641-8444 weekdays from 8 AM – 4 PM.