



Sunday, April 13th

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

11:00 am *Richard Doubek*

Monday, April 14th

6:30 pm *No Morning Mass*

Tuesday, April 15th

8:30 am *Ed Span*

Wednesday, April 16th

No Morning Mass

7:00 pm *Tenebrae Service*

Thursday, April 17th Holy Thursday

7:00 pm *James Kara*

Friday, April 18th Good Friday

No Morning Mass

12 Noon *Stations of the Cross*

7:00 pm *Solemn Celebration of the
Passion of Our Lord*

Saturday, April 19th

3:00 pm *Blessing of Food &
Easter Baskets*

9:15 pm *Easter Vigil Mass*

Sunday, April 20th Easter Sunday

9:00 am *Special Intention*

11:00 am *Special Intention*

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, April 6 th	\$4141.25
Praise the Roof	365.00
Easter Flowers	97.00

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, June 1st at St. John Nepomucene Parish at 12:30 PM.** Reservations are needed; please call 216-641-8444 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 **May 18, 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

Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful to Jan Vitt and the 22 volunteers for their wonderful work on cleaning our church on Saturday, April 5th. In addition, I thank Kathy Bartoszek and the members of the Fundraising Commission, the additional volunteers and those who donated items such as candy, stuffed animals, and Easter baskets for our Easter Breakfast on Sunday, April 6th. Everyone did a great job in providing a delicious breakfast, a joyful event and donations for our parish St. Vincent DePaul Society to take care of the poor in our midst.

I hope and pray that this may be a Holy Week in all of our lives. Please come to as many Holy Week and Easter Services as you can. Please consider extending the invitation to family and friends to come with you or to join us for these special celebrations.

One of our favorite traditions at Easter is getting together in our church for the Easter Food Blessing. We gather to bless the 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 Holy Saturday, April 19th at 3 PM. Why not come to experience the blessing that seeks to connect your Easter meal with the Easter meal in our church? We ask Our Risen Lord to be present in your home as He is present in our church.

I am very grateful to those who have supported the Praise the Roof Fund through payment on their Rooted in Faith pledges, various donations, memorials gifts, fundraisers, and the Praise the Roof envelope.

As we remember the generosity of our loved ones who have died and pray that they may participate in the Resurrection, it is a wonderful tradition to make a memorial gift in their honor. Right now, \$ 69,624.87 has been raised. The remaining balance is \$19,175.13. Please consider using the Praise the Roof envelope to help us defray the expense of our new church roof.

I thank God for all of you and pray that Holy Week will be a special week in your life and the lives of those whom you love.

Prayers and Best Wishes!

Father Jasany

Readings for the Week of April 13, 2014

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/

Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday Is 49:1-6/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3ab, 6a,
8b-9/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper:

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Heb 4:14-16;
5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Easter Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1,

26-31a/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13,
15-18/Ex 14:15--15:1/Is 54:5-14/

Is 55:1-11/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ez 36:16-17a,
18-28/Rom 6:3-11/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4
or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or
Lk 24:13-35

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for
April 16th thru April 29th

Barbara Nieszczur, Andrea Powers
& Toni Suchy



Sunday, April 13th

Palms will be blessed and distributed during our 9 AM and 11 AM Masses today.

Holy Name Sunday

Mass at 9 AM with meeting to follow in the hall

Monday, April 14th

No Morning Mass

Confessions from 3-4 PM and 7-8 PM

This is the last day for scheduled confessions before Easter

Tuesday, April 15th

Rosary before 8:30 AM Mass at 8 AM

Chrism Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist at 7 PM

Wednesday, April 16th

Tenebrae Service 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 provides 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 this 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 then leave the church in silence.

Thursday, April 17th Holy Thursday

Mass of the Lord’s Supper 7 PM

Eucharistic Adoration with private prayer and meditation after Mass until 10 PM.

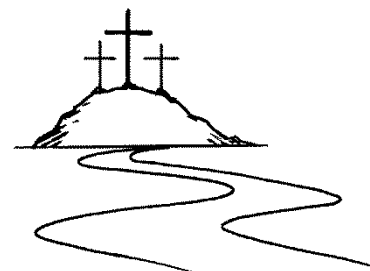
Why is the “Last Supper” so important to our Catholic Faith? Jesus showed his consummate love at the Last Supper. He instituted the Holy Eucharist, the focal point of our Faith and symbolically anticipated his redeeming Passion by speaking these words over the gifts of bread and wine: “This is my body which is given for you.” He also made the Apostles, Priests (Holy Orders) when he commanded them to “Do this in remembrance of me.” Regarding the Last Supper, Pope Benedict XI has said, “In a certain sense we can say the Last Supper itself is the act of foundation of the Church, because he gives himself and thus creates a new community, a community united in communion with himself.”

(From the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church)

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Friday, April 18th

Good Friday



Good Friday is a

Day of Fast and Total Abstinence – Fast is one full meal and two lesser meals for anyone 21 thru 59 years of age. Total Abstinence is no meat or meat products for all those over fourteen (14) years of age.

Stations of the Cross – 12 Noon

Private Prayer & Meditation 1-3 PM

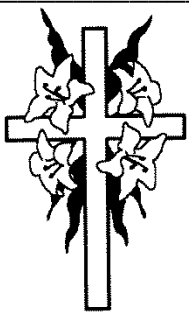
Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord 7 PM

PLEASE NOTE THAT THE RECTORY OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 18TH

Saturday, April 19th Holy Saturday
Blessing of Food & Easter 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 a good transition to help us prepare for Easter. A basket is commonly used to transport the foods. The food items in the basket have special significance. The white napkin that lines the basket represents the shroud of Christ. The butter (sometimes a lamb shape) and sugar-Jesus the Paschal Lamb. Eggs symbolize new life or Christ rising from the tomb. Bread represents the bread of life given by God. Meat and sausage are symbols of the resurrected Christ, horseradish represents accepting the bitter with the sweet in life. Salt is to add zest to life and preserve us from corruption, and sweets suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come. Please come with your family to experience this service.

EASTER VIGIL MASS 9:15 pm



Sunday, April 20th
Easter Sunday

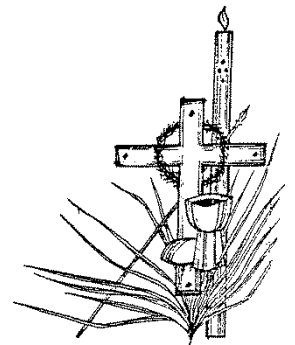
Mass is celebrated at
9 AM & 11 AM

Please remember to bring your Operation Rice Bowls to church on Easter Sunday. A container will be provided at the St. Joseph Side Altar for your rice bowls. Thank you to everyone who participated in Operation Rice Bowl.

† STEWARDSHIP ✉

Count your blessings, acknowledge God's gifts to you and express thanks to Him in praise.

STEWARDSHIP – In St. Paul's letter to the Philippians he makes clear that Christ "emptied himself." He was not "full of himself." Jesus embraced the characteristics of humility, service and obedience to carry out the will of his Father. Christian stewards know that there is no room for the Lord in a life that is full of oneself. Christian stewards follow Christ's example by taking on the characteristics of humility, servanthood and obedience. Our culture does not reward such attitudes. But God exalts those stewards who for His sake, empty themselves. It is only when we empty ourselves that there is room for God to work within us.



For those who are sick and those who care for them, may they receive comfort and strength through our prayers, remembering especially Lynn Allredfore, Agnes Bartoszek, Mary Ann Betliskey, Joanne Burke, Noella Burrows, Corrine Dawe, Larry Dooley, Jose Dybzinski, Frances Holecek, Debbie Haltuch, Rose Hensley, Kristin Hill, Dolores Jastrzebski, Madeline Koston, Milton Kostyack, Cindi Magyar, Terry Poltorek, Linda Rivera, 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.



At the Holy Thursday Liturgy, there will be the traditional Washing of Feet. If you would like to participate in this service, please contact

Sue McDonough at
216-271-5347 or 216-973-1956.

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

Sunday, April 13th – Father Michael
McCandless
Monday, April 14th – Peter Morris
St. Mary Seminary
Tuesday, April 15th – Brian Petro
Borromeo Seminary
Wednesday, April 16th – We pray for All
Who have died
Thursday, April 17th – Jeremy Merzweiler
St. Mary Seminary
Friday, April 18th – Rev. Mr. Timothy Roth
St. Mary Seminary
Saturday, April 19th – John Mulhollan
St. Mary Seminary
Sunday, April 20th – Bishop Richard Lennon

Operation Rice Bowl – 25% of our contributions to CRS Rice Bowl remain in our diocese, helping to support local poverty and hunger alleviation programs. This week, we pray for people in our own community who struggle with poverty and hunger. Giving to your Rice Bowl supports programs that help the poor in our own community, as well as in communities around the world.

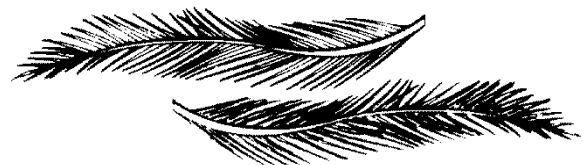


PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

There are five (5) vacancies to be filled on our Pastoral Council. Please consider if you or someone you know would be able to serve the parish on our council. Meetings are held monthly. Council does not have meetings in June, July or August. To be eligible for membership, you must be at least 18 years of age and a registered parishioner. Please consider giving of your time and talent. If you would like more information or would like to submit your name for nomination, please contact Sue McDonough at 216-271-5347 or 216-973-1956 or the rectory office at 216-641-8444 or sjnpkowski@st-john-nepomucene.org.

Thank you!

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' musical passion play "Tetlestai" will be presented during Holy Week at **Benedictine High School**, 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Cleveland, OH 44104 on Thursday April 17th and Good Friday April 18th. *Tetlestai's* dramatic stage production and timeless music tell the story of Jesus' trial, execution and resurrection in a visual way that will leave a lasting impression. This is a great way to prepare for the final holy days of the Easter season. Performances will be at 8:30 pm on Thursday and 8:00 pm on Good Friday. Doors will open ½ to 1 hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information, please visit www.livethepassion.org.



The 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 27th at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, as the celebrant. Mass begins at 2:30 pm.

Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1964). Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend. Seating is limited at the Cathedral, the number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity, and the total number registered. The deadline for registration is Monday, June 16th in order to include Jubilee couples' names in the program. In early July, registered couples will receive a letter with instructions and driving/parking details. To register (or if you have questions) please call the rectory office 216-641-8444. so that a reservation form can be completed and mailed to the Diocese.

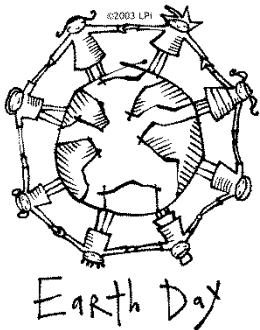
Praise the Roof Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory of Cindie Turner
Love & Prayers, Mom & Dad Bellomy

In Loving Memory of Betty Wyderka
Love & Prayers, Ronnie & Carol Bellomy

 **Upcoming Events**

“Spring Chicken” Family Dinner – sponsored by our Holy Name Society the “Eight Buck Cluck” will be held in our hall on Sunday, May 18th from Noon until 2 PM. Chicken, Sides, Salad, Roll, Desserts and Beverage. \$8.00 Adults (two chicken quarters) \$6.00 Under 12 & Seniors (one chicken quarter) Advance Reservations requested by May 12th – Limited Tickets at the door. Please contact Ted Grabowski at 216-397-9467 or email at Ted.Grabowski@sbcglobal.net



Earth Day – April 22nd

To celebrate Earth Day, River Valley Paper will give us an additional \$5/ton during the Bonus Week - April 21st - 25th.

More than one billion people will celebrate Earth Day in one way or another. Celebrate the day by planting a tree, and recycle your plastic, glass, and paper, or use the backside of printer paper before tossing it. But what's even better than recycling your paper is not having any paper to begin with. By doing business over the Internet, you'll be doing your part to help us in our environment-friendly practices. Going online saves you a trip, as well as the gas and carbon emissions that go along with it.

Retrouvaille helps couples through difficult times in their marriages. It provides the skills needed to reconnect and get back on track. Husbands & wives are provided an opportunity to rediscover each other and examine their lives together in a new and positive way. This program has helped thousands of couples who were experiencing marital difficulty, disillusionment and even deep misery to find new hope. The next weekend is April 25th-27th, 2014. For confidential information about Retrouvaille or to register for the program call Al & Diane at 800-470-2230, email Cleveland@Retrouvaille.org or visit the website www.HelpOurMarriage.com

Karen's Corner

Did you know that there are several things you can do with the palms you receive at Mass today that are acceptable to the Catholic Church? The first is to put the palms near a holy picture or statue you may have in your home as a yearly reminder of the Passion and Resurrection of our Lord. You can also make crosses or other symbols from the palms and display them in the same way. I remember my dad making crosses after Palm Sunday Liturgy to place behind his picture of the Last Supper, and near the statue of the Blessed Mother that was always displayed in our home. The palms are only pliable for a while, so if you are going to create something from them you need to do it soon.

We hold palms at Liturgy today to commemorate Jesus' entry into Jerusalem the week before His death. But did you know that there were TWO processions on that day? Jesus and his Apostles were pilgrims going to Jerusalem for the Passover celebration. Along the way, other pilgrims who recognized Jesus joined them. As they got closer and closer to Jerusalem, Jesus sent some of his disciples ahead of them to get a donkey for Jesus to ride upon. At the same time, Pontius Pilate was coming into the city using a different gate.

The processions were very, very different! Pilate probably rode a horse, which was a symbol of power and authority; Jesus rode a donkey, which was a humble animal used for service. Pilate had trumpets and drums announcing his presence; Jesus had other people crying "Hosanna!" which originally meant "Come to our aid" but it becomes a shout of jubilation and a Messianic greeting to Jesus!

These pilgrims who entered with Jesus were NOT the same crowd of people who later in the week would be crying, "Crucify him! Crucify him!"

In Cardinal Ratzinger's book "Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week" this is stated in a historical context. When Jesus is brought before Pontius Pilate, only citizens of Jerusalem would have been allowed in the praetorium where Pilate was staying. So it was indeed, two different groups of people!

This is something I had wondered about for YEARS!!! How could these people who were with Jesus for so many years, and loved him so much, suddenly turn against Him? They didn't!!! It was the citizens of Jerusalem, prompted by the Sanhedrin, who called for Jesus death! This made so much sense to me! During the rest of Holy Week, we will be reminded of what Our Lord did for us. You know, suffering is never God's aim. God did not "punish" Jesus by "sending Him" to His death. It was more of Jesus saying, "I know what is going to happen, but I turn my life over to you, Abba, knowing that whatever happens, you will make it right!" We cannot be just observers in Jesus' crucifixion; we need to be part of His crucifixion. We need to accept our own sufferings and hurts, knowing that Jesus and His Father will make it all come out right!

We need to be part of the Crucifixion so we can become more compassionate and loving to all those around us. We need to leave behind our selfishness, pride, arrogance, envy and anything else so that we may be humble servants of our Lord, Jesus Christ.

See you soon!
Karen