



Mass Schedule

Sunday, September 14th

9:00 am Joseph Fortuna
11:00 am Robert Halamek

Monday, September 15th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, September 16th

8:30 am All Souls

Wednesday, September 17th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, September 18th

8:30 am Louise Lisy Jirovec

Friday, September 19th

8:30 am Lubomir Hromadka

Saturday, September 20th

12 Noon Wedding

Patricia Doan & Michael Betti
4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, September 21st

**9:00 am Living & Deceased of the
Holecek Family**
**11:00 am Living & Deceased Pastors,
Associates & Religious of
St. John Nepomucene Parish
- SJN Altar Society**

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for
September 17th thru September 30th

Loretta Delagarza & Gloria Seneff

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, October 5th 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.

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House-**October 5, 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, September 14th

Second Collection for the Middle East

This collection will provide humanitarian relief for the Middle East. The funds will be sent to Catholic Relief Services. Checks should be made payable to St. John Nepomucene Parish with the memo marked Middle East.

Holy Name Sunday – Meeting at 10 AM followed by 11 AM Mass

World Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour
12:30 PM – Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy.

Monday, September 15th

Welcome to Becoming Catholic (RCIA) 6:30 – 8 PM in the rectory

- Do you, someone in your family, or a friend want to become a Catholic?
- Interested in being baptized into the Catholic Faith?
- Are you a Catholic but have not yet been confirmed?
- Do you have questions about your Catholic Faith?
- Do you want to learn more about the Catholic faith and our traditions?

Please call Karen Beargie at 641-8444 to register.

Tuesday, September 16th

Pastoral Council 7 PM

Wednesday, September 17th

Rosary Makers 10 AM – Noon Rectory

Golden Agers Meeting -11:30 am at the Newburgh Heights Senior Center

Adult Ed – The Chronicles of Narnia
6:30 PM

Zumba 7 PM

Choir Practice 7 PM

Thursday, September 18th

Grandmothers Club Meeting 11:30 am
at Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall

Saturday, September 20th

Mound Caring Community Meeting

4-8 PM at the Boys & Girls Club on Broadway

St. Vincent DePaul Society Friends of the Poor 3rd Annual Walk from 10 AM to noon. This family friendly event will be held at both St. Edward High School, 13500 Detroit Avenue in Lakewood and at Richfield Woods Park, 4100 Broadview Road in Richfield. Paved Routes will accommodate strollers, wheelchairs and individuals of all ages. To participate or donate, at 216-696-6525, ext. 3150 or online at <http://www.fopwalk.org>

Sunday, September 21st

Catechetical Sunday – 9 AM Mass

At our 9 AM Mass our parish will honor those who share in the teaching mission of the Church through a special rite of commissioning and blessing. We thank them for teaching our children and showing others how they live their faith. Please remember to pray for our catechists throughout the year.

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

12:30 pm - Any woman interested in joining is invited to stop in and attend the meeting.

The Sisters of Notre Dame 52nd Annual Barbecue & Boutique

from Noon to 5 pm. Enjoy barbecued chicken or ribs, chips, apple pie, coleslaw or applesauce and beverages. Tickets available at the door - \$12/chicken and \$15/ribs. Held at Notre Dame Education Center, 13000 Auburn Road in Chardon, south of Mayfield Road. Rain or shine.

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, September 7 th	\$3750.50
Praise the Roof	263.50
St. Vincent DePaul Society	100.00
Seminary Assessment	64.00

God bless you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.

Readings for the Week of September 14th

Sunday: Nm 21:4b-9/Phil 2:6-11/Jn 3:13-17

Monday: 1 Cor 11:17-26, 33/Jn 19:25-27
or Lk 2:33-35

Tuesday: 1 Cor 12:12-14, 27-31a/
Lk 7:11-17

Wednesday: 1 Cor 12:31--13:13/Lk 7:31-35

Thursday: 1 Cor 15:1-11/Lk 7:36-50

Friday: 1 Cor 15:12-20/Lk 8:1-3

Saturday: 1 Cor 15:35-37, 42-49/Lk 8:4-15

Next Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Phil 1:20c-24,
27a/Mt 20:1-16a

STEWARDSHIP – Today's second reading from the letter of Saint Paul to the Christian community at Philippi offers that beautiful testimony of Christ Jesus who loved us enough to give up his life for us by death on a cross. There is great hope in the cross, yet very few of us will be called to die the way Jesus died. Saint Paul helps us understand that to be authentic stewards of our faith we must be willing to lay down our lives for Jesus. To be faithful to the Gospel is to be willing to take up our cross daily and follow him. In that way we will find our dying and our rising equally assured. Reflect this week on how you embrace the cross, and how you, at times shirk the cross in your daily life.



PRAY FOR . . .

May the sick and their caregivers, receive comfort and strength through our prayers, remembering especially John Balciar, Mary Ann Betliskey, Millie Bloedorn, Bill Connors, Nancy Cox, Corrine Dawe, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar, Dorothy Mangan, Andrew Turowski and Virginia Turowski

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven, remembering especially Linda Rivera, whose funeral was last week.

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



PSR REGISTRATION

St. John Nepomucene Regional Parish School of Religion is accepting registration for any student in grades 1-8 for the 2014-2015 school year. We accept and serve children from Slavic Village and Southeast Cleveland parishes. So invite a friend, relative or neighbor to join us in learning more about our faith. Classes are held Monday evening from 6:30 pm – 8 pm. Hurry, classes begin September 29, 2014! Please call Judy Lasecki at 216-641-8444, Ext. 29 for more details and to register.



Apart from a very few exceptions, the Entrance Chants sung at the 9 AM Mass are drawn from the Bible, usually from the Book of Psalms. The great

majority of these Introits or Entrance chants are from the Old Testament, because most of them were set in place in the Liturgy *before the New Testament even existed*. This means we are praying prayers and singing melodies that the early Christian Martyrs would have sung and some of these chants were sung in the temple during and before the time of Jesus.

During these chants we actually hear Jesus and the Father's praying today just as they did in the past. On Christmas God the Father says "This is my Son" on Ash Wednesday he says "I will rescue him..." and on Easter Jesus replies "Father you were right, I am risen and you are wonderful." So many entrance antiphons are pleas for rescue and protection from the enemy. This underscores the reality that the sacrifice of Calvary is about to be made present for us. **Already in the Entrance Chant it is God who comes out to meet us. It is God who speaks first;** we humbly defer his voice and participate in his prayer.

The text of the Introit is harmonized with all the other variable prayers of the day so that the idea of the feast or the thought of the day pervades the whole Mass.

The ancient melodies are retained; not for historical value, but because they present the true tone and texture of prayer at Mass. In the Gregorian melodies we recognize with the entire Church a tone of voice that bears the very

marks of his church that is: **One, Holy, Catholic and Apostolic**. In it we recognize the voice of the Shepherd.

Choir Practice has begun; and we hope you join us in our special mission to present the Mass with its deep and intimate proper antiphons. Rehearsals are each Wednesday at 7 PM and are not mandatory. Please join us. BUT for safety and security please let us know you are coming before attending your first rehearsal. Please call Ralph Bednarz at 216-641-7988 or email at RalphBednarz@hotmail.com

The 91st Annual St. Wenceslaus Day Celebration will be held on Saturday, September 27th at our parish. The Feast of St. Wenceslaus is commemorated by Czech Catholics of Great Cleveland, who pay tribute to our Patron Saint and the King of Bohemia. The celebration will begin with Mass at 4 PM celebrated by the Most Reverend Bishop Roger Gries, OSB.

Following the Mass, a traditional Czech dinner of pork, dumplings and sauerkraut will be served in our hall catered by Wal-Tams Catering. The Hronek Brass band will provide music. Dinner tickets are \$15.00 per person, by **ADVANCE RESERVATION ONLY**. No take out orders are available. Please contact the rectory office at 216-641-8444 to purchase tickets for this event.



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III Patty Doan & Mike Betti

Karen's Korner

Did you know that even I have a hard time standing up for my faith all the time? People have said "The Catholic Church needs to come into the 20th century"! Or "The Church needs to listen to societal norms!" I get discouraged and frustrated in the midst of so much negativity in a society where relativism is the norm. "If it's relative to me, ok, if it's not relative to you, that's ok too!" is the normal thinking in society. I have heard women say, "I don't believe in abortion for myself, but it's ok for someone else!" WHAT? If you don't think it's ok, why is it ok for others? It's like saying, "Oh, you're a pedophile? Well, that's fine for you, but I wouldn't do it!" Seriously? I will admit, it appears easier to accept societal norms than to stand up for your faith. But as someone once said, "If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything." Faith demands a lot of us. Paul tells us in Galatians 2:20, "and it is no longer I who live, but it is Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God who loved me and gave himself for me." In a world where the Church's teachings on contraception, the death penalty and marriage are not the ways of the world, it can be difficult to defend our faith. But our faith asks us to submit to God, and not the ways of the world. We have to know exactly what the Catechism of the Church tells us in order to defend the Church's position on these and other issues. The USCCB Catechism is very easy to read and its explanations are wonderful, I use it in my RCIA classes. Also, we come together as a community to support each other in our faith. Our faith and our involvement in our community strengthens us, uplifts us and ultimately transforms us. If we are not

educated in these issues, if we are not part of a Church community, then like a branch cut off from a vine, we will wither and die. The first "Friday Night at the Movies" that was offered saw 21 people in attendance! For me, that was incredibly uplifting and strengthening! The people who attend the Wednesday night Adult Education sessions uplift me and strengthen my faith! A life of faith is meant to produce a life that is ordered according to God's truth and plan of love for us. It's simple, but it isn't easy! Submitting to God's will for our lives is a simple thing to do, but believe me, it isn't easy! When faced with questions about the authenticity of the Bible, or when someone says Jesus was a myth, I am armed with facts, but sometimes even that isn't enough, and that's when I get frustrated and discouraged. If we are to continue as a Church, we need the tools to defend our faith. And we all need to do it! Catechesis is not something that just priests and pastoral ministers should do, it is up to all of us to spread the Good News! If you are not sure where to go on the Internet, or need some instruction, or you just want a book or two to read, let me know! I would be happy to provide you with that information! We need to encourage each other in our faith and good works! Join me for a Wednesday evening Adult Education session, or come to one of the next "Friday Night at the Movies!" It would be great to see you there!

See you soon! Karen

Married Couples – The next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend will be October 17-19th. Apply or for more info call Scott & Lori at 330-305-9963 or online wwme.org