

# Mass Intentions

## Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am *Chester Ryba*  
11:00 am *Helen Lenzo - Birthday*

## Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>

No Morning Mass  
6:30 pm *SJN Parish School of Religion*  
*Students, Parents & Staff*

## Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>

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

## Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>

No Morning Mass

## Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>

8:30 am *George Smith*

## Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup>

8:30 am *Mike & Irene Kavka*

## Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>

1:30 pm *Wedding*  
*Katherine Bukowski*  
*and James Radesic*  
4:00 pm *St. John Nepomucene Parish*

## Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>

9:00 am *Al Dooley*  
11:00 am *Cecelia Januszewski*

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### Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, September 21 <sup>st</sup>	\$2070.50
Praise the Roof	151.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	20.00

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

**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, 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.

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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-**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](mailto:www.jrhcleve@att.net)

# **P**astor's Paragraphs

Dear Parishioners,

This weekend we celebrate St. Wenceslaus, who is an important saint for the Czech community. "Good King Wenceslaus" died as a martyr in the year 929 A.D. He did his best to communicate Christian values in a world of political unrest and turmoil. We welcome Bishop Roger Gries, members of the Czech community and other visitors as well, as we honor St. Wenceslaus at our 4 pm mass. Dedicated members of the Czech community founded our parish in 1902. We give thanks for their prayers, sacrifices and dedicated labor, which resulted in laying the foundation for the parish of St. John Nepomucene. Hopefully, we can follow in their footsteps.

We are happy and grateful to have a Regional Parish School of Religion at St. John Nepomucene for children in grades 1-8. We express our thanks to Miss Judy Lasecki, our PSR Principal and to our teachers: Miss Sue McDonough, Mr. Vince Radzilowski, Mrs. Sharon Hensel, Miss Lois Pupkiewicz and Mrs. Patricia Bednarz. All children enrolled in public school should be registered to receive religious education in our Parish School of Religion. All children are welcome to attend. They do not have to be members of our parish. Parents and Caregivers are encouraged to register their children by calling Miss Judy Lasecki at 216-641-8444, ext. 29. We begin the Parish School of Religion Program this Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup> with a Mass at 6:30 pm in our church. Everyone is invited to attend.

Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup> is the Feast of St. Francis of Assisi. In keeping with the tradition of St. Francis' love for all of God's creatures, we will have the Blessing of Animals and other pets at the rectory garage at 11 am on Saturday, October 4<sup>th</sup>. Everyone is encouraged to bring his or her pets and animals to the rectory garage for this special blessing.

Prayers and Best Wishes,  
Father Jasany

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## **Sunday, September 28<sup>th</sup>**

**Today is the Collection for the Catholic Communication Campaign, which** communicates the Gospel through Catholic social media activities and enriches our faith through Internet, television, radio and print media. Envelopes for this collection are provided in your monthly envelope packet. **\$1000 Raffle** following the 11 AM Mass in the school foyer.

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

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## **Monday, September 29<sup>th</sup>**

**PSR Parent & Student Opening Mass at 6:30 pm** with meeting to follow

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## **Tuesday, September 30<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary @ 8 am before Mass**

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## **Wednesday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**Rosary Makers 10 AM – Noon** Rectory  
**Liga Morska Meeting – 11 AM** at Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall  
**Adult Education – "Narnia"** at 6:30 pm  
**Zumba 7 PM**  
**Choir Practice 7 PM**

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**Thursday, October 2<sup>nd</sup>**  
**Rosary @ 8 am before Mass**

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**Friday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> First Friday**  
**First Friday Avila Holy Hour** beginning at 7:30 am to pray for new vocations to the vowed and ordained way of life and to pray for perseverance for those already called to serve. Come, Pray!

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**Saturday,**  
**October 4<sup>th</sup>**

**Blessing of Animals**  
**11 am**

Father Jasany will bless the creatures that God has given us for

companionship. Francis of Assisi and Anthony of Padua preached to animals when the people would not listen. This blessing will take place in the parking lot by the garages.

**First Saturday Devotions 3:15 pm**  
**Market Day PickUp – 10:30 – 11:30 AM**  
**Catholic Charities 37th Annual Walk of Hope** to support Diocesan ministries and services for persons with disabilities. Registration begins at 8:30 am. Walk will be thru the Historic Tremont District. For information call 216-334-2963 or [mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org](mailto:mjscott@clevelandcatholiccharities.org) [www.ccdcle.org/disability](http://www.ccdcle.org/disability) or find them on Facebook

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**Sunday, October 5<sup>th</sup>**  
**Baptism Preparation Class** at our parish at 12:30 pm. This class is for parents preparing to have their child baptized. Reservations are necessary. Please call the rectory office at 216-641-8444 to make a reservation for this class

**Readings for the Week of September 28<sup>th</sup>**

Sunday: Ez 18:25-28/Phil 2:1-11 or 2:1-5/Mt 21:28-32  
Monday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Jn 1:47-51  
Tuesday: Jb 3:1-3, 11-17, 20-23/Lk 9:51-56  
Wednesday: Jb 9:1-12, 14-16/Lk 9:57-62  
Thursday: Jb 19:21-27/Mt 18:1-5, 10  
Friday: Jb 38:1, 12-21; 40:3-5/Lk 10:13-16  
Saturday: Jb 42:1-3, 5-6, 12-17/Lk 10:17-24  
Next Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Phil 4:6-9/  
Mt 21:33-43

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**STEWARDSHIP** – Saint Augustine, a doctor of the church, once wrote that the first, second and third most important attitude in Christianity is humility. In today's second reading, Saint Paul is concerned with how we conduct ourselves in our community of faith. He urges us to let our conduct be worthy of the Gospel we say that we believe; and that it all begins with humility. He asks us to consider others better than ourselves, and to serve them by looking out for their best interest, not ours. Consider how Saint Paul's appeal to imitating Christ's humility can enhance your relationships.

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**2015 Masses** – We have begun taking mass intentions for 2015. If you are interested in having masses for your loved ones please contact the rectory office at 216-641-8444. You may book your masses over the phone or you can stop at the rectory office weekdays from 9 am – 3:30 pm

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Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for  
October 1st thru October 14<sup>th</sup>

Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec



## In your prayers...

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

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

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### **PSR REGISTRATION It's Not Too Late!!!!**

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-8pm. Hurry, classes begin September 29, 2014! Please call Judy Lasecki at 216-641-8444, Ext. 29 for more details and to register.

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*Wedding  
Banns*

*III Katherine Bukowski  
and James Radesic*

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

Also, please remember Sisters of the Holy Family of Nazareth (CSNF)

Sunday, Sept. 28<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Richard Lennon

Monday, Sept. 29<sup>th</sup> – Andrew Gonzalez  
St. Mary Seminary

Tuesday, Sept. 30<sup>th</sup> – Patrick Schultz  
St. Mary Seminary

Wednesday, Oct. 1<sup>st</sup> – Philip Lewandowski  
St. Mary Seminary

Thursday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kevin Fox  
St. Mary Seminary

Friday, Oct. 3<sup>rd</sup> – Eric Garris  
St. Mary Seminary

Saturday, Oct. 4<sup>th</sup> – John Regan  
St. Mary Seminary

Sunday, Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> – Bishop Anthony Pilla

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**Altar Society News** – The Society has started their Christmas Gift Card Raffle. An explanation of this fundraiser and the raffle tickets are on a flyer by the entrance doors of the church. Tickets are \$1.00 each or 6 for \$5.00.

**Last year the Society had 4 Prizes - \$300, \$150, \$100 and \$75 in gift certificates were won by lucky individuals.**

**Members** – Please remember to turn in your raffle tickets and your donations of gift cards or a monetary donation to purchase gift cards. These may be put in an envelope to the attention of Loretta Delagarza. You may put these in the collection basket or mail them to the rectory office.

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## Karen's Korner

Did you know that prayer has ebb and a flow? There are times when our prayers are fruitful, fulfilling and awesome. But there are also times when our prayers are dry, dusty and seem non-existent. Sometimes we walk on water, and sometimes we sink like a stone! Some of the greatest saints and holy people experienced this regularly. I know in my own prayer life I have dry periods and fruitful periods! We all have a tendency to believe that our prayers should always be interesting and warm; that they always give us spiritual insight; that we have the sense that we are praying and someone is speaking with us. This is true of our early spirituality, but as we grow closer to the Lord, it is not necessarily so. But if we continue to pray faithfully, day in and day out, year after year, an intimacy with the Lord will be growing within us. I love what Soren Kierkegaard said: "Praying does not mean listening to yourself speak; praying means calming down and being still and waiting until you hear from God." There are many ways to pray. We can use learned prayers like the rosary to lead us to Jesus. The repetition of the prayers will take us to a deeper place if we truly concentrate on the prayer, and not what is happening around us. Then there is prayer using our own words. David pleaded with God, praised God, thanked God and asked God for help. My favorite Psalm is Psalm 23, "The Lord is my Shepherd." We go to the Lord with everything that is on our hearts. Then there is contemplation and meditation. In using this form of prayer, I will put some soft music in my CD player, light a candle and darken the room. I will repeat a phrase over and over until I am totally at peace and can

spend some time listening to the still, small voice inside of me. Then I can have a conversation with the Lord. Then there are some deeper forms of prayer such as St. Teresa of Avila's "Interior Castle." She saw mental prayer as being a castle with many, many rooms. Inspired by her vision of the soul as a crystal globe in the shape of a castle containing seven mansions, she interpreted this as the journey of faith through seven stages, ending with union with God. Each mansion has many rooms, and in each room the person praying deals with imperfections in their lives, or situations, which cause pain and need to be healed. It is a lifelong process, but it is deep way of healing and getting to know the Lord. The Liturgy is a communal prayer that we need to support each other and to receive Jesus in our body in a very physical way. There are many ways to pray, but they all lead to the same place: Jesus Christ, Our Lord! Our October Friday Night at the Movies will be on October 17<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm. The Movie will be "*Heaven is For Real.*" Hope to see you there!

See you soon! Karen

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**Blanket Sunday is coming soon! The weekend of October 11<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>** marks the 28<sup>th</sup> Annual Blanket Sunday Collection to aid the needy. The collection is sponsored by the Diocesan St. Vincent de Paul Society. This year, due to lack of storage space, they are sponsoring a cash only collection. They will gratefully accept your cash donation and do the shopping for you, making your money go even farther with bulk purchases of blankets and other items needed by low income families. So give someone a blanket for the winter and give yourself a warm feeling!