



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 29th

9:00 am *Living & Deceased Members
of St. John's Mens Club*
11:00 am *John Schram*
10th Anniversary

Monday, March 30th

No Morning Mass
Confessions 3-4 pm & 7-8 pm

Tuesday, March 31st

8:30 am *Norbert & Jody Kocab*

Wednesday, April 1st

No Morning Mass
7:00 pm *Tenebrae Service*

Thursday, April 2nd Holy Thursday

7:00 pm *Robert Schaefer*

Friday, April 3rd Good Friday

No Morning Mass
12 Noon *Stations of the Cross*
7:00 pm *Solemn Celebration of the
Passion of Our Lord*

Saturday, April 4th

3:00 pm *Blessing of Food and
Easter askets*
8:30 pm *Easter Vigil Mass*

Sunday, April 5th

9:00 am *Special Intention*
11:00 am *Special Intention*

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
April 1st thru April 14th

Barbara Nieszczur, Andrea Powers
& Toni Suchy

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 12th at Holy Name Parish at 1:00 pm. Reservations needed; please call 216-4242 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- **Sunday, April 26th.** 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



Dear Parishioners,

I am grateful to Jan Vitt, Joanne Ciesla, the Members of our Altar & Rosary Society and all our additional volunteers who were here on Saturday, March 28th to clean our church for Easter. Thank you for your kind assistance in this matter. The church looks great thanks to you!

I thank Kathy Bartoszek, our Fundraising Commission, and the volunteers who are coming to assist us with our Easter Breakfast and Raffle this Sunday, March 29th from 8 am to 1 pm in our Parish Hall. The proceeds go to benefit our parish St. Vincent dePaul Society in serving those who are in need. Please come over to our Parish Hall for a delicious breakfast, fellowship with our parishioners and to support our St. Vincent dePaul Society.

I hope and pray that this may be a Holy Week in all of our lives. Please come to as many Holy Week 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 4th

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 thank God for all of you. I am grateful also for the wonderful tradition of remembering our loved ones who have died with a memorial gift. Our generosity to our parish is a wonderful way to honor them for their generosity to us throughout the years. Easter reminds us that they participate in the Resurrection of Jesus. They remain present to us in spirit, and we hope to see them again on the day of our resurrections as well.

May this be a special week in your life and the lives of those whom you love.

Prayers & Best Wishes!
Father Jasany

Readings for the Week of March 29th

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

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 61:1-3a, 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: 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/Mk 16:1-7

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mk 16:1-7 or Lk 24:13-35



Palm Sunday **Sunday, March 29th**
Palms will be blessed and distributed during

our 4 pm Mass on Saturday, March 28th 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. Breakfast includes French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee & Milk. Adults - \$6.50 and Children \$3.50. Tickets available at the door.

Monday, March 30th

No Morning Mass

Confessions from 3-4 pm & 7-8 pm

This is the last day for scheduled confessions before Easter

PSR Classes 6:30 - 8 pm

Tuesday, March 31st

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

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

Wednesday, April 1st

No Morning Mass

Tenebrae Service at 7 pm

That the lights of the church are extinguished on this night seems to me to be in commemoration of the Sun of Justice Himself, who is buried for three days and three nights...Our church is illuminated with twenty-four candles and at each song-where we might otherwise rejoice-we choose sadness because our true Sun has set; and thus during the individual hours the lack of the sun is increased until complete extinction. This happens three times because it recalls the three-day burial of the Lord.

Thursday, April 2nd **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-Youcat 99)

As part of our Holy Thursday liturgy, there will be the traditional washing of feet. If you would like to participate please call Sue McDonough at 216-271-5347

Friday, April 3rd **Good Friday**

Today 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 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 3rd**

Saturday, April 4th

**There will not be First Saturday
Devotions today.** Private Devotion is
encouraged.

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. Sweets suggest the promise of eternal life or good things to come. Please come with your family to experience this service.

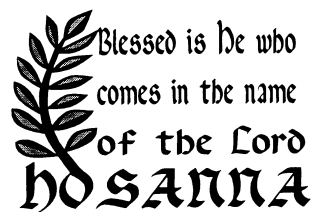
EASTER VIGIL MASS 8:30 pm

Sunday, April 5th

Mass is
celebrated at
9 am and 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. Our thanks to everyone who
participated in Operation Rice Bowl



For those who are
sick and those who
care for them, may
they receive comfort
and strength through
our prayers, 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 Clara Murawski
and Richard Slawinski whose funerals
were this week.

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

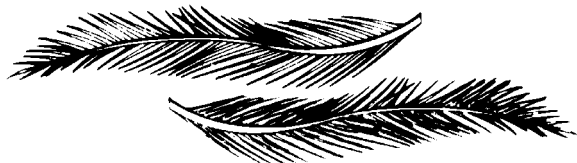
Please remember in your prayers these individuals, who have been called to the priesthood in your daily prayers.

Sunday, March 29th – Pray for All Pastors
Monday, March 30th – Justin Cleveland
Borromeo Seminary
Tuesday, March 31st – Joshua Cochrac
Borromeo Seminary
Wednesday, April 1st – Patrick Cordero
Borromeo Seminary
Thursday, April 2nd – Michael Crookston
Borromeo Seminary
Friday, April 3rd – Timothy Dollard
Borromeo Seminary
Saturday, April 4th – Dominic Gideon
Borromeo Seminary
Sunday, April 5th – Bishop Roger Gries

Also, please remember the Sisters of Notre Dame (SND) in your prayers.

Stewardship

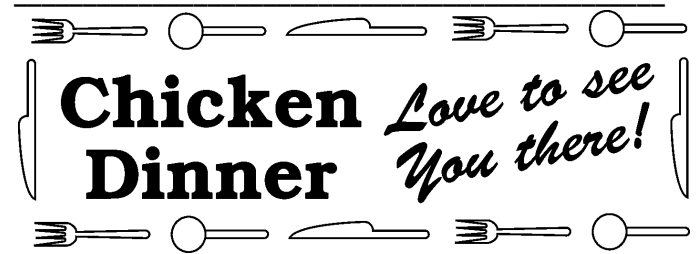
This weekend we participate in the proclamation of the passion and death of Jesus according to the Gospel of Mark. We are witnesses to Jesus' undeterred obedience to the Father, which comes at great sacrifice. An important part of Christian stewardship is the willingness to make sacrifices that reveal our own embrace of Jesus' cross. Over the next three days of this most Holy Week, reflect on this question: As good stewards of our life in Christ, what concrete sacrifices are we willing to make to witness God's love to the world?



Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, March 22nd</i>	<i>\$2372.10</i>
<i>Memorial Gifts</i>	<i>85.00</i>
<i>Improvement Fund</i>	<i>124.35</i>
<i>Utilities</i>	<i>107.10</i>
<i>Easter Flowers</i>	<i>64.05</i>
<i>St. Vincent DePaul Society</i>	<i>30.25</i>

Thank you for your continued generosity!



Spring Chicken Family Dinner – The Eight Buck Cluck will be held on Sunday, May 3rd in the school hall from 12 Noon until 1:30 pm. Sponsored by our Holy Name Society. The dinner includes Chicken, Sides, Salad, Roll, Desserts and Beverage. The cost is \$8.00 Adults (Two chicken quarters); \$6 under 12 & Seniors (one chicken quarter) Advance Reservations requested by April 27th – limited tickets at the door. Please contact Ted Grabowski at 216-397-9467 or email to Ted.Grabowski@sbcglobal.net to make a reservation.

Congratulations to the Winners of our
March \$10000 Raffle!!!!

\$1000 Winner – Ed Mack
\$100 Ticket Seller – Sue McDonough

\$10. Consolation Winners – Sue Camp,
Donna Gerlak, Ron Kost, Carol Bellomy
and Jim Neyman

Karen's Corner

Did you know that the fourth deadly sin is Sloth? The Catechism defines as one of the capital sins; it involves a lack of effort in meeting duties and responsibilities to God, to others and to oneself. Thomas Aquinas said sloth is saying, "I can't muster any energy for spiritual good." Sloth is right smack in the middle of the mountain of Dante's "Purgatorio". The medieval called sloth "the noonday devil." It is lethargy for spiritual things, the attitude of "I can't muster the energy or the enthusiasm for spiritual things." I'm tired, I've worked all day, and I just don't have time for prayer, Scripture reading or anything spiritual. Wow. I know there are times when that is my attitude! It's funny, but when you are proud, envious or angry, you tend to race in the direction of your sin; you eventually collapse and in that collapse return to God. But with sloth, it's very different because our attitude is "I'm bored, indifferent, I just want to rest here at dead center." Secularism and relativism are expressions of sloth. 70% of Americans stay away from Mass on a regular basis, because they couldn't care less. "I don't get anything out of it. It's boring." The attitude of relativism according to Pope Benedict XVI is the attitude of "That's ok for you, but not for me. Yeah, that's your truth, but not mine." That's what is happening more and more in our secular society. Sloth is a daughter of pride because then we determine what is good and evil for ourselves and there are no boundaries! My spiritual energy instead of being a rushing river becomes a large, lazy lake that is not really going anywhere. Sloth comes from knocking down the truths, moral spiritual intellectual and it leaves us afraid and unable to move. What is the

antidote? Zeal! No one is ever given an experience of God without being sent! I mentioned some of the people last week, but let's add Moses and the burning bush. "I can't speak, Lord!" And Jeremiah, "I'm too young, Lord!" and Saul who was knocked to the ground. All of these people were then sent out on a mission, a "job." We continue to be loved into existence by God and that should relax us to the point of saying to God, "OK, what's my mission, Lord?" During this Holy Week, we need to be those conduits of God's love to others. How do we do that? Visit someone who is imprisoned in their homes; clean out your closet and don't just give old stuff to the poor, add something you really like! Give food and drink to the hungry; pray for the living and the dead; forgive offences; comfort the afflicted. If we do these things, we will find our mission! When Mary was told she would be the mother of God, she didn't sit around she went *in haste* to see Elizabeth. We can't afford to be people of sloth, we need to be people of zeal!

See you soon! Karen

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