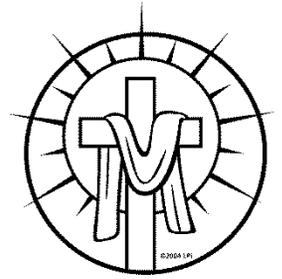


Dear Parishioners,



Allelulia! Happy Easter! Christ is truly raised and is present in our community of believers. The attendance at our Holy Week services was wonderful. I would like to express my thanks to the many people who came to worship during these Sacred Days.

My thanks also to everyone who worked on our Holy Week and Easter Services. Our parish staff, all liturgical ministers and volunteers who gave of their time and talent to make our Easter services solemn and beautiful.

In addition, I am grateful for your financial support of our parish during the Easter Season and throughout the year.

St. Paul tells us the Body of Christ is not in the tomb...All of us form together the Body of Christ as we witness through our gifts of prayer, time, talent, sacrifice and generosity.

All these events and the people who participated in these events inspire me.

May Christ, Our Risen Lord continue to be made visible through people like you, who form the Body of Christ.

Gratefully in Christ, Father Jasany

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers  
April 15<sup>th</sup> thru April 28<sup>th</sup>  
Loretta Delagarza and Gloria Seneff



**Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am In Memory of  
Nina & Richard Hanzel  
and Agnes & Rudy Balak**  
**11:00 am Jessie Dylong**

**Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Wilma Vitigoj**

**Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>**

**No Morning Mass**

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Julian and Elizabeth Cymanski**

**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**8:30 am Norbert Nieszczur**

**Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>**

**4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish**

**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

**9:00 am Frank Traska-6<sup>th</sup> Anniversary**  
**11:00 am St. John Nepomucene  
First Communicants**

**Stewardship of Treasure**

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| Easter Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> | \$5539.00 |
| Easter Vigil, April 4 <sup>th</sup>  | 651.00    |
| Memorial Gifts                       | 115.00    |
| Holy Land, Good Friday               | 419.86    |
| Holy Thursday                        | 487.70    |

God bless your generosity and support to our parish at Easter and throughout the year!

**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, April 12<sup>th</sup> at Holy Name Parish at 1:00 pm.** Reservations needed; please call 216-4242 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- **Sunday, April 26<sup>th</sup>.** 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](http://www.jrhcleve@att.net)

## Readings for the Week of April 12<sup>th</sup>

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35/1 Jn 5:1-6/  
Jn 20:19-31

Monday: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8

Tuesday: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15

Wednesday: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21

Thursday: Acts 5:27-33/Jn 3:31-36

Friday: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15

Saturday: Acts 6:1-7/Jn 6:16-21

Next Sunday: Acts 3:13-15, 17-19/1  
Jn 2:1-5a/Lk 24:35-48

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### Sunday, April 12<sup>th</sup>

#### **Today is Divine Mercy**

Sunday – the Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed a half-hour before the 9 am and 11 am Masses.



#### **Holy Name Society**

**Meeting** at 10 am with Mass at 11 am.

#### **World Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour**

at 12:30 pm. The Holy Hour includes Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Rosary, Reflection, Benediction and the Chaplet of Divine Mercy. Everyone is invited to attend the Holy Hour.

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### Monday, April 13<sup>th</sup>

**PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm**

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### Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>

**Rosary at 8 am before Mass**

**Finance Council Meeting 7 pm**

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### Wednesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>

**Rosary Makers 10 am–Noon** Rectory

**Golden Agers Meeting** at the Senior Center in Newburgh Hts at 11:30 am

**Adult Education – 6:30 pm** Rectory

The Apostle Paul & his Letters

**Zumba 7 pm**

**Choir Practice 7 pm**

**Thursday, April 16<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary at 8 am before Mass**

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

**Fundraising Committee Meeting 7 pm**

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**Friday, April 17<sup>th</sup>**

**Rosary at 8 am before Mass**

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**Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup>**

Please remember in your prayers  
Laura Bates,  
Amelia Kotlarsic,  
Emilia Myroniak  
and Dillon Wagner,

who will be making their First Holy Communion today at our 11 am Mass.

Congratulations and God's Blessings on them, their families and their teachers who have prepared them for this day.

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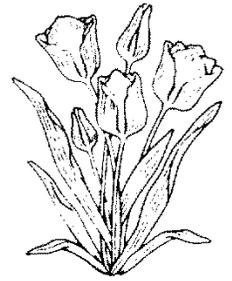


Parish  
Council

**There is one (1) vacancy to be filled on our Pastoral Council.** Please consider if you or

someone you know would be able to serve our parish on council. Meetings are held monthly. Council does not meet 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 [sjnpkowalski@st-john-nepomucene.org](mailto:sjnpkowalski@st-john-nepomucene.org).

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, 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, Lucy Konkoly, Cindi Magyar, Marilyn O'Meara, 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.

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

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**Stewardship** – When the risen Christ encounters his disciples in the locked room he adds a new Beatitude to the ones we've heard proclaimed before: Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed. Stewards of the mysteries of God's love do not need proof of the risen Christ. They know it because their lives have been transformed by the power of the Holy Spirit who has breathed new life into them. As stewards of this great gift it is appropriate to reflect on how we in turn add new life into our parish communities.

## Karen's Corner

Did you know that the Sixth deadly sin is Gluttony? The Catechism defines gluttony as the Capital Sin that describes actions of eating and drinking more than what is necessary. This is a vice of mine!

Fr. Barron tells us that we are now at the tip top of Mt. Purgatory according to Dante. Still a deadly sin, but it involves the dominance of reason by the passions. Dante has more sympathy for them because as Carl Jung said, "At the bottom, all psychological problems are spiritual problems." Gluttony is a spiritual problem. Thomas Aquinas tells us it is "the immoderate or unreasonable pleasure of food or drink." Yup, that would be me. Sigh. There is nothing wrong with taking pleasure in things unless they begin to overtake our lives. Sensual pleasures are a gift from God, they are good things, but we can make those things our gods instead of saving ourselves for the God who made us. You know, we have been hard-wired for God as St. Augustine puts it, "You have made us for yourself O Lord, and our hearts are restless until they rest in you." I know I have a tendency to try and "push down" my worries, concerns and problems by stuffing my face with all kinds of sweet and salty things! But all that does, is make me feel guilty about what I've done, and nothing is resolved. I can see the effects in my body, my blood pressure and glucose numbers.

What we tend to do is try to find some substitute, some finite good, instead of seeking to fill that hunger with something that is infinite and will never decay or harm us. Jesus' first temptation after 40 days in the desert was sensual pleasure, "Turn these stones into bread!" The temptation is to make bodily desires the *center* of our life!

When we do that, the deeper and abiding hungers never surface! We don't have to admit that we need God and that we need to learn more through reading Scripture and spiritual books and attending Mass and having an active prayer life! The desire for food, drink and sex are like kids, I want it and have to have it now, now, now!!! If you indulge these "kids" they will take over our lives. We have to discipline those desires, so as to allow the greater good to emerge.

Fr. Barron says gluttony in today's world is another word for "addiction". So what are you addicted to? Computer games? Sports? Food? Alcohol? Exercise? Shopping? Or a myriad of other things!

Gluttony is not just about food, but it is about the excess of anything in our lives that we choose over spending time in prayer and meditation.

I have lost weight over the past year because of the realization that instead of facing whatever was bothering me, I would find something else to do to avoid it. It is not easy to face our addictions and look at what needs changed in our lives, but it is necessary.

What is the active virtue? Asceticism. Fast! Skip a meal and give the money you would have spent to the poor and spend time in prayer. Instead of going out drinking, read Scripture, pray the rosary! Purposely avoid certain foods that you like. Dante punishes the gluttonous by having them repeatedly pray, "O Lord, open my lips and my mouth will declare your praise!"

See you soon!  
Karen

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**Earth Day Bonus Week** – To celebrate Earth Day, River Valley Paper will give us an additional \$5/ton during Bonus Week, April 20<sup>th</sup>-24<sup>th</sup>. We received \$30.90 for our February recycling efforts. Our 3,090 lbs of recycled paper saved 26.27 Trees, 386.25 lbs of CO2, and heated 1.55 homes for 6 months.



A big THANK YOU to the following individuals who were able to give of their time and talent and assist in cleaning our church on

Saturday, March 28<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you to Elizabeth Cymanski, Kelly Lister, Bob Schott, Karen Small, Ann Marie Zelenka, Pat Balli, Rich Ferrick, Stephen Sikora, Zack Milam, Dee Ruth, Joanne Ciesla, Mary Bednar, Kathy Bartoszek, Natalie Garcia, Larry Pruchnicki, Patty Kowalec, Dolores Kalinowski, Jan Vitt, Loretta Delagarza, Gary Kotlarsic, Gustav Kotlarsic & Dave Olenski.

We give a special thanks to three guys – Bob, Larry and Rick for their outside cleaning on a very cold and windy day.

Also, thank you to our Altar & Rosary Society for providing breakfast and lunch for our workers!

Many Thanks, Jan Vitt

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**For Rent** – War Avenue at East 71<sup>st</sup> & Grant Avenue. 3-Bedroom, first floor laundry room, large kitchen, appliances included. Very clean. Yard, quiet dead-end street, good neighbors. \$675/month & Deposit. Call 216-780-5744

We would like to thank the Fundraising Committee and all the volunteers for organizing and working the Easter Breakfast. Also,



thanks to everyone who donated items for the Easter baskets and attended the breakfast for making it a success. Lastly, thank you for donating the proceeds to our St. Vincent de Paul Society. The profit from the breakfast, which was donated to St. Vincent de Paul was \$859.88.

May God Bless you All!  
St. Vincent de Paul Society

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**Benedictine High School** invites you to come visit the “Home of Champions” at their XTREME Open House. Join them for a night of Xtreme activities, giveaways, games and an interactive tour of the school. This will be held on Tuesday, April 28<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm. Benedictine is located at 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Drive in Cleveland.

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**The 2015 Cleveland Polish Constitution Celebration** will be held on Sunday, May 3rd. This year there will be more ways than ever to experience the day to its fullest. There will be Mass at 10 am at St. Stanislaus Church with light refreshments to follow. Buffet at Gene Bak’s Polish American Cultural Center with strolling musicians outside the hall, 6501 Lansing Avenue. Beginning at 11am with food for purchase. Parade at 1 pm North on East 65<sup>th</sup> from Lansing to Forman Avenue  
Plus much more during the day!