



Sunday, April 9th Palm Sunday

**9:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of St. Johns Mens Club**

11:00 am George & Relly Hrehorevich

Monday, April 10th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, April 11th

**8:30 am Stephanie Walla
Birthday**

Wednesday, April 12th

No Morning Mass

7:00 pm Tenebrae Service

Thursday, April 13th Holy Thursday

7:00 pm Joseph & Gertrude Neyman

Friday, April 14th Good Friday

No Morning Mass

12 Noon Stations of the Cross

1-3 pm Private Prayer & Meditation

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

Saturday, April 15th Holy Saturday

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

9:00 pm Easter Vigil Mass

Sunday, April 16th Easter

9:00 am Special Intention

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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 11th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 11:45 am.** Reservations needed; please call 216-641-2829 to register.

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 on **April 23rd at 12:45 pm.** 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,

As we approach the holiest week of the year, may it be a Holy Week in our lives and the life of our parish.

We have reason to rejoice. Five Catechumens – Dave Guess, Breyant Kosek, Kylei Kosek, Chevalyn Kosek and D'Artagnon Kosek will be receiving Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at our Easter Vigil. Also, Alexandra Marincic will be making her Profession of Faith and receive Confirmation and Eucharist at the same vigil.

Our Stewardship Commission has suggested that we are "Called to Courage" this weekend. We think of Jesus and the courage which He had in accepting the Cross. We are called to model our lives after His. We too are called to sacrifice...to sacrificial love.

We had a wonderful year in our Parish School of Religion. We gathered in our church on Monday, April 3rd to give thanks for the blessing which we have received through the St. John Nepomucene Regional School of Parish Religion. We express our thanks to our Parish School of Religion Principal, Miss Judy Lasecki.

We express our gratitude to our dedicated Parish School of Religion Teachers – Miss Sue McDonough, Mr. Vince Radzilowski, Mrs. Sharon Hensel, Miss Lois Pupkiewicz and Mrs. Patricia Bednarz as well as our parents, caregivers and students. Consider extending the invitation to other children to attend the Parish School of Religion.

Hopefully, all of you will consider attending our Easter Breakfast today. We are serving breakfast from 9 am to 1 pm. The proceeds will go to our St. Vincent de Paul Society who assist the needy in our midst.

Please plan to attend all our Holy Week Services. Extend the invitation to family and friends to come with you and join us for these celebrations.

One of our favorite traditions at Easter is getting together in our church for the Easter Food and Basket 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 Food Blessing on Holy Saturday, April 15th at 3 pm. Why not come to experience the blessing that seeks to connect your Easter meal with 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 to our parish.

Your 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 resurrection as well.

Please consider making a donation in the name of your loved ones who have died to help us with our "Touch Up the Towers" initiative. Please use the yellow envelope in your monthly envelope or enclose your donation in another envelope of your choosing.

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

May Christ be raised in each of us.
Prayers and Best Wishes!
Father Jasany



Sunday, April 9th
Palm Sunday

Palms will be blessed and distributed during our 4 pm Mass on Saturday and our

9 and 11 am Masses today.

Annual Easter Breakfast & Basket Raffle – Serving from 9 am – 1 pm. Join us for French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee & Milk. Breakfast tickets available at the door. Adults \$6.50 and Children \$3.50. Raffle tickets for are also available. Proceeds support our St. Vincent de Paul Society

Holy Name Society Meeting – 10 am

Monday, April 10th

No Morning Mass

Confessions from 3-4 pm and 7-8 pm

This is the last day for scheduled confessions before Easter

Tuesday, April 11th

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

Wednesday, April 12th

No Morning Mass

Tenebrae Service at 7 pm

That the lights of the church are extinguished on this night seems to be in commemoration of the Sun of Justice Himself, who is buried for three days and three nights...Our church is illuminated with 24 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 3 times because it recalls the three-day burial of the Lord.

Thursday, April 13th **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."



Holy Thursday

As part of our Holy Thursday liturgy, we will have the traditional washing of feet. Please call Sue McDonough at

216-271-5347 if you would like to participate.

Friday, April 14th 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

Living Stations of the Cross 12 Noon

Pope Francis has proclaimed this Church Year as a Marian Year and the SJN Group is honoring his proclamation by focusing on Mary the Mother of Jesus. This year’s theme is “Through the Eyes of Mary” and interprets the events leading to the crucifixion of Jesus from her perspective as she walks the road to Calvary with her Son.

For more than two decades, the parishioners of our parish have presented a living Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.

Private Prayer & Meditation in Church from 1 – 3 pm

Solemn Celebration of the Passion of Our Lord at 7 pm

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, April 2 nd	\$2393.25
St. Vincent DePaul Society	70.00
Maintenance Fund	87.00
Utility Fund	96.00

God Bless You and thank you for your generosity to our Parish.

Saturday, March 26th Holy Saturday
No Confessions

Practice for Easter Vigil at 1 pm

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 foods 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 – 9 pm

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
For April 12th thru April 25th

Gloria Seneff & Liz Czymanski



Sunday, April 16th

Alleluia, Christ is Risen! Our Masses for Easter are at 9 am and 11 am.

Please remember to bring your Operation Rice Bowls to church on Easter Sunday. There will be a container by St. Joseph's altar for your rice bowls. Our thanks to everyone who participated in Operation Rice Bowl. If you have forgotten your rice bowl, you may bring it next week or drop it off at the rectory office.

Readings for the Week of April 9th

Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24/Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

Monday: Is 42:1-7/Ps 27:1-3, 13-14/Jn 12:1-11

Tuesday: Is 49:1-6/Ps 71:1-4a, 5ab-6ab, 15, 17/Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a/Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34/Mt 26:14-25

Thursday: Chrism Mass: Is 61:1-3a, 6a, 8b-9/Ps 89:21-22, 25, 27/Rv 1:5-8/Lk 4:16-21

Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14/Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc, 17-18/1 Cor 11:23-26/Jn 13:1-15

Friday: Is 52:13--53:12/Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25/Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn 18:1--19:42

Saturday: Vigil: Gn 1:1--2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a/Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35 or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-22/Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 16:5, 8-11/Ex 14:15--15:1/Ex 15:1-6, 17-18/Is 54:5-14/Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13/Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-6/Bar 3:9-15, 32--4:4/Ps 19:8-11/Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28/Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or Is 12:2-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19/Rom 6:3-11/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Mt 28:1-10

Next Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23/Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8/Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10 or Lk 24:13-35

UPCOMING EVENTS!!!!

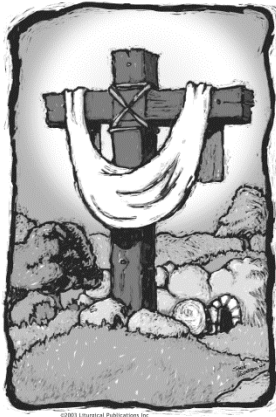
Mark your calendar for the Holy Name Society's "Spring Chicken" Family Dinner, the Eight Buck Cluck on Sunday, April 30th in our school hall. Serving Noon-1:30 pm. Chicken, Sides, Salad, Roll, Desserts and Beverage. \$8.00 for Adults (two chicken quarters) \$6.00 Under 12 & Seniors (one chicken quarter) **ADVANCE RESERVATIONS ACCEPTED** by April 26th. Limited number of tickets at the door. Carry-Out available. Please contact Ted Grabowski; phone at 216-397-9467 or at Ted.Grabowski@sbcglobal.net.

Tetelestai, A musical portrayal of the Trial, Execution & Resurrection of Jesus the Messiah T The United Methodist Church of Macedonia on April 13th & 14th at 8 pm. Admission is free. Call 440-944-0635 for more information.

Interested in Pre-planning your cemetery arrangements? Join Calvary Cemetery (10000 Miles Avenue in Cleveland) in a presentation on April 22nd at 1 pm. Learn in a group or discuss one-on-one with a Family Service Representative and receive a personal Reference Guide. Light Refreshments will be served. RSVP to 216-641-7575; ext. 2

Plant to join the FEST on Sunday, August 6th on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. This annual Catholic Family Festival is free and has activities and displays for the entire family. For more information go to www.theFEST.us

FREE Electric hospital bed – no mattress
If interested please call Bob or Gloria at 216-641-5346



May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially
Mary Adams,
Tim Angelone,
Greg Basco,
Gwen Beres,

Mary Ann Betliskey, Joyce Bican,
Phillip Bilelo, Dan Boone,
Donna Czynski, Corrine Dawe,
Jose Dybzinski, Jason Glaros, Kristin Hill,
Millie Jasany, Lucy Konkoly, Tom Konkoly,
Judy Landolph, Bishop Richard Lennon,
Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar,
Dorothy Mangan, Therese McFadden,
Rose Meadows, Jeanette Miller,
Marguerite Miller, Jeannette Morrow,
Louis Novac, Art Novotny,
Dan Palmentera, John Pocius, Betty Rhine,
Brianna Rhine, Bob Schippling,
Elaine Stack, Lynne Sempruch,
Rev. John Tezie, Aaron Thiem,
Andrew Turowski, Ed Vitigoj,
Carole Walk, Ron Walk, Robert Wagner
and David Zelenka.

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Russell Vanek, Brother of Elaine Troutman & Sue Hovater, whose funeral was last week.

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

We welcome to our Parish Community
Leo Jeremiah Meisterics
Son of Kevin & Laura
who was recently baptized

Church Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory of Kathryn Ksiazka
from her Husband, Edward

In Loving Memory of Mildred Pytel
from her Children, Karen & Joe

In Loving Memory of Ed Span
from his Wife, Carol

In Loving Memory of Pauline Skala,
6th Anniversary
from Mr. & Mrs. Phillip Balli

In Loving Memory of Estelle Pupkiewicz
from Lois Pupkiewicz

In Loving Memory of Mildred Pytel
from her Husband, Joe

In Loving Memory of Norbert Nieszczur
from his Wife, Barbara

In Loving Memory of Charlotte Kotlarsic
From her Son, Gary & Family

In Loving Memory of Grace Balli
from Lisa Balli

In Loving Memory of Walter Lasecki
from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lasecki

In Loving Memory of Gertrude Grodek
from Mr. & Mrs. Richard Mehalko

In Loving Memory of the Nagle Family
from Emily Nagle

In Loving Memory
of Pauline & James Skala
from Lisa Balli