



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 1st 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 as adults

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on **May 18, 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, April 6th

**9:00 am Robert Schaefer
1st Anniversary**

11:00 am George & Relly Hrehorevich

Monday, April 7th

6:30 pm PSR Closing Mass

Tuesday, April 8th

8:30 am Leo Lenzo - Birthday

Wednesday, April 9th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, April 10th

8:30 am Vaclav Skaba

Friday, April 11th

**8:30 am Joanne Franks Ott (Birthday)
& Henry Ott**

Saturday, April 12th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, April 13th Palm Sunday

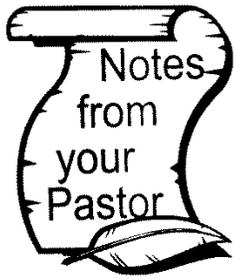
**9:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of St. John's Mens Club**

11:00 am Richard Doubek

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, March 30 th	\$2565.25
Praise the Roof	312.00
Easter Flowers	156.25

Thank You & God Bless for your continued support & generosity!



Dear Parishioners,

On Sunday, April 6th, we will be holding our Annual Easter Breakfast, which benefits our St. Vincent

DePaul Society. The breakfast will be served from 8 AM until 1 PM. The breakfast includes French toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee and Milk. Tickets cost \$6.50/Adults & \$3.50/Children and tickets are available at the door. Please come enjoy the breakfast and support the good work that our St. Vincent DePaul Society does for our parishioners and our neighbors. There will also be an Easter Basket Raffle at the breakfast. Tickets may be purchased in the parish hall.

On Monday, April 7th, we will celebrate our closing mass for our PSR students & their families. This mass will be at 6:30 PM and everyone is invited to attend.

The point of our Lenten/Easter journey is to be transformed by the power of the Cross and Resurrection of Jesus Christ. God wishes to recreate all of us anew. The purple color of Lent stands for conversion: for change of heart. With the psalmist, let us pray "Lord, create in me a new heart, and renew within me a steadfast spirit."

Our Holy Week booklet is in this week's bulletin. I warmly invite and encourage you to participate in as many of our Holy Week services as you can. Please invite your family and friends to attend with you. Extra copies are near the church entrance doors. Please take a copy for someone not attending our parish who may be interested in returning to celebrate the Easter Season with us.

Sincerely in Christ,
Father Jasany

Readings for the Week of April 6th

Sunday: Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/
Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45

Monday: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or
13:41c-62/Jn 8:1-11

Tuesday: Nm 21:4-9/Jn 8:21-30

Wednesday: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/
Jn 8:31-42

Thursday: Gn 17:3-9/Jn 8:51-59

Friday: Jer 20:10-13/Jn 10:31-42

Saturday: Ez 37:21-28/Jn 11:45-56

Next Sunday: Mt 21:1-11/Is 50:4-7/
Phil 2:6-11/Mt 26:14--27:66 or 27:11-54

Sunday, April 6th

Easter Breakfast & Raffle – Serving from 8 AM – 1 PM. Adults - \$6.50; Children \$3.50. Tickets available at the door.

Stations of the Cross Practice for Good Friday after 11 AM Mass

Monday, April 7th

PSR Closing Mass at 6:30 PM

Everyone is invited to attend this mass

Tuesday, April 8th

Rosary before 8:30 AM Mass at 8 AM

Finance Council Meeting-7 PM

Wednesday, April 9th

Zumba 6:30 PM

Choir Practice 7 PM

Lenten Series 6:30 – 8 PM in the rectory

Tonight's topic "Good Friday & Holy Saturday"

Thursday, April 10th

Rosary at 8 AM followed by Mass

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for
April 2nd thru April 15th
Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec

Friday, April 11th

**Stations of the Cross after 8:30 AM Mass
Holy Name Church Fish Fry**

11:30 AM – 7:30 pm. Dine In or Take Out.
Take Out orders available by calling
216-271-9002. Fish, Shrimp, Pierogi &
Pasta Dinners available. Fish Sandwich &
Side dishes too.

**Today is a day of Abstinence from meat
& meat products for those 14 years &
older.**

Saturday, April 12th

Confessions in Preparation for Holy Week
and Easter at 3:30 PM and from 5-6 PM
Palms will be blessed and distributed during
our 4 PM Mass today



Sunday, April 13th

Palms will be blessed and
distributed during our
9 AM and 11 AM Masses
today.

Holy Name Sunday
Mass at 9 AM with

meeting to follow in the hall

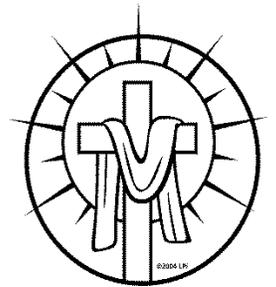
**Bishop Richard G. Lennon will celebrate
a special Mass** for those who have gone
through the *Rite of Christian Initiation of
Adults* receiving the Sacraments of Baptism,
Confirmation and Eucharist and for those
candidates who have been received into the
full communion of the Catholic Church,
since last Easter. This Mass will be held at
the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on
Saturday, April 26th at 4:30 PM.

We welcome to our parish community
Elizabeth Grace & Natalie Ann
Daughters of Chad & Vanessa Heller
who were recently baptized

STEWARDSHIP – In today’s reading,
Martha, a close friend of Jesus, professes her
faith in him even in her grief: “Yes, Lord. I
have come to believe that you are the Christ,
the Son of God, the one who is coming into
the world.” Good stewards are friends of
Jesus and profess their belief in him
regularly, even when their faith weakens.
They know that death is not the last word;
that Jesus is an agent of change; that faithful
stewards never die. Are we friends of
Jesus? Do we actually believe the Creed we
profess? Do we believe Christ has the
power to transform our lives? To give us
eternal life?

For those who are sick
and those who care for
them, may they receive
comfort and strength
through our prayers,
remembering especially
Lynn Allredfore,

Agnes Bartoszek, Mary Ann Betliskey,
Joanne Burke, Noella Burrows,
Corrine Dawe, Larry Dooley,
Jose Dybzinski, Debbie Haltuch,
Rose Hensley, Kristin Hill,
Dolores Jastrzebski, Phyllis Kaiser,
Madeline Koston, Milton Kostyack,
Cindi Magyar, Linda Rivera,
Virginia Turowski, Wendy Wexler and
Dolores Witovicz.



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

For Our Loved Ones who have died,
rest in eternal happiness in heaven,
remembering especially Rev. Mr. James
Martin whose funeral was last week.



At the Holy Thursday Liturgy, there will be the traditional Washing of Feet. If you would like to participate in this service, please contact Sue McDonough at

216-271-5347 or 216-973-1956.

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

There are five (5) vacancies to be filled on our Pastoral Council. Please consider if you or someone you know would be able to serve the parish on our council. Meetings are held monthly. Council does not have meetings 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 sjnpkowski@st-john-nepomucene.org.

Thank you!

Benedictine High School's 24th annual Italian Heritage Club Festa will be Saturday, April 26th, in the school cafeteria. The Festa is an adult dinner-dance. Door open at 6:30 p.m. Tickets cost \$35 in advance and \$40 at the door. Included in the ticket price are an antipasto, dinner, beer, wine, soft drinks, music, a Chinese auction and sideboards. All proceeds of the Festa go to the Piunno-Scaravelli and DiCioccio Scholarship Funds of Benedictine High School. For more information or tickets, Contact: Mark Francioli
Phone: 216-421-2090, X-505
francioli@cbhs.net

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' musical passion play "Tetélestai" will be presented during Holy Week at **Benedictine High School**, 2900 Martin Luther King Jr. Dr., Cleveland, OH 44104 on Thursday April 17th and Good Friday April 18th. **Tetélestai's** dramatic stage production and timeless music tell the story of Jesus' trial, execution and resurrection in a visual way that will leave a lasting impression. This is a great way to prepare for the final holy days of the Easter season. Performances will be at 8:30 pm on Thursday and 8:00 pm on Good Friday. Doors will open ½ to 1 hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information, please visit www.livethepassion.org.

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

Sunday, April 6th – Bishop Anthony Pilla
Monday, April 7th – Samuel Martinez
Borromeo Seminary
Tuesday, April 8th – Patrick McCarthy
St. Mary Seminary
Wednesday, April 9th – Luke McNeill
Borromeo Seminary
Thursday, April 10th – Robert McWilliams
St. Mary Seminary
Friday, April 11th – Joseph Menkhaus
Borromeo Seminary
Saturday, April 12th – James Miller
St. Mary Seminary
Sunday, April 13th – Father Michael McCandless

Also, remember in your prayers the Byzantine Poor Clare Nuns (BNSC)



A Note from Ralph Bednarz

Jason J. McFarland is the assistant editor at the Secretariat for the International

Commission on English in the Liturgy (ICEL) in Washington, DC. asked these question in his recent book *Announcing the Feast: How does the entrance song of the Mass function within the Roman Rite? What can it express theologically? What should Roman Catholics sing at the beginning of Mass? The best way for this rite to reveal its answers to these questions is to perform it more correctly with the prescribed words and music provided by Holy Mother the Church.*

That is why the 9 AM Mass begins each week with entrance chant (introit) instead of a hymn. The words and the type of music for this procession provided by the Church are specific to each day. Often the texts are intimate prayer dialogues between Jesus and God the Father prayed moments before the crucifixion. During the entrance, we fix our eyes on the cross as an awesome emblem of victory, and humbly remember that we will now receive the graces from the crucifixion just as if we were there on Calvary. Recall that the celebrant is the physical presence of Christ, moving always closer and closer to us. Just experiencing the procession inspires prayer. We meditate on the text of the entrance rite found in "Today's Missal," and sing our parts. These texts announce the theme for the Mass, and are the words that Christ is using, right now as he prays within you. Then immersed in prayer, we are ready to receive the merits of the death and resurrection of our

Lord. Right from the start we are present to the very act of our salvation. We participate in Christ's presence prayerfully listening, watching and singing with the piety and holiness of chant's gentle texture as all the saints have done.

The Choir rehearses each Wednesday and welcomes you to join us. Please call 216-641-7988.

The 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration will be held on Sunday, July 27th at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist with the Most Reverend Richard G. Lennon, Bishop of Cleveland, as the celebrant. Mass begins at 2:30 pm.

Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1964). Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) who have missed previous celebrations are welcome to register and attend.

Seating is limited at the Cathedral and the number of guests will be determined by the seating capacity and the total number registered. The deadline for registration is Monday, June 16th in order to include Jubilee couples' names in the program. In early July, registered couples will receive a letter with instructions and driving/parking details.

To register (or if you have questions) please call the rectory office 216-641-8444. so that a reservation form can be completed and mailed to the Diocese.

St. Vincent DePaul "Warm-up America" is looking for your unused yarn from leftover projects. It is used to make afghans for the needy – USO Birthright, VA Hospitals, etc. You may drop your yarn off at the rectory office.

Karen's Corner

Did you know that the Catholic Catechism defines "sin" as an offense against God as well as against reason, truth, and right conscience; it is a failure in genuine love for God and neighbor caused by a perverse attachment to certain goods. It wounds the nature of man and injures human solidarity. It has been defined as an utterance, a deed, or a desire contrary to the eternal law. (CCC, #1849) Besides the black book meditations, I have been using Fr. Robert Barron's Lent Meditations. He addresses the issue of sin and I really like what he says, so I'm going to share some of his thoughts. Fr. Barron starts with a quote from St. John Vianney, "People are much sadder than they seem." I had to think about that for a while. I am very happy with my life and the things that I am doing, yet there is a sadness for the things I do wrong. Fr. Barron goes on to say that our minds are hungry for truth and goodness, but when we get it, we get it in "drips and drabs". There seems to be something "broken" in all of us. This is a difficult thing for us to accept. We are all sinners, none of us is perfect! We are made in the image and likeness of God, so we know He can fix us! One of the most important spiritual tasks then, especially in our time, is to awaken to the fact of sin and to acknowledge our need for a Savior. Jesus told us that "Those who are healthy do not need a physician, but the sick do." What He is saying that those who consider themselves "sinless" don't need Him, but the rest of us, the sinners, (including myself!) DO need a Savior. Only when we recognize our deep brokenness and dissatisfaction can we encounter the One who fully heals. The Ignatian way of prayer includes a time each day to do an *examen*; to look at the day and see where we could have done things better. I am not totally schooled

in Ignatian spirituality, but I do use this practice daily. Sometimes it brings me to tears when I realize I could have done something with more compassion and love, but then I give it up to the Lord so that the next day will be better. A close relationship with God will make our sins more visible to us, but that can only bring us closer to our Lord because He is the one who can save us and help us to become better people. We need to be people who are "other centered" and not "self-centered". It's not easy in our culture today, in fact it goes against much of our culture's sense of "I have to be #1, and I'll get it any way I can!" Or the attitude that "Everything is only about me." Sadly this does not bring us happiness, but more sadness. Having a personal relationship with our Lord can only bring us truth and goodness and happiness! That's what my Lent is about this year, getting to know the Lord better.

See you soon!
Karen

This Lent our parish community is helping to fight global poverty through Catholic Relief Services Operation Rice Bowl. We have deepened our Catholic faith by exploring the richness of Catholic social teaching. We also have the opportunity to continue our engagement with Catholic Relief Services through **Catholics Confront Global Poverty**, an initiative of prayer, education and advocacy that aims to encourage our country's leaders to act on behalf of the world's poor and vulnerable. Interested in learning more? Visit www.confrontglobalpoverty.org and sign the Hunger Pledge. **Please remember to bring your rice bowls to mass on Easter Sunday.**

Praise the Roof Fund

Balance as of March 1 st	\$21,397.13
Less:	
3/2 Praise the Roof Envelopes	- 389.00
3/9 Praise the Roof Envelopes	- 289.00
3/16 Praise the Roof Envelopes	- 162.00
3/23 Praise the Roof Envelopes	- 140.00
3/30 Praise the Roof Envelopes	- 312.00
March Memorials	- 780.00
March Gifts	- 150.00

**BALANCE REMAINING \$19,175.13
AS OF 3/31/14**

Praise the Roof Memorials & Gifts

In Loving Memory of Mildred Pytel
from her brother, Chuck Finnegan

In Loving Memory of Mildred Pytel
from her husband, Joseph
and her children, Karen & Joe

In Loving Memory of Edward Span
from his wife, Carol

In Loving Memory of our Sons,
Thomas & Steven Tekien
from Frank & Tillie Tekien

In Memory of Ed Cerny from Joe Kocab

A Gift from Arnie & Anna Lou Zielinski

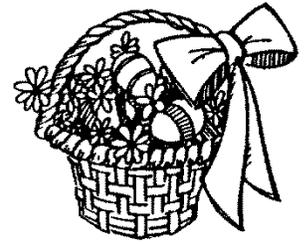
A Gift from Charles Barr

In Loving Memory of Cindi Turner
Love & Prayers, Mom & Dad Bellomy

In Loving Memory of Betty Wyderka
Love & Prayers, Ronnie & Carole Bellomy

In Loving Memory of Albina Selva
from Allan and Judy Selva

As you get ready to prepare for your Easter holiday meal and gifts please remember that our parish still participates in the certificate program and has a variety of gift cards in various denominations to fill your Easter baskets and use for your daily purchases.



The following gift cards are available at the rectory office:

\$100 Certificate – Daves, Giant Eagle, & Kohls

\$50 Certificate – BP Gas, Home Depot, Honey Baked Ham, Lowes,

\$25. Certificate – Acme Foods, Bahama Breeze, Daves, Giant Eagle, Heinens, Applebees, Bath & Body, Bed, Bath & Beyond, Cinemark, CVS Pharmacy, Damons, Dicks, Drug Mart, Gordons Food Service, K-Mart, Kohls, Longhorn Steakhouse, Marathon Gas, T.J. Maxx, Sears, Office Max, Olive Garden, Outback Steakhouse, J.C. Penneys, Red Lobster, Sheetz Gas, Shell Gas, Speedway Gas, Texas Roadhouse, TGI Fridays, Toys-R-Us, Wahlgreens, Walmart

\$20. Certificate – Pat Catans

\$15. Certificate – Subway

\$10. Certificate – Arbys, Bakers Square, Bob Evans, Burger King, Chipotles, Cracker Barrel, Dunkin Doughnuts, Eat-n-Park, Macys, Malleys Candy. Mr. Chicken, Mr. Hero, Panera, Papa John Pizza, Starbucks, Toys-R-Us & Wendys

A list of all certificates available is in church near the entrance doors. Please call the rectory office if you have any questions.