



Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, March 15th

9:00 am James Kara

11:00 am Living & Deceased Members
of SJN Sacred Heart Altar &
Rosary Society

Monday, March 16th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, March 17th

8:30 am Martin J. Mangan II

Wednesday, March 18th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, March 19th

8:30 am Sick & Needy of St. John
Nepomucene St. Vincent DePaul
Society

Friday, March 20th

8:30 am All Souls

Saturday, March 21st

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, March 22nd

9:00 am Joseph Morrish Sr. &
Elizabeth Morrish

11:00 am Albina Selva
1st Anniversary

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, March 8 th	\$3440.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society	200.00
Easter Flowers	603.00
Memorial Gifts	231.00

Thank you for your continued generosity!

Sick Calls – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

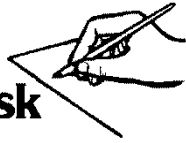
Weddings – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany

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

From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Lent invites us to journey into the desert with Jesus. This journey involves setting time aside for prayer. Ideally, when it comes to Lent, we are spending more time in prayer, fasting and almsgiving so we can emerge as new creations in Christ this Easter.

On Saturday March 14th we will have private adoration of the Blessed Sacrament from 5 pm to 5:30 pm; at 5:30 pm we will have our Solemn Closing Prayer Service with Benediction. The prayer service involves quiet time and the singing of various liturgical verses.

Also this weekend, March 14th and 15th we are invited to bring donations of canned goods, non-perishable food items and paper products to the table set up by St. Joseph's altar. We are celebrating the tradition of St. Joseph's table. St. Joseph provided for the needs of the Holy Family. We are called to provide for our brothers and sisters in need. An increasing number of people are coming to the rectory asking for food. Your donations enable us to feed the hungry in our neighborhood.

We will celebrate First Reconciliation with Amelia Kotlarsic, Laura Bates and Dillon Wagner this Saturday, March 14th at 1:30 pm in our parish church. May it be a special moment for them to experience God's Loving Forgiveness.

We will celebrate our annual Easter Breakfast and Raffle on Palm Sunday, March 29th from 8 am to 1 pm. Please stop by our parish hall for a delicious breakfast and for fellowship with our parishioners. It is always good for us to spend time together. Invite your family and friends. All are welcome. Hopefully, we will see a good turnout of people.

May God bless us as we continue our Lenten journey together.

Prayers & Best Wishes,
Father Jasany

Sunday, March 15th

St. Joseph's Table – Your donations may be placed on the table in front of St. Joseph's altar.

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting at 12:30 pm in the parish hall. Any woman interested in joining the Altar Society is invited to attend this meeting. Stop in, visit and make new friends.

Monday, March 16th

PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 pm

Tuesday, March 17th

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Pastoral Council Meeting – 7 pm

An Irish Blessing

May the road rise
up to meet you.

May the wind be
always at your back.

The sunshine warm upon your face.

May the rains fall soft upon your fields.

And, until we meet again, may GOD hold
you in the palm of his hand.



Wednesday, March 18th

Rosary Makers 10 am – Noon

Golden Agers Meeting at Newburgh Hts. Senior Center at 11:30 am

Adult Education – 6:30 pm Rectory

Choir – 7 pm

Zumba – 7 pm School Hall

Thursday, March 19th

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Grandmothers Club Meeting–11:30 am at Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall. Call Dolores at 216-341-9329 if you are interested in joining.

Friday, March 20th Day of Abstinence

Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Stations of the Cross after 8:30 am Mass

Friday Night at the Movies at 6:30 pm

Tonight's movie is "Becket" starring Richard Burton and Peter O'Toole. This is the story of Thomas Becket, friend and counselor to King Henry II, until King Henry appointed Becket to be Archbishop of Canterbury. Popcorn, pretzels, water, coffee & sodas provided.

Sunday, March 22nd

St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting 10 am

\$1000 Raffle Drawing after 11 am Mass

GOOD FRIDAY STATIONS OF THE CROSS PRACTICE after 11 AM Mass

Breakfast with The Easter Bunny at the American Legion Post 627; 3935 East 42nd Street in Newburgh Hts. Serving from 9 am–1 pm. Adults \$5.00 and Kids \$3.00. Pictures with the Bunny are \$2.00 each. Breakfast includes French Toast, Sausage, Scrambled Eggs, Juice, Coffee, Tea & Milk. This fundraiser supports our Veterans.

CHOIR NEWS! -There are 33 steps to the choir loft. One for each year of Christ's life. Begin a journey, follow his steps and praise the Father with him during the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. Join the choir each Sunday to sing the 9 am Mass and the Holy Week liturgies. New members are needed for the choir to continue its work. Rehearsals are 7 pm on Wednesday in the Church. Please contact Ralph Bednarz at ralphbednarz@hotmail.com Singers will find our choir experience an active environment where participation in the liturgy is very fulfilling.

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

Sunday, March 15th – Pope Francis

Monday, March 16th – Michael Viator

Borromeo Seminary

Tuesday, March 17th – Joshua Arbogast

Borromeo Seminary

Wednesday, March 18th – Ryan Arto

Borromeo Seminary

Thursday, March 19th – Gregory Boldin

Borromeo Seminary

Friday, March 20th – David Chojnacki

Borromeo Seminary

Sat., March 21st – Alex Clark

Borromeo Seminary

Sunday, March 22nd – All Seminarians

Also, please remember all Missionaries serving around the World in your prayers.

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers

March 18th thru March 31st

Patty Kowalec & Kathy Bondzio



**CHURCH
CLEANING
Saturday,
March 28th
@ 9 AM**

It's time for our Annual Spring Church Cleaning. We would like to have our church thoroughly cleaned for Palm Sunday, Holy Week Services and Easter. Our Sanctuary Guild volunteers do a great job cleaning our Church weekly and we have volunteers that make sure the pews are straightened up every Monday after our weekend Masses.

But, this once a year event helps us to get down and dirty with each other while giving the Church a thorough cleaning to everything within our reach.

Everyone in the parish is being asked to participate, if you are physically able to do so. Students needing Service Hours are also encouraged to help.

Our Altar & Rosary Society will be providing a Continental Breakfast at 9 am and a luncheon at 12 Noon, for all our volunteers.

If you have pails and rags at home, please bring them with you. Otherwise, we will provide them.

So, bring your SMILES, your rags and pails and an appetite for breakfast and lunch.

Thank you and we hope to see you at 9 am in the hall for breakfast.

Please call the rectory office at 216-641-8444 if you are able to help clean our church.

May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, 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, Stephanie Malbasa,
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.

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

Readings for the Week of March 15th

Sunday: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/
Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Jn 5:1-16

Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/
Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16,

18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Jer 31:31-34/Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33

Karen's Corner

Did you know that the second deadly sin is Envy? The Catechism defines envy as, “the inordinate desire for the possessions of another, even to the point of wishing harm on the other or rejoicing in another’s misfortunes.” How many times have we laughed when someone we know falls flat on their face at work? In the neighborhood? In Church? “Did you hear about...?” This is the sin of envy, rejoicing, laughing, being happy when someone else messes something up. Envy is the closest daughter of pride. Another way to look at it is in what Gore Vidal once said: “When a friend of mine succeeds, something in me dies.” We begin to wrap ourselves in chains by having to justify our existence! I am more important than you! I am special, you are not! I am more noticed than you! Sound familiar? It should, these thoughts begin in pride and continue on in envy. Envy is very prominent in Bible stories: Cain and Abel; Jacob and Esau; the brothers of Joseph; Saul and David; the disciples who were envious of James and John. Most violence, murder, retribution, terrorist attacks are a result of envy. YOU have something I want! YOU have more than I do, so I must destroy it. But even though most of us will not react in a physically violent way, we do it in a mental or spiritual way by what we say or do or even think about others! We can hurt people deeply with our words, just because we are envious and need to make ourselves more important than others. It’s how bullying begins! Dante punishes the envious by sewing their eyes shut. They have spent their whole lives looking and judging others, now they can only see themselves and their own sin. One of the things that flows from envy is scapegoating.

“It’s not my fault, they said, she said, he said, they did, he did, she did!” We need to find someone else to blame for our sin. After all, we are just victims of circumstance, right? Wrong. Envy is extremely destructive, it tears the body apart. It will tear you apart inside, and it will tear the community of the church apart on the outside. We all are envious at times, even if we don’t want to believe it about ourselves. So what is the antidote? Admiration. We are all here because of a gracious, loving God. It is the Lord who accomplishes things through us. (Isaiah) So go out of your way to praise someone of whom you are envious! Put a wrench in the works when you hear someone talking about someone else by praising that person. Stop comparing yourself to others! You have gifts that others don’t! Drop the “it’s not fair, it’s not right!” attitude! Life isn’t fair, get over it! We need to concentrate on our own missions, on what God wants of us individually and leave the “I need to be important” attitude behind. The example of Mary can be seen at the wedding feast of Cana when Mary says to the servants, “Do what he tells you.” She is completely detached from her own wants and desires, and is focused only on Jesus. We need to do the same this Lent and keep our focus on Jesus and not ourselves. On Friday, March 20, join me to watch the movie, “Becket” starring Richard Burton and Peter O’Toole.

See you soon! Karen

Hungering for a Healthy Harvest

CRS Rice Bowl brings our Lenten journey to the Democratic Republic of Congo. We join our fasting in solidarity with people who go hungry, and we remember in prayer the importance of building a community willing to support those most in need.

Church Memorial Gifts

In Loving Memory of
Julian & Elizabeth Cymanski
from Elizabeth Cymanski

In Memory of Sherry Wolf
from Richard Wolf

In Loving Memory of Gloria Lasecki
from The Lasecki Family

In Loving Memory of Irene Zurowski
from Mr. & Mrs. John Kurtz

In Loving Memory of
Fred & Adeline Recko
from Nancy Recko

In Loving Memory of
the Petkoff & Novak Families
from Rita Petkoff

In Loving Memory of the Volland Family
from Charles Volland Sr.

In Loving Memory
of Irene (Busia) Zurowski
from Josie, Michael & Addison Lee

In Loving Memory of Paulette Krockner
from Steven Selva

In Loving Memory
of the Deceased Members
of the Dustin and Sempruch Families
from Lynne Sempruch

In Loving Memory of Gloria Lasecki
from her daughter, Judy

In Loving Memory of Stanley T. Vitt
from Mary Ann & Jan Vitt

In Loving Memory of Emma Stepka
from the Stepka and Neyman Families

In Loving Memory of David Delagarza
from Len & Marlene Wesley

A Gift from Tina Doubek

In Loving Memory of Arnold Delagarza
from Len & Marlene Wesley

In Loving Memory of Hillary Sharma
from Robert & Corrine Dawe

In Loving Memory of George Smith
from Len & Marlene Wesley

STEWARDSHIP – Jesus tells his disciples of the immeasurable generosity God has bestowed on them by offering His only Son for their salvation. Good stewards realize this wonderful gift. God has sacrificed what is most near to Him for our sake. Do we rejoice in this gift of Our Savior and respond to this love with our own immeasurable generosity? Do we allow the light of Christ to shine in the world through us? Or do we withdraw, refusing this gift, and prefer to live in a way that denies the light of Christ? This week, reflect on the ways you allow the light of Christ to shine through you. Could that light reflect even more brilliantly through you?

Operation Rice Bowl

This week's CRS Rice Bowl Story of Hope takes us to Lebanon, where we meet a family of refugees struggling to find their place in a foreign land. We know our Israelite ancestors fled to foreign lands. How do we welcome the stranger among us?