



Mass Intentions

Monday	March 9th Frances of Rome, religious
5:00 p.m.	Jeanne and Robert Coe
Tuesday	March 10th
8:30 a.m.	Marie Spiegle
Wednesday	March 11th
5:00 p.m.	Ted Plas
Thursday	March 12th
8:30 a.m.	Jane Diedrick
Friday	March 13th
8:30 a.m.	Deacon Clement Klingshirm
Saturday	March 14th
9:00 a.m.	Geraldine Smith
4:30 p.m.	John Daly
Sunday	March 15th – 3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Helen Mahl
9:30 a.m.	Frank and Ann Cejka
11:00 a.m.	People of St. Mary Parish



My Friends,

Next weekend, the first phase of Vibrant Parish Life II will have concluded with the reading of Bishop Lennon's letter to each cluster. He will detail which churches are designated for closure along with the objectives of the remaining churches to create a more vibrant Catholic community in each district of the diocese. While I cannot second guess the Bishop's decision for Elyria, the presumption is that we will go down to 3 churches. The coming phase of Vibrant Parish Life will include the difficult task of closing 2 churches and recreating the Catholic community of Elyria. Everyone will be touched by these changes and we will all be changed. It is a time for all of us to mourn what will be lost in this time of transition. It is a time for all of us to trust the Holy Spirit's guidance in forming us into a new, more vibrant and loving Christian community. Let us pray and encourage one another.

One way that I would like to give thanks for all that has been in the past year, is to invite all of our volunteers to dinner on March 21st. If you are a volunteer in a ministry or a program here at St. Mary, you and your spouse are invited to join us at 4:30 Mass and dinner afterward in the parish hall. I realize that a dinner cannot repay you for all the good that you do for our parish. This dinner is not to settle accounts. Rather, by our attendance we give witness to each other of all that goes on here at the parish. If you can join us, please RSVP to the office so that we can plan accordingly. I hope to see you there.

Finally, in the coming weeks we will be seeking new members for both the Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council. If you have an interest in serving in either capacity, please contact the office and we will supply you with a more detailed job description. You are then invited to submit your name for discernment onto the Councils. The new members would join us at the June meetings.

Readings for the Week of March 9, 2009

Mon:	Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tues:	Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wed:	Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thurs:	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4,6; Lk 16:19-31
Fri:	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat:	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun:	Ex 20:1-17; Ps 19:8-11; 1 Cor 1:22-25; Jn 2:13-25

In your prayers...



This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Don, Florence**, and all who have asked for our prayers.

Fr Charlie



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Margaret Versace** who died this week and for the consolation of her loved ones.

In loving memory of Fery Ocampo March 12, 2008

"I am the light of the world, says the Lord, the man who follows me will have the light of life." John 8:12. The easiest way to "follow the Lord" is to spend time with Him every day in prayer and adoration. Please consider spending a little extra time with on Thursdays at Eucharistic Adoration, 9am-5pm in the lower Chapel. Please call Pat Franco, 365-3570 to reserve a special hour with Jesus. "Could you not spend one hour with Me."



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (03/01/09)	\$13,276.50
Black & Indian Missions	\$612.00
Envelopes	392
Building Fund	\$ 270.00

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.

Thank you!

[2nd Collection March 15th - Pension & Hospitalization]

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday

5:30 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

March 9

Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room
PSR – Marian & St. Joseph Buildings

Tuesday

5:00 p.m.
6:30 p.m.

March 10

Hot Meals – Cafeteria
Spiritual Development – Conference Room

Wednesday

2:15/3:30 p.m.
2:20 p.m.
5:00 p.m.
7:30 p.m.

March 11

Day School / Parish - Young People Choir – Church
Girl Scout T 278 – Art Room
Pierogi Making - Cafeteria
Adult Choir – Church

Thursday

9:00am-5:00pm
5:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

March 12

Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church
Pierogi Making - Cafeteria
Bible Study – Lower Church
Sowers of Justice – Weigand Room

Friday

7:00 p.m.

March 13

Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday

after Mass
5:30 p.m.

March 14

Blood Pressure checks - Weigand Room
Wearin' of the Green - Hall

Sunday

after Masses
10:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
7:00 p.m.

March 15

Blood Pressure checks - Weigand Room
RCIA – Conference Room
Pre-School P.S.R. – St. Joseph Building
Men's Basketball - Hall

200 CLUB WINNER: 03/08/09 Bob Bastik #188



St. Mary Parish will serve pierogi lunches on Fridays during Lent from 11:30-1:00pm in the Weigand Room. Lunches consist of 5 Sophie's Choice pierogi, applesauce, tossed salad and beverage. Cost is \$6.00.

Come celebrate St. Pat's Day at the Hall Committee's



Wearin' of the Green Celebration on Sat., March 14 from 5:30 – Midnight in St. Mary Hall. The evening will include a traditional Irish Dinner of Irish Stew and Corned Beef & Cabbage catered by Smitty's Place, dessert & beverages. Entertainment by **Frank, Dean**

And Then Some, a popular duo who have wowed crowds from Las Vegas to local venues & recently appeared with Robin Swoboda on *"That's Life"*. Music ranges from the 40's to today's hits with plenty of Neil Diamond, Blues Brothers and Joe Cocker thrown in for good measure!

Take a chance on the ***Pot of Plenty***. St. Mary Hall Committee is raffling off a pot of gifts valued at over \$1,500. Prizes include a 32" flat screen HDTV w/built in DVD from Stewart Appliances, jewelry from Vandemark Jewelers, Indians & Cavs tickets, Irish spirits, treats, gift certificates and much more. The ***Pot of Plenty*** will be raffled off at the St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Party tickets are \$17 per person with raffle ticket \$3/each or 2 for \$5 and are available by calling 458-4689, 322-9704 or 610-1623.



St. Mary School is currently enrolling students for the 2009-2010 school year. Come and see the atmosphere of high expectations, service to others, and Catholic values. Please contact the school at 440-322-2808 with any questions and to schedule a visit. Come and celebrate our 150 years with us!

GIRL SCOUTS



Girl Scout Cookies are on sale now! Cash & Carry Cookies are available after Masses today or by contacting Julie Blair at JB4plus1@oh.rr.com. You also have the option of donating cookies to our Soldiers serving overseas – just order the cookies and the Girl Scout Troops do the rest.

On your mark, get set.... Spring is just around the corner and we are looking for students interested in track and field events. Sign-ups will take place following all Sunday Masses. 4th-8th grade students attending a Parochial school or currently enrolled in a PSR program are eligible. [No prior experience with a track or field program necessary – current copy of physical must accompany registration.] Registration can be filled out on site, but must be signed by a parent or guardian. If you have any questions, please contact Ray Riedel cougar2006@gmail.com.



Our Parish will be serving dinner this Sunday, March 8th from 5-6pm at the **Salvation Army** - 716 Broad St. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation beginning at 3:00pm.

...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY!

Our next Saturday to take a meal to St. Joseph Shelter is Sat., March 21st. If you are able to supply one of the following items, it will be most graciously appreciated: a pasta with meat dish, salad, rolls or bread, or dessert. I will pick-up your gift on March 21st and take it to the shelter. They will be open two more months. They are now in need of napkins, styroform separated plates and bowls for soup. If you can supply any of those give me a buzz. To participate or if you have any questions call Maryann at 458-6159. Thank you – *Social Action Ministry*

BRING AN APRON!!! Volunteers are needed to help make pierogi for the *St. Mary's Home Made Pierogi Sale*. We will meet **Tues., Mar. 3rd & Thurs. Mar. 5th ~ 5-8pm in the School Cafeteria**. **No Experience Needed!** If you would like to help or have any questions, please contact Jerry Boron at 458-4722.

The Diocese of Cleveland's **"Protecting God's Children"** program is a continuing effort to instruct and inform everyone about the protection of children from sexual abuse. To report any past or present **suspected inappropriate behavior** toward children by priests, deacons, religious, lay ecclesial ministers or personnel associated with the Church, please contact the **Diocesan Response Service office at 216-334-2999** or via e-mail at response_services@dioceseofcleveland.org.

Rosary & Prayer Service for World Peace, Conversion and Penance in union with Our Lady of Fatima's Message will be held at St. Vincent dePaul Church – 41295 North Ridge Rd, Elyria on Saturday, March 14th at 1:00pm.