



Mass Intentions

Monday	March 16th
5:00 p.m.	John and Irene Polacsek
Tuesday	March 17th Patrick, bishop
8:30 a.m.	Patricia and Frank Humphrey
Wednesday	March 18th Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop
5:00 p.m.	Imelda Schuster
Thursday	March 19th Joseph husband of BVM
8:30 a.m.	Anthony, Catherine and Samuel Patania
Friday	March 20th
8:30 a.m.	Joseph and Robin Holtwick
Saturday	March 21st
9:00 a.m.	Connie Vopat and William Wissinger
4:30 p.m.	People of St. Mary Parish
Sunday	March 22nd – 4th Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	John and Irene Polacsek
9:30 a.m.	Leo Pitts
11:00 a.m.	Eva Rizzi



My Friends,

It seems that Lent has begun well. I think last weeks 'prayerformance' of *Tetelestai* was a powerful way to begin our journey to Jerusalem. The dramatic presentation helped us appreciate the tremendous love our God has for us. He came among us as one of us to destroy the power of sin and death. Through Christ, our Father is calling us to deepen our loving relationship with Him. Prayer, fasting and almsgiving are the disciplines that enhance this union with our God. (Hopefully, we are done baking cookies for a while! It is hard on my Lenten resolution. I do want to take this opportunity to thank Annie Cunningham and all who assisted her in providing hospitality for everyone who attended *Tetelestai*. Christ truly was in our midst.)

Beginning with Sunday night, March 29th, I would like to recommend our parish mission with Bishop Pilla. The theme of Bishop Pilla's presentations will be: "God's Never Ending Love." Our entire cluster will participate in the mission. It will begin on Sunday night at 7:30pm in St. Agnes Church. On Monday, March 30th, at 7:30pm Bishop Pilla will speak here at St. Mary's. The final day of the mission will be Tuesday, March 31st at 7:30pm at St. Jude's. With the reading of Bishop Lennon's letter this weekend, the Elyria Cluster Mission will be a good way to begin our process of coming together as the Catholic community of Elyria. I could not think of a more appropriate topic for Bishop Pilla's talks.

We have also scheduled another 'Our Life is Rich' evening of reflection on Thursday, March 26th at 7:00pm in the Weigand Room. We are offering these sessions at different times throughout the year so that everyone might be able to find the time to attend one. It is an evening to reflect on stewardship as a way of life. God has truly blessed us and we are slow to appreciate His many gifts. The 'Our Life is Rich' session shows us how much we are blessed even in these difficult economic times. Also, that we find true joy in these blessings when we share them with one another. Please call into the parish office if you are able to attend.

Readings for the Week of March 16, 2009

Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15; Ps 42:2-3, 43:3-4; Lk 4:24-30;
 Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43; Ps 25:4-7; Mt 18:21-35
 Wed: Dt 4:1,5-9; Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-10; Mt 5:17-19
 Thurs: 2 Sm 7:4-5, 12-14, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29;
 Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24
 Fri: Hos 14:2-10; Ps 81:6-11, 14, 17; Mk 12:28-34
 Sat: Hos 6:1-6; Ps 51:3-4, 18-21; Lk 18:9-14
 Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-17, 19-23; Ps 137:1-6; Eph 2:4-10;
 Jn 3:14-21

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: **Bruce, Chuck, Don, Florence, Kolby, Paul** and all who have asked for our prayers.



Fr Charlie

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (03/08/09)	\$10,107.99
Helping Hands Ministry	\$802.00
Envelopes	345
Building Fund	\$265.00

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.

Thank you!

[2nd Collection March 22nd - Catholic Relief Services]



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Lawrence Hoover** and **Rev. Robert A. Bonnell** who died this week and for the consolation of their loved ones.

Jesus gave us the gift of His Eucharistic presence so that He could abide "WITH" us. Why not come visit Jesus and ask for peace, love, joy and forgiveness. He awaits your visit. He is exposed for your adoration every Thursday from 9:00am-5:00pm in the lower Chapel. Please call Pat Franco today to reserve your own special hour with Jesus. (365-3570)



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday

5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room
6:30 p.m. PSR – Marian & St. Joseph Buildings
7:00 p.m. Hall Committee – Weigand Room
8:00 p.m. Social Action Ministry – Conference Room

Tuesday

1:30 p.m. CACLC – Conference Room
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals – Cafeteria

Wednesday

2:15/3:30 p.m. Day School / Parish -Young People Choir – Church
7:00 p.m. BSA T 135 – Rel. Ed. Office
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir – Church

Thursday

9:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church
7:00 p.m. Bible Study – Conference Room

Friday

11:30am-1pm Pierogi Lunch – Weigand Room
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church

Saturday

5:30 p.m. Volunteer Dinner - Hall

Sunday

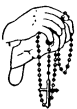
10:00 a.m. RCIA – Conference Room
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. – St. Joseph Building
1:00 p.m. Cub Scout Pinewood Derby - Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. Men's Basketball - Hall

200 CLUB WINNER: 03/15/09 Herman Plas #69



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.

Altar & Rosary Society



The next meeting of St. Mary Altar & Rosary will be Thursday, March 19th. Please meet in the lower chapel at 11:00am for the Rosary & Benediction. A luncheon and short business meeting will follow in the Weigand Room.

Just a reminder: The envelope for the Easter A&R Memorial Fund can be found in the Feb/March envelope packet. If you do not have it, just use a regular envelope marked to the attention of A&R and indicate in whose honor you are making the donation. After Easter, a list of donors and memorials will be published with the bulletin.

A HUGE Thank You to ALL St. Mary Bakers! Your kindness and love for baking was greatly appreciated this past weekend. Close to 1,000 people came through our doors to see *Tetelestai*. Many came to the wonderful reception and were amazed by your thoughtfulness and generosity. Thank you for sharing and helping St. Mary welcome many visitors. We are definitely known as a Church that loves their sweets!
~ Annie Cunningham

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!



...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*

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, APRIL 3, 2009: Rev. Eugene Lauer: "What's Happening to the Church?" How is the Catholic Church evolving and changing in the U.S. Third Millennium environment? Rev. Eugene Lauer presents an overview of this evolving process by focusing on five key developments at the heart of this evolution: the priest shortage, the emerging role of lay ministers in parishes, the impact of merging/clustering/closing of parishes, recent understandings of Catholic identity, and the relationship of young people to the Church. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship, and good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center, 11:30AM! Tickets are \$15. RSVP by calling the reservation line at 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Monday, March 30, 2009.

"Our Life is Rich" is a time to get together and reflect on the gifts we have received from God and how we use them to carry on the work of the Gospel. It is intended not only to develop relationships within the community but also be an opportunity to welcome and involve new members into our parish family. Our next session will be March 26th at 7:00pm in the Weigand Room. Please register with the Parish Office.



Blood Pressure checks will be this weekend, March 14th/15th after all Masses in the Weigand Room.

Catholic Relief Services collection next weekend March 21/22.

In Oromia, Ethiopia, drought has destroyed entire regions of crops, devastating the local agriculture industry and economy. In places like Oromia, where sustainability is based entirely on agriculture, food security is alarmingly low. At a local Catholic church in the Oromia region, hundreds of children are receiving therapeutic milk and medical treatment from Catholic Relief Services (CRS). In addition to funding the important international relief work of CRS. The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports resettlement and legal services for refugees, advocacy, and disaster/emergency relief. When you donate to CRS, you give hope. Please be generous in next week's collection.