



Mass Intentions

Monday	March 30th
5:00 p.m.	Richard Sittinger
Tuesday	March 31st
8:30 a.m.	Clemence, Carolyn & Robert Alan Faecking
Wednesday	April 1st
5:00 p.m.	Alice Bott Weber
Thursday	April 2nd Francis of Paola, hermit
8:30 a.m.	Gene Wukie
7:00 p.m.	Confirmation with Bishop Roger Gries
Friday	April 3rd
8:30 a.m.	Leo Pitts
Saturday	April 4th Isidore, bishop, doctor
9:00 a.m.	Jeanne Esch
4:30 p.m.	Joseph and Dr. Larry Frankiewicz
Sunday	April 5th PALM SUNDAY
8:00 a.m.	John and Irene Polacsek
9:30 a.m.	Frederick J. Tabler
11:00 a.m.	People of St. Mary Parish



My Friends,

As we enter the final two weeks of Lent, we might ask ourselves if our Lenten practices have helped to deepen our spiritual growth. Have we let this time of grace slip by without giving God greater access to our heart and life? It is not too late to benefit from the graces of this season. Let me offer a couple of suggestions.

First of all, I highly recommend your attendance at the Cluster Lenten Mission that begins this Sunday night at 7:30pm in St. Agnes Church. Bishop Pilla has graciously accepted our invitation to share his reflections on God's love in our lives. As we struggle through the pain and hurt of downsizing our cluster, we need to come together in support of one another. Bishop Pilla, through his experience as Bishop of Cleveland, knows the struggle not only from a diocesan perspective but also from his own personal perspective. If you were not able to accomplish much in your Lenten observance, don't miss this opportunity. Remember that the Mission will be here on Monday night and close at St. Jude's on Tuesday night.

As a follow-up to our Cluster Mission, we will have our cluster Communal Penance Service here at St. Mary's the following Sunday (Palm Sunday) at 7:00pm. As much as we would like to think that our sinfulness is a private affair between God and ourselves, it does affect the whole Church. Our Catholic tradition emphasizes that we are all part of the Body of Christ. What affects one part of the body, in fact, affects the whole body. We need to support one another as we seek to be reconciled together in God. This is another important way of preparing ourselves for the celebration of the Sacred Three Days.

For those who are participating in Operation Rice Bowl, we will have containers at the Church entrances in which to place the boxes. You are also welcome to write a check for the total and place it in the Rice Bowl envelope. You can drop it in the second collection next Sunday or on Easter. For those who would like to support the Church in Eastern Europe, again place your donation in the envelope from your packet and place it in the second collection. Only the money placed in an envelope so marked will be included in the collection.

Fr Charlie

Next Sunday, April 5th is a **Welcoming Sunday** sponsored by the Stewardship Committee. All parishioners, new and old, are invited to stop in the Weigand Room after the Sunday Masses for coffee, juice, bakery and socializing.

We are the Stewards of God's Green Earth.

Sponsored by Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County

"In the beginning, God created heaven and earth..."

How did you recycle today? Have you been using your canvas bags? Are we doing our part to decrease the plastic bags found in the oceans and lakes, roadways and scenic areas? A simple action like switching to canvas bags goes a long way in preserving God's Green Earth.

Readings for the Week of March 30, 2009

- Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11
- Tues: Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3,16-21; Jn 8:21-30
- Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; (Ps) Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42
- Thurs: Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59
- Fri: Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42
- Sat: Ez 37:21-28; (Ps) Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56
- Sun: Procession: Mk 11:1-10; Mass: Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9,17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mk 14:1-15:47

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.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (03/22/09)	\$10,103.50
Catholic Relief Services	\$992.00
Envelopes	385
Building Fund	\$193.00

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.

Thank you!

2nd Collection April 5th - Helping Hands Ministry and Aid to the Church in Central & Eastern Europe
- please use designated envelope

FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

<p>Monday 5:30 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Tuesday 5:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Wednesday 2:15/3:30 p.m. 2:20 p.m. 6:30 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m. 7:30 p.m.</p> <p>Thursday 9:00am-5:00pm 5:00 p.m. 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Friday 11:30am-1pm 5pm-7:30pm 7:00 p.m.</p> <p>Saturday 9am-3pm 1pm-4:30pm</p> <p>Sunday 10:00 a.m. 11:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>March 30 Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room Cluster Parish Mission – At St. Mary Church</p> <p>March 31 Hot Meals – Cafeteria Cluster Parish Mission – At St. Jude Church</p> <p>April 1 Day School / Parish -Young People Choir – Church Daisy T562 – Art Room Cub Scouts – Cafeteria BSA T135 – Rel. Ed. Office Couples Club – Conference Room R.C.I.A. – Weigand Room Adult Choir – Church</p> <p>April 2 Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church Market Day Pick-Up - Commons Confirmation with Bishop Roger Gries – Church Reception following in Weigand Room</p> <p>April 3 Pierogi Lunch – Weigand Room P.T.U. Fish Fry - Hall Stations of the Cross – Church</p> <p>April 4 RCIA Retreat – Weigand Room EC Retreat – Lower Chapel & Green Room</p> <p>April 5 RCIA – Conference Room Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building Cluster Communal Penance Service – Church</p>
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200 CLUB WINNER: 03/29/09 John Mashensic #248



The next Senior Luncheon will be **Tuesday, April 14th**. [Note: Due to Holy Week, the Luncheon will be held on the 2nd Tuesday in April] We will begin with lunch at Noon.

The cost of the luncheon is \$4.00. Please call in your reservations to Sr. Mary Dorothy at 322-1423 by Friday, April 10th. We look forward to a great meal, good fellowship and game of BINGO for those who wish to stay. Bring a friend and enjoy a great afternoon.

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, recent understandings of Catholic identity, the impact of merging/clustering/closing of parishes, 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 ffflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Monday, March 30, 2009.

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!



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.

VIRTUS TRAINING: *Protecting God's Children*

The next training session will be held on Tuesday – April 14th at 6:30pm in the Weigand Room. Please call the Parish Office at 323-5539 if you are planning to attend. Teachers, Catechists, Coaches, Scout Leaders etc. are required to be VIRTUS trained if you work with children in the Diocese of Cleveland.

Schedule of Holy Week Services

<p>Palm Sunday, April 5th:</p> <p>Monday, April 6th:</p> <p>Tuesday, April 7th:</p> <p>Wednesday, April 8th:</p> <p>Holy Thursday, April 9th:</p> <p>Good Friday, April 10th:</p> <p>Holy Saturday, April 11th:</p> <p>Easter Sunday, April 12th:</p>	<p>8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass</p> <p>* Cluster Communal Penance Service 7:00pm – St. Mary Church</p> <p>5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Confessions</p> <p>8:30am Mass 7:00pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral</p> <p>3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Confessions 7:00pm Tenebrae</p> <p>7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by Adoration</p> <p>12 Noon Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion</p> <p>12 Noon Blessing of Food in Weigand Room 9:15pm Easter Vigil</p> <p>8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass</p>
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St. Mary Fish Fry will be held Friday, April 3rd from 5:00-7:30pm in the Parish Hall. Tickets are available after Masses outside the Weigand Room. Adults: \$13, Seniors (65+): \$11, Children 12 & under: \$5.

Easter Baskets ~ If anyone is interested in donating items [crayons, markers, coloring books, candy, small toys, puzzles etc.] to fill Easter Baskets to be distributed through our Hot Meals Program, please contact Annie Cunningham at 323-5539 x224.



The North Olmsted Chapter of the *Gentle Woman Fellowship* meet at St. Clarence Parish, 30106 Lorain Rd., on First Fridays from 9:45am-12:15pm. Come to pray the rosary, attend Mass and enjoy a talk by Dr. Gigliotti on the Old Testament on Friday - April 3rd.