



**Mass Intentions**

<b>Monday</b>	<b>April 6<sup>th</sup></b>
5:00 p.m.	Howard Sittinger
<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>April 7<sup>th</sup></b>
8:30 a.m.	John and Irene Polacsek
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>April 8<sup>th</sup></b>
5:00 p.m.	John and Irene Polacsek
7:00 p.m.	Tenebrae
<b>Thursday</b>	<b>April 9<sup>th</sup></b>
7:00 p.m.	Mass of the Lord's Supper
<b>Friday</b>	<b>April 10<sup>th</sup></b>
12 Noon	Stations of the Cross
3:00 p.m.	Celebration of the Lord's Passion
<b>Saturday</b>	<b>April 11<sup>th</sup></b>
9:15 p.m.	Easter Vigil
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>April 12<sup>th</sup></b>
8:00 a.m.	People of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	People of St. Mary Parish
11:00 a.m.	People of St. Mary Parish



My Friends,

These days are a special time of grace not only for our parish, but for the whole Catholic community of Elyria. For those who were able to share in the Cluster Lenten Mission with Bishop Pilla, it was a wonderful time of spiritual growth. Bishop Pilla shared his own personal journey of faith to help give us insight into ours. These opportunities to get together deepen the bonds of faith that help us transcend parish boundaries. We have another opportunity to gather this Sunday evening at 7:00 here at St. Mary's to celebrate our Lenten Communal Penance. We will continue to break down the barriers of division caused by sin to grow together into the Body of Christ. Let us gather and pray for one another as we seek reconciliation together in Christ.

Along with the graces of the Mission, we are grateful for the gift of the Spirit granted to our young people in the celebration of the sacrament of Confirmation. It was a joy to have Bishop Gries confer the sacrament. As I read the letters requesting the sacrament, our candidates were ready and willing to embrace a deeper commitment to their faith.

With this celebration of Palm Sunday, we enter into the Church's holiest week of the year. We do not just recall past events in the life of Christ. The rituals of this week actually engage us in the dying and rising of Christ. I am sometimes amazed when people confess that they did not get to Church on Ash Wednesday. Ash Wednesday is not a holy day of obligation. I have never had anyone confess that the missed Holy Thursday or Good Friday. Good Friday is the most important day in our life of faith. It marks the 'hour' of our salvation. I hope that you will keep the holy week schedule in today's bulletin and attend as many of the Holy Week services as you are able. (If you have never attended *Tenebrae*, I would highly recommend it for the beauty of the prayer and music.)

This weekend, we also want to welcome in a special way all who have joined our parish community in recent months. We have had quite a few new registrations and we want our new members to feel they are part of our family. If there is somebody you do not recognize, please be kind enough to extend a hand of welcome and introduce yourself. In June, we are planning to do another pictorial directory.

Finally, I want to thank everyone for your kind birthday greetings. You were very generous with your cards and gifts. Your thoughtfulness was very much appreciated. I have never had a Lent when I have eaten so many cakes and cookies!

*Fr Charlie*

**Readings for the Week of April 6, 2009**

Mon:	Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
Tues:	Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15,17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
Wed:	Is 50:4-9; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34; Mt 26:14-25
Thurs:	Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
Fri:	Is 52:13-53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25; Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1-19:42
Sat:	Gn 1:1-2:2; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6, 10, 12-14, 24, 35; Gn 22:1-18; Ps 16:5, 8-11; Ex 14:15-15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18; Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-12, 13; Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-3, 4-6; Bar 3:9-15, 32-4:4; Ps 19:8-11; Is 12:2-6; Rom 6:3-11; Ps 118:1-2, 16, 17, 22-23; Mk 16:1-8
Sun:	Acts 10:34, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23; Col 3:1-4; Jn 20:1-9



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **John Schuster and Florence Kaminski** who died this week and for the consolation of their loved ones.

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday Collection (03/29/09)	\$10,497.00
Tuition Assistance	\$919.00
Envelopes	374
Building Fund	\$205.00

*Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.*

**Thank you!**

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection April 12<sup>th</sup> – Education Endowment Fund]



I Daniel Geiger and Bethany Therese

*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, Eric, Linda, Paul** and all who have asked for our prayers.



## PALM SUNDAY



### This Week in our Parish

#### Monday

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

#### April 6

Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room  
PSR – Marian & St. Joseph Buildings followed by  
Stations of the Cross at 7:30pm – Church

#### Tuesday

7:00 p.m.

#### April 7

Sports Committee Meeting - Commons

**200 CLUB WINNER:** 04/05/09 Elaine Coker #239

### Schedule of Holy Week Services

Palm Sunday, April 5 <sup>th</sup> :	8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass
*Cluster Communal Penance Service	7:00pm – St. Mary Church
Monday, April 6 <sup>th</sup> :	5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Confessions
Tuesday, April 7 <sup>th</sup> :	8:30am Mass <b>7:00pm Chrism Mass at Cathedral</b>
Wednesday, April 8 <sup>th</sup> :	3:30pm Confessions 5:00pm Mass 6:00pm Confessions 7:00pm Tenebrae
Holy Thursday, April 9 <sup>th</sup> :	7:00pm Mass of the Lord's Supper Followed by Adoration
Good Friday, April 10 <sup>th</sup> :	Noon Stations of the Cross 3:00pm Celebration of the Lord's Passion
Holy Saturday, April 11 <sup>th</sup> :	Noon Blessing of Food in Weigand Rm 9:15pm Easter Vigil
Easter Sunday, April 12 <sup>th</sup> :	8:00am Mass 9:30am Mass 11:00am Mass



The next **Senior Luncheon** will be **Tuesday, April 14<sup>th</sup>**. [Note: Due to Holy Week, the Luncheon will be held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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.

**Pre-Baptism classes** will be held on Sunday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 2-4pm with a candlelight dinner discussion on Wednesday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. Babies & Godparents are welcome. To register, please call the Parish Office at 323-5539. Our next class will be in July.

#### **VIRTUS TRAINING:** *Protecting God's Children*

The next training session will be held on Tuesday – April 14<sup>th</sup> 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.



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!

A BIG THANKS to all who attended the Hall Committee's *Wearin' Of The Green Celebration!* We're glad to hear all your positive comments about the evening. Congratulations to those who went home with prizes! Joe Jelar was the winner of our Pot Of Plenty. The 50/50 winner was Larry Cullen. Door prize were won by Sue Klimczk, Sherry Gaydosh, Sue Vajentic, Donald Meador, Nancy Krieg and Rob Polinsky. Special thanks to Stewart's Appliances, Vandemark Jewelers and Paul's Beverage for helping us make the evening so successful! The Hall Committee's next big event will be our Second Annual *At The Hop* dance featuring The Geezecsats on October 17. This promises to be a sell-out so mark your calendars now and look for tickets to be available at our Parish Social on August 16.

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

April will be the last month this year that the shelter is open. We will be taking our last meal to the shelter April 18. 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 April 18 and take it to the shelter. To participate, or if you have any questions, call Maryann at 458-6159. Thank you ~ *Social Action Ministry*

Nativity B.V.M. Roman Catholic Church at the corner of 15<sup>th</sup> St. and Lexington Ave., Lorain, will have a special service of Lenten Lamentations (Gorzkie Zale) in English on Palm Sunday (April 5) at 2:00. This beautiful and moving devotion, honoring the Passion of our Lord, includes Benediction, hymns and a period of reflection.

**Sports Committee Meeting** - Tues., April 7<sup>th</sup> 7pm in the Commons

#### **Pastoral Staff:**

Rev. Charles T. Diedrick, Administrator  
Rev. Joseph C. Weigand, Pastor Emeritus  
Rev. Mr. Frank A. Humphrey III, Permanent Deacon  
Miss Sheila Mannix, Principal  
Mr. Michael Moore, Director of Music Ministries  
Sister Mary Dorothy Tecca, C.S.A., Parish Catechetical Leader

#### **Phone Numbers:**

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#### **Sunday Mass Schedule:**

Saturday Vigil: 4:30pm Sunday: 8:00am, 9:30am and 11:00am  
Weekday Mass Schedule: Monday and Wednesday: 5:00pm,  
Tuesday, Thursday and Friday: 8:30am and Saturday: 9:00am  
Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:30-4:15pm

**New Parishioners** are welcome and asked to register at the Parish Office.