



Mass Intentions

Monday	April 13th
5:00 p.m.	Clemence, Carolyn & Robert Alan Faecking
Tuesday	April 14th
8:30 a.m.	Gene Wukie
Wednesday	April 15th
5:00 p.m.	Jeanne and Robert Coe
Thursday	April 16th
8:30 a.m.	Marie Spiegle
Friday	April 17th
8:30 a.m.	Nancy J. Stillwell
Saturday	April 18th
9:00 a.m.	Charles Hoagland
4:30 p.m.	People of St. Mary Parish
Sunday	April 19th Divine Mercy Sunday
8:00 a.m.	Kenneth and Genevieve Roling
9:30 a.m.	Julie Smith
11:00 a.m.	Carl and Marian Ternes

Readings for the Week of April 13, 2009

Mon: Acts 2:14,22-33; Ps 16:1-2, 5, 7-11; Mt 28:8-15
 Tues: Acts 2:36-41; Ps 33:4-5,18-20, 22; Jn 20:11-18
 Wed: Acts 3:1-10; Ps 105:1-4, 6-9; Lk 24:13-35
 Thurs: Acts 3:11-26; Ps 8:2, 5-9; Lk 24:35-48
 Fri: Acts 4:1-12; Ps 118:1-2, 22-27; Jn 21:1-14
 Sat: Acts 4:13-21; Ps 118:1, 14-16, 21; Mk 16:9-15
 Sun: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118:2-4, 13-15, 22-24; 1 Jn 5:1-6;
 Jn 20:19-31

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.



Wedding Banns

- I Todd Carter and Kathy Schubert
- II Daniel Geiger and Bethany Therese

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (04/05/09)	\$15,929.00
Helping Hands Ministry	\$837.00
Central & Eastern Europe	\$36.00
Envelopes	463
Building Fund	\$500.00

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.

Thank you!

[2nd Collection April 19th – Tuition Assistance]

Christ
the Lord
is risen
today

alleluia

My Friends,

He is risen! Let us rejoice. Today we celebrate Jesus' victory over death. Our world needs this celebration. With these days of political turmoil and growing economic uncertainty, we can easily become cynical and despair of finding any purpose to life. Even the Church is not immune to deep suffering and pain in this time of downsizing and closing of parishes. Yet, it is in seeming defeat that the key of our hope is revealed. It is in the deepest, darkest hour that the hand of God shows itself forth. The Easter mystery reveals the ultimate outcome of this contest with the forces of evil. Ours is a secure hope.

While we look to the Gospel account of the empty tomb and the apparitions of Jesus to validate our hope, the strongest case for Jesus' resurrection comes from the life of faith we live today. When the lives of Jesus' followers are spirit-filled, we experience Jesus alive and present in our midst. When our commitment falters and we slip into doubt, our faith vision becomes clouded and we feel abandoned and alone.

While the ultimate outcome is assured in Jesus' resurrection from the dead, the contest with the forces of darkness continues on into our own time. If we let the light of the Spirit go out in our lives, the darkness will overcome us. If we place our baptismal light on a lampstand where it can be a light for all, then the hope and joy of this Easter day will be a light in the darkness throughout the year. My prayer is that this Easter celebration will make your faith come alive and you will seek to follow more closely Christ, our Light.

Fr Charlie

The Elyria Youth Cluster Ministry is sponsoring a High Rope Challenge at CYO Camp Christopher for students in grades 9-12 on Sunday, April 19th. We will gather at St. Agnes for 8:30am Mass, then it's off to camp for an amazing day. We will be back at 5pm. Cost is \$25 per participant which includes lunch & transportation. Permission slips are available at the parish office. Please make checks payable to St. Agnes. Any questions, contact Mo, interim Youth Minister at 322-5622x11 or 440-308-0333.

Easter Blessings and much gratitude to all the members of St. Mary Church who visit and volunteer at the Wesleyan Village. Thank you to Father Charlie who celebrates our First Friday Mass monthly and to all who transport & assist our Residents at Mass, especially Gert Wirscham, Mary Keys & Dottie Knechtges, and a special thank you to Maria Ocampo, our faithful Musician. This is National Volunteer week and we are particularly proud of the kindness exhibited by our Village Volunteers. May the Risen Christ bless each one of you.

~ Biddy St. Marie, Volunteer Director – Wesleyan Village

EASTER SUNDAY



The Week Ahead

Monday

5:30 p.m.

April 13

Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room

Tuesday

12:00 Noon

April 14

Senior Luncheon – Weigand Room

5:00 p.m.

Hot Meals – Cafeteria

6:30 p.m.

Virtus Training – Weigand Room

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.

April 15

R.C.I.A. – Weigand Room

7:00 p.m.

BSA T135 – Rel. Ed. Office

Thursday

9:00am-5:00pm

April 16

Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church

11:00 a.m.

Altar & Rosary - Benediction, Luncheon & Meeting

7:00 p.m.

Bible Study – Conference Room

7:00 p.m.

Sowers of Justice – Weigand Room

Saturday

After Mass

April 18

Blood Pressure Checks - Weigand Room

Sunday

After all Masses

April 19

Blood Pressure Checks - Weigand Room

11:00 a.m.

Pre-School PSR – St. Joseph Building

2:00 p.m.

Baptism Class – Conference Room

3:00 p.m.

BSA Eagle Court of Honor – Church/Weigand Room

200 CLUB WINNER: 04/12/09 Mary Volk #105



The next Senior Luncheon will be **Tuesday, April 14th**. 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. 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 19th from 2-4pm with a candlelight dinner discussion on Wednesday, April 22nd from 6:30-8:30pm in the Parish Center Conference Room. Babies & Godparents are welcome. To register, call the Parish Office at 323-5539. Our next class will be in July.

Altar & Rosary Society



The next meeting of St. Mary Altar & Rosary will be **Thursday, April 16th**. 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. Easter Memorial donations are still being accepted and the intentions will be published in the bulletin during the Easter Season.

...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*



The St. Mary School community would like to wish all of our parishioners and friends a Blessed Easter Season. We thank you for your prayers and support of our school. As we celebrate the 150th anniversary of our school this year, we are grateful and happy for all the blessings that have been bestowed on our school over the many years. May the Resurrected Lord continue to guide St. Mary Parish and its ministry of education.

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.

ST. MARY'S PIEROGI KITCHEN will be offering their home-made pierogi after all the Masses next weekend. Choose from apple, potato & cheese, kraut or mushroom & cabbage. The cost is just \$6/dozen.

St. Vincent dePaul Church will conduct Divine Mercy Devotions on **Sunday, April 19th at 3:00pm**. Devotions include Divine Mercy Chaplet and Benediction. We will pray for God's Divine Mercy on the whole world, for an end to all wars and especially for the end of abortion and the defeat of the Freedom of Choice Act (FOCA).

Job Opportunity: Coordinator of Youth Ministry

This full time position serves the youth and families in three parishes in Elyria, Ohio, Diocese of Cleveland. We have a clear vision that focuses on having one comprehensive youth ministry that works in partnership with parents and youth to support the role of parents as the primary formators of faith in their families. The applicant must be a practicing Catholic with five or more years of experience in ministry (preferably in a multiple parish ministry). We offer a compelling vision, competitive salary, and benefits that will be commensurate with experience. Please email your résumé by April 17, 2009 to SaintAgnes@oh.rr.com or mail to: Elyria Youth Ministry Search Committee, c/o Rev. Al Krupp, Pastor, St. Agnes Catholic Church, 611 Lake Ave., Elyria, OH 44035.

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

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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.



Blood Pressure checks will be next weekend, April 18th/19th after all Masses in the Weigand Room.