



Mass Intentions

Monday	April 27th
5:00 p.m.	Maxine Weber
Tuesday	April 28th <u>Peter Chanel, priest, martyr</u>
8:30 a.m.	Emily Valentine
Wednesday	April 29th <u>Catherine of Siena, virgin & doctor</u>
5:00 p.m.	Sister Karen Livingston
Thursday	April 30th <u>Pius V, pope</u>
8:30 a.m.	Faithful Departed
Friday	May 1st <u>Joseph the Worker</u>
8:30 a.m.	Leo Pitts
Saturday	May 2nd <u>Athanasius, bishop & doctor</u>
9:00 a.m.	Emily Valentine
11:00 a.m.	First Holy Communion
2:00 p.m.	<i>Wedding ~ Todd Carter & Kathy Schubert</i>
4:30 p.m.	Ted Plas
Sunday	May 3rd - 4 th <u>Sunday of Easter</u>
8:00 a.m.	People of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Leo Pitts
11:00 a.m.	Jane Hess

Readings for the Week of April 27, 2009

Mon:	Acts 6:8-15; Ps 119:23-24, 26-27, 29-30; Jn 6:22-29
Tues:	Acts 7:51-8:1; Ps 31:3-4, 6-8, 17, 21; Jn 6:30-35
Wed:	Acts 8:1-8; Ps 66:1-7; Jn 6:35-40
Thurs:	Acts 8:26-40; Ps 66:8-9, 16-17, 20; Jn 6:44-51
Fri:	Gn 1:26-2:3 or Col 3:14-15, 17, 23-24; Ps 90:2-4, 12-14, 16; Mt 13:54-58,
Sat:	Acts 9:31-42; Ps 116:12-17; Jn 6:60-69
Sun:	Acts 4:8-12; Ps 118:1, 8, 9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29; 1 Jn 3:1-2; Jn 10:11-18

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: **Brennen, Bruce, Chuck, Crystal, Don, Eric, Linda, Paul, Sally** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (04/19/09)	\$9,295.00
Tuition Assistance	\$906.00
Envelopes	345
Building Fund	\$279.00

Our gratitude to all of you who are so generous.

Thank you!

[2nd Collection May 3rd – Helping Hands Ministry]



My Friends,

Our thoughts and prayers are with the parishioners of Holy Cross this weekend as they gather for a final Eucharistic liturgy in their Church. Because we are a sacramental people, we use visible signs to put us into contact with the unseen gifts of grace that are ours in Christ. When the place where the heart and soul of one's faith was nurtured is taken away, it feels like the very ground under your feet is shifting. I think it is an experience all of us, as Catholics, are experiencing these days as we ponder the future of our diocese, if not the future of religious faith itself.

Last Sunday, those who attended the 9:30 Mass had a rather dramatic experience of where we might be going as a Church. If we keep focusing on the good ole days of the past, finding happiness only in our memories, then the life of faith is over. The focus of the first Pentecost was on the future. Quoting the prophet, Joel, the day of the Lord was coming when the young men would see visions and the old men would dream dreams. The Spirit, as we experienced last Sunday, is alive and well. We just keep looking in all the wrong places. At a time we least expected it, the doors of the church were opened and we were flooded with the inrush of people of faith. We were inspired and changed by their faith and they were touched by our welcome and hospitality. The community of believers was one in the Spirit. Even as they prayed the Our Father in Spanish, there was something transcendent about the moment that took us deeper into union with God.

As important as our traditions are to us and we do need rootedness, I think that it is time to dream again and surrender ourselves to the Spirit's lead. We are all going to be changed into something we were not before. Each person, who is a sacramental and image of God, reveals a side of God's face that can be seen only through them. As we learned through our celebration of the Easter mystery, the very act of dying is the pathway to new and richer living. Shedding baggage lightens our load for the journey. It is time for us to dream again and move forward with hope into our future. In our Sunday Eucharist, may we give thanks for all the ways our faith tradition has blessed us in the past and may we also be open to new and richer outpourings of the Spirit in our future.

Fr Charlie

** Mass Intention requests for 2010 are now being accepted. Stop in or call the Parish Office at 323-5539.

Wedding Banns

II Arthur Moran and Robin Kotlan
III Todd Carter and Kathy Schubert



This Week in our Parish



THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Monday April 27
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry – Conference Room
6:30 p.m. PSR – Marian & St. Joseph Buildings
6:30 p.m. First Communion Practice – Church
6:30 p.m. Stewardship Committee – Staff Conf. Room

Tuesday April 28
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals – Cafeteria

Wednesday April 29
2:20 p.m. Girl Scout T278 – Art Room
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. – Weigand Room

Thursday April 30
9:00am-5:00pm Eucharistic Adoration – Lower Church
7:00 p.m. Bible Study – Conference Room

Saturday May 2
11:00 a.m. First Holy Communion – Church
Reception following in Weigand Room

Sunday May 3
11:00 a.m. Pre-School PSR Last Class– St. Joseph Building
Followed by Final Celebration in Lower Church

200 CLUB WINNER: 04/26/09 George Ferguson #128

RECIPES WANTED! Do you have a family favorite recipe that you're willing to share with your St. Mary Family? We are in the process of compiling a booklet of our parishioners' favorite recipes to be available for purchase later this year. Recipes should be submitted to the Parish Office by May 15. Please include your name so that you can be acknowledged.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MAY 1, 2009: Mr. Bill Boomer, Diocesan Director, Marriage and Family Life: "**Marriage: The Other Vocation Crisis.**" Since 1980, there has been a 60% drop in the number of weddings in the Cleveland Diocese. Even though marriage is declining in all western countries, there are reasons for hope. The National Pastoral Initiative on Marriage is a multi-year project of the U.S. Bishops that will culminate in a pastoral letter. Mr. Boomer will talk about the "state of our unions" and how to join in the efforts to strengthen marriage. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets are \$15. RSVP by calling the reservation line 244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Monday, April 27, 2009.

Elyria Catholic High School Alumni Associate ~ 2009 Hall of Fame will honor 3 deserving alumni (*Mrs. Barb Diedrick*), 1 outstanding educator and 1 exceptional service honoree (*Mr. Lou Rotunda*) at an award dinner on May 14th at LCCC Spitzer Conference Center in the Grand Room. Registration will begin at 5:30pm with dinner at 6pm and awards at 7pm. The cost to attend this prestigious event is \$26; the event is open to the public. Reservations can be made by calling 365-1821x22 or 34, and will be accepted until May 7th. (*2 of our parishioners will be honored.*)

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, the roadways, and scenic areas? A simple small action like switching to canvas bags goes a long way in preserving God's Green Earth.

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!

...and you did. So many generous people pitched in and baked, made pasta and other meals, brought bowls, plates etc. and/or contributed money. [I always have had to buy ice-cream to go with those apple pies you know.] It was a good year for us. Thank you all for any way that you participated. The shelter will close for this year April 30th and many of the folks will camp outdoors for the rest of the year. *Social Action Committee*

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.

St. Mary School & LCCC Women's Volleyball coach Jennifer Lee will be sponsoring a girls volleyball camp June 22nd - 26th held at the LCCC Field House gym. The cost is \$50 and includes a camp t-shirt. Open to all girls ages 8-14. Contact Debby Perkins at 365-6305 or dbperkins@windstream.net for information and registration forms.

St. Agnes Ladies Book Club: Book selection choice for the month of April: The Shack, by William P. Young. There is still time to read this book before our next meeting on Tuesday, May 5th at 7pm - St. Agnes Church Hall. The discussion questions can be obtained by emailing ikmarquart@gmail.com, or call Irma at 323-3542.

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 inspiring thoughts on "Doing God's Will Not Ours" by Father Timothy J. Shepard, SJ on Friday – May 1st.

Financial Misconduct Hotline –

The Diocese has established a hotline for all diocesan and parish employees, volunteers, vendors, parishioners or other interested parties who now can report suspected financial irregularities. An independent third party company assures confidentiality and anonymity if requested to investigate any financial misconduct. The hotline is **1-888-235-1723** or online at www.dioceseofcleveland.org and click on the **financial misconduct hotline** button. The Diocese of Cleveland "Report to the Community 2008" can be found at www.dioceseofcleveland.org/finance and also in the Feb. 20th edition of The Universe Bulletin.