



Mass Intentions



Monday	March 17th	Patrick, bishop Dan Kulas
Tuesday	March 18th	Cyril of Jerusalem, bishop Mary Janas
Wednesday	March 19th	Joseph, spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary <i>Solemnity</i> Fr. Joseph Weigand
Thursday	March 20th	Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish <i>Confirmation Liturgy</i>
Friday	March 21st	Constance Rodjom
Saturday	March 22nd	Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish Catherine Cavagna
Sunday	March 23rd	3rd Sunday of Lent Justin Hoover Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish Carol Dumski



My Friends,

During this past week our Lenten reflection centered on reconciliation. Our cluster Parish Mission focused our attention on the Sacrament of Reconciliation that was celebrated throughout the diocese on Wednesday. The first step in deepening one's spirituality is the admission of our sinfulness. If we can't own up to our sinfulness, there really is no need of a redeemer. It is so easy to rationalize away our sins. As a result, we fail to appreciate the depth of the Lord's love and mercy for us. We need to continue this journey of faith of opening our hearts to the grace of God's forgiveness.

This week, Bishop Gries will join us as we celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation. We seek to empty our hearts of the selfish ego so that we are free to allow the Spirit of God to flourish and permeate our whole being. This is the grace we are praying for this week for our young people who will be confirmed. It is a critical time in their spiritual development. The culture promotes self-absorption. Yet they are called to sacrifice the self in service of the other. They need our encouragement and our prayer. We ask God's blessing upon them and pray that the Spirit may truly be the guiding force in their lives.

As the Spirit calls us to ministry, more often than not it is one of 'untying the knots.' Pope Francis almost pleads with us to let go of all that binds us in sin so as to be free to love and live in the life of God. This is the ministry of the Church. As the coming synod on the family will explore ways to restore marriage and family life, a major concern will be the ministry for those who have suffered through a divorce. The annulment procedure seeks to preserve the sanctity of the Sacrament of Marriage while still allowing for the reconciliation of those who are divorced. Again, the Cleveland Tribunal is offering its 'First Steps' program to explain and assist those who would like to reconcile their marriage. There will be a meeting at St. Peter's in Lorain on March 25th at 7pm. I highly recommend it for anyone who has suffered through a divorce.

One last footnote: The Pastoral Council will be discerning its new members for the coming year. We welcome any parishioner who may be interested in serving on the council to contact the parish office. You are also welcome to nominate someone whom you may think would serve well on the council. (Please let them know you are nominating them before you call their name into the office.)

Fr Charlie

Readings for the Week of March 17th:

Mon	Dn 9:4-10; Ps 79:8-9, 11, 13; Lk 6:36-38
Tues	Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wed	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
Thurs	Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Fri	Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat	Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun	Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95 1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42

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: **Ann Lou, Barb, Bette, Bob, Bobby, Carmen, Christie, Chuck, George, Jim, Joan, Lois, Margaret, Mary, Matt, Pam, Ruthie, Sean, Tom, Tony** and all who have asked for our



prayers.

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (03/09/14)	\$9,914.90
Envelopes	306
St. Joseph Shelter Collection (Ash Wednesday)	\$1,404.66
Black & Indian Missions	\$511.68

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection March 16th - Tuition Assistance]

[2nd Collection March 23rd - Eastern Europe]

**OPERATION
RICE BOWL**




We are invited to **pray** with our families and faith communities; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** more about our global community & the challenges of poverty overseas; and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home and bring it back filled with your donation on Palm Sunday. Thank you.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

- Monday** March 17th
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. Marian & St. Joseph Buildings 
- Tuesday** March 18th
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
5:30 p.m. Awakening Faith - Cahill Library
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
7:00 p.m. Echoes of Faith - Weigand Room
- Wednesday** March 19th
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft
- Thursday** March 20th
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary - Rosary & Benediction
+ Luncheon & Meeting - Weigand Room
2:30 p.m. Daisies - Art Room
7:00 p.m. Confirmation - Church
followed by reception in Weigand Room
- Friday** March 21st
11am-1:30pm Pierogi Luncheon - Weigand Room
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church
- Sunday** March 23rd
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
12:00 Noon Cub Scouts - Green Room
6:30 p.m. Vespers - Church

200 CLUB WINNERS: 03/16/14 Karen Myers #78



The next ECHOES OF FAITH SERIES will be held in the Conference Room on Tues., March 18th at 7pm. Our topic will be *'The Last Supper: Christian Tradition and Jewish roots'*.

Altar & Rosary Society



The next Altar & Rosary meeting will be Thursday, March 20th. Please meet in the lower chapel for the Rosary and Benediction. A short business meeting and luncheon will follow in the Weigand Room.

Easter Memorial Fund envelopes were included in the February/March envelope packet. Donations can be dropped in with the Sunday collection – please be sure to include your name and in whose memory you would like the donation to be made.



Thank you for your continued support!

St. Mary Parish Pierogi Lunches will be served from 11am-1:30pm on Fridays during Lent in the Weigand Room. Lunches consist of 5 *Sophie's Choice* Pierogi, applesauce, tossed salad, roll & beverage. Cost is \$6.00.



Blood Pressure checks will be available this weekend Mar. 15th & 16th after all Masses in the Weigand Room.



All are invited to join us for
Stations of the Cross
Fridays during Lent -1pm in Church
All are welcome.



Book Club has been moved to **Monday evening March 24th at 7pm** in the Cahill Library. This month's book is: 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong



Thank you to all who have been collecting and dropping off the *'Coupons for the Military'*. The American Legion Auxiliary has heard from many units that have received the coupons and they are very grateful for your response to this on going project. The *'Coupons for the Military'* collection box is located in the Lower Church outside the Green Room. God Bless You!
~ *Magdaline Bomback, Chaplain - American Legion Auxiliary.*

Grief Support Group "*Hopeful Hearts*", for seniors 60+, will meet Tues., Mar. 25th, 1-2:30pm at Holy Spirit Church Family Ctr., 410 Lear Rd. Avon Lake. Meetings are held the 4th Tuesday of each month & are open to the community at no charge. No reservations required. Sponsored by: Hospice of the Western Reserve & Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For information contact JoDee Coulter, Bereavement Coordinator, 440-892-6680 or Mary Lou, 440-933-4423.

The Living Stations of the Cross

Elyria Catholic Auditorium
Sunday ~ March 23rd at 7pm



presented by: Elyria Catholic High School Students

While praying the stations, you will witness each one come to life in dramatic fashion and feel like you are there, as we explore the thoughts of those who walked with Christ.

*...a powerful performance, for the entire family,
that you won't want to miss!*

24th Annual Peace & Justice Dinner and Celebration

Saturday, March 29th at the Sacred Heart Chapel Parish Hall, 4301 Pearl Rd., Lorain 44055. [Social hour begins at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm.] The Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County (CACLC) hosts the annual event, which includes a Pick 'N Choose Raffle, Quilt Raffle and the presentation of the Bishop A. J. Quinn Justice Award to Christine Matusik-Plas (Our Lady Queen of Peace) and the Faithful Servant Award to Fran Edwards (St. Peter, N. Ridgeville). Reservations: \$30/person. For reservations or questions, contact Rachel Schmidt, CACLC at 366-1106 x12 or rschmidt@clevelandcatholiccharities.org. [Reservations due Mar. 19th.]

Sponsor of the Week:

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