



Mass Intentions

Monday	March 31st
5:00 p.m.	Clemence, Carolyn, Robert Alan and Richard Faecking
Tuesday	April 1st
8:30 a.m.	Joanne Trissel
Wednesday	April 2nd Francis of Paola, Hermit
5:00 p.m.	Frank and Florence Kaminski
Thursday	April 3rd
8:30 a.m.	Mathew Jurco
Friday	April 4th Isidore, bishop/dr of the Church
8:30 a.m.	Living & Deceased of the Larizza & Ross Families
Saturday	April 5th Vincent Ferrer, priest
9:00 a.m.	Anthony and Stella Jezewski
4:30 p.m.	Charles Gormley
Sunday	April 6th 5 th Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Ron Peloquin
11:00 a.m.	Howard Sittinger

Readings for the Week of March 31st:

Mon	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54
Tues	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wed	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thurs	Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
Fri	Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sun	Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Paul Reichlin** who died this past week and for the consolation of his loved ones.

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: **Arlene, Barb, Bette, Bob, Bobby, Carmen, Christie, Corey, Dan, Debbie, Fred, George, Jim, Joan, Joe, John, Lea, Lois, Margaret, Mary, Matt, May, P.J., Pam, Paul, Rose, Ruthie, Sean, Tom, Tony** and all who have asked for our prayers.



My Friends,

On this *Laetare Sunday* we mark the halfway point of our Lenten journey to the celebration of the Easter mysteries. Laetare translates from the Latin as 'Rejoice!' We rejoice that we are halfway there. It is a time to take stock of how faithful we have been in our Lenten practices to this point in time and to press on with greater effort and urgency to the celebration of the *Triduum* or Sacred Three Days. We participate in the passion and dying of Christ so that we can share in his resurrection and new life.

We certainly felt the presence of the Holy Spirit at the Confirmation of our young people by Bishop Gries on March 20th. Bishop Roger detailed for us the meaning of living out our faith as adult Christians and the joy it brings. Our Confirmandi responded with enthusiasm to the Bishop's invitation. It was an evening in which we truly experienced the joy of the Holy Spirit in anointing our youth. A special thank you goes out to Sr. Mary Dorothy, Peggy Russell and all who assisted in preparing our youth to receive the sacrament. Bishop Gries was very impressed with the participation of those who were confirmed.

This weekend we are also celebrating our volunteers. Once we are touched by the gift of the Spirit, we cannot help but give of ourselves in service of the Gospel. When you look at everything that is going on here at the parish, we can celebrate the vibrant faith of so many of our parishioners. This Sunday we thank all who give so generously of their time, talent and treasure. Hopefully, it will encourage others to get more involved in parish life.

This is last call for anyone who might be interested in serving on our Parish Pastoral Council. We are in the process of discerning new membership. If you are interested or would like to suggest someone else to serve on council, please let the parish office know within the week. Pope Francis is encouraging greater involvement of the laity in the life of the Church. This would be an excellent way to share your gifts with our faith community.

One last thought to consider as we carry out our observance of Lent is our participation in the sacrament of Reconciliation. Unfortunately, the winter blizzard put a damper on our diocesan celebration a couple of weeks ago. We still have the cluster celebration of our Communal Penance Service on April 6th, here at St. Mary's beginning at 7pm. Please join us and encourage anyone who may have been thinking to come to the diocesan celebration. You can also check the bulletin for the schedule of confession times as we prepare ourselves for Holy Week.

Fr Charlie

* Cluster Communal Penance Service
April 6th at 7:00pm ~ St. Mary Church

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (03/15/14)	\$3,686.00
Sunday Collection (03/23/14)	\$8,746.51
Envelopes	295
Eastern Europe	\$490.05

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection March 30th - Catholic Relief Services]
[2nd Collection April 6th - Helping Hands]



ALL DONATIONS FOR THE YEAR TO BE MADE BY APRIL 15, 2014

Congratulations!

Thanks to your generosity,
we are one of nine parishes that have reached
our Catholic Charities Annual Appeal goal at this time.
Thank You!

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday

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

March 31st

Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
P.S.R. Marian & St. Joseph Buildings

Tuesday

11:00 a.m.
12 Noon
1:00 p.m.
5:30 p.m.
6:00 p.m.

April 1st

Hot Meals Planning - Conference Room
Senior Luncheon - Weigand Room
Social Action Ministry - Conference Room
Awakening Faith - Weigand Room
Cub Scouts - Green Room

Wednesday

7:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

April 2nd

R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
Choir - Choir Loft

Thursday

9am - 5pm
4:00 p.m.
6:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

April 3rd

Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
Market Day Pick-Up - Weigand Room
Daisies - Green Room
Bible Study - Cahill Library

Friday

11am-1:30pm
1:00 p.m.
7:00 p.m.

April 4th

Pierogi Luncheon - Parish Hall
Stations of the Cross - Church
Stations of the Cross - Church

Sunday

9:30 a.m.
11:00 a.m.
12:00 Noon
7:00 p.m.

April 6th

Liturgy of the Word with Children
Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
Cub Scouts - Green Room
Cluster Communal Penance Service - Church

200 CLUB WINNERS: 03/30/14 David Peters #46



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, April 1st [no joke] at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. Our speaker is Sister Meribeth Rome, SND. The topic will be "All I really know about the Missions, I learned from Bishop Sheen." Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.

Altar & Rosary Society

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. A Memorial list will be published during the Easter Season.



Thank you for your continued support!

* *Free Rosary Pamphlets [for Children and Adults] are available to anyone interested in praying the Rosary – they are in the Book Rack in the back of Church.*

[Handmade Rosaries are available in the Parish Office.]



Registration for the **2014-2015** school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and **NEW** students to St. Mary School has begun. Please contact the School Office at 322-2808 to set up an appointment to visit the School or for additional information regarding registration.

All are invited to join us for
Stations of the Cross
on Fridays during Lent at 1:00pm in Church
All are welcome.



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



Family Promise ~ Once again this year we will be supporting the Congregational Church by taking dinner to those from **Family Promise** that will be staying at their Church. Our date for dinner is Tues., April 8th. If you would like to contribute to the dinner, please call me by Wed., April 2nd. Thank you ~ Maryann 458-6159.

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.

Community Book Study: 12 Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 3rd ~ 7:00pm at First Congregational UCC, 330 Second St., Elyria. Facilitator: Rev. Ruth Garwood will discuss The 9th Step "Concern for Everybody" & The 10th Step "Knowledge".

Gentle Woman Fellowship - an Intra-parish Group meets 1st Fridays at St. Clarence Parish Center, 30106 Lorain Rd – N. Olmsted, at 9:45am. Pray the Rosary, attend Mass and enjoy a talk. Sister Rita Harwood of the Order of the Sisters of Notre Dame will be our April speaker. She is the Cleveland Diocese's Secretariat for Parish Life and Development. Her ministry extends to a lot of people throughout the diocese. Sister's topic will be "Reconciliation and Forgiveness." She will incorporate Pope Francis's homilies on forgiveness in her talk. All women are welcome – No reservations needed. Questions? Call Mary @ 440-458-5063 or 440-235-6258.

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