



**Mass Intentions**

- Monday**      **April 7<sup>th</sup>** John Baptist de la Salle, priest  
5:00 p.m.      Mary Henderson
- Tuesday**     **April 8<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m.      Barbara Booms
- Wednesday**   **April 9<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m.      Vern Ripley
- Thursday**      **April 10<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m.      Frank and Patricia Humphrey
- Friday**         **April 11<sup>th</sup>** Stanislaus, bishop/martyr  
8:30 a.m.      June Zydek
- Saturday**      **April 12<sup>th</sup>**  
9:00 a.m.      Sam Sottosanti, Sr.  
4:30 p.m.      Anna Daly
- Sunday**        **April 13<sup>th</sup>**  
8:00 a.m.      Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish  
9:30 a.m.      Edward and Alvina Peloquin & Family  
11:00 a.m.     Carl & Marian Ternes



**PALM SUNDAY**

Readings for the Week of April 7<sup>th</sup>:

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| Mon   | Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62; Ps 23:1-6; Jn 8:1-11                        |
| Tues  | Nm 21:4-9; Ps 102:2-3, 16-21; Jn 8:21-30                                    |
| Wed   | Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95; Ps Dn 3:52-56; Jn 8:31-42                            |
| Thurs | Gn 17:3-9; Ps 105:4-9; Jn 8:51-59   |
| Fri   | Jer 20:10-13; Ps 18:2-7; Jn 10:31-42  |
| Sat   | Ez 37:21-28; Ps Jer 31:10-13; Jn 11:45-56                                   |
| Sun   | Mt 21:1-11; Is 50:4-7; Ps 22:8-9, 17-20, 23-24; Phil 2:6-11; Mt 26:14-27:66 |

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

**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

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| Sunday Collection (03/30/14) | \$8,304.98 |
| Envelopes                    | 269        |
| Catholic Relief Services     | \$722.38   |

*Thank you for your generosity.*

[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection April 6<sup>th</sup> - Helping Hands Ministry]  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection April 13<sup>th</sup> - Capital Improvement Fund]



My Friends,

Lent is quickly coming to an end. (Hopefully the winter is too!) We still have a couple of weeks to respond to the Lord's invitation to open our hearts to the grace of a deeper relationship with him. An important step in that conversion process is true repentance for our sins. Sadly, a winter storm pretty much closed down our diocesan celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation. This Sunday we have a second chance to seek forgiveness at the Elyria cluster Communal Penance Service. We are hosting it here at St. Mary's beginning at 7pm.

Recently, Pope Francis had a communal celebration of the sacrament at St. Peter's. As the priests went to their individual stations to hear confessions, one of the priests was surprised when the Holy Father came to him for confession before he proceeded to his station. It was a wonderful witness of the importance of the sacrament in Pope Francis' life. Any true progress in the spiritual life requires a confession of our sinfulness in order to participate in God's redemption. As we prepare ourselves to enter into the graces of Holy Week, let us prepare our hearts through the sacrament of reconciliation. If you are unable to join us this Sunday, please check the bulletin for the schedule of confessions during Holy Week.

On another note, it is the time of year when our school families are enrolling their children for a new school year. For so many, it is a financial issue. Our Education Endowment Trust allows us to award \$25,000 in tuition assistance. But the need is so much greater. Certainly, the second collections for tuition assistance have helped us fill in the gaps. But another major area of support is our Sponsor-a-Student program. Whether it was assistance with a full tuition or part of a tuition, we have been able to help with an additional \$20,000 in tuition assistance. As we begin to parcel out the funds according to need, it helps to know what is available for distribution. If you intend to assist us again this year or would like to begin making a contribution through Sponsor-a-Student, please let us know what you would be willing to contribute so that we can include it in our discernment of tuition assistance to each family making an application. It is truly a wise investment in our future.

*Fr Charlie*

*\* Cluster Communal Penance Service  
This Sunday ~ April 6<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm ~ St. Mary Church*

**Community Book Study:**

12 Steps to a Compassionate Life by Karen Armstrong. Our next meeting will be on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> ~ 7:00pm at St. Mary's Catholic Church, 320 Middle Ave., Elyria. Facilitator: Fr. Charlie Diedrick will discuss The 11<sup>th</sup> Step "Recognition", The 12<sup>th</sup> Step "Love Your Enemies" & "A Last Word".

## FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### This Week in our Parish

- Monday** April 7<sup>th</sup>  
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - Marian & St. Joseph Buildings
- Tuesday** April 8<sup>th</sup>  
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria  
5:30 p.m. Awakening Faith - Weigand Room  
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room  
6:30 p.m. Spiritual Development - Conference Room
- Wednesday** April 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:30 a.m. 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Hero/Poetry Program - Weigand Rm.  
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room  
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft
- Thursday** April 10<sup>th</sup>  
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church  
2:30 p.m. Daisies - Art Room  
6:00 p.m. Daisies - Green Room  
7:00 p.m. Compassionate City ~ *Community Book Study* - Weigand Room
- Friday** April 11<sup>th</sup>  
11am-1:30pm Pierogi Luncheon - Parish Hall  
1:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church  
7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross - Church
- Sunday** April 13<sup>th</sup>  
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  
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria

**200 CLUB WINNERS:** 04/06/14 Lucy Grigo #247

### Altar & Rosary Society

**Easter Memorial Fund** 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.]

The last **St. Mary Parish Pierogi Lunch** will be served from 11am-1:30pm on Fri. Apr. 11<sup>th</sup> in the Parish Hall. Lunches consist of 5 *Sophie's Choice* Pierogi, applesauce, tossed salad, roll & beverage. Cost is \$6.00. Carry-out available 323-5539.



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 Friday ~ April 11<sup>th</sup>  
at 1:00pm in Church



Our Parish will be serving dinner next Sunday, April 13<sup>th</sup>, from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation beginning at 3:00pm.

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

We will take dinner to St. Joseph's Overnight Catholic Shelter in Lorain on Sat., April 19<sup>th</sup>. [This will be our last dinner this year.] If you can supply a pasta dish, salad, bread/rolls or dessert please call Maryann at 440-458-6159 by Wed., April 16<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**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., Apr. 8<sup>th</sup>. If you would like to contribute to the dinner, please call by Mon., Apr. 7<sup>th</sup>. 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 can be brought back filled with your donation on Palm Sunday. Thank you.

**St. Mary Hot Meals Program** is in need of a Microwave...

If you have a slightly used microwave that you no longer need, the Hot Meals Program will take it off your hands ~ Please call Annie at the Parish Office 323-5539.

Natural Family Planning – Learn a method of family planning that is marriage building, effective and morally acceptable. Great for achieving or postponing pregnancy. The next series of NFP Classes will begin Monday, April 14<sup>th</sup> at University Hospitals Westlake Medical Building. Register online @ [www.ccli.org](http://www.ccli.org).

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