Sick Calls – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

Weddings – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany.

Baptisms – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. The next class will be on Sunday, April 6th at Our Lady of Lourdes Parish at 12:30 PM. Reservations are needed; please call 216-641-2829 for information or to make your reservation.

Godparent and Sponsor Certificate – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register as adults.

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on March 16, 2014 at 12:45 pm. This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or online at www.jrhcleve@att.net.
My Dear Parishioners,

I look forward to making this Lenten journey with you. I hope that all of us will participate in the opportunities that are available to us.

On Wednesday, March 12th all Catholic Churches will be open to hear confessions from 5 to 8 PM. In addition to coming to confession yourself, prayerfully consider inviting someone who does not practice the Catholic Faith to come with you.

There is also an opportunity to attend our Lenten Series which will take an in depth look at the Days of Holy Week. This series will be offered on Wednesday – March 12th and 19th and April 2nd & 9th from 6:30 PM to 8 PM in the rectory.

Next weekend, March 15th & 16th, we are invited to bring canned goods and paper products to the table set up at St. Joseph’s altar. Just as St. Joseph provided for the needs of the Holy Family, we too are called to provide for the needs of the poor.

You still have the opportunity to participate in Operation Rice Bowl this Lenten Season. Rice bowls are still available and are near the entrance doors of the church.

Little Black Books are also still available in church.

May we continue to open ourselves to participation in the Lenten journey.

Prayers & Good Wishes,
Father Jasany

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers for March 5th thru March 18th

Loretta Delagarza & Gloria Seneff

Readings for the Week of March 9th

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7/Rom 5:12-19 or 5:12, 17-19/Mt 4:1-11
Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Mt 25:31-46
Tuesday: Is 55:10-11/Mt 6:7-15
Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10/Lk 11:29-32
Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Mt 7:7-12
Friday: Ez 18:21-28/Mt 5:20-26
Saturday: Dt 26:16-19/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sunday: Gn 12:1-4a/Tm 1:8b-10/Mt 17:1-9

Sunday, March 9th
Holy Name Society – Mass at 9 AM with meeting to follow

World Apostolate of Fatima Holy Hour at 12:30 PM in church. Benediction, Rosary and Chaplet of Mercy. Everyone is invited to attend the holy hour.

Today is the 128th Annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this mission helps build the Church in African-American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast, including our Diocese. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

Monday, March 10th
PSR Classes 6:30 – 8 PM

Tuesday, March 11th
Rosary before 8:30 AM Mass at 8 AM
Stewardship Meeting 7 PM

Wednesday, March 12th
Confessions 5-8 PM in church
Zumba Class 6:30 PM School Hall
Choir 7 PM
Lenten Series - An In Depth Look at Palm Sunday from 6:30 – 8 PM at the rectory
Thursday, March 13th
Rosary at 8 AM followed by Mass
Please Note – The Fundraising Meeting has been moved to Thursday, March 20th

Friday, March 14th
Rosary at 8 AM followed by Mass
Stations of the Cross after 8:30 AM Mass
Holy Name Church Fish Fry – 11:30 AM – 7:30 pm. Dine In or Take Out. Take Out orders available by calling 216-271-9002 Fish, Shrimp, Pierogi & Pasta Dinners available. Fish Sandwich & Side dishes too.
Today is a day of Abstinence from meat & meat products for those 14 years & older.

Saturday, March 15th
St. Joseph’s Table – Your donations may be placed on the table in front of St. Joseph’s altar.
Mound Caring Community Meeting
4-8 PM at the Boys & Girls Club on Broadway

Sunday, March 16th
St. Joseph’s Table – Your donations may be placed on the table in front of St. Joseph’s altar.
Altar & Rosary Society Meeting
12:30 PM in the parish hall. Any woman interested in joining the Altar Society is invited to attend this meeting. There is an information sheet in this week’s bulletin from the Society.
Support for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe – Your support for this collection strengthens the Church through grants that give pastoral care, affordable shelter and a cultural & spiritual education to those in need. Envelopes for this collection are in your monthly envelope packet.

In today’s Gospel reading we listen to the confrontation between Jesus and the devil, who thought he might tempt Jesus to forget who he was and commit a grievous sin when he was most vulnerable. Jesus had just spent 40 days and nights out in the desert, alone, away from civilization. He was hungry, thirsty and tired. If there ever was a time to tempt Jesus, that was it.

Temptations to sin come at us every day, from many directions and in many different forms. When the temptation to sin tries to overcome us, how do we react?

Do we consciously remind ourselves that we are followers of Christ? Is there a time this week when you have needed to confront a temptation to sin? What lessons did you take away from the experience?

Operation Rice Bowl – This week, Catholic Relief Services invites us to enter into solidarity with the people of Haiti. We are encouraged to reflect on the Catholic social teaching principle, Call to Family, Community and Participation, and reminded that, as social beings, we are called to seek God together. Let us pray this week for our brothers and sisters in Haiti and all around the world, that our families and communities may be strengthened and blessed.

Thanks to everyone’s recycling efforts we received $49.95 in February from River Valley Paper for our recycling efforts! We recycled 4,430 lbs of paper and saved 37.66 trees & 7.31 cubic yards of Landfill space.
Karen’s Corner

Did you know that for most people it is difficult to pray regularly? We become over-busy, we are tired, there are too many demands on our time and these are just a few reasons people find it difficult to pray regularly. But prayer needs to be a regular part of our life, just like meals are. We need to block out that time and keep to it in order to develop a deep prayer life and an even deeper relationship with Our Lord.

This season of Lent would be a good time to develop a routine for our prayer. I know every morning and evening I have blocked out at least 15 minutes to read a Scripture passage, or spiritual book and meditate upon it. Then I take time to write out my meditations in a journal. Writing helps me develop my prayer and meditation.

But I also take time to sit quietly and LISTEN. This is where many of us have the hardest time! What am I listening for? How do I know it is God prompting that thought? What if I don’t “hear” anything? Prayer has a natural ebb and flow to it. Sometimes we feel like we are walking on water and sometimes we sink like a stone! Sometimes we deeply feel God’s love and sometimes we feel abandoned. Sometimes we are bored and distracted. Prayer takes a lot of work and a lot of practice! If you want to become skilled at a sport, or playing a musical instrument, you have to spend time daily practicing! Otherwise nothing will happen. We will not develop that catching ability, kicking ability, or the ability to play a song smoothly and lyrically. Practice, practice, practice is what we are told when developing a new skill. It is the same with prayer.

Our early prayer lives will have feelings of distraction and boredom at times, but as our skill in praying develops more naturally we will be rewarded with a deeper relationship with God. We will develop the discernment that helps us to know if the thoughts we have are of God or not; we will come to know the Shepherd intimately.

Part of the problem with the culture today is that so many people do not believe that God is involved in their lives on this personal level. God is “out there” and doesn’t have time to be personally involved with just me! But that isn’t true! God wants a personal relationship with us! God wants to be close to us, but God won’t force Himself upon us. It must be our choice! If we pray faithfully day after day, year after year a bond and an intimacy will be growing under the surface: a deep, growing bond with our God.

This Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30, I will host an “In depth look at Palm Sunday”. What really happened that day? I am using Pope Benedict XVI’s book “Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week” for this discussion.

See you soon! Karen

Please remember these individuals, who have been called to the priesthood in your daily prayers.

Sunday, March 9th – Bishop A. Edward Pevec
Monday, March 10th – Anthony Gomez
   St. Mary’s Seminary
Tuesday, March 11th – Andrew Gonzalez
   St. Mary’s Seminary
Wednesday, March 12th – Rev. Mr. Scott Goodfellow
   St. Mary Seminary
Thursday, March 13th – James Hawkins
   Borromeo Seminary
Friday, March 14th – Francisco Honorato
   St. Mary Seminary
Saturday, March 15th – Andrew Hoover
   St. Mary Seminary
Sunday, March 20th – Bishop David Walkowiak
For those who are sick and those who care for them, may they receive comfort and strength through our prayers, remembering especially Agnes Bartoszek, Mary Ann Betliskey, Joann Burke, Noell a Burrows, Corrine Dawe, Larry Dooley, Jose Dybzinski, Debbie Haltuch, Rose Hensley, Kristin Hill, Dolores Jastrzebski, Madeline Koston, Milton Kostyack, Cindi Magyar, Linda Rivera, Albina Selva, Virginia Turowski, Wendy Wexler and Dolores Witovicz.

For the safety of the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.

May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven, remember especially Betty Wyderka, Father George Jaskulski, and Chester Ryba-Uncle of Father Jasany, whose funerals were last week.

You’re invited to join Fr. Dan Schlegel, pastor of Holy Angels in Bainbridge Township for a pilgrimage to Greece and Turkey in the footsteps of St. Paul from October 14-26, 2014. They will visit Istanbul, Troy, Ephesus and spend five days on a cruise to the Greek islands of Rhodes, Patmos, Santorini and Corinth. For more information contact Fr. Dan at father@holyangelschurch.com or go to the parish website at www.holyangelschurch.com to download a brochure.

Please note the following information which may impact parishioners coming to church the weekend of March 14th thru March 17th.

Weather permitting, crews will close all lanes of I-77 in both directions between I-480 and Ohio 21 on Friday, March 14th at 7 PM to set up the first phase of traffic rerouting. The section will stay closed until Monday, March 17th at 6 am.

Motorists will be rerouted onto Ohio 176 and I-490. Traffic leaving downtown Cleveland on I-77 South will be detoured onto I-490 West and then to Ohio 176 South.

Also, on March 14th, two ramps will close at 7 pm and stay closed until early November. They are the I-77 ramp southbound to I-480 West and the I-480 eastbound ramp to I-77 North. Motorists on I-77 South will be detoured onto I-490 West to Ohio 176 South to I-480 West. I-480 East vehicles will be detoured by way of Ohio 176 North to I-490 East to I-77.

Further information concerning this closure may be found at: http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2014/02/9nterstate_77_section_closing.html

Summer programs for children and adults with disabilities…Did you know that our Diocese offers summer programs for those with disabilities? There are many options! The summer programs offer respite and provide life-enhancing activities for children and adults in a Catholic setting. For more information contact Dennis McNulty at 216-334-2962 or dmcnulty@clevelandcatholiccharities.org