Dear Parishioners,

Allelulia! Happy Easter! Christ is truly raised and is present in our community of believers. The attendance at our Holy Week services was wonderful. I would like to express my thanks to the many people who came to worship during these Sacred Days.

My thanks also to everyone who worked on our Holy Week and Easter Services. Our parish staff, all liturgical ministers and volunteers gave of their time and talent to make our Easter services solemn and beautiful.

In addition, I am grateful for your financial support of our parish during the Easter Season and throughout the year.

St. Paul tells us the Body of Christ is not in the tomb...All of us form together the Body of Christ as we witness through the gifts of prayer, time, talent, sacrifice and generosity.

All these events and the people who participated in these events inspire me.

May Christ, Our Risen Lord continue to be made visible through people like you, who form the Body of Christ.

Gratefully in Christ,
Father Jasany

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Stewardship of Treasure

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Thank you for your generosity during the Easter Season and support to our parish throughout the year!
**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, June 1** at St. John Nepomucene Parish at 12:30 PM.

Reservations are needed; please call 216-641-8444 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 May 18, 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

**Readings for the Week of April 27th**
- **Sunday**: Acts 2:42-47/1 Pt 1:3-9/Jn 20:19-31
- **Monday**: Acts 4:23-31/Jn 3:1-8
- **Tuesday**: Acts 4:32-37/Jn 3:7b-15
- **Wednesday**: Acts 5:17-26/Jn 3:16-21
  Mt 13:54-58
- **Friday**: Acts 5:34-42/Jn 6:1-15
- **Saturday**: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Jn 14:6-14
- **Next Sunday**: Acts 2:14, 22-33/
  1 Pt 1:17-21/Lk 24:13-35

**Sunday, April 27th**
The Divine Mercy Chaplet will be prayed a half-hour before the 9 AM and 11 AM Masses  

$1000 Raffle Drawing after the 11 AM Mass in the school lobby. If you are interested in purchasing a ticket, please stop over after mass.

**St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting** at 10 AM at the rectory

**The Catholic Home Missions Appeal** helps strengthen the Catholic Church at home. Contributions given to the Catholic Home Missions Appeal helps Catholic communities across America survive & thrive. Envelopes have been provided in your monthly envelope packet for this collection.

Please remember in your prayers our PSR Students who will be making their First Holy Communion at our 11 AM Mass.

Faith Antus, Alan Bartoszek, Isabella Garcia and Emily Richardson

Congratulations and God’s Blessing on them and their families.
Monday, April 28th
Website Demo Meeting – 7 PM rectory

Wednesday, April 30th
Rosary Making – 10 AM to Noon at the rectory.
Zumba 7 PM
Choir Practice 7 PM
East 50th Street Block Club Meeting
6:30 PM at the rectory

Friday, May 2nd
First Friday
First Friday Avila Holy Hour 7:30 AM
We are all invited to pray for new vocations and for perseverance for all those who serve the church. One Hour – No Dues, No Meetings, Just Prayer!

Saturday, May 3rd
First Saturday Devotions 3:15 PM

Sunday, May 4th
Marian Devotions at 12 Noon in church – Everyone is invited to join in praise to Mary, Mother of God.

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, Joanne Burke, Noella Burrows, Corrine Dawe, Larry Dooley, Joe Dybzinski, Debbie Haltuch, Rose Hensley, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Dolores Jasztrebski, Joseph Kocab, Madeline Koston, Milton Kostyack, Cindy Magyar, Harold Nisker, Terry Poltorek, Linda Rivera, 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, remembering especially Carl Sobolewski, whose funeral was last week.

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

Sunday, April 27th – Bishop Martin Amos
Monday, April 28th – Daniel Samide
St. Mary Seminary
Tuesday, April 29th – Richard Samide
St. Mary Seminary
Wednesday, April 30th – Gregory Savel
Borromeo Seminary
Thursday, May 1st – Patrick Schultz
St. Mary Seminary
Friday, May 2nd – Ben Schweigert
Borromeo Seminary
Saturday, May 3rd – Anthony Simone
St. Mary Seminary
Sunday, May 4th – Bishop A. Edward Pevec

We would like to thank Kathy Bartoszek, the Fundraising Committee and the volunteers for sponsoring the Easter Breakfast. In addition, everyone who attended the Breakfast, Thank you! The proceeds will go to help those in need in our parish and surrounding community. May God Bless You All!

St. Vincent DePaul Society
Karen's Corner

Did you know that Christians replaced the Sabbath with Sunday because Jesus rose from the dead on a Sunday? St. Jerome said, “If pagans call it the ‘day of the sun’ we willingly agree, for today the light of the world is raised, today is revealed the Son of Justice with healing in His rays!”

Christians from the earliest times have gathered together on Sunday to celebrate and thank their Redeemer and to reunite themselves with him and with others who are redeemed. It is a central duty of every conscientious Catholic Christian to keep holy Sunday. The best way, of course, is to participate in the Liturgical celebration where we remember the death and resurrection of our Lord in the Eucharist. Remember, we share the disciples’ faith that Jesus is risen. It is a central belief of our faith! Because of the resurrection, both life and death have meaning! The power of sin and evil was broken for all time. I love what 1 Corinthians 15:22 says: “For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life.” How wonderful, awesome and loving is this statement!

On the evening of His resurrection Jesus appeared to His Apostles and the first thing that He did was to give them the power to forgive sins (John 20:19-31). This is done through the power of the Holy Spirit. It was not the Lord’s intention just for the Apostles to forgive sins but rather for that power to be passed down through the Holy Spirit to the priests of today. That is why Confession is so much of an uplifting experience; we are actually receiving heavenly graces and the forgiveness of sins from the Lord Himself!

Many fallen-away Catholics will soon be returning to the practice of their faith.

The reason: the Church’s new feast on the Sunday after Easter. What new feast you might say? It is the “Feast of Divine Mercy”. The Catholic Church has been celebrating this feast ever since the Vatican had made it official on April 30th in the Jubilee year 2000. Why would every Catholic want to come back, you might ask? It is the promise that Jesus Himself made for a complete forgiveness of all sins and punishment on that day, even to the most terrible sinner imaginable. God in His great mercy is giving mankind a last chance for salvation. When did Jesus make this promise and how does one get it? Jesus left all the details in a diary that He commanded Saint Faustina to write in the 1930’s. It was her job to record everything that He wanted mankind to know about His mercy before He returns to judge the world. To get this great promise one has to go to Confession and then receive Holy Communion on the Feast of Divine Mercy, which has now been called Divine Mercy Sunday throughout the whole Church. Jesus said, “Whoever approaches the Fountain of Life on this day will be granted complete forgiveness of sins and punishment.” (Diary, 300) So on this Divine Mercy Sunday, remember that you are loved and that there is no sin that is unforgivable (unless you won’t repent of it!). Continue to have a Blessed Easter Season!

See you soon!
Karen
STEWARDSHIP

In today's first reading, the four activities of the earliest church are introduced to us as priorities of the church: devotion to the teachings of the apostles, communal fellowship, the Eucharist and prayer. The early members of the church saw themselves as devoted stewards of these activities. These were not options. They were the fruits of a genuine conversion to a life in Christ. Sharing in the Eucharist was the most intimate expression of fellowship, while the most common expression of fellowship in the New Testament was that of sharing financial resources – giving. It was not a perfect community, but one that gave evidence of God’s active presence in its midst. This early community offers us an excellent example of how to better exercise stewardship in our own parish families.

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
April 30th – May 13th

Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec

Congratulations to Timothy Johnson, Senior and Tyler Bias, Junior, who have made the Honor Roll at Benedictine High School

We welcome to our Parish Community Lauren Taylor Kingsmill, Daughter of Charles & Constance who received the Sacraments at our Easter Vigil

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

There are five (5) vacancies to be filled on our Pastoral Council. Please consider if you or someone you know would be able to serve the parish on our council. Meetings are held monthly. Council does not have meetings in June, July or August. To be eligible for membership, you must be at least 18 years of age and a registered parishioner. Please consider giving of your time and talent. If you would like more information or to submit your name for nomination, contact Sue McDonough at 216-271-5347 or 216-973-1956 or the rectory at 216-641-8444 or sjnpkowalski@st-john-nepomucene.org.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

The Kiwanis Club of Southeast Cleveland “All You Can Eat” Pancake Breakfast at Holy Name Church Haren Hall; 8328 Broadway Avenue. Serving from 9 am to 1 pm. Pancakes & French Toast with assorted toppings, Sausage, Coffee, Tea and Orange Juice. Cost - $7.00/Adults & $4.00 for children 5-12 years old. Children 4 years and under are Free. Proceeds benefit area organizations serving our youth.

“Spring Chicken” Family Dinner – sponsored by our Holy Name Society the “Eight Buck Cluck” will be held in our hall on Sunday, May 18th from Noon until 2 PM. Chicken, Sides, Salad, Roll, Desserts and Beverage. $8.00 Adults (two chicken quarters) $6.00 Under 12 & Seniors (one chicken quarter) Advance Reservations requested by May 12th – Limited Tickets at the door. Please contact Ted Grabowski at 216-397-9467 or email at Ted.Grabowski@sbcglobal.net

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