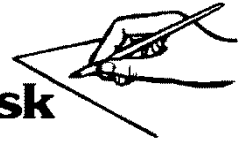




From the Pastor's Desk



Dear Parishioners,

Today at Noon, we will celebrate our Annual Marian Devotion in our parish church after the 11 AM Mass. The Statue of Our Blessed Mother will be crowned. People will have an opportunity to bring a flower to Mary. The rosary will be prayed.

Please take this opportunity to gather as a community with your family and friends to honor, Mary Mother of God. We are grateful for the many sacrifices, which she has made, on our behalf.

Gratefully in Christ,
Father Jasany

Readings for the Week of May 4th

Sunday: Acts 2:14, 22-33/1 Pt 1:17-21
/Lk 24:13-35
Monday: Acts 6:8-15/Jn 6:22-29
Tuesday: Acts 7:51--8:1a/Jn 6:30-35
Wednesday: Acts 8:1b-8/Jn 6:35-40
Thursday: Acts 8:26-40/Jn 6:44-51
Friday: Acts 9:1-20/Jn 6:52-59
Saturday: Acts 9:31-42/Jn 6:60-69
Next Sunday: Acts 2:14a, 36-41/1
Pt 2:20b-25/Jn 10:1-10

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
April 30th – May 13th

Kathy Bondzio & Patty Kowalec

Sunday, May 4th

9:00 am Megan Wagner
1st Anniversary

11:00 am Wilma Vitigoj

Monday, May 5th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, May 6th

8:30 am Donald Hill

Wednesday, May 7th

No Morning Mass

Thursday, May 8th

8:30 am John Papushak

Friday, May 9th

8:30 am Rev. Richard A. Holahan, OMI

Saturday, May 10th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, May 11th

9:00 am Marian Dobransky

11:00 am Helen & Lou Lanzola
& Jean Jaskolka

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, April 27th	\$2637.01
Easter- Additional	802.00
Easter Vigil - Additional	75.00
Praise the Roof	209.00
Catholic Home Missions	167.00

God bless you for your generosity and support of our parish!

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 1st 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.

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

Sunday, May 4th
Marian Devotions at 12 Noon

Monday, May 5th
Website Demo Meeting – 7 PM rectory

Tuesday, May 6th
Finance Council Meeting 7 PM

Wednesday, May 7th
Liga Morska Meeting 11 AM at Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall.
Rosary Making – 10 AM at the rectory.
Adult Education– 6:30 PM “Nine Words”
Zumba 7 PM
Choir Practice 7 PM

Saturday, May 10th
Market Day Pickup 10:30-11:30 AM

Sunday, May 11th
Holy Name Sunday
Mass at 9 AM
No Meeting



A Mother's Day Prayer

Loving God,
You wrap your arms around your people and show your everlasting love in the same way a mother loves her children. We are grateful for the love you have taught us through the mothers in our lives; Our own mother who brought us into this world, the mothers of friends who have welcomed us into their homes and families, Our grandmothers who took time for us, and the mothers who have helped us even though we were not their children. Bless all the mothers of this world today. May they know the fullness of the love they have shared and be blessed every day of their lives. Amen.



May the sick and their caregivers be comforted through their faith in the Resurrected Lord, remembering especially Agnes Bartoszek, Mary Ann Betliskey, Joanne Burke, Noella Burrows,

Corrine Dawe, Larry Dooley, Jose Dybzinski, Rose Hensley, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Dolores Jastrzebski, Joseph Kocab, Madeline Koston, Milton Kostyack, Cindi Magyar, Harold Nisker, Terry Poltorek, Linda Rivera, Andrew Turowski, 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.

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

Sunday, May 4th – Bishop A. Edward Pevec

Monday, May 5th – David Smith Jr.

St. Mary Seminary

Tuesday, May 6th – Joshua Soldat

Wednesday, May 7th – Alexander Spenik

Borromeo Seminary

Thursday, May 8th – David Stavarz

Friday, May 9th – Robert Ramser

St. Mary Seminary

Saturday, May 10th – Michael Bedell

Borromeo Seminary

Sunday, May 11th – Bishop Roger W. Gries

Also, please pray for the Sisters of Charity of Seton Hill (SC)

† STEWARDSHIP ☒

God will give back to us. The lad who gave his loaves and fishes did not have to go without his dinner.

As today's gospel reveals, the first meal shared with the Risen Lord happened in a place called Emmaus. Perhaps there is no better time to reflect on this story than in those prayerful moments at Mass when we return to our place after receiving Holy Communion. Those few moments give us an opportunity to reflect on our stewardship of Christ's presence within us. We have a chance to practice hospitality by inviting Jesus into our hearts to walk and talk with us about our own Emmaus journey. We can relive once again the time when he broke bread for the disciples. And just as they did, we too can recognize Christ in this meal we have just shared with others.

Cardinal Dziwisz of Krakow, who has been the personal secretary of St. John Paul II for forty years, will be visiting Cleveland on Thursday, May 15th. He will offer Mass at 6 PM at the Shrine Church of St. Stanislaus and present the parish with a first class relic of the new saint, which will be available for veneration afterward. Following Mass, he will receive the Parish's Four Eagle's Award at a banquet being held in his honor. All events are open to the public! Please call St. Stanislaus parish office at 216-341-9091 for tickets and more information.

Karen's Corner

Did you know that in the gospels there are many admirable qualities, principles and attributes that we can learn? Here are six that will serve as a solid foundation for followers of Jesus to begin to build their lives around in order to spread the word of God (evangelize).

First, see God in everything. John Baptiste de La Salle believed that God is everywhere and in all people and that our response to that life is our prayer back to God. God is all around us, in nature, in music, books, and movies. God can and will speak to us if we but listen.

Second, trust in God always. Mother Theresa knew that trusting God and living out her faith were one and the same. She would say, "Yesterday is gone. Tomorrow has not yet come. We have only today. Let us begin." Even when things look their bleakest, God is always there to take care of us.

Third, stand up for the poor and vulnerable. St. Elizabeth Ann Seton believed that the outcast, the weak those who are put down and those forced to the lower rungs of the social ladder are included in the poor and vulnerable. She is the patron saint of Catholic schools and the first American born saint. We need to reach out to our neighbors who need help, even if it is just a kind word.

Fourth, be courageous. St. Katharine Drexel was the daughter of a wealthy banker and decided to give it all up to become a missionary to the Native Americans and African Americans in 1889. But her courageous decision helped to provide education, needed

service and dignity to people experiencing the most discrimination in America.

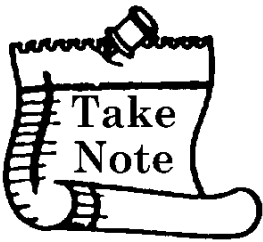
I have no problems explaining to people why the Catholic Church believes certain things, even if it means I will lose a friend. The message of the Church needs to be shared courageously by all of us.

Fifth, serve humbly. We should never expect to be recognized for doing God's work. We do it, because we are called to it. St. Francis of Assisi turned his back on the "popular" life to fully embrace the message of the gospel. His turn toward humility proved to be a beacon of light for others. Lastly, share the faith. We must evangelize. Does that mean preaching to others by standing on a street corner? No! We are called to share the love of Jesus Christ with others and to explain what is important to us about our Catholic faith with others. Blessed Junipero Serra was a convincing evangelizer. He baptized nearly 6,000 people during his lifetime by promoting the gospel message as well as the dignity of the people he came to serve. 2 Timothy 4:2-5 says: Proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient; convince, reprimand, encourage through all patience and teaching. For the time will come when people will not tolerate sound doctrine but, following their own desires and insatiable curiosity, will accumulate teachers and will stop listening to the truth and will be diverted to myths. But you, be self-possessed in all circumstance; put up with hardship, perform the work of an evangelist; fulfill your ministry.

See you soon!
Karen

PASTORAL COUNCIL NEWS

There are five (5) vacancies to be filled on our Pastoral Council. Please consider serving 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. If you would like more information or to submit your name for nomination, contact Sue McDonough at 216-271-5347 or the rectory at 216-641-8444 or sjnpkowalski@st-john-nepomucene.org.



One of our parishioners is going to be travelling to the Holy Land in May. She is willing to transport any small religious items (medal,

rosary, etc) that you would like to have blessed at the holy site in Bethlehem or Jerusalem. Please place your item and your name and phone number in a ziplock bag. You may bring your items to the rectory office by Friday, May 16th.

Congratulations to the Winners
of April's \$1000 Raffle!!!!

\$1000 Winner – Barb Lazor
\$100 Ticket Seller – Judy Selva

\$10. Consolation Winners – Toni Suchy,
Judy Selva, Elizabeth Sundstrum and
Dee Ruth (twice)

Our May Raffle will be held Sunday,
May 25th. Please call the rectory if you are
interested in receiving a monthly \$5.00
book of tickets.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!!!

“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



The Catholic Diocese of Cleve will be having their 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass on Sunday, July 27th at 2:30 PM. Any couple married for 50th years (1964) is invited to attend this mass. The Most Reverend Bishop Richard G. Lennon will be the celebrant. Please contact the rectory office at 216-641-8444 by Monday, June 16th so that the necessary form may be submitted to the Diocese and your name may be included in the 50th Wedding Anniversary Celebration Booklet. Couples celebrating other significant anniversaries (55 or over) or who have missed previous celebrations are also welcome to register and attend. Seating at the cathedral is limited and the number of guests shall be determined by the seating capacity and total number who have registered.

Praise the Roof Fund

Praise the Roof Memorials & Gifts

Balance as of April 1 st	\$19,175.13
Less:	
4/6 Praise the Roof Env.	-365.00
4/13 Praise the Roof Env.	-167.00
4/20 Praise the Roof Env.	- 93.00
4/27 Praise the Roof Env.	-209.00
April Memorials	-260.00
April Gifts	- 50.00
Rooted In Faith Distribution	-2845.00
Sacred Heart Parish Dist.	- <u>1735.14</u>
BALANCE REMAINING	\$13450.99
AS OF APRIL 30, 2014	

- In Memory of Charles & Mary Hronek
from Joseph Kocab
- In Loving Memory of Margaret Hirsch
from Betty Clark
- In Honor of Estelle Pupkiewicz,
100th Birthday from her daughter, Lois
- In Loving Memory of Bob Hayzaik
from Betty Clark
- In Loving Memory of Violet Soukup
from Ronnie & Carol Bellomy
- In Loving Memory of George Smith
from Ronnie & Carol Bellomy
- In Loving Memory of Robert Zelenka
from Betty Clark
- In Loving Memory of David Haurila,
Cousin of Sue Vavrek
from Ronnie & Carol Bellomy
- In Loving Memory of Albina Selva
from Joseph Kocab
- In Loving Memory of the
Deceased Members of the Sever Family
from Carol Span
- A Gift from the St. Johns Mens Club
- In Loving Memory of William & Vi Soukup
from Betty Clark
- In Loving Memory of
Grace, Charles, Helen & John Voland from
Charles Voland Sr. & The Ceculski Family

On the evening of May 15th from 6:30–8 pm, you are invited to join in at the rectory to view “The Encounter”, a thought-provoking and faith-filled movie. Five strangers find themselves marooned in a deserted roadside diner where they come face to face with a diner owner who serves them more than temporal nourishment. This film is an intriguing way to enrich your understanding of our Catholic Christian faith. Please contact Pauline at sjnpkowski@st-john-nepomucene.org or 216-641-8444 to reserve your seat.

St. John’s Chinese Auction is right around the corner! Our Chinese Auction will be held on Saturday, June 7th in our parish hall. Come to the Auction and take a chance at great prizes and good food. Watch the bulletin for more information in upcoming weeks for more information.