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 July 27, 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
Dear Parishioners,

I would like to share this story with you.

BANK ACCOUNT

A 92 year old, petite, well-poised and proud man, who is fully dressed each morning by 8 am, with his hair fashionably combed and shaved perfectly, even though he is legally blind, moved to a nursing home today. His wife of 70 years recently passed away, making the move necessary. After many hours of waiting patiently in the lobby of the nursing home, he smiled sweetly when told his room was ready. As he maneuvered his walker to the elevator, he was provided a visual description of his tiny room, including the eyelet sheets that had been hung on his window.

“I love it,” he stated with the enthusiasm of an eight-year-old having just been presented with a new puppy.

“Mr. Jones, you haven’t see the room yet, just wait.”

“That doesn’t have anything to do with it” he replied. “Happiness is something you decide on ahead of time. Whether I like my room or not doesn’t depend on how the furniture is arranged…it’s how I arrange my mind. I already decided to love it. It’s a decision I make every morning when I wake up. I have a choice. I can spend the day in bed recounting the difficulty I have with the parts of my body that no longer work, or get out of bed and be thankful for the ones that do. Each day is a gift, as long as my eyes open, I’ll focus on the new day and all the happy memories I’ve stored away…Just for this time in my life”

Old age is like a bank account. You withdraw from it what you’ve put in. So, my advice to you would be to deposit a lot of happiness in the bank account of memories!

Thank you for your part in filling my Memory Bank. I am still depositing.

Remember the five simple rules to be happy:
1. Free your heart from hatred.
2. Free your mind from worries.
3. Live simply.
4. Give more.
5. Expect less.

Prayer & Best Wishes!
Father Jasany

Sunday, May 18th
May is Poppy Month.
Volunteers from The American Legion Auxiliary, Teddy M. Zeija Unit 627 in Newburgh Hts. will be distributing poppies after our Masses this weekend. All donations are used exclusively for the veterans at Wade Park Veterans Hospital. Please consider making a donation for our Veterans.

Holy Name Society “Eight Buck Cluck” Family Dinner sponsored by our Holy Name Society Serving 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.) A limited amount of tickets are available at the door.
**Tuesday, May 20th**  
Pastoral Council  7 PM  Rectory

**Wednesday, May 21st**  
Rosary Making – 10 AM at the rectory.  
Golden Agers Meeting at the Senior Center in Newburgh Hts at 11:30 AM  
**Adult Education**– 6:30 PM “Nine Words”  
**Zumba**  7 PM  
**Choir Practice**  7 PM

**Sunday, May 25th**  
**St. Vincent DePaul Society Meeting**  
10 AM at the rectory  
**$1000 Raffle** after the 11 AM Mass.  
Please make sure your tickets have been turned in for today’s drawing. Anyone who would like to buy tickets to today’s drawing may stop in the school lobby after mass to purchase them.

May the sick and their caregivers be comforted through their faith in the Resurrected Lord, remembering especially  
Agnes Bartoszek,  
Mary Ann Betliskey,  
Noella Burrows,  
Corrine Dawe, Jose Dybzinski,  
Rose Hensley, Kristin Hill,  
Frances Holeczek, Dolores Jastrzebski,  
Joseph Kocab, Milton Kostyack,  
Cindi Magyar, Harold Nisker,  
Terry Poltorek, Linda Rivera,  
Andrew Turowski, Virginia Turowski,  
Wendy Wexler and Dolores Witovicz.

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

Sunday, May 18th– We Pray for All New Priests  
Monday, May 19th – Joshua Arbogast  
**Borromeo Seminary**  
Tuesday, May 20th – Nicholas Atkins  
**Borromeo Seminary**  
Wednesday, May 21st – Peter Soohyun Bang  
**St. Mary Seminary**  
Thursday, May 22nd – Peter Morris  
**St. Mary Seminary**  
Friday, May 23rd – Jeffrey Barnish  
**St. Mary Seminary**  
Saturday, May 24th – Gregory Boldin  
**Borromeo Seminary**  
Sunday, May 25th – We Pray for all Retired Priests  
Also, please pray for the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer (SDR)

**Readings for the Week of May 18th**

Monday: Acts 14:5-18/Jn 14:21-26  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Jn 14:27-31a  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Jn 15:18-21  
Next Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/ 1 Pt 3:15-18 or 1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 14:15-21 or Jn 17:1-11a

**Sanctuary Guild Volunteers**  
May 14th – May 27th  
Barbara Nieszczur, Andrea Powers & Toni Suchy
The Catholic Diocese of Cleveland 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.

St. John’s Altar & Rosary Society is sponsoring a Bake Sale with a Lottery Raffle and Split Raffle after all Masses on Saturday, May 31st and Sunday, June 1st. Members are reminded to please send in lottery tickets for the Lottery Raffle as soon as possible. If you are unable to purchase lottery tickets, a donation for tickets can be sent in and we will purchase them for you. Please mark the envelope for lottery raffle. Please drop them off at the rectory or include them in the collection basket at Mass to the Attention – Altar Society. To make this a successful fundraiser, Members we need your bakery. Anyone else who would like to bake is invited to do so. Your bakery will be greatly appreciated. BAKERY MAY BE DROPPED OFF AFTER 3 pm ON SATURDAY, AND AFTER 9 am MASS ON SUNDAY.

Thank You!

The Cleveland Foundation celebrates it’s centennial - May 24th will be the first FREE Saturday for the Cleveland Botanical Garden, Cleveland Museum of Natural History the Western Reserve Historical Society and the Cleveland Museum of Art. University Circle Inc. will provide free shuttle service from 9:30 am-5:30 pm among the four institutions and to/from both Louis Stokes VA Medical Center garages, which will be free to Cleveland Foundation Day visitors. For more details visit http://www.clevelandfoundation.org/news_items/wade-oval/
Karen's Corner

Did you know that the Church has always given people the Bible in their native tongue? At first, the Bible was in Greek because that was the universal language in the area where Christ ministered. Afterward, as Greek gave way to Latin, the Church published St. Jerome’s famous translation known as “The Vulgate”. The Latin word “vulgus” means “common man”. For hundreds of years in the West, anyone who could read, could read in Latin. There was no need to translate the Bible into other languages. But as more and more people became literate in their native tongue, meaning more and more people could read, the Church began to translate the Bible into the vernacular of the people.

When Gutenberg invented the printing press, it made it easier for people to own and read the Bible. But even before that there were copies already in English, Spanish, Italian, Danish, French, Polish, Bohemian and Hungarian!

The Catholic version of the Bible has 73 books, as opposed to Protestant Bibles that only contain 66 books. The Protestants claim that Catholics added 7 books to the canon of the Bible, but history shows us that Protestants took these 7 books away from their canon. The 7 books are called “The Apocrypha” which means secondary canon.

St. Jerome rejected the deuterocanonical books when he was translating the Bible into Latin circa 450. This was because no Hebrew version of these texts could be found, even though they were present in the Greek Old Testament (the Septuagint). However, they eventually were accepted by the Church, and most of them remained part of the Bible.

The Roman Catholic Council of Trent declared in 1546 that the deuterocanonical books were indeed divine. There was a time when Catholics were not encouraged to read the Bible because the fear was it would be interpreted incorrectly. But reading Scripture is strongly encouraged today. There are footnotes to help explain certain verses, and each book of the Bible has an introduction to help you understand what you are reading. Also, there are three things to keep in mind when you read the Bible.

First, remember that the whole Bible hangs together in a story of love and salvation.

Second, we need to read the Bible in the context of the Church’s living traditions; the witness of the saints and the prayers of the liturgy.

Lastly, we need to understand that the Bible does not contradict Catholic doctrine, in fact the dogmas and creeds help to explain and summarize all that is in the Scriptures!

There are many versions of the Bible but my personal favorites are “The Catholic Study Bible” and “The Catholic Youth Bible”. If you haven’t been reading Scripture, start with the gospel of Luke, and then move on the Paul’s letter to the Romans.

See you soon! Karen

The Samaritan Ministry of St. Malachi Parish will offer a free one-day Addiction Awareness Workshop in St. Malachi Center, West 25th & Detroit in Cleveland on Saturday, June 14th from 9 am to 4 pm. PB&J sandwiches and beverages will be provided. To register or for more information contact Judy Stowe at 440-250-9958 or judystowe@gmail.com.