Sunday, May 25th
9:00 am  Mildred Pytel
11:00 am  Charles Onder

Monday, May 26th
No Morning Mass

Tuesday, May 27th
8:30 am  Living & Deceased Members of Ceska Sin Karlin

Wednesday, May 28th
No Morning Mass

Thursday, May 29th
8:30 am  Earl & Veronica Lindsey and Jeannine Dunn

Friday, May 30th
8:30 am  Living & Deceased Czech Catholics

Saturday, May 31st
4:00 pm  St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, June 1st
9:00 am  Louise & Frank Kopchak
11:00 am  In Appreciation of Theresa Badowski and Carl Badowski (Deceased)

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

Stewardship of Treasure
Sunday, May 18th  $2521.00
Newman Campus  46.00
Praise the Roof  101.00
God bless you for your generosity and support of our parish!
Readings for the Week of May 25th

Sunday: Acts 8:5-8, 14-17/1  
Pt 3:15-18/Jn 14:15-21  
Monday: Acts 16:11-15/Jn 15:26--16:4a  
Tuesday: Acts 16:22-34/Jn 16:5-11  
Wednesday: Acts 17:15, 22--18:1/  
Jn 16:12-15  
Thursday, Ascension: Acts 1:1-11/  
Eph 1:17-23/Mt 28:16-20  
Saturday: Zep 3:14-18a or  
Rom 12:9-16/Lk 1:39-56  
Next Sunday: Acts 1:12-14/  
1 Pt 4:13-16/Jn 17:1-11a

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.

Monday, May 26th  
Memorial Day  
We remember today the courageous men and women who gave their lives in faithful service to our country  
The rectory will be closed today. Please enjoy your holiday.

Tuesday, May 27th  
Rosary at 8 am before Mass

Wednesday, May 28th  
Rosary Making – 10 AM at the rectory.  
Zumba  7 PM  
Choir Practice  7 PM  
East 50th Street Block Club Meeting  
7 PM at the rectory

Thursday, May 29th  
Ascension of the Lord  
Today is not a Holy Day of Obligation.  
The Feast of the Ascension will be celebrated on Sunday, June 1st  
Rosary at 8 am before 8:30 am mass  
Altar Society Board Meeting  6:30 pm

Friday, May 30th  
Rosary at 8 am before 8:30 am mass

Sunday, June 1st  
Baptism Preparation Class at our parish at 12:30 pm. This class is for parents preparing to have their child baptized. Please call the rectory office at 216-641-8444 to make a reservation for this class.

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 please send in lottery tickets for the Lottery Raffle before this weekend. 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. 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.
May the sick and their caregivers be comforted through their faith in the Resurrected Lord, remembering especially Agnes Bartoszek, Mary Ann Betliskey, Noella Burrows, Bill Connors, Nancy Cox, Corrine Dawe, Midge Denova, Jose Dybzinski, Rose Hensley, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Dolores Jastrzebski, Joseph Kocab, Milton Kostyack, Cindi Magyar, Harold Nisker, Peggy O’Keeffe, Linda Rivera, Mary Ann Stacey, Andrew Turowski, Virginia Turowski, and Dolores Witovicz.

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

On Wednesday, June 4th at 6:30 pm, there will be an educational session answering any questions you have about the Catholic Faith. The session will last about an hour. So, come and ask questions about your faith. Let me help you to understand why you left the faith or why you are not attending Mass any longer. Bring a friend! I want to help you to understand what being Catholic is all about! You can register on our website: www.st-john-nepomucene.org under the tab “Spiritual Growth”, then “Welcome Home”. You can also call the rectory office at 216-641-8444; Ext. 13. I hope to see you there!

Karen Beargie

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

Sunday, May 25th – We pray for all
Retired Priests
Monday, May 26th – Fr. Matt Byrne
Tuesday, May 27th – Michael Petkosek
St. Mary Seminary
Wednesday, May 28th – Joseph Menkhaus
Borromeo Seminary
Thursday, May 29th – Alex Clark
Borromeo Seminary
Friday, May 30th – Anthony Gomez
St. Mary Seminary
Saturday, May 31st – Justin Cleveland
Borromeo Seminary
Sunday, June 1st – We pray for all
Seminarians

Also, please pray for the Sisters of the Divine Redeemer (SDR)

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.

We welcome to our Parish Community
Olivia Grace Bahr,
Daughter of Christopher & Stacey
Who was recently baptized
Karen's Corner

Did you know that Sir Isaac Newton, one of the greatest scientists in history, saw his discoveries as revealing God’s intelligent design when he said, “This most beautiful system of the sun, planets, and comets, could only proceed from the counsel and dominion of an intelligent and powerful Being.” Albert Einstein, the greatest scientist of modern times, wrote that a conflict between religion and science “appears impossible” when he said “science can only be created by those who are thoroughly imbued with the aspiration toward truth and understanding. This source of feeling, however, spring from the sphere of religion. To this there also belongs the faith in the possibility that the regulations valid for the world of existence are rational, that is comprehensible to reason. I cannot conceive of a genuine scientist without that profound faith. The situation may be expressed by an image: science without religion is lame, religion without science is blind.” And Antony Flew, a well-known philosopher of this century and for many, many years, the most famous atheist in the world, recently changed his mind. Obeying the Socratic command to “follow the argument wherever it leads,” Flew examined the significance of recent scientific discoveries, including the lawfulness of nature, the origin of life, and the Big Bang; and concluded that a creator God must exist. People who claim that the Catholic Faith rejects science are incorrect. The Catechism says, “Methodical research in all branches of knowledge, provided it is carried out in a truly scientific manner and does not override moral laws, can never conflict with the faith, because the things of the world and the things of faith derive from the same God.” Yes, there have been conflicts in the past between science and religion, but the Church holds the principle that there is no intrinsic conflict between science and religion. It would be difficult to go through every argument of those who don’t believe in God in this column. But studying the words of Pope John Paul II, as well as the documents of Vatican II, and my own reading, research and prayer leads me to believe in God. I have had personal encounters with God that have changed my life and in living my life as a daughter of God, I hope people see that God lives within me. I am human, I make mistakes, but I hope that a good life of kindness, compassion and prayer help me to overcome my humanness in order for me to become more like Our Lord. One of the best books I have ever read is called, “The Case for Christ” by Lee Strobel. Lee’s wife became a Christian and as an atheist and a journalist, he sought out the best minds in the world to refute his wife’s beliefs. By the end of his research he converted to Christianity. Every word he wrote just lifted me up and strengthened my faith. He has written several books which have helped me to deepen my faith. His story is amazing.

See you soon! Karen

STEWARDSHIP – In today’s gospel we go back in time to listen to Jesus as he gives instructions at the Last Supper. His words speak to all of us as he is preparing us to be sent out into the world to proclaim his Good News. The gift of the Holy Spirit is poured out upon the entire community of faith to do this work, not just a few. No one is to be excluded. Are there those we choose to exclude because we don’t like them? In the name of our Lord, Jesus Christ, what do we intend to do about it?