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, February 1st at 12:30 pm at St. John Nepomucene Parish. Reservations are needed; please call 216-641-8444 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 - Sunday, February 8th at 12:30 pm. This program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or www.jrhcleve@att.net
Dear Parishioners,

As 2014 has come to a close I would like to give thanks to all of you for your thoughtfulness, generosity and kindness throughout the year. Donations to date for the Christmas Season are:

- Little Blue Books $144.75
- Christmas Flowers $854.10
- Oplatki $110.00
- Christmas $8861.88

Prayers and Best Wishes,
Father Jasany

Readings for the Week of January 11th

1 Jn 5:1-9 or Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11
Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Mk 1:14-20
Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Mk 1:12-28
Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Mk 1:29-39
Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Mk 1:40-45
Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Mk 2:1-12
Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Mk 2:13-17
Next Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/1
Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42

Monday, January 13th
Rosary before 8 am Mass
Stewardship Meeting 7 pm

Tuesday, January 14th
Rosary Makers 10 am – Noon at the rectory. If you are interested in learning more about making rosaries, stop in.
Adult Ed “The Gospel of John” 6:30 pm at the rectory
Zumba 7 pm

Wednesday, January 15th
Rosary before 8 am Mass
Grandmothers Club Meeting at Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall at 11:30 am

Thursday, January 16th
Rosary before 8 am Mass
Friday Night at the Movies 6:30 pm
Tonight's movie is “The Way” a story about family, friends and the challenges we face while navigating this ever-changing and complicated world. Starring Martin Sheen and Emilio Estevez. Please call the rectory if you are coming to this event. 216-641-8444, ext. 13. Popcorn, Pretzels, Water, Coffee & Soda provided!

Friday, January 17th
Rosary before 8 am Mass

Saturday, January 18th
Sacramental Enrollment at 11 am Mass with parent meeting to follow.

TAX LETTER – Parishioners who would like a letter to verify their church contributions for the 2014 tax year may call the rectory at 216-641-8444 or drop a note in the collection basket to the attention of Mrs. Kowalski. A letter will be prepared and mailed to you. If you call after hours, please go into voicemail box #10 and leave a message.
Please remember these individuals, who are called to the priesthood in your daily prayers.

Also, please remember the Sisters of St. Joseph Third Order of St. Francis (SSSJ-TOSF) in your prayers.

Sunday, Jan. 11th – Bishop Anthony Pilla
Monday, Jan. 12th – Jose Juan Cortes Morales
St. Mary Seminary
Tuesday, Jan. 13th – Matthew Cortnik
St. Mary Seminary
Wednesday, Jan. 14th – James Cosgrove
St. Mary Seminary
Thursday, Jan. 15th – Brian DeLaat
St. Mary Seminary
Friday, Jan. 16th – Martin Dober
St. Mary Seminary
Saturday, Jan. 17th – Christopher Dougherty
St. Mary Seminary
Sunday, January 18th – Bishop Roger Gries

A Stewardship Moment

Have you ever wondered why Jesus, who was without sin, was baptized? The Baptism of Jesus symbolized and anticipated his death. After Christ’s ascension into heaven, baptism was required for all those who became Christians. St. Paul makes the connection between baptism and death for Christians when he maintained that we are buried with Christ in baptism, so that we may rise with him to a new life. In what way will we be good stewards of our new life in Christ in the coming year?

Wedding Banns

III Joseph Fortuna and Jennifer Jendre

May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers, remembering especially John Balciar, Carol Bellomy, Gwen Beres, Mary Ann Betliske, Bill Bican, Millie Bloedorn, Bonnie Branche, Bill Connors, Katie Davis, Corrine Dawe, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Frances Holecek, Dee Lefkowitz, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar, Rita Petkoff, Nancy Recko, Brianne Rhine, Elaine Stack, Andrew Turowski and Virginia Turowski.

May our Loved Ones who have died, rest in eternal happiness in heaven, remembering especially Cecelia Filicko and Father Anthony Cassese, whose funerals were last week.

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

Stewardship of Treasure

Solemnity of Mary, Jan. 1st $1344.00
Sunday, January 4th 2534.00
Memorial Gifts 430.00

Thank You and God bless you for your continued generosity & Support
Did you know that it is our faith that provides us the vision to navigate our lives in a way that is pleasing to God, both in times of light and times of darkness? If you have read the first 7 chapters of Genesis along with me, then you have read the story of Cain and Abel. They are the first sons of Adam and Eve. Cain is a farmer and Abel is a shepherd. They both make an offering to God, but “Cain and his offering” are not accepted. It is not Cain’s offering that God does not accept, but rather it is implied that there was a problem with the one making the offering. The focus is not on the offering, but those making the offering. God is seeking an upright heart in those making the sacrifices.

Unfortunately, instead of making his heart better, Cain commits violence by murdering his brother. This is now another time that sin has entered into the world. The first time of course, was through the sin of Adam and Eve.

God finds Cain and asks him where his brother is. Cain replies with the line, “Am I my brother’s keeper?” God tells Cain that the very ground cries out to Him for help. God shows mercy to Cain by exiling him to the east. Cain’s reply is very interesting; he says, “But, Lord those people will kill me!” What people? Weren’t Adam and Eve the first humans??? So who are those “people” that want to kill Cain.

Stories are used throughout the “prehistory” of the Bible. Prehistory is the stories before Abraham that cannot be proven by science or archeology. From Abraham on, there is archeological evidence of many of the stories of the Bible.

But before that, the authors of the Bible borrowed from other cultures stories to show us that God is good, compassionate and merciful. The creation stories in Genesis 1 and in Genesis 2 are very different, but the point of the story is that everything God created is good.

OK, so back to Cain and Abel. We can follow Cain’s lineage in Chapter 4 of Genesis, and Genesis 5 continues Adam’s lineage. The lines are very different if you read them carefully. Cain’s line contains more sinfulness instead of the mercy that God showed Cain! Yet in Adam’s lineage, it begins with another son, Seth, that is born in Adam’s image and likeness and a preface that reminds us that God created woman and man in His image. Cain’s line produces murderers and polygamists while Seth’s line produces righteous men like Enoch and Noah who worship God; which is why Adam’s line rather than Cain’s is singled out as being the image and likeness of Adam and Eve.

Join me Friday, January 16, 2015 at 6:30 pm in the rectory for the movie, “The Way”.

See you soon! Karen

Rental Available $300 per month at 3853 Independence Road, Downstairs. washer & dryer available plus garage. Please call 440-526-4677 if interested.

The Benedictine Monks of St. Andrew Abbey in Cleveland, near University Circle invite single men between the ages of 19-45 to experience Benedictine monastic life during a “Living with Benedict” retreat weekend February 13th-15, 2015. Please contact Father Finbar at finbar@cbhs.edu or 216-721-5300, ext. 273.
In Loving Memory of the Barnovsky & Chernutan Families from Steven & Cynthia Cherutan

In Loving Memory of George & Frances Regets from their daughter, Regina Yuhas

In Loving Memory of George Smith, Second Anniversary from his wife, Elaine

In Loving Memory of Helen Bartkowiak from Ann Marie & Joseph Medve

A Gift from Richard Selva

In Loving Memory of the Blaha and Kocab Families from Joseph and Ann Marie Meyer

In Loving Memory of Lillian Vanek from Pat Emrisko

In Loving Memory of Ben and Helen Walczak from their Daughter and Great-Granddaughters

A Christmas Gift from St. John Parish Holy Name Society

In Loving Memory of Irene Zurowski from Mr. & Mrs. John Kurtz

In Loving Memory of Calvin “Pete” Minko from his wife, Dolores

In Loving Memory of Charles S. Onder from his Loving & Devoted Wife, Lori

In Loving Memory of Mr. & Mrs. J. Cymanski from Elizabeth Cymanski

In Loving Memory of Megan Wagner from her parents, Michael & Denise Fry's

In Loving Memory of Mildred Pytel from her daughter, Karen

In Loving Memory of Ethel Nowak from her husband, Ray

In Loving Memory of Ann Kearney from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of Lillian Vanek from her Family

In Loving Memory of Hillary Sharma from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

In Loving Memory of Joseph C. Kocab from his wife, Gertrude

In Loving Memory of Edward Svec from Mr. & Mrs. Robert Dawe

The period of time from the celebration of Epiphany, January 4th and ending on Sunday, January 25th - The Day of Migrants & Refugees is a time when we are reminded of our migrant brothers and sisters, who like the Holy Family have had to leave their homes in search of a place of safety and home. During the observance of National Migration Week, when millions around the world find themselves without home, we are called to pray and to act on their behalf. Additional materials are available at www.justiceforimmigrants.org