Mass Intentions

Sunday, July 19th
9:00 am  Sick & Needy of St. John Parish St. Vincent DePaul Society
11:00 am  Leo & Helen Lenzo
Wedding Anniversary

Monday, July 20th
No Morning Mass

Tuesday, July 21st
8:30 am  Deceased Members of the Drozd, Trendowicz and Palowski Families

Wednesday, July 22nd
No Morning Mass

Thursday, July 23rd
8:30 am  Frank Suchy

Friday, July 24th
8:30 am  Louis Pampanini

Saturday, July 25th
4:00 pm  St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, July 26th
9:00 am  John and Betty Holecek
11:00 am  Joseph Kocab
1st Anniversary
Farewell Mass for Karen Beargie

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 Thursday, August 6th at St. John Nepomucene Parish. Reservations needed; please call 216-61-8444 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 August 2nd 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 www.jrhcleve@att.net

Stewardship of Treasure
Sunday, July 12th  $4037.00
St. Vincent DePaul Society  277.00
Memorial Gifts  66.00

God bless your generosity and support to our parish!
Dear Parishioners,

We welcome Paul A Birk Jr., who will be making his Baptism, Confirmation and First Communion at our 4 pm Mass on Saturday July 18th. His fiancée, Lauren Kingsmill was fully received into the Church at our parish two years ago at our Easter Vigil. They will be getting married here on December 5, 2015. We also welcome Sophia Raine Gindlesperger to our parish community. She will be baptized after our 11 am mass on Sunday, July 19th.

We are grateful to Karen and Chuck Beargie for being active registered parishioners of St. John Nepomucene Parish Community. Both played with our contemporary music ministry at many of our 11 am Masses. Chuck was a member of our Parish Finance Council.

Karen Beargie taught music and computer in our parish Catholic grade school for five years. When our school closed, Karen taught music at St. Michael Catholic grade school in Independence. She also worked here at St. John’s part-time as our Parish Pastoral Minister. She instructed Paul A. Birk Jr. in our Catholic faith. Karen assisted with RCIA, Pre-Baptism Instruction, Scripture Sharing, Days of Adult Education and Days of Recollection. Karen was on our Pastoral Council, Liturgy Commission and Stewardship Commission. She has served us as a Pastoral Minister for the last five years. Karen did innovative things to educate and bring people together such as the Friday Night at the Movies. Karen also wrote a weekly column for our Parish Bulletin.

A Mass of Thanksgiving and Farewell will be celebrated for her on Sunday, July 26th at 11 am. A reception will follow in the hall. Please plan to attend the 11 am Mass on Sunday, July 26th and go over to our school for the reception in our school hall. It is a time to thank Karen and wish her well in her future endeavors. Both Karen and Chuck will be working in St. Louis, Missouri.

Prayers and Best Wishes,
Father Robert J. Jasany

Readings for the Week of July 19th

Sunday: Jer 23:1-6/Eph 2:13-18/Mk 6:30-34
Monday: Ex 14:5-18/Mt 12:38-42
Tuesday: Ex 14:21--15:1/Mt 12:46-50
Wednesday: Ex 16:1-5, 9-15/ Jn 20:1-2, 11-18
Thursday: Ex 19:1-2, 9-11, 16-20b/ Mt 13:10-17
Friday: Ex 20:1-17/Mt 13:18-23
Saturday: 2 Cor 4:7-15/Mt 20:20-28

Tuesday, July 21st
Rosary at 8 am before 8:30 Mass
Parish Picnic Meeting 6:30 pm

Wednesday, July 22nd
Rosary Makers 10 am–Noon  Rectory
East 50th Street Block Club Meeting
6:30 pm at the rectory

Thursday, July 23rd
Rosary at 8 am before 8:30 Mass
Stewardship Meeting 7 pm

Friday, July 24th
Rosary at 8 am before 8:30 Mass
Sunday, July 26th
$1000 Raffle Drawing – Please make sure your tickets have been turned in for today’s drawing. Tickets for the drawing may be purchased at the rectory office or stop in the school lobby after the 11 am Mass for today’s drawing.

Today after our 11 am Mass we will be having a Farewell Reception for Karen Beargie in our school hall. Everyone is invited to attend.

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
July 22nd thru August 4th

Barbara Nieszcur, Andrea Powers & Toni Suchy

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

Sunday, July 19th – All Pastors
Monday, July 20th – Peter Soohyun Bang
St. Mary Seminary
Tuesday, July 21st – Joshua Cochrac
St. Mary Seminary
Wednesday, July 22nd – Jose Juan Cortes
St. Mary Seminary
Thursday, July 23rd – Matthew Cornik
St. Mary Seminary
Friday, July 24th – James Cosgrove
St. Mary Seminary
Saturday, July 25th – Brian DeLaat
St. Mary Seminary
Sunday, July 26th – All newly Ordained Priests

Also, please remember the Apostles of Jesus (AJ) in your prayers.

STEWARDSHIP

The Letter to the Ephesians reminds us that Christ is creating a new world order: one that brings about relationships based on love, peace, reconciliation, hope and unity. As a Eucharistic community, we are stewards of Christ’s new creation.

How are we promoting peace and reconciliation? How are we showing love for our neighbors? What are we doing to encourage unity and understanding among those with whom we gather around the Lord’s Table each week?

For those who are sick and those who care for them, may they receive comfort and strength through our prayers, remembering especially Mary Adams, Agnes Bartoszek, John Balciar, Gwen Beres, Bill Bican, Diyamol Binu, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Connors, Corrine Dawe, Dolores Dobransky, Jose Dybzinski, Kristin Hill, Lucy Konkoly, Madeline Koston, Judy Landolph, Cindi Magyar, Marilyn O’Meara, Nikki Milton, Suzanne Patton, Nancy Recko, Brianna Rhine, Elaine Stack, Dana Trzaska, Kindra Wisniewski and Rob Wisniewski.

May Our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven, remembering especially Genevieve Leciejewski, whose funeral was this week.

For the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish and their families.
Karen’s Corner

Did you know that Jeffrey Cavins was a Protestant minister for years after he left the Catholic Church? He eventually returned to the Catholic Church and I have mentioned him in my column before. He wrote the book “Walking with God: A Journey Through the Bible” and created the DVD series that I used in May. He has written another book called, “My Life on the Rock: A Rebel Returns to the Catholic Faith” which I have been reading. Jeff talks about how he left the Church and why he came back to Catholicism. It is a very powerful story, and one we should all read because in order to return to Catholicism, he explored the roots of Catholicism as it relates to Judaism.

I learned some very interesting things here! It begins with Romans 12:1, “I appeal to you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and acceptable to God, which is your spiritual worship.”

When people say they are “spiritual”, but do not attend Mass, they are not giving their bodies to God in worship! Moses brought incredible order and form to worship. Much of what is said is how to dress, how to bless, which person does what and so on during a worship service. Prayer at that time, as it now, is highly public and liturgical! Judaism has a prescribed calendar of liturgical events, as does the Catholic liturgical calendar! We have been and continue to be liturgical beings, beings that need all of our human senses to be part of our worship. Think about it: we see the others around us and watch the sacrifice of the Mass at the altar.

We speak the prayers and sing out our worship. We smell the candles and incense and we taste the Eucharist, both body and blood! We touch the host, we offer each other the sign of peace and we hear the homily and the liturgical prayers.

We need to express our love for God with more than just words! You know, Jesus did not abolish the Passover at the Last Supper, he transformed it. Ritual is a deep part of our Catholicism, and Jesus gave Passover a whole new meaning, and in continuing to celebrate the Eucharist, we keep ourselves connected to the past and to the present and to the future!

Mass is not “boring”, it is not the “same old thing”, rather it is our connection with each other and with the past and future!

Every time I attend Mass, a word or a phrase will jump out at me and I will chew on it for the week. For example, I still love the phrase, “Make holy, these gifts, we pray, by sending down your Spirit upon them like the dewfall”.

Think about it! Father is asking that the Holy Spirit come upon the gifts – and all of us – like the dew! We are completely surrounded with the Holy Spirit and there is no place on our bodies the Holy Spirit cannot cover! Just like dew covers everything. What a wondrous thing to happen to us! I think we get “bored” at Mass because of our own concerns. Mass is a place to come and put that all down and receive the Holy Spirit and the Eucharist to strengthen us for the journey! We should leave refreshed and ready to do the work of our Lord! I know I do! Keep your eyes and ears open and I will see you soon!

Karen