**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Sunday, March 3rd**
9:00 am Joseph Patka, Deceased & Josephine Patka, Health & Blessings
11:00 am Rosemary Dlouhy Wissman

**Monday, March 4th**
No Morning Mass

**Tuesday, March 5th**
8:30 am Mike and Irene Kavka

**Wednesday, March 6th**
8:30 am Special Intention
12 Noon Liturgy of the Word
7:00 pm All Souls

**Thursday, March 7th**
No Morning Mass

**Friday, March 8th**
8:30 am Living & Deceased Members of the Kocab and Tallarovic Families

**Saturday, March 9th**
4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

**Sunday, March 10th**
9:00 am Sick & Needy of Our St. Vincent de Paul Society
11:00 am St. John Nepomucene 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, April 7th at Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish at 1:30 pm. Please call 216-341-2734 to register.

**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 **Sunday, March 10, 2019 at 12:45 pm**. 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

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
February 27th thru March 12th

Barbara Nieszczur & Toni Suchy
Dear Parishioners,

Lent is around the corner. Lent begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6th. We will have distribution of ashes at our 8:30 am and 7 pm Masses and also at our Liturgy of the Word at 12 Noon. Our Ash Wednesday collection will be given to our St Vincent de Paul Society, who serve the poor in our midst.

Included in this bulletin is our schedule for Lent/Holy Week/Easter. Please keep this booklet in a place that is visible in your home. Mark the dates for services on your calendars. We will also be passing out the Operation Rice Bowl packets and the Black Meditation booklets which contain daily meditations for Lent at our Masses this weekend, March 2nd & 3rd.

During Lent please stop at the Stewardship Table in the front of the church for Lenten information and reflections. Stop by the Stewardship table before and after Mass and pick up items to assist you in your Lenten journey. This year we are emphasizing the theme, “Make a Resolution to Work Towards Holiness.”

We still have available dates for 2019 masses. If you have already booked Masses for 2019 but would like several more, you are invited to do so. You are not limited to three Mass Intentions this year since our Mass book has been open since November, 2018. We still have weekend Masses available.

You can contact the rectory to schedule Mass intentions by calling Mrs. Kowalski at the parish office (216-641-8444) weekdays from 8:30 am – 3:30 pm. Masses may be scheduled for deceased loved ones and also for your loved ones who are still living. Possibly for someone who is in need of healing or guidance in their life.

Here are a few Lenten Reminders

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are days of universal Fast and Abstinence. The Fridays of Lent are Days of Abstinence.

Abstinence means abstinence from meat that binds all Catholics 14 years of age and older.

Fasting means that Catholics who are between the ages of 18-59 years of age, in good health are limited to one full meal and two smaller, light meals.

May we journey into the desert through prayer, fasting and almsgiving, so we can be recreated anew this Easter.

Prayers and Best Wishes,
Father Jasany

Sunday, March 3rd
Anyone interested in participating in the Good Friday Living Stations of the Cross is asked to call Marge Lanzola at 216-544-9623 to sign up or for more information. Students age 12 and up and adults, any age, are invited to join us. It’s important that we know you are interested so that we can plan accordingly. There will be a short meeting today after the 11 am Mass.
Monday, March 4th
PSR – 6:30 pm  Grades 7 & 8

Tuesday, March 5th
Finance Council Meeting  6:30 pm

Wednesday, March 6th
Ashes will be distributed during our 8:30 am Mass, the Noon Liturgy of the Word and the 7 pm Mass. The reception of ashes reminds us that we came from dust and we shall return to dust, referring to our earthly bodies, not souls.

Today is a Day of Fast & Abstinence; Abstinence from meat for Catholics 14 years of age and older. Fasting is one full meal and two smaller, light meals for those 18-59 years of age.

Friday, March 8th
Stations of the Cross following our 8:30 am Mass
Today is a day of abstinence from meat for those 14 years and older.

Sunday, March 10th
This weekend is the Annual collection for Black & Native Americans. Envelopes for this collection are provided in your monthly envelope packet.
Holy Name Meeting – 10 am
World Apostolate Holy Hour  12:30 pm

Daylight Saving Time begins today. Don’t forget to set your clocks one hour ahead!

Readings for the week of March 3rd

Sunday: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
Monday: Sir 17:20-24/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [11a]/Mk 10:17-27
Tuesday: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32
Next Sunday: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Stewardship of Treasure

Sunday, February 24th $2606.99
Capital Improvements 74.00
Utilities 12.00
Memorials 66.00
Maintenance 67.00
Assessments 32.00
Novena Lights 39.00
St. Vincent de Paul Society 25.00
Catholic Magazine 10.00

Thank you for your continued support and generosity to our parish.
May Our Lord continue to bless you.

Thanks for your continued recycling efforts. We received a check from River Valley Paper for $26.06 for January and recycled 2000 lbs of paper and cardboard.
Please remember in your prayers those who are sick. May they and their caregivers receive comfort and strength, remembering especially Tim Angelone, Ronnie Bellomy, Mary Ann Betliskey, James Ciesla, Donna Czyzynski, Joseph Deccola, Joan Gorris, Barb Herdering, Richard Hejl, Kristin Hill, Jaclyn Hodge, Ethan Jackson, Jacob Jackson, Millie Jasany, Gertie Kocab, Rose Krol, Judy Landolph, Amy Latawiec, Bishop Richard Lennon, Barbie Lister, Deborah Malinowski, Jeanette Miller, Donna Murrin, Louis Novak, Art Novotny, Fred Pickle, John Pocius, Joel Rivera, James Rodes Sr., Sue Seda, Earl Sheets, Margaret Slechta, Elaine Stack, Rev. John Tezie, Robert Wagner, Greg Wisniewski and Mary Ann Zirker.

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

For Our Loved Ones who have died that they rest in eternal peace in heaven remembering especially Rev. Edward Czech, whose funeral is next week.

**Ash Wednesday Charity Dinner for Vocations on March 6th** sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Council 3970 at St. Michael Parish in Independence. Cabbage and Noodles, potato pancakes, macaroni & cheese and other Lenten specialties will be served. Serving 4:30 to 7:30 pm; Advance Reservation $9 for Adults and $4.50 Children. Proceeds directed to John Desmarteau, a first-year seminarian at Borromeo Seminary. For tickets contact Matt Mayer at 216-469-4319 or council3970@gmail.com

Congratulations to the Winners of our February $1000 Raffle

$1000.00 Winner – Norma Rasoletti
$100.00 Ticket Seller – Norma Rasoletti

$10.00 Consolation Winners
Paulette Prentice, Michael Meklemburg, Leah Browning, Norma Rasoletti & Patti Doan

Our March Raffle will be held on Sunday, March 24th. Interested in receiving a $5.00 book of tickets monthly. Please call the rectory office.

**Make it a holy Lent.** AM 1260 The Rock invites you to listen to Catholic radio as part of your Lenten devotions. There is a variety of great regular programming and a variety of special programs.

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**Church Memorials & Gifts**

In Loving Memory of Rich Sempruch, 6th Anniversary from his Wife, Lynne

In Loving Memory of Linda Ann Olenski, from her Brother, David

In Loving Memory of Mildred Pytel from her Husband, Joe

In Loving Memory of Albert Dooley from his Wife, Rita

In Loving Memory of Annabelle Plut from her Husband, Joseph

In Loving Memory of Frank Traska from his Wife, Rita