



Mass Intentions

Monday	March 16th
5:00 p.m.	Richard Patyak
Tuesday	March 17th
8:30 a.m.	Mary Janas
Wednesday	March 18th
5:00 p.m.	Edward Tomko
Thursday	Mar. 19th Joseph, husband of the Blessed Virgin Mary
8:30 a.m.	William Novesko
Friday	March 20th
8:30 a.m.	Bob Machovina
Saturday	March 21st
9:00 a.m.	Fr. Joseph C. Weigand
4:30 p.m.	Ruth Connors
Sunday	March 22nd 5th Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m.	Eileen Murawski
9:30 a.m.	Ruth Farkas
11:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish

Readings for the Week of March 16th

Mon	Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2 & 4, 5-6, 11-12a, & 13b; Jn 4:43-54
Tues	Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
Wed	Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30
Thurs	2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16; Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 & 29; Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22; Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a
Fri	Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 & 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
Sat	Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12; Jn 7:40-53
Sun	Jer 31:31-34; Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15; Heb 5:7-9; Jn 12:20-33



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Maxine R. Petronyi** and for the consolation of her loved ones.

In your prayers...

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: **Ann, Ann Lou, Bette, Carmen, Charlie, Clara, Dan, Gene, John, Lillian, Mary, Matt, Nancy, Sharon, Tom, Vicki** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (03/08/15)	\$9,859.73
Envelopes	278
Capital Improvement Fund	\$584.56

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection March 15th - Tuition Assistance]
[2nd Collection March 22nd - Eastern Europe]



My Friends,

'Laetare' Sunday marks the halfway point on our Lenten journey to Easter. While we 'rejoice' that Easter is fast approaching, we can also look back to see how well we have done up to this point. It is a good time to examine our conscience and renew our efforts to be faithful to our Lenten resolutions.

If you have not been able to do much for Lent so far, I would encourage you to take part in our cluster parish mission beginning this Sunday night at 7pm here at St. Mary's. Fr. Norm Douglas and his team will lift our spirits with the mission theme: God Revives our World. Fr. Norm is a dynamic speaker who will engage our faith. We still have time to participate in the graces of this Lenten season.

We will have our Cluster Communal Penance here at St. Mary at 7pm next Sunday. It is an important way to prepare for the celebration of the Easter feast. Both the mission and the penance service are wonderful opportunities to bring together our Catholic community of Elyria.

I want to congratulate personally all who were confirmed by Bishop Lennon on March 12th. In your letters to me requesting to be confirmed, so many of you expressed a deep commitment to your faith. I hope that you will get involved in our youth activities so that we can deepen our relationship with Christ and one another.

I have a feeling after this long cold February that we will truly appreciate the coming of spring. It is not unlike our faith. If we don't have a sense of the seriousness of our sins, it is hard to appreciate the redemption that is ours in the Easter mysteries. As we continue on in the second half of our Lenten journey, let us renew our efforts at taking advantage of this season of grace.

Fr. Charlie

Cluster Mission: **"God Revives Our World"**

Sunday ~ March 15th 7pm - St. Mary Church
Where in the World is Our God?

Monday ~ March 16th 7pm - St. Agnes Church
How in the World Do We Relate?

Tuesday ~ March 17th 7pm - St. Jude Church
*What in the World Do We Do
and How Do We Make a Difference?*



St. Mary Parish will serve Pierogi Lunches on the Fridays during Lent [NOT on Good Friday] from 11:00-1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Lunches consist of 5 Sophie's Choice Pierogi, applesauce, tossed salad, roll & beverage. Cost is \$6.00. **There's still time

to help defray our luncheon costs by donating \$20 and get your name added to our Pierogi Family Tree. [Just put your name on an envelope marked 'Pierogi Family Tree' & place in the collection basket.] All luncheon proceeds will go toward the repair of our Church Steeple. Thank you.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday	March 16th
5:30 p.m.	Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m.	P.S.R. - Marian & St. Joseph Buildings
7:00 p.m.	Hall Committee - Weigand Room
*7:00 p.m.	Cluster Mission @ St. Agnes
Tuesday	March 17th
5:00 p.m.	Hot Meals - Cafeteria
7:00 p.m.	Revisiting Our Faith Traditions - Conf. Room
*7:00 p.m.	Cluster Mission @ St. Jude
Wednesday	March 18th
6:00 p.m.	Liturgy Commission - Staff Room
6:00 p.m.	Sports Banquet - Parish Hall
7:00 p.m.	Choir - Choir Loft
7:00 p.m.	R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
Thursday	March 19th
9am - 5pm	Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
11:00 a.m.	Altar & Rosary - Rosary & Benediction + Luncheon & Meeting - Weigand Room
6:15 p.m.	Daisies - Green Room
7:00 p.m.	Book Club - Cahill Library
	<i>All the Light We Cannot See</i> by Anthony Doerr
Friday	March 20th
11am-1:30pm	Pierogi Luncheon - Parish Hall
1:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross - Church
7:00 p.m.	Stations of the Cross - Church
Sunday	March 22nd
After Masses	Blood Pressure Checks - Weigand Room
9:30 a.m.	Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m.	Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
12 Noon	Cub Scouts - Parish Hall
7:00 p.m.	Cluster Reconciliation Service - Church

200 CLUB WINNER: 03/15/15 Linda Minnehan #263



"REVISITING OUR FAITH TRADITIONS" will be held in the Conference Room on Tues., Mar. 17th at 7pm. Our topic will be: *Passion as the Proof of the Love of God*'.

Altar & Rosary Society



The next Altar & Rosary meeting will be Thursday, March 19th. Please meet in the lower chapel for the Rosary and Benediction. A short business meeting and luncheon will follow in the Weigand Room.

OPERATION RICE BOWL



We are invited to **pray** with our families and faith communities; **fast** in solidarity with those who hunger; **learn** more about our global community & the challenges of poverty overseas; and **give** sacrificial contributions to those in need. Rice Bowls are available at the entrances of the Church. Please take one home and bring it back filled with your donation on Palm Sunday. Thank you.



Registration for the **2015-2016** school year for Preschool, Kindergarten and **NEW** students to St. Mary School has begun. Please contact the School Office at 322-2808 to set up an appointment to visit the School or for additional information regarding registration.

All are invited to join us for
Stations of the Cross
on Fridays during Lent at 1:00pm in Church
All are welcome.



VIRTUS, "Protecting God's Children", a sexual abuse awareness training for adults, will be held at **Elyria Catholic High School, Room 110 on Wednesday ~ March 25th at 5:30pm**. Deacon Pat Humphrey will direct this session. VIRTUS training is required by the Cleveland Diocese for all adults involved with children through scouting, PSR, sports or our day school.

...and Jesus said...FEED THE HUNGRY!

We will be taking dinner to the St. Joseph's Catholic Overnight Shelter on Saturday, March 21st. If you would like to furnish a pasta with meat dish, salad, rolls/bread or dessert, please call me at 440-458-6159 by Wednesday, March 18th. Thank you! ~ *Maryann*

'**NIGHT AT THE RACES**' Many volunteers are needed on Apr. 18th from 5:30-10pm to make our 'Night At The Races' a success! This is a parish event with proceeds directed to roof repairs on the church & hall. Presently help is needed to solicit basket raffle donations and sell race sponsors, horses & tickets for that evening. Bakers will be needed to provide desserts. On race night volunteers will assist with the bead game, 50/50 ticket sales and raffles. If you have questions, are able to donate a prize for the basket raffles or are interested in volunteering, please contact/leave a message for Joan Patchin at the Parish Office, 323-5539 or email JMP82147@aol.com.

SERVICE BULLETIN BOARD:

A Service Bulletin Board will be included in the weekly online *BELLS*. You can ask for short term help such as meal prep if Mom breaks a leg, or elder-sitting when a caretaker needs to leave for a bit, snow-shoveling etc. Call Angie Pluta at 323-5539 or email her at stmaryelyria@aol.com. She'll help with wording & will send you the responses to your request.

RETRouvaille WEEKEND: April 17th-19th, 2015

Someone once said "*marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth.*" Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be Apr. 17th-19th. A registration fee of \$150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more information concerning the program, or to register, please call Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at (330) 665-3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1-800-470-2230. For information or to register online: www.helpourmarriage.org.

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