



Mass Intentions

- Monday** September 21st Matthew, apostle/evangelist
5:00 p.m. Special Intention
- Tuesday** September 22nd
8:30 a.m. Marge Smith
- Wednesday** September 23rd Pius of Pietrelcina, priest
5:00 p.m. Clarence and Alderetta Rosenthal
- Thursday** September 24th
8:30 a.m. Fr. Joseph C. Weigand
- Friday** September 25th
8:30 a.m. Constance Rodjom
- Saturday** September 26th Cosmas and Damian, martyrs
9:00 a.m. Frank Zemanek
4:30 p.m. Charles G. Gormley
- Sunday** September 27th 26th Sunday in Ordinary Time
8:00 a.m. Helen Mahl
9:30 a.m. Ron and Henry Peloquin
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish



My Friends,

This weekend we observe Catechetical Sunday. We commission all who are involved in the teaching mission of our parish. There are many ways in which we pass on the faith to the next generation. We have done it in our parish school for over 150 years. On Monday evenings, we have a precious hour and a half to teach the faith in our PSR classes. Whether it be RCIA, our preschool classes, our youth ministry or PreCana Day, these along with special programs like Awakening Faith or Bible study give us the opportunity to deepen the knowledge of our faith. I fear that we are failing our young people in helping them understand the richness of our faith tradition. Today, I am grateful to those who invest their time and talent in teaching our young people. We ask God's blessing on their work.

I think it is significant that Pope Francis is coming to our country to spread the joy of the Gospel. We would do well to imitate his teaching method. He calls it the 'theology of encounter.' In other words, our children are not very good at memorizing dry definitions. I don't think the Baltimore Catechism is the answer. Our children need a personal encounter with the Lord. They need to experience his presence. They need to see that our lives are authentic to the teaching of the gospel. Pope Francis is showing us the way. Even non-believers are attracted to this man.

As Pope Francis visits our country this coming week, we need to pray first of all for his safe journey. Secondly, in this time of grace we should renew our own life of faith. We possess such an incredible gift and we hide it under a bushel basket. It is time to join Pope Francis in proclaiming to the world the power of the gospel to bring joy into our lives and the world.

Fr. Charlie

Readings for the Week of September 21st

- Mon Eph 4:1-7, 11-13; Ps 19:2-3, 4-5; Mt 9:9-13
Tues Ezr 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20; Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5;
Lk 8:19-21
Wed Ezr 9:5-9; Tobit 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thur Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a & 9b; Lk 9:7-9
Fri Hg 2:1-9; Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4; Lk 9:18-22
Sat Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a; Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13; Lk 9:43b-45
Sun Nm 11:25-29; Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14; Jas 5:1-6,
Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48

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 Lou, Barb, Bette, Brooke, Carmen, Ceil, Chuck, Dan, Darlene, David, Dottie, Doug, Eileen, Eli, Elizabeth, Jim, Kelly, Linda, Lois, Mark, Mary, Michael, P.J., Rick, Sarah, Tom, Vicki** and all who have asked for our prayers.



Please pray for the repose of the souls of **Barbara Hicks, Blanche Wack, Paul Rodjom** and **Harold Horace** who died this past week and for the consolation of their loved ones.

Wedding Banns

I William Vagi & Lisa Fetcenko

STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (09/04/15)	\$6,196.00
Sunday Collection (09/13/15)	\$9,089.97
Envelopes	252
Capital Improvement Fund	\$494.97

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection September 20th - Tuition Assistance]
[2nd Coll. Sept. 27th - Catholic Communications Campaign]

October 3rd & 4th, a representative from **Holy Land Gifts** will have items such as nativity scenes, crucifixes, rosaries, the last supper and many other beautiful religious articles on display and available for purchase after ALL Masses in the Weigand Room. Over 100 Christian families in Bethlehem, make their livelihood through the sale of their handmade olive wood religious articles. When you purchase a gift, you are helping artisans in the Holy Land provide for their families and live & work with dignity in a region fraught with tension. Please be sure to stop in.

TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



This Week in our Parish

Monday **September 21st**
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
6:30 p.m. 6th Grade Bible Service - Church
followed by reception in Weigand Room

Tuesday **September 22nd**
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
5:30 p.m. Awakening Faith - Weigand Room
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
7:00 p.m. Evangelization - Conference Room

Wednesday **September 23rd**
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

Thursday **September 24th**
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
6:00 p.m. Parish Council - Conference Room

Sunday **September 27th**
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building

200 CLUB WINNER: 09/20/15 Earl Mahl #22



PSR - our faith formation program for younger children and students attending public school is beginning. Registration forms are available outside the Weigand Room or call the Parish Office 323-5539 for more information.

Elementary PSR Classes for grades 1 through 8 have begun. Classes are held in the St. Joseph & Marian Buildings on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm.

Pre-School PSR - for 3, 4 and 5 year olds will be held in the St. Joseph Building during the 11:00am Mass beginning this **Sunday, Sept. 20th**.

Liturgy of the Word with Children during the 9:30am Mass begins this **Sunday, Sept. 20th**.



CLAM JAM AT THE FARM

sponsored by the St. Mary Sports Committee
at Schuster's Pumpkin Patch ~ 8638 Murray Ridge Rd.
Saturday, October 3rd beginning at **4:00pm**

* Tickets will be available after the 9:30 & 11:00am Masses
Sept. 20th & 27th or by contacting Jen Whitten at 453-6810



The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey process for those interested in the Catholic Faith. If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian community, or were baptized Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, or know of someone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at 440-323-5539.



The next Senior Luncheon will be Tues., October 6th. We will begin with lunch. Janet Bird from the Lorain County Historical Society will be our speaker. Her presentation is titled: *Crystal Reflections*. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call in your reservations to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140. We look forward to a great meal, good fellowship and game of BINGO for those who wish to stay. Bring a friend and enjoy a great afternoon.

Awakening Faith Series continues this Tues., Sept. 22nd at 5:30pm in the Weigand Room. The series offers an opportunity to ask questions and have discussions regarding our Faith. The series continues on Sept. 29th. All are welcome.

St. Mary School Fundraiser:

St. Mary students will be selling Coupon Books [for local area Merchants/Eateries] after all Masses this weekend outside the Weigand Room. Cost: \$25/book. Thank you for your support!



Blood Pressure checks will be available
Sept. 20th after 8:00am & 9:30am Masses -
Weigand Room

Grief Support Group "Hopeful Hearts" for seniors 60+ who have lost a loved one this year, will meet on Tues., Sept. 22nd, 1-2:30pm at Holy Spirit Church Family Center, 410 Lear Rd. Avon Lake. Meetings are held the fourth Tuesday of each month, are open to the community at no charge, no reservations required. Sponsored by Hospice of the Western Reserve and Holy Spirit Bereavement Ministry. For further information contact JoDee Coulter 440-892-6680 or Mary Lou Kraven 440-933-4423.

All Women & Men are invited to St. Jude ~ Day of Retreat
Tues., Sept. 22nd ~ 8:30am-1pm at St. Jude Parish 590 Poplar St., sponsored by St. Jude Altar & Rosary Society. Call Fran 365-6163 or Joan 366-7163 to make a reservation.

40 Days for Life: Sept. 23rd - Nov. 1st. You're invited to join other Christians for 40 Days of Life. 40 days of prayer & fasting for an end to abortion. You're also invited to stand and peacefully pray during a 40-day vigil in the public right-of-way outside Preterm at 12000 Shaker Blvd. Cleveland, 44120 or Planned Parenthood at 25350 Rockside Rd., Bedford Hts., 44146. Call John Noall @ 216-245-9744 or email: clevelandpraysforlife@gmail.com for more information. Website: www.40daysforlife.com/cleveland.

St. Agnes Altar & Rosary Society is taking CABBAGE ROLL orders now-Oct.4th. Pick-up will be Wed. Oct 21 or Thurs. Oct. 22 from 1:30-4pm at St. Agnes Hall, 611 Lake Ave. Uncooked cabbage rolls: \$12/doz. To order, call Helen 324-2573, Kitty 324-0016 or Marie 309-0515. Payment due at pick-up.

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