



Mass Intentions



- Monday** **February 22nd** Chair of St. Peter the Apostle
5:00 p.m. Justin Hoover
- Tuesday** **February 23rd** Polycarp, bishop/martyr
8:30 a.m. Catherine Gorman
- Wednesday** **February 24th**
5:00 p.m. Clara Smith
5-8pm **Diocesan Celebration of Reconciliation**
- Thursday** **February 25th**
8:30 a.m. Gordon Freeman
- Friday** **February 26th**
8:30 a.m.
- Saturday** **February 27th**
9:00 a.m.
4:30 p.m. Lawrence Jezewski
- Sunday** **February 28th** 3rd Sunday of Lent
8:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m. Mary Jo Elek
11:00 a.m. Timothy Boylan

Readings for the Week of February 22nd

- Mon 1 Pt 5:1-4; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 16:13-19
Tue Is 1:10,16-20; Ps 50: 8-9, 16-17, 21, 23; Mt 23:1-12
Wed Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6, 14-16; Mt 20:17-28
Thru Jer 17: 5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31
Fri Gn 37:3-4, 12-13, 17-28; Ps 105:16-21; Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat Mi 7:14-15, 18-20; Ps 103:1-4, 9-12; Lk 15:1-3, 11-32
Sun Scrutiny: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; Rom 5:1-2, 5-8; Jn 4:5-42 (11:00 Mass) Otherwise: Ex3:1-8, 13-15; Ps 103:1-4, 6-8, 11; 1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12; Lk 13:1-9

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: **Alan, Bette, Beverly, Bob, Carmen, Charlie, Chris, Colin, Dan, Dave, Don, Doug, Eli, Fran, Jacob, Kelly, Linda, Lois, Mark, Mary, Matt, Noah, Olga, Pat, Sharon, Susan, Theodore, Tim, Tom, Vicki, the Mercy Doctors in Kenya** and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Faith Direct (02/04/15)	\$6,294.00
St. Joseph Overnight Shelter [Ash Wednesday]	\$1,335.59
Sunday Collection (02/14/16)	\$8,531.75
Helping Hands	\$1,405.69
Envelopes	253

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection February 21st - Black & Indian Mission]
[2nd Collection February 28th - Tuition Assistance]

My Friends,

The Greek word *leiturgos* from which we get our word 'liturgy' was actually a civic term that referred to the 'works' of the community. The citizens worked together to build and maintain their beautiful agoras or public forums. Many of the structures still stand today giving hints of their original majesty.

In a culture that reveres the rugged individual over the common good, it is getting harder and harder to rally the will of the people around the common good. Self-interest cannot look beyond tomorrow and blinds us in the pursuit of any long-term goals. This myopic vision of 'Don't Tread on Me' is at the center of so much of our political debate these days. We are in conflict with the very institutions that were meant to serve the people. Yes, there are aberrations, but we do not throw the baby out with the bath water.

I write this reflection in support of the Elyria tax levy that will appear on the March ballot. Having grown up in Elyria, I see what is happening to our community. Jobs are moving out and real estate is becoming a liability rather than an asset. I believe the support of our new high school is the best thing we could have done to keep young families in our neighborhoods. Now we need to take the next step to make our streets safe for families and encourage businesses to invest in our city. When you consider the drop in real estate values, it seems to me that a tax increase would be the cheaper of the two.

Inserted in the bulletin today is a flyer detailing the tax levy. It is supported by all 11 members of Elyria City Council. Chief Whitely sees it as critical to maintaining adequate police protection. It does not impact retirees living on a fixed income. Heroic efforts are being made to move this city in a positive direction. The question from a Christian perspective is not what can my city do for me? Rather it is what can I do for *our* city? A *yes* vote would be a good beginning.

Fr. Charlie



Please pray for the repose of the soul of **Eleanor B. Vargo** who died this past week and for the consolation of her loved ones.

Diocesan Celebration of Reconciliation - this Wednesday ~ February 24th throughout the Diocese all the Churches will be open to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation from 5-8pm. All are welcome.

Cluster Mission: "UNCONDITIONALLY"

Sunday ~ February 21st 7pm - St. Agnes Church
"WHO WE ARE CALLED TO BE"

Monday ~ February 22nd 7pm - St. Mary Church
"OUR RESPONSIBILITY"

Tuesday ~ February 23rd 7pm - St. Jude Church
"FINDING JESUS IN THE EUCHARIST"

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

- Monday** **February 22nd**
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
5:45 p.m. Finance Committee - Staff Room
* 7:00 p.m. **Cluster Mission - Church**
followed by reception in Weigand Room
- Tuesday** **February 23rd**
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
5:30 p.m. Awakening Faith - Weigand Room
6:00 p.m. Brownies - Green Room
7:00 p.m. Evangelization - Conference Room
* 7:00 p.m. **Cluster Mission at St. Jude**
- Wednesday** **February 24th**
5-8 p.m. Reconciliation - Church
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft
- Thursday** **February 25th**
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
2:30 p.m. Brownies/Girl Scouts - Art Room
6:00 p.m. Parish Council - Conference Room
- Friday** **February 26th**
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
- Saturday** **February 27th**
5:30 p.m. Chili Cook-Off - Parish Hall
- Sunday** **February 28th**
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
11:00 a.m. R.C.I.A. - Weigand Room

200 CLUB WINNER: 02/21/16 Richard Kaminski #99



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 1st at 12:00 noon in the Weigand Room. The cost of the luncheon is \$5.00. Please call your reservation to Sister Mary Dorothy at 323-0140 by Friday, Feb. 26th. Time will be available for those who wish to stay and play bingo. We look forward to a great meal, sharing new ideas and hope that you will bring a friend with you.



Pierogi Lunches have begun and will continue for the next 4 Fridays in the Parish Hall 11am-1:30pm. Cost: \$6. Lunch includes: 5 Sophie Choice Pierogi, sour cream and/or onions, tossed salad, apple sauce, roll & beverage. Dine in or pick-up in the Parish Hall. Call 323-5539 x231 to place an order. Tell your friends....

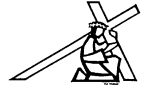
*Pierogi Lunches can always use your HELP! From prep, to serving to clean up. If you are interested please contact Joyce Snyder - 440-775-1967 or chippers2@zoominternet.net.

The 2016 PIEROGI TREE is up! For a \$20 donation your family's name will go on a leaf. The money raised from the tree & Pierogi Lunches will be used for: Sprucing up the Weigand Room.



Registration for the **2016-2017** 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



There is now a **Parish Wellness** tab on our St. Mary website: stmaryelyria.org. Check out the Recipe of the Month, Wellness Tips and Activities/Events in our area.



MARK YOUR CALENDAR! St. Mary Parish's 2nd Annual **Night at the Races** is scheduled for April 16th. Last year's event proved to be an exciting and fun-filled evening. Don't miss out!

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MARCH 4TH: "The Splitting of the Adam: Recovering the HEBREW Story of Human Origins" presented by Sr. Lisa Marie Belz OSU, MA, MTS, PhD, Dept. Chair, Religious Studies Ursuline College. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship & good food - LCCC Spitzer Conference Center at 11:30am. Tickets: \$18. RSVP by calling the reservation line 440-244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com by Mon., Feb. 29th.

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.

The **26th Annual Peace & Justice Dinner** of the Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County [CACLC] will be held Sat., Mar. 5th at Sacred Heart Chapel Parish Hall, 4301 Pearl Ave., Lorain. Social Hour begins at 6pm followed by dinner at 7pm. Cost is \$30/person; \$180/table of six. For ticket reservations or for more information, contact Ann Clark, amclark@ccdocle.org or 440-366-1106 x12.

This year's winner of the Bishop A. J. Quinn Justice Award is Rev. Donald Dunson, Pastor of St. Vincent de Paul parish in Elyria. The winner of the Faithful Servant Award is Jose Mendiola, parishioner of Sacred Heart Chapel in Lorain. The keynote speaker will be Dr. George Matejka, Professor at Ursuline College.

Join the Catholic Action Commission of Lorain County [CACLC] in the fight against human trafficking. Human trafficking is a modern-day form of slavery. Victims are young children, teenagers, men & women and it's happening here in Lorain County. To learn more about its impact on our local communities and to become involved in local projects, please join us Tues., Mar. 15, 7-8:30pm at the Conlon Ministry Center - St. Vincent dePaul Parish, 41295 North Ridge Rd, Elyria. There is no cost but registration is required so that we have enough materials. Contact Ann Clark at amclark@ccdocle.org or call 440-366-1106 x12 to register or for more information.

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