




**Mass Intentions**

- Monday February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Antonio and Gloria D. Bornaes
- Tuesday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> 7 Holy Founders of the Servite Order**  
8:30 a.m. Carl, Helen, Jim and Gene Smith
- Wednesday February 18<sup>th</sup> Ash Wednesday**  
8:30 a.m. Stanley Kaminski and Robert & Faith Boylan  
12:15 p.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish   
7:00 p.m. Living & Deceased of the Vinicky Family
- Thursday February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m. Carole Patyak
- Friday February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
8:30 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish
- Saturday Feb. 21<sup>st</sup> Peter Damian, bishop/dr of the church**  
9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish  
4:30 p.m. Matt Jurco
- Sunday February 22<sup>nd</sup> 1<sup>st</sup> Sunday of Lent**  
8:00 a.m. James Novak  
9:30 a.m. Peg Reichlin  
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased of St. Mary Parish

**Readings for the Week of February 16<sup>th</sup>**

- Mon Gn 4:1-15, 25; Ps 50:1, 8,16-17, 20-21; Mk 8:11-13  
Tue Gn 6:5-8; 7:1-5, 10; Ps 29: 1-4, 9-10; Mk 8:14-21  
Wed Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20-6:2;  
Mt 6:1-6, 16-18  
Thur Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25  
Fri Is 58:1-9; Ps 51:3-6, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15  
Sat Is 58:9-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32  
Sun Gn 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22; Mk 1:12-15

*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, Becky, Betty, Bill, Blake, Carmen, Clara, Dottie, Gene, Jan, Jeff, Mario, Paul, Rita, Ruthe, Sally, Sarah, Tina** and all who have asked for our prayers.



**STEWARDSHIP REPORT**

Sunday Collection (02/08/15)	\$9,772.95
Envelopes	299
Tuition Assistance	\$518.94

**Thank you for your generosity.**

- [2<sup>nd</sup> Collection February 15<sup>th</sup> - Catholic Charities Appeal]  
[2<sup>nd</sup> Collection February 22<sup>nd</sup> - Black & Indian Mission]

*\* A special collection will be taken up on Ash Wednesday ~ all monies collected will be given to the St. Joseph Overnight Shelter in Lorain to help in their ministry to the homeless of our community.*

My Friends,

This Wednesday is Ash Wednesday, the beginning of our observance of the 40 days of Lent. It is a time not only to seek forgiveness of our personal sins but also to recognize our part in eradicating the sinful structures of our society and the world. You only have to watch the evening news to see the incredible forces of evil in our world. Whether it's the torture in the Middle East or the violence on our neighborhood streets, sin and evil are becoming a more potent force in our society.

The gospels offer three remedies: prayer, fasting and almsgiving. When we join together in prayer, it is a powerful antidote to sin in our lives. There are so many ways to include prayer in our Lenten practice. The Eucharist, whether Sunday or possibly even daily, is the greatest deterrent of evil. If sin is pushing God away, the Eucharist draws us into deeper union with God. Consider making a Holy Hour before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays between 9-5. Pray the rosary, read the Bible, join us for the Stations of the Cross, join in the 40 Days of Prayer for Life. Make your resolution now so that you will be ready for Ash Wednesday. Keep this bulletin to remind you of Mass times for the distribution of ashes.

You will find in this bulletin what is asked of us by the whole Church for fast and abstinence. No meat on the Fridays of Lent. No eating between meals on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Fasting can take on many forms. Reflect on what has become an 'idol' in your life and give it up for Lent. There are so many addictions in our world today that control our lives. Christ is all we need to know true freedom.

Finally, almsgiving is the best antidote for a hardened heart. The 'Rice Bowl' is a wonderful way to practice almsgiving as a family. There are so many needs and so many ways to show compassion for those in need. Are we a sheep or a goat? Let us strive to create a humble, contrite heart this Lent.

*Fr. Charlie*

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**February 18<sup>th</sup>, 2015**

**Mass Schedule:**

**8:30am, 12:15pm and 7:00pm**

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St. Mary Parish will once again serve Pierogi Lunches on Ash Wednesday and the Fridays during Lent [NOT on Good Friday] from 11am-1:30pm in the Parish Hall. Lunches consist of 5 Sophie's Choice Pierogi, applesauce, tossed salad, roll & beverage. Cost is \$6.00. Dine in or pick-up call 440-323-5539 Parish Office or fax 440-322-2329.



\*Pierogi Lunches can always use your HELP! From prep, to serving to clean up. There are 3 different times you can volunteer. If you are interested please contact Joyce Snyder at 440-775-1967 or [chippers2@zoominternet.net](mailto:chippers2@zoominternet.net). ~ OR ~ If you are unable to volunteer your time, but would like to help - you could donate \$20 towards the purchase of a case of Pierogi to be used for our Lenten lunches. [Your donation would help keep luncheon expenses to a minimum.]

## SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### This Week in our Parish

- Monday** **February 16<sup>th</sup>**  
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room  
6:30 p.m. Spiritual Development - Staff Room  
7:00 p.m. Hall Committee - Weigand Room
- Tuesday** **February 17<sup>th</sup>**  
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria  
5:30 p.m. Awakening Faith - Weigand Room  
6:30 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room  
7:00 p.m. Revisiting Our Faith Traditions - Conf. Room
- Wednesday** **February 18<sup>th</sup>**  
11am-1:30pm Pierogi Luncheon - Parish Hall  
3:30 p.m. Academic Challenge - Weigand Room  
6:00 p.m. Liturgy Committee - Staff Room  
7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
- Thursday** **February 19<sup>th</sup>**  
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  
*The Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline
- Friday** **February 20<sup>th</sup>**  
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** **February 22<sup>nd</sup>**  
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: 02/15/15 Kathy Larizza #84



“REVISITING OUR FAITH TRADITIONS” will be held in the Conference Room on Tues., Feb. 17<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. Our topic will be *‘The Holy Spirit’*.



The next Senior Luncheon will be held on Tuesday, March 3<sup>rd</sup> 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, February 27<sup>th</sup>. 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.

### Altar & Rosary Society

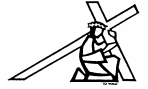


St. Mary's Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> in the Lower Church at 11:00am for the Rosary and Benediction followed by a luncheon and business meeting in the Weigand Room.



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



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

We will be taking dinner to the St. Joseph's Catholic Overnight Shelter on Saturday, February 21<sup>st</sup>. 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, Feb. 18<sup>th</sup>. Thank you! ~ Maryann

The *2015 Catholic Charities Annual Appeal* is underway. This is not a special collection; rather, the Catholic Charities Annual Appeal represents the chance to make a pledge, to Catholic Charities, Diocese of Cleveland in order to support its mission of a society that stands united in its support of the “least among us.” Something wonderful happens when we unite ourselves through Christ with others. Over 399,000 people from every suburb and city in Northeast Ohio benefit from their programs & services each year. Please consider a gift to the Catholic Charities 2015 Annual Appeal and pray for the success of this Appeal. You are invited to view stories of inspiration at [www.catholiccommunity.org/2015Appeal](http://www.catholiccommunity.org/2015Appeal).

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.

### St. Mary Teens: “FIX YOUR EYES ON GOD”

**Teen JaM Youth Renewal Weekend** @ St. Jude Church in Elyria. Join us for a weekend that can change your life! Bring a Friend and an open mind! **March 6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup>**. Open to all High Schoolers. Space is limited, so Reserve Your Spot! Fill out a registration form [located on the tables at the church entrances] and return it to the parish office with payment by Mar. 1<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$35/person. Make checks payable to: St. Jude or St. Mary Church and write “Youth Renewal” in the Memo field. If you have any questions, please call or text Randy Kula @ (216) 409-2639.

**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](mailto:stmaryelyria@aol.com). She'll help with wording & will send you the responses to your request.

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