

 **Mass Intentions**

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| Monday 5:00 p.m. | March 7th <u>Perpetua and Felicity, martyrs</u> William Janas |
| Tuesday 8:30 a.m. | March 8th <u>John of God, religious</u> Marie Borgmann |
| Wednesday 5:00 p.m. | March 9th <u>Frances of Rome, religious</u> Robert and Julia Smith |
| Thursday 8:30 a.m. | March 10th Living & Deceased of the Anthony Larizza Family |
| Friday 8:30 a.m. | March 11th Joseph Elek |
| Saturday 9:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m. | March 12th Loretta Sprague John Radachi |
| Sunday 8:00 a.m. 9:30 a.m. 11:00 a.m. | March 13th <u>5th Sunday of Lent</u> Helen Mahl Henry and Ron Peloquin Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish |



Readings for the Week of March 7th

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| Mon | Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13; Jn 4:43-54 |
| Tue | 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, 13-14, 17-18; Jn 5:17-30 |
| Thur | Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47 |
| Fri | Wis 2:1, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23; Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30 |
| Sat | Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9-12; Jn 7:40-53 |
| Sun | Scrutiny: Ez 37:12-14; Ps 130:1-8; Rom 8:8-11; Jn 11:1-45 (11:00 Mass) Otherwise: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14; Jn 8:1-11 |

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, Joe, Kelly, Linda, Lois, Mark, Mary, Matt, Noah, Olga, Pat, Sharon, Susan, Theodore, Tim, Tom, Vicki* and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

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| Faith Direct (02/15/16) | \$3,944.00 |
| Sunday Collection (02/28/16) | \$8,510.19 |
| Tuition Assistance | \$628.79 |
| Envelopes | 252 |

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection March 6th - Catholic Relief Services]
[2nd Collection March 13th - Helping Hands Ministry]



My Friends,

This Sunday is Laetare Sunday. We wear rose vestments and 'rejoice' that we are at the halfway mark on our way to celebrating the Easter feast. It is a good time to take stock of how faithful we have been to our Lenten practices. It gives us a chance to renew our efforts of entering into the graces of this holy season. How have we done in our pursuit of deepening our spiritual life and our relationship with God?

Again, I would encourage you to do something. With the fast pace of daily living it is becoming more and more difficult to keep a connection with the Lord. People are finding it hard just to be able to attend Sunday Mass. Then we wonder why our lives have become so shallow and superficial.

As we enter into this second half of Lent, make sure you are doing something to observe the season. We have Stations of the Cross on Fridays at 1pm and 7pm. Come and pray before the Blessed Sacrament on Thursdays from 9am-5pm. We have the Blessed Sacrament exposed in the lower chapel throughout the day. It is a wonderful way to spend some quiet time with the Lord.

Next Sunday, we will celebrate our cluster Communal Penance Service here at St. Mary's at 7pm. In this Year of Mercy it is a wonderful time to reflect on God's forgiveness and care for us. Spend some time this week examining your conscience and the direction of your life. Use this opportunity to be freed of your past sins and renew your love for God.

Finally, I would like to congratulate our young men and women who were confirmed by Bishop Gries this past Thursday. I pray that the grace of their sacrament will strengthen the life of the Spirit within them and keep them faithful on their journey. May this be a time of growth in our spiritual life for all of us.

Fr. Charlie

**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.



Pierogi Lunches will continue for the next 2 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....

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.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



This Week in our Parish

Monday March 7th
5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings

Tuesday March 8th
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
6:00 p.m. Brownies - Green Room
6:30 p.m. Spiritual Development - Conference Room
6:30 p.m. P.T.U. Meeting - Cahill Library

Wednesday March 9th
6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft

Thursday March 10th
9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
2:30 p.m. Brownies/Girl Scouts - Art Room

Friday March 11th
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 March 12th
11:00 a.m. 1st Eucharist Retreat - Parish Hall

Sunday March 13th
9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
11:00 a.m. Pre-School P.S.R. - St. Joseph Building
1-4pm Lenten Retreat - Lower Church
5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
7:00 p.m. Elyria Cluster Communal Penance Service

200 CLUB WINNER: 03/06/16 Julie Goins #39



"REVISITING OUR FAITH TRADITIONS" will be held in the Conference Room on Tuesday, March 15th at 7pm. Our topic will be 'Conquest & Judges' Part I - Book of Joshua.

The Living Stations of the Cross
at St. Anthony of Padua
1305 E. Erie Ave. - Lorain
Sunday ~ March 13th at 7pm



presented by: Elyria Catholic High School Students

While praying the stations, you will witness each one come to life in dramatic fashion and feel like you are there, as we explore the thoughts of those who walked with Christ.

*...a powerful performance, for the entire family,
that you won't want to miss!*

There will be a Cabbage Roll Dinner available 4-7pm in the Social Hall for \$10/person (Cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, green beans, salad, dessert & beverage). Reserve your dinner by calling: 440-288-0106 ~ give your name, phone number, and how many attending. Pay at the door on March 13th.

Our March Book Club book is titled: Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania by Erik Larson. We will meet on Thursday, March 17th at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.



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



Our Parish will be serving dinner next Sunday, March 13th, from 5-6pm in the School Cafeteria. Volunteers are always appreciated to serve or help with preparation beginning at 3pm.

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

We will be taking dinner to the St. Joseph's Catholic Overnight Shelter on Saturday, March 19th. If you can provide a pasta with meat dish, dessert, salad or rolls call me by the 16th. Thanks to all of you who give so much. Maryann 440-458-6159.

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!

Lenten Retreat - All are invited to join in an afternoon of prayer and recollection on Sunday, March 13th from 1-4pm in the Lower Church. This retreat is being sponsored by the 3rd Order/Secular Franciscans.



Life Line Screening will be here in our Parish Hall on Wednesday, June 8th. Registration is open online at www.lifelinescreening.com or call 1-800-718-0961. Be sure to register early - limited availability.



Even though the weather is gloomy, we know that Spring and Summer are just around the corner and that means it is time to start planning our Elyria Cluster VBS. This year VBS, which is open to Pre-K (age 4) through 4th graders, will be held June 13-17 and our theme will be "Mercy". Volunteers are needed during before, during and after VBS. Anyone Junior High or older is welcome to volunteer. If you are interested in volunteering or just learning more about this program, please contact Kristen Craig at [440.366.5711 ext. 113](tel:440.366.5711) or Kristen@SaintJudeParish.org.

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