



Monday	April 18th
5:00 p.m.	Josef and Katarina Fischer
Tuesday	April 19th
8:30 a.m.	Fr. Joseph Weigand
Wednesday	April 20th
5:00 p.m.	Maria Alfano
Thursday	April 21st Anselm, bishop/dr
8:30 a.m.	Theresa Pesansky and Joseph Fundanish
Friday	April 22nd
8:30 a.m.	Dorothy Diedrick
Saturday	Apr. 23rd George, martyr; Adalbert, bishop/martyr
9:00 p.m.	Mathew Jurco
11:00 a.m.	First Eucharist Liturgy
4:30 p.m.	Marge Anderson
Sunday	April 24th 5th Sunday of Easter
8:00 a.m.	Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish
9:30 a.m.	Jim & Joan Reitz
11:00 a.m.	Christopher Meanor

** Mass Intention requests for 2017 are now being accepted.
Stop in or call the Parish Office at 323-5539.

Readings for the Week of April 18th

Mon	Acts 11:1-18; Ps 42:2-3; 43:3-4; Jn 10:1-10
Tue	Acts 11:19-26; Ps 87:1-7; Jn 10:22-30
Wed	Acts 12:24-13:5; Ps 67:2-3, 5-6, 8; Jn 12:44-50
Thur	Acts 13:13-25; Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25, 27; Jn 13:16-20
Fri	Acts 13:26-33; Ps 2:6-11; Jn 14:1-6
Sat	Acts 13:44-52; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 14:7-14
Sun	Acts 14:21-27; Ps 145:8-13; Rv 21:1-5; Jn 13:31-35

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: **Arlene, Barb, Bette, Betty, Beverly, Bob, Carmen, Charlie, Chris, Dan, Doug, Eli, Hosea, Issa, Jacob, Joe, Kelly, Linda, Lois, Mark, Mary, Matt, Richard, Sharon, Theodore, Tim, Tom**, and all who have asked for our prayers.



STEWARDSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (04/10/16)	\$9,548.07
Tuition Assistance	\$1,630.80
Envelopes	256

Thank you for your generosity.

[2nd Collection April 17th - Home for a Season]
[2nd Collection April 24th - Catholic Home Missions]

My Friends,

This 4th Sunday of Easter has been designated on the church calendar as a World Day of Prayer for Vocations. It is no secret that the number of priests and religious serving in our country continues to diminish. In the Cleveland Diocese we are beginning to see two parishes administered by a single priest. The number of those being ordained is not enough to cover the number of older clergy retiring. The recent priestly gatherings in the diocese have focused on the declining numbers and what that means for future ministry.

I find it interesting that many Third World seminaries are packed with seminarians. More foreign priests are coming to the United States as we are becoming mission territory. There are many reasons for the declining numbers and we cannot address all of them here. My point in writing today is that the promotion of priestly and religious vocations is the duty of us all. Vocations come from religious families.

The vocation crisis might be better understood as a crisis of faith. When faith is not at the center of family life, there is little to nurture a religious vocation. This call to a world day of prayer reminds us that it is God who provides us with our vocation in life. When we are in tune with His will, there will be more than enough priests and religious to serve Him.

I would hope that all of us would keep today's intention in our prayers. We have the '31 Club' poster in the basement chapel. You can choose one day a month during which you will attend Mass to pray for vocations. I would also encourage you to be bold and encourage young people you think might be called to the priesthood or religious life. Oftentimes, it is that external validation which causes them to act on something they have been feeling within themselves. Let us pray for the harvest master to send more workers into his fields.

Fr. Charlie

"God's Family Tree" is outside the Weigand Room with a basket of leaves and adhesive. If you know someone who is no longer practicing their Catholic Faith, please put their first name (or initials if they have a distinctive first name) on a leaf and fasten it to the tree with the adhesive by the basket. We will be praying for them in the coming months.

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Today the Church throughout the world prays for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- Keep our parish priests in your prayers throughout the week.
- Encourage young people to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.



Blood pressure checks will be available 9-11am this Sunday, April 17th in the Weigand Room.

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER



This Week in our Parish

- Monday** April 18th
 5:30 p.m. Helping Hands Ministry - Conference Room
 6:30 p.m. P.S.R. - St. Joseph & Marian Buildings
 6:30 p.m. First Eucharist practice - Church
 7:00 p.m. Hall Committee - Weigand Room
- Tuesday** April 19th
 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
 6:00 p.m. Brownies - Green Room
 7:00 p.m. Revisiting Our Faith Traditions - Conf. Room
- Wednesday** April 20th
 5:45 p.m. Liturgy Commission - Conference Room
 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
 7:00 p.m. Choir - Choir Loft
 7:00 p.m. R.C.I.A. - Conference Room
- Thursday** April 21st
 9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
 11:00 a.m. Altar & Rosary - Rosary & Benediction
 + Luncheon & Meeting - Weigand Room
 7:00 p.m. Book Club - Cahill Library
- Saturday** April 23rd
 11:00 a.m. First Eucharist Liturgy - Church
 followed by a Reception in Weigand Room
- Sunday** April 24th
 9:30 a.m. Liturgy of the Word with Children
 11:00 a.m. Pre-School P. S. R. - St. Joseph Building
 Noon Volunteer Brunch - Parish Hall

200 CLUB WINNER: 04/17/16 Shari Dill #11



“REVISITING OUR FAITH TRADITIONS” will be held in the Conference Room on Tues., Apr. 19th at 7pm. Our topic will be ‘Conquest & Judges’ Part II - Books of Judges and Ruth.

Altar & Rosary Society



St. Mary’s Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Thurs., April 21st in the Lower Church at 11am for the Rosary & Benediction followed by a luncheon and short business meeting in the Weigand Room.

Day of Recollection for Women May 2, 2016

Beginning with the Rosary in the Lower Church at 9am
Closing with May Crowning at 1pm
Please call the Parish Office to register: 323-5539
[Continental Breakfast & Lunch will be provided.]
(open to ALL women - no cost)

Our April Book Club book is titled: Defending Jacob by William Landay. We will meet on Thursday, April 21st 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.

* Registration Packets are available on the table outside the Weigand Room.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, MAY 6TH: “Where Do I Fit? Reflections on Being a Young Adult Catholic” Much has been discussed within the Church today regarding our young adults and their involvement in the life of the Church. Find out what a young religious, a businessman, campus minister, and a college student perceive as their faith journey, their role in the church, and the church’s role in their lives. 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., May 2nd.



The Annual Crop Walk will be held April 23rd starting at 9am at Days Dam in Lorain. If you are interested in walking or making a donation, please stop outside the Weigand room after Masses this weekend, or contact Chuck Anthony at 440-935-1974.

SAVE THE DATE!

Elyria Catholic High School **BLACK TIE & BLUE JEAN GALA**
Saturday, April 23rd ~ 6-10pm at Red Tail Golf Club in Avon

WIN A CHANCE FOR A TRIP TO EXPLORE KEY WEST OR EXPERIENCE A WRIGLEY FIELD ROOFTOP EXPERIENCE! Tickets are \$50 [only 200 tickets will be sold]. Purchase your ticket online today at: <https://elyriacatholic.ejoinme.org/gala>. For more information, call the advancement office at 440-365-1821 x122. Thank you for supporting our students who rely on tuition assistance which is raised through this signature event.

“WHEN MOURNING DAWNS” - Join us for an evening designed for those who have experienced any significant loss in their lives, whether it is the loss of a spouse, child, family member, friend, a divorce, loss of health, job, life style, or a pet. Nancy Romaine, the Bereavement Coordinator for the Catholic Cemeteries Association, will guide you through a special video presentation which uses beautiful images from nature to compare the rhythms of the four seasons with the “seasons” of our grief journeys. Our hope is that it will help you understand and hopefully to embrace the grieving process, and find the “Summer” of your grief. Invite a friend – all are welcome. April 20th from 7-8:30pm, Holy Spirit Parish Family Center, 410 Lear Rd. Avon Lake. Refreshments Served.

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