

††† Masses For The Week

Sunday, March 28 – Palm Sunday

8:30 – Harold Hintz & Lorraine Pichola
10:30– Deceased of the Parish
12:00– Parishioners of St. Jude

Monday, March 29 – Holy Week

7:00 – Tom Wilkens

Tuesday, March 30 – Holy Week

8:30 – Anthony Beck

Wednesday, March 31 – Holy Week

7:00 – Deceased of Damian & Kuczkowski Families

Thursday, April 1 – Holy Thursday

7:00pm – Living & Deceased of the Bring Family

Friday, April 2 – Good Friday

2:00 – Passion Service

Saturday, April 3 – Holy Saturday

2:00 – Blessing of Food

8:30 – Parishioners of St. Jude

Sunday, April 4 – Easter Sunday

8:30 – Tom Modock – 1st Anniversary

10:30– Tony Aulio

12:00– Marsha Ann & George Lichman

Readings for April 4: Acts of the Apostles 10:34, 34-43;
Colossians 3:1-4; John 20:1-9.

Rest in Peace

Please pray for Officer James Kerstetter and Jeanne Scholtz and for the consolation of their loved ones.



In your prayers this week, please remember the needs included in our parish petition book and especially Rosetta, Tim, Jim, Lisa, Arianna, Dan, Benjamin and Steve.

If you would like the parishioners to pray for an individual, please leave a message for Becky Diederich at 366-5711 ext 103 or email sjwebmaster@saintjudeparish.org. We will include the name in the bulletin for three weeks. If you would like that request extended, call the name in again. We will only include first names and not specifics. As a parish community, let us pray for each other's needs.

EVERYONE IS INVITED to a Wine & Cheese Social on Tuesday, March 30th at 7:00pm at the Rectory, sponsored by the St. Jude Parish Festival Committee.

Whether you're already heading up a committee or just plan to work a couple of hours, be one of the first to know of what is being planned for this, our 26th festival! This is

an open invitation for all who are curious and for those who want to use your talent and time to **GET INVOLVED!**

Please pick up a copy of the April edition of *Take-Out: Family Faith on the Go* in the Gathering Area this weekend. There is a good article on "What Makes Us Happy?"



Sunday, March 28

Altar & Rosary Bake Sale – after Masses
AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

Monday, March 29

PSR – School at 6:15pm

Tuesday, March 30

Parish Festival Mtg – Rectory at 7:00pm

Wednesday, March 31

Reflecting on Scripture – Chapel at 6:00pm

Friday, April 2

Fish Fry – Carrabine from 5-7pm
Stations of the Cross – Church at 7:00pm

Sunday, April 4

AA – Carrabine at 7:30pm

FAMILY PERSPECTIVES

When Jesus died, Mary grieved alone. Most friends and followers had fled to safety except for a few acquaintances. We have friends and neighbors who have lost a loved one and feel alone in their grief. Resist the urge to avoid them. Even when we don't know what to say, we can at least listen and be quietly with them.



COMMUNAL Penance SERVICE

There will be a Lenten Communal Penance Service for the Catholic Church of Elyria tonight, March 28 at 7:00pm at St. Mary Church. All are welcome to attend.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On Friday evenings during Lent at 7:00pm, you are invited to join in prayer and meditation on the Stations of the Cross. This is a beautiful journey of reflection on the passion and death of Jesus and a traditional Lenten experience. Please join us.

HOLY NAME FISH FRY

Many guests stopped by to enjoy the perch and tilapia dinners during the Lenten season. As we approach the final serving date on Good Friday, April 2 from 5-7pm, the Holy Name Society, Altar & Rosary ladies, and all other volunteers offer our sincere thanks for your attendance. May God bless you all.

CHILDREN'S LITURGY OF THE WORD

There will be a special Children's Liturgy of the Word for second graders making their First Communion at the Holy Thursday Mass at 7:00 pm on April 1st. The second graders will also be a part of the Eucharistic procession.

EASTER FLOWERS

Each year we extend our traditional invitation to share in the purchase of the Easter flowers for the church. Our committee has again put together a wonderful design appropriate for the Easter Season. Special envelopes are in the contribution packets mailed to all parishioners. Please return them in the collection basket before Easter.





Recently, students in 4-8 welcomed their dads for a special Mass and classroom celebration afterwards. Students reflected on the role their dads play in their lives and how special and selfless they are. Dads were touched to know how special they are to their children!

ST. JUDE SCHOOL STEWARDSHIP

Lenten Promises:

Treat everyone nice even if you don't like them.....*Nick 8th grade*

I will center myself around quiet time with God....*Meggie, 7th grade*

I will teach others to love and rely on God.....*Ashley, 6th grade*

ST. JUDE CERTIFICATES

Are You Ready for Easter? Use our gift cards to buy everything from the ham to your Easter bonnet. You can buy Walmart/Sam's Club, Apples, Giant Eagle, Kohl's, Sears, and JC Penney *in the Gathering Area every Sunday!* You pay face value and St. Jude School gets a profit. What a deal!

Sales: Gathering Area at Church Sat. 4-6pm & Sunday 9:15-Noon. Rectory: **Mon.-Thurs.** 8am-Noon & 1-3pm. No sales next weekend.

This week walk with Jesus through his passion, death, and resurrection. We begin to experience the sacrifice he made for us and how we are also called to give our life for others. Operation Rice Bowl has helped us walk with those who daily take up the cross of poverty. Through prayer, fasting, and almsgiving we unite ourselves in the one human family that is God's creation. Please bring our Operation Rice Bowl container to one of the services during this week and place it in the collection basket or turn it in at the rectory. It would be helpful if you convert the change to bills or write a check out to **Catholic Relief Services**. Thank you for your generosity.



GRADUATING ALTAR SERVERS

This weekend will be the last Mass for four of our dedicated altar servers, before graduating from high school. **Joe Cavaceci** and **Chris Pienoski** at 4:30 Saturday, and **Courtney Lutke** and **Breanna Wisnor** at 10:30 Sunday. They have been altar servers for eight years. We would like to thank them for their years of service to the church and wish them all the best in their future endeavors.

Stewardship of Treasure Summary

Amount needed per week:		\$17,800
Regular Collection for Mar 21:		\$13,970
Difference for the week:	-	\$ 3,830
Number of Envelopes:	450	
Helping Hands Mar. 21:	\$299.31	
Year-To-Date Totals		
Amount Budgeted:		\$676,400
Total Sunday Offertory:		\$600,752
Difference:	-	\$ 75,648



Outstanding Mortgage Balance:	\$595,522
Building Fund Account Balance:	\$114,105
Monthly Mortgage Payment:	\$ 6,171

Thank you for your generosity!



PALM SUNDAY

marks the beginning of the most solemn week of the liturgical year. As a people of faith, we remember the unfolding of the Paschal Mystery – Jesus' death and resurrection! On Palm Sunday, palms will be distributed at all weekend Masses.

HOLY WEEK

Tuesday of Holy Week, Bishop Lennon will be celebrating the Chrism Mass at St. John Cathedral at 7:00pm. At this time, the sacred oils used for ordination, baptism, confirmation and anointing of the sick are blessed for all the churches in the Diocese of Cleveland. All are most welcome to attend this liturgy at the Cathedral in Cleveland.

There will be two opportunities for **confession** this week: Holy Thursday, April 1 at 8:00 pm, Good Friday, April 2 at 3:00 & 7:30 pm.

HOLY THURSDAY marks the beginning of the Sacred Triduum. The only Mass is at 7:00pm **Mass of the Lord's Supper**. The Mandatum (washing of the feet) included in this liturgy, recalls the institution of the Eucharist and Priestly Ordination.



Good Friday Services

Good Friday's Celebration of the Lord's Passion at 2:00pm is comprised of the Liturgy of the Word, Veneration of the Cross and concludes

with a Communion Service. The Good Friday offering is for the Holy Land. We will simply put the baskets at the doors for your offering as you leave the church. There will be Stations of the Cross at 7:00pm.

holy Saturday **Holy Saturday** we will be decorating the church for Easter at 9:00am and additional hands are most welcome. At 2:00pm, we will have the blessing of the food in church.



EASTER VIGIL

The most significant liturgy of the entire year takes place at 8:30pm with the **Easter Vigil Mass**. It will begin with the blessing of the new fire in front of the church. After singing the Exultet (Easter Proclamation), the Liturgy of the Word, the blessing of the baptismal water, the renewal of baptismal promises takes place. After this we will witness the profession of faith and confirmation of our RCIA Candidates and elect: Nicole Barnett and Jeff Rawson. We celebrate with them as they become full participating members in our St. Jude Community.

PARISH COUNCIL Every year we select three new members for our St. Jude Parish Council. If you have not done so yet, please submit names of candidates to the rectory or drop them in the collection basket. Nomination forms are available in the Gathering Area and are due April 5. Please feel free to nominate yourself or any other registered, confirmed, and active member of St. Jude parish.

On Good Friday our parish will take up the annual Good Friday Collection for the Holy Land. Your financial contribution helps to support the struggling Christian community and to protect Christianity's holiest places.

HELPING HANDS UPDATE

Thanks to St. Jude parishioners, we collected over \$800.00 in cash for the homeless and many, many supplies. Thanks to you, their lives will be a little bit easier as the need is great. There are many, many homeless families in Elyria. Did you hear the good news? St. Jude Helping Hands now has a food pantry! If you know of anyone who needs help with food, call the rectory and leave a message for Helping Hands and someone will call you back. For more info regarding Helping Hands many projects, email dlaufer@oh.rr.com or call 366-5711 ext 104.

The Easter copies of Word Among Us and the Little White Books from Saginaw, Michigan will be available in the Gathering Area next weekend. Please pick up a copy to enhance your Scripture reflection throughout the Easter Season.

Eucharistic Adoration is every Wednesday from 7am-6pm in the Chapel. At 6:00pm there is a Scripture reflection on the Sunday Gospel after the reposition of the Blessed Sacrament. Make this part of your prayer for the season of Lent.

ELYRIA CATHOLIC POT O' GOLD

On Saturday, April 24th, ECHS will be hosting our spring fundraiser, the Pot O' Gold, "Mardi Gras Style". The EC coliseum will be filled with excitement as 450+ guests enjoy dinner, dancing, bidding on fabulous auction items and our main event, the \$5,000 reverse raffle! Tickets are \$150/couple and are going fast, so contact the Development Office today 365.1821 ext. 22 or 34. Feeling lucky but can't attend the event? Our leprechaun tickets are also now on sale! Prize is either tuition for one student at Elyria Catholic for the 2010-2011 school year (\$6,500 value) or \$5,000 Cash!! Tickets are only \$50 each and only 200 tickets will be sold. Tickets available on a first come first serve basis. Contact the above number to get your lucky ticket! The winning ticket will be drawn at The Pot O' Gold fundraiser. Winner need not be present.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM, APRIL 9 Sr. Barbara O'Donnell, HM, of Villa Maria, PA: "Perspectives on Climate Change". Questions continue to increase as data is gathered regarding global climate change. At the same time Catholic values motivate our concern for the future of all communities. Participate in a conversation that integrates Scripture, Catholic Social Teaching and the cosmic story! Come away with resources for gathering information and joining in the dialogue. Join the First Friday Forum for spiritual refreshment, fellowship, and good food at LCCC, 11:30am. Tickets \$15. RSVP by calling 244-0643 or fflorain@gmail.com before 3pm Monday, April 5th.

2009 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS were all mailed on January 22nd. This includes Future Fund Statements and Regular Contribution Statements. Should you need assistance, please call the rectory 366-5711 ext 103.

STEWARDSHIP FOLLOW-UP

Lent is a time the Church slows down and reflects on the very core of our belief: Jesus Christ, our Savior. It is Jesus who revealed the concept of Stewardship-believing everything we have is a gift from God, our Creator, to which we must give a response – showing our gratitude for these gifts of time, talent and treasure. **If you have not already done so, please prayerfully complete the Stewardship Commitment card and return it to the Rectory or place it in the offertory basket at Mass.** If you did not receive your Stewardship materials, or have any questions concerning it, please call Susan Kuckenbecker at 366-5711 ext 110. Thank you to all of you who have already completed and returned your cards.

PURPLE VEILS ON STATUES

Beginning with the Fifth Sunday of Lent, statues and sacred images in the Church will be veiled in purple. The veiling of statues and sacred images is a sort of 'fasting' from sacred depictions that represent the Paschal glory of our salvation. The veils are removed at the singing of the 'Gloria' at the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday evening. A 'fasting' from the glorious images of our faith and the saints in glory, culminates in the glorious Easter victory won by Christ, risen from the tomb to win for us eternal life.

St. Agnes Annual Palm Sunday Chicken Paprikas Dinner today, March 28 from noon-3pm in the Church Hall. Adults \$9; kids 6-12 \$3.50 and under 5/free. Dinner includes chicken paprikas, dumplings, salad, bread & butter, dessert and beverage. Carry outs available in your own containers. Stop in for a delicious dinner!

PARISH REGISTRATION

It is our policy and desire to serve the needs of St. Jude parishioners. We welcome you. Families, singles and young adults (age 18 and over) should make an effort to become registered members of the parish. Even if you are not in a position to contribute regularly, it is important to be registered for us to take care of your pastoral needs (funerals, baptisms, weddings, etc.) To register, please call the rectory or drop a note in the collection basket and we will be happy to assist you.

EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION

All those who wish to continue (or begin) in this ministry must be recommissioned by the bishop. The Spring Formation sessions, each 2 ½ hours are located:
April 11th Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist, Cleveland
April 11th St. Richard, North Olmsted
April 25th St. Mary Magdalene, Willowick
May 2nd St Barnabas, Northfield
Call the rectory at 366-5711 to sign up. Those feeling the call to this ministry please call coordinator Al Zanni at 440-328-8100.

