



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY VIGIL, March 23

4:30 p.m. Rudy & Rose Firem

SUNDAY, March 24— Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Gospel: Lk 19: 28-40; Reading I: Is 50: 4-7

Reading II: Phil 2: 6-11; Gospel: Lk 22: 14—23: 56

8:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. John Kocevar

Noon Andrew Conter

MONDAY, March 25

Reading I: Is 42: 1-7; Gospel: Jn 12: 1-11

7:00 a.m. Luciano Marcuz

7:00 p.m. Mary Schmidt and
James & Mary Pastor

TUESDAY, March 26

Reading I: Is 49: 1-6; Gospel: Jn 13: 21-33, 36-38

7:00 a.m. Intention of Celebrant

WEDNESDAY, March 27

Reading I: Is 50: 4-9a; Gospel: Mt 26: 14-25

7:00 a.m. Msgr. James Smith

THURSDAY, March 28 – HOLY THURSDAY

Reading I: Ex 12: 1-8, 11-14; Reading II: 1 Cor 11: 23-26;

Gospel: Jn 13: 1-15

8:30 a.m. Mass of the Lord's Supper

FRIDAY, March 29 – GOOD FRIDAY

Reading I: Is 52: 13—53: 12;

Second Reading: Heb 4: 14-16; 5: 7-9

Gospel: Jn 18: 1—19:42

3:00 p.m. Solemn Service

7:00 p.m. Solemn Service

SATURDAY, March 30 – HOLY SATURDAY

9:00 p.m. Easter Vigil: For the People of
the Parish

SUNDAY, March 31 – EASTER SUNDAY

Reading I: Acts 10: 34a, 37-43

Reading II: Col 3: 1-4; Gospel: Jn 20: 1-9

8:00 a.m. Frances Kozuch

10:00 a.m. Joanne Grucza (AM)

Noon Jerry Ridenour

Please note the parish office will be closed on Good Friday.

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March 16/17 Collection

Collection: \$7,573.85* Envelopes Used: 361

Eastern Europe: \$382

Holy Thursday: \$25

Good Friday: \$30

*figure includes the following:

Restoration: \$105 Children's \$61.85

School: \$49 Easter Flowers: \$293

Parish Use: \$304 Easter: \$190

In memory of Agnes Zabak: \$300.00

Pray for the Sick of our Parish:

John Kwitkowski, Sharon Bahleda, Lenore Cruikshank, Kathy Cool, Helen Holovach, Clyde Burdette, Wanda Golias, Clare Jojczyk, Phyllis Nelson, Rich Hahn

Bring in Your Old Palms

Please drop off your old palms in the church to be disposed of properly. Palms may be dropped off through Good Friday. There is a marked basket in the gathering room.

Easter Yard Signs

Show your faith with an Easter yard sign!



Pick one up at the Gathering room or the Rectory.

We are asking a free will offering of \$3.00 to cover the cost of producing them.

*THANK YOU &
GOD BLESS YOU!*

Stop down in the hall after all masses this weekend for refreshments!

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Peace and Justice Gem

Whatever God does, the first outburst is always compassion.

Meister Eckhart, 14th-century Dominican mystic

Do You Know? The meaning of "hosanna"?

Holy Week

Confession: Monday, March 25, after 7 p.m. Mass
Wednesday, March 27, 6-7 p.m.

Chrism Mass: Tuesday, March 26, at St. John's Cathedral, 7 p.m.

Walk with Mary: Tuesday, March 26, 7 p.m. in the Church

Tenebrae: Wednesday, March 27, 7:30 p.m.

Holy Thursday: Mass of the Lord's supper, 7 p.m., followed by Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, closing with night prayer at 11:15 p.m.

Good Friday: Morning prayer at 9 a.m., church
Solemn services at 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.

Holy Saturday: Morning prayer at 9 a.m., church
Food blessing 1 p.m., church
Easter Vigil: 9 p.m.

Easter Sunday

Masses: 8 a.m., 10 a.m., noon

Tenebrae

Please join us for our parish's Tenebrae service on Wednesday at 7:30 p.m. Latin for "darkness," Tenebrae involves mournful readings from the Old Testament, reminding us of our sorrow at Jesus' suffering and death. As the readings progress, 14 of 15 burning candles are extinguished one by one. This represents Jesus' desertion by his Apostles, and finally just one flame remains, that of Jesus. When it is momentarily hidden, as a sign of his death, a loud bang is heard, like the rumble of an earthquake. Then the Christ candle returns, to signify his light can never be doused. That evening, the sacrament of reconciliation will be celebrated for an hour, starting at 6:00.

THERE IS NO BINGO ON HOLY THURSDAY!

Holy Thursday Collection

An important part of the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 28, is the collection for the poor. Please bring to the Mass canned and boxed food items which will be used to stock our parish's St. Vincent de Paul Society food pantry. Items always needed are spaghetti sauce and pasta, cereal, soup, macaroni and cheese, pancake mix and syrup, canned vegetables, and peanut butter and jelly. At the offertory, you will be invited to process forward with this food. The money that you donate in the Holy Thursday envelopes will be used for the work of our St. Vincent de Paul Society.

Eucharistic Adoration

After the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, the Eucharist is transferred to the Eucharistic chapel, which will be set up in the church's original baptistery, near the Granger Road entrance. Adoration will take place until 11:15 p.m. when it will end with Night Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours. We have a sign-up sheet for the different time slots and encourage you to participate.

Good Friday Collection

The Good Friday special collection supports programs and services in the Holy Land. The Franciscans, who have cared for it for nearly 800 years, are proud to serve the people and places of the Holy Land in the following ways: education and scholarships, charity and assistance for the poor, pastoral ministry, and maintenance and care of the Holy Land. Please be generous in your support.

Answer: It is the Greek form of the Hebrew word "hoshana," which we use to express praise of God but which literally means, "Save, we beseech you."

Youth Group

April's Youth Group calendar of events will be published next week. This week teens are encouraged to participate in their parish-specific Holy Week activities.

Mrs. Nancy Heineke, Coordinator of Youth Ministry
216-662-8685 ext. 123

A cluster ministry of St. Martin of Tours, St. Monica, SS. Peter & Paul and St. Therese Parishes

RECENT WEEKEND DRAWING WINNERS

NAME	DATE	AMOUNT
Debra & Walt Sarnowski	3/9	\$100.00
Gary Balla	3/10	\$100.00
Carol Sabol	3/16	\$100.00
Paul Baron	3/17	\$500.00

Holy Name Society News

The winners of our March Giant Eagle raffle are:

- \$100 Jim Juliano
- \$25 Karen Kipfstuhl
- \$25 Gene Glenn



Bells – When the new pontiff was elected, bells rang out at the Vatican and then the greater world. The ringing of bells calls attention to something significant that is taking place and the desire to spread the good news to all who hear them. If you are planning to attend the Easter Vigil service, we invite you to bring your bell (or bells) with you so that we as a community can call out the Good News and remind all who can hear of the significance of the resurrection of Jesus Christ. Your bell, once used to proclaim the resurrection, will be a concrete reminder that Jesus Christ lives.

Movie Today!

Today, Palm Sunday, we will show the movie, "For Greater Glory," starring Eva Longoria, Andy Garcia & Peter O'Toole, at 2 p.m. in the church hall. The movie is about an impassioned group of men and women who make the decision to risk it all for family, faith, and the very future of their beloved country of Mexico. As the adventure unfolds, the long-hidden TRUE story of the 1920's Cristero War, the People's Revolt, is revealed. Many of those who fought in the war and did not survive have been declared "Blessed" and are candidates for sainthood. The movie is rated R-17, due to the violence, and may be too intense for children under 17. Therefore, we advise not bringing children under 17 to the movie. Immediately following it there will be a short discussion.

Women Growing in Faith

On Sunday, April 7, we will meet at 1 p.m. at St. Monica Church for the Chaplet of Divine Mercy.

John Paul II Academy PTU

Walk of Mary

The women of John Paul II Academy PTU invite you to experience the Stations of the Cross from a different perspective. The Walk of Mary will take place in St. Therese Church at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, March 26. Join Mary through this intimate journey of faith as she walks the road to Calvary and witnesses her son's crucifixion. Light refreshments will follow the service. All are welcome.



The GOOD FRIDAY Procession of the Cross



Join with area churches and other faith institutions in Garfield Heights as together we witness to the power of the Cross and the unity of our diversity. The procession will take place on Good Friday, March 29, from 10 a.m. – noon. It will begin and conclude at Garfield Hts. United Methodist Church (across from Turney Town Shopping Center). The theme for this year is the "Seven Last Words". Light refreshments will be served at the end of the procession. Those individuals unable to walk the route may use their cars to follow, or join others in Jennings van. A police escort will be assisting the procession. This walk is sponsored by the *Garfield Hts. Christian Unity Council*.

Seniors

Join the St. Therese Seniors for an upcoming bus trip to the Museum of Divine Statues followed by lunch at Sokolowski's Restaurant. This trip will be on Tuesday, April 9. We will meet at St. Therese Church parking lot at 9 a.m. The cost is \$25 each for the bus and museum. Pay in advance to Mary Lou Kieta, 216-662-3592. There will be a one half hour guided tour followed by time to explore and shop at the gift shop. Lunch will be at Sokolowski's University Inn. Each person pays for their own meal (\$8.75-\$9.75 with drinks and dessert extra). Come along for this great day. Any questions, call John Carrig at 216-581-0651.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Lost & Found

There was a crucifix on a chain recently found in the church. If it's yours, please come to the rectory office.

The following prayer for those who live alone was submitted by a parishioner:

I live alone, dear Lord, stay by my side,
In all my daily needs be Thou my guide.
Grant me good health, for that indeed, I pray,
To carry on my work from day to day.
Keep pure my mind, my thoughts, my every deed.
Let me be kind, unselfish in my neighbor's need.
Spare me from fire, from flood, malicious tongues,
From thieves, from fear, and evil ones.
If sickness or an accident befall,
Then humbly Lord, I pray, hear Thou my call.
And when I'm feeling low or in despair,
Lift up my heart and help me in my prayer.
I live alone, dear Lord, yet have no fear,
Because I feel Your presence ever near. Amen



Eucharistic Ministers Needed

Eucharistic Ministers are needed at Marymount Hospital. If you are able to help one day during the week or on the weekend, please call Sr. Betty at 216-587-8141.

Come to the Table



Our parish will be presenting a three-evening series on prayer, as a follow-up to the lenten mission. The name of this series is *Come to the Table*. Prayer is a key aspect of the Christian life, and in

this Year of Faith this series will allow us to delve more deeply into it. We will hold the gatherings on Wednesday, April 10, 17, and 24, from 7-8:30 p.m. in the parish hall. Please mark your calendars for what will be a golden opportunity to connect more deeply with God and your fellow believers!

Jesuit Retreat House

The Jesuit Retreat House has many events coming up in March and April including a Lenten Literary Evening on March 27, a Married Couples Day of Recollection on April 7 and a Spring Scripture Study on April 8, 15, 22, & 29. For more information about any of these events and more, please call the Jesuit Retreat House at 440-884-9300 or go to www.jrh-cleveland.org.

Marriage Help

Retrouvaille (pronounced retro-vi) has helped tens of thousands of couples at all stages of disillusionment or misery in their marriage. This program can help you, too. For confidential information about or to register for the Cleveland April program beginning with a weekend on April 5-7 at the Hilton Hotel in Beachwood, call 800-470-2230 or visit www.HelpOurMarriage.com.



**Happy
Birthday!**

Deacon Bob, March 27

The Collection for the Church In Central and Eastern Europe

Thank you for your donations to the Collection for the Church in Central & Eastern Europe. This collection provides support for basic pastoral programs, safe and affordable housing for students so they may return to support their local churches, and other important initiatives. Your generosity is appreciated.

John Paul II Academy

John Paul II Academy is accepting applications for the 2013-2014 school year for PreK through grade 8. Please call Miss Lackney at the academy (216-581-3080) to set up an appointment. Come see what the good news is all about!

John Paul II Academy PTU

Palm Sunday Bake Sale at SS. Peter & Paul

Please join the John Paul II Academy PTU for our annual bake sale following all the masses this weekend at SS Peter & Paul parish hall. Stock up for Easter. Cookies, pies, bread, and more will be available for purchase. Coffee will be hot and fresh if you want to stay and enjoy your purchase.

Pre Cana Day

There will be a Pre-Cana day for engaged couples at St. Monica Church on Saturday, April 27. This day includes Mass and meals. The cost is \$65 per couple. Please call the St. Monica parish office at 216-662-8685 to register.

March 24, 2013

Thank
You!



Thank you to everyone who attended the pancake breakfast. We were able to raise over \$600.00 for the parish. Thanks to all who volunteered to help. A special thanks to the Knights of Columbus Garfield Hts. Council 4130 and my family for making things much easier for me! Pat Harmon won the 50/50 raffle of \$61. I look forward to seeing you again in the fall for more pancakes, sausage, eggs, and fellowship.

Tom Gadus, Fundraising Committee

Little Sisters of the Poor

This weekend the Little Sisters of the Poor will be with us at all masses to seek your financial support for their ministry to the elderly poor. The Sisters are committed to welcoming the needy elderly, regardless of race or religion, into their home on Richmond Road in Warrensville Hts. They receive them as members of our large family, caring for them and preparing them for when God calls them to their heavenly home. Your generosity will be deeply appreciated.

Mending Hearts Bereavement Support

Marilyn Deliberato of Golubski Deliberato Funeral Home and Sr. Joann Poplar, SSJ-TOSF, Co-director of Pastoral Care at Marymount Hospital will begin a bereavement support group to be held in the Marymount Hospital conference room. The sessions will begin on Tuesday, April 2 and will run every Tuesday for five weeks from 6-8 p.m. It is free of charge. Anyone who has suffered a loss is welcome. Please come for an evening of consolation, friendship and healing. Please call Marilyn at 216-215-0187 or Sr. Joann at 216-587-8140 to reserve your space.

Knights of Columbus Council 4130 Wednesday Night Dinners

The next dinner is March 27 and will consist of 2 stuffed cabbages, mashed potatoes, vegetable, garden salad, roll & butter. The dinner is by Maple Hts. Catering. Dinners are served 4-7 p.m. The cost is \$8 for adults and \$6 for kids under 12. Reservations are required at 216-662-2277, mailbox #2 by March 25 at 8 p.m.

St. Therese "Gift Card" Fundraiser

We have a solution to make life a little easier & less hectic, plus it helps the Church. Purchase gift cards of your choice. **Return the form with cash or check to the rectory.** Orders are placed each *Monday morning* and you can receive your cards the following *Tuesday*. The order form is in the church entryways or the rectory. *This fundraiser is year-round!*



As a feature of the bulletin, each week we will have a small article about a different group or ministry of our parish. This week we are featuring:

Lectors

Do you enjoy speaking in front of others? This would be a great opportunity to participate during Mass sharing the "Word of the Lord". Please contact Fr. Dan if you are interested in sharing your gift.

FREE Final Expense Workshop

This workshop will be held at Calvary Cemetery Cleveland Office at 10000 Miles Ave. on Saturday, April 6, from 1-2 p.m. Everyone who attends receives a valuable Catholic personal estate planning record book along with resources on cemetery and funeral information. Registration is appreciated. Please email mvujas@clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org or call Michael Vujas at 216-883-5471. Visit the website at www.clevelandcatholiccemeteries.org for all dates and locations.

First Step Programs

Are you interested in:

- Deepening your knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage?
- Learning about ministry to the divorced/separated in the Diocese?
- Hearing the true facts about the annulment process and how to submit a case?
- Discovering a path to healing after divorce?

The First Step Programs are scheduled around the Diocese, open to anyone, with no pre-registration. The next session is Tuesday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at St. Peter Parish, 3655 Oberlin Ave. in Lorain, 440-282-9103. For more information call 216-696-6525, ext. 4000 or visit <dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal>.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

Divine Mercy Sunday

St. Monica Church will celebrate Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7, with a special noon Mass followed by Eucharistic adoration, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy, and veneration of the image of Divine Mercy and the relic of St. Faustina. All are welcome to join us in prayer and thanksgiving to Jesus.



As you make your summer plans, please join us for The FEST on Sunday, August 4, on the grounds of the Center for Pastoral Leadership (home for Borromeo Seminary and St. Mary Seminary) in Wickliffe. The FEST is a FREE family day. For more information and a schedule of events, call 440-943-7662 or go online to www.theFEST.us.

This week's Year of Faith question is: Why is the "Last Supper" so important to our Catholic Faith?

Jesus showed his consummate love at the Last Supper. He instituted the Holy Eucharistic, the focal point of our Faith, and symbolically anticipated his redeeming Passion by speaking these words over the gifts of bread and wine: "This is my body which is given for you." He also made the Apostles priests (Holy Orders) when he commanded them to "Do this in remembrance of me." Regarding the Last Supper, Pope Benedict XVI has said, "In a certain sense we can say the Last Supper itself is the act of foundation of the Church, because He gives Himself and thus creates a new community, a community united in communion with Himself." (From the Youth Catechism of the Catholic Church) (Youcat #99)

From Fr. Dan

Holy Week begins today, Palm Sunday! The Lord's Passion dominates these days, which mark the holiest time of the Church calendar. As we hold the palm fronds at the start of our liturgy, we commemorate Jesus' entrance into Jerusalem shortly before his arrest and crucifixion. Luke's passion account is the gospel reading. During Holy Week extra prayer certainly is appropriate, and I strongly urge you to set aside time for this. Let the liturgy of the Triduum serve as the center of Holy Week for you. While at every Sunday at Mass we participate in Jesus' death and resurrection, we do so in a special way during the Triduum (Latin for "Three Days"). It is a single, wonderful liturgy broken into three parts: the Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday evening, the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, and the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night.

At the Mass of the Lord's Supper, the Church celebrates the institution of the Eucharist and the institution of the priesthood. Equally, we remember Jesus' command to love as he loves, a love that must take the form of service. Such service is symbolized by the washing of feet and by the collection, which is designated for the poor. All are welcome to have their feet washed and, if willing, to wash another's feet. At the end of Mass, the Eucharist is transferred to the Eucharistic chapel for adoration until 11:15 p.m.

On Good Friday the veneration of the cross is the focal point for the Celebration of the Lord's Passion. This service isn't a Mass, for Good Friday is the one day of the year when no Mass is celebrated. The Body of Christ remaining from the Mass of the Lord's Supper is used for Communion, following the proclamation of John's passion account and a special rendering of the general intercessions. The service begins with the priest and deacon prostrating themselves before the altar, signifying the abasement of "earthly man" and the Church's grief and sorrow. Throughout Good Friday and up to the Easter Vigil on Holy Saturday night, the Church encourages us to fast. This isn't the penitential fast of Lent but a fast in honor of Jesus' suffering and death and in preparation to share more deeply in his resurrection. Such fasting also unites us with the elect around the world, including our own Don Harper, as they fast in preparation for Baptism at the Easter Vigil.

Easter begins with the Easter Vigil Mass. The extraordinary nature of this Mass is seen in the lighting of the Easter candle, the singing of the Exsultet, the numerous readings from the Old Testament, and the celebration of the sacraments of initiation. As Don is washed in the baptismal water, we will be reminded that our own friendship with God is based on this sacrament. Next comes his confirmation. Then, candles in hand, we will renew our baptismal promises and profess our faith, with the sprinkling with baptismal water to follow. Finally, we will enter into the Liturgy of the Eucharist, during which our new Catholic will process forward with us to share in the Eucharist.

The Chrism Mass, another significant Holy Week celebration, is set for Tuesday at 7 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist. It highlights the bishop's blessing of the sacred oils used to anoint the sick, catechumens, men being ordained as priests, people just baptized, and those being confirmed. The

priests of the diocese also renew their commitment to priestly service. All are welcome to attend. Don't forget about Morning Prayer from the Liturgy of the Hours on Good Friday and Holy Saturday at 9 a.m. in the church and the blessing of Easter food on Holy Saturday at 1 p.m. in the church.

Congratulations to Jennifer Follina, who was blessed as an altar server last Sunday. We are grateful to her, to our other servers, and to all our liturgical ministers for their service! And I want to thank Tom Gadus, who organized the pancake breakfast fundraiser for the parish a few weeks ago, as well as the members of the Knights of Columbus who assisted. Their gracious service provided a tasty meal, the opportunity to enjoy fellowship, and added \$615 to the parish's general fund. I also must express my gratitude to the members of the Spiritual Development Commission and the Hospitality Committee, whose assistance with our lenten mission last week was instrumental to its success. It was led by Fr. John Loya, who blessed us with great insights into prayer.

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The parish office will be closed on Good Friday.

THE WEEK AHEAD

Sunday, March 24

Refreshments after all masses, hall
 JPPII PTU Bake Sale at SS. Peter & Paul
 Confirmation Workshop 1-3 p.m., school
 "For Greater Glory" movie 2 p.m., hall

Monday, March 25

Parish Council 7 p.m., rectory

Tuesday, March 26

PSR 6:30, JPPII
 Walk with Mary 7 p.m., church
 AA 8 p.m., hall

Wednesday, March 27

Tenebrae 7:30 p.m., church

Thursday, March 28

Mass of the Lord's Supper 7 p.m.

NO BINGO

Friday, March 29

Morning Prayer 9 a.m., church
 Solemn Service 3 p.m. & 7 p.m.
 Decorating the church after 7 p.m. service

Saturday, March 30

Morning Prayer 9 a.m., church
 Food Blessing 1 p.m., church
 Easter Vigil 9 p.m.

