



Mass Intentions

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 28-SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 +SCOTTIE COYLE (Ann and Children)
 E - Margaret Strzelecki, Joan Wohlever
 L - Linda Dybo
 S - Liz and Danny Metelsky

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 29-FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 NATIVITY PARISHIONERS
 E - Jon and Nancy Guggenbiller
 L - Mary Jo Mathewson
 S - Rodney and Wayne Tolson

10:30 +MARGARET STEJNO
 E - Trish Pisegna, Larry Braleski
 L - Debbie Poltrone
 S - Andrew and Allyson Czarney

MONDAY, MARCH 1-LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 +NANCY LUCEY (Lynn Mazze Trunkett)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 3-LENTEN WEEKDAY

6:30 +KATHERINE AND HELEN POKIDAN AND
 MARY BOLDEN (Galik Family)

THURSDAY, MARCH 4-LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 +JOSEPHINE DOMANSKI (Mrs. Marie
 Duskey)

FRIDAY, MARCH 5-LENTEN WEEKDAY

8:15 +HENRY C. GAWLIK, SR. (Dick and Mary
 Ann Ziegman)

SATURDAY, MARCH 6-SUNDAY VIGIL

4:00 +BEN KUZNIAR (Ray and Adeline
 Malinowski)
 E - Joan Jakubowski, Marilyn Barnard
 L - Frank Matuszak
 S - Alexandra Zgonc and Jerry Bangs

SUNDAY, MARCH 7-SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

8:30 NATIVITY PARISHIONERS
 E - Ron and Debbie Werczynski
 L - Tom Borowicz
 S - Michelle Kallas and Ashley Bastock

10:30 +HELEN BRALESKI (Family)
 E - Cindy Brickner and Bonnie Metelsky
 L - Liz Metelsky
 S - Elijah Haslage and Danny Metelsky

IN YOUR PRAYERS

Please continue to pray for all of our parishioners who are suffering from an illness and those recently hospitalized, especially Tony Popovich. Remember to pray for the soul of Rev. Norman Smith, Pastor of Divine Word in Kirtland, whose funeral was celebrated this week. Pray also for all the deceased priests and deacons of our diocese.

UPCOMING PARISH ACTIVITIES

March 1 Music Committee (7:00 P.M.)
 March 3 Altar and Rosary Society (1:00 P.M.)
 Stations of the Cross (7:00 P.M.)
 Finance Committee (7:00 P.M.)
 Choir (7:30 P.M.)
 March 4 Liturgy Commission (7:00 P.M.)
 March 7/8 Parish Mission (7:00-8:30 P.M.)

OFFERTORY COLLECTION

Weekend of Feb. 21/22 \$5,168.00
 Envelopes Used—331
 Monthly Education 240.00
THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY!

SCRIPTURE READINGS

Readings for the Week of February 29, 2004
 Sunday: Dt 26:4-10; Rom 10:8-13; Lk 4:1-13
 Monday: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18; Mt 25:31-46
 Tuesday: Is 55:10-11; Mt 6:7-15
 Wednesday: Jon 3:1-10; Lk 11:29-32
 Thursday: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25; Mt 7:7-12
 Friday: Ez 18:21-28; Mt 5:20-26
 Saturday: Dt 26:16-19; Mt 5:43-48
 Next Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18; Phil 3:17--4:1; Lk 9:28b-36

SPECIAL COLLECTION

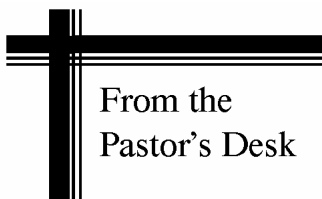
The collection to aid the Catholic Church and Eastern Europe funds nearly 1,200 projects in 22 countries. Our contributions to this annual collection support religious and moral education, religious communication through mass media, restoration of churches, seminaries and convents and the revitalization of Catholic charitable organizations. This collection will be taken next weekend in our parish.

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County announces its March 5th luncheon program featuring Rev. Joseph Hilinski who will speak on the topic of "Religious Tolerance: Learning to Move from Fear to Appreciation." All luncheon programs are held on the first Friday of every month from 11:30 A.M. to 1:00 P.M. at Lorain County Community College's Spitzer Conference Center. Tickets cost \$15 per person. Call 244-0643 for reservations.

SPIRITUAL CARE VOLUNTEER

The Department of Spiritual Care of Community Health Partners wants you as a hospital spiritual care volunteer. They are seeking volunteers who would like to use their gifts and talents to do hospital visitation. Training sessions with supervised visits are offered. If you are interested in being a part of this exciting ministry, please call 960-3782.



From the
Pastor's Desk

On my day off my brother and I tackled a small, then large plumbing job in the kitchen. We finished for the day eight hours later. The job still wasn't totally completed — very old pipes! My brother, who did 9/10ths of the job and I tore some skin off our knuckles in those tight places using pipe wrenches. I am reminded of the event every time I wash my hands with soap. Suffering is part of the human condition. Later today I plan to see the movie "The Passion of the Christ." It is an appropriate thing to reflect on Jesus' suffering for our sins, especially during the Lenten Season. We can't even begin to imagine the pain Our Lord went through for us. I'm sure I'll have some thoughts to share about the movie later in my homilies, during my Lenten class, and on Good Friday. As St. Peter wrote, "By his wounds you have been healed."

Wednesdays, after the 6:30 P.M. Mass, join us for Stations of the Cross. Sunday and Monday, March 7th and 8th Sr. Mary McCormick will be the presenter for our Lenten Mission. On Thursday evenings, March 18th and 25th you are invited to a class on Catholicism and controversy. Our communal penance service will be held this year at St. Anthony's Church at 2:00 on Sunday, March 28th.

Not only do we participate at Mass on the weekends, but you are encouraged to attend on weekdays if you are able. It is a good thing to keep all meals during Lent simple and, of course, we abstain from meat on Fridays except for the feast of St. Joseph on March 19th. Our prayers, fasting, and almsgiving should be done with purpose and the joy of knowing how much God loves us.

From my joke bin:

This lady executive was away all weekend at a business conference, and during a break she decided to call home collect. Her six year old son picked up the phone and heard a stranger's voice say, "We have Marcia on the line. Will you accept the charges?" Frantic, he dropped the receiver and came charging outside screaming. "Dad, They've got Mom! And they want money!"

WITH HIM AND HIS MOM,

THANK YOU

The parish nurses would like to thank Anna Broz, RN, N.P. from N.O.H.C. and all who attended the Heart Healthy presentation last Sunday. Much was learned, and our hearts will be healthier because of it.

ANNUAL HOLY NAME RAFFLE

The annual Holy Name raffle tickets are on sale now before all Masses in the back of the church. The cost is \$25.00 and only 100 tickets will be sold. The first prize is \$1,000.00; 2nd prize is \$300.00; and 3rd prize is \$200.00. The drawing will be held on March 28th.

CONGRATULATIONS

Best wishes to EDWARD AND ANGELINE PROSAK who will be celebrating 58 years of marriage.

ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

The ladies will meet this Wednesday, March 3rd in the rectory basement. If you are having difficulty climbing the steps to the rectory, you are reminded that the door to the rectory basement (located by the rear office door) will be open for your convenience.

AREA LENTEN ACTIVITIES

On each of the four Tuesdays in March, Holy Trinity Church will sponsor "EMBRACING THE CROSS" a four part series beginning with the History of the Cross. It will take place in the parish hall from 7:00-8:30 P.M.

St. Anthony Parish is holding their Lenten Mission on March 1st and 2nd at 7:00 P.M. Fr. Dismas Bonner, a Franciscan scholar, is the presenter.

On March 4th at 6:30 P.M., Fr. Michael Balash will present a program at St. Stanislaus Church on the New Communion Rite. Everyone is invited to come and listen, especially those who serve in liturgical ministries.

Church of St. Peter is hosting a Women's Day, "Enjoying a Busy Life, for women of all ages on Saturday, March 13 in the school cafeteria. The day will begin with a continental breakfast at 8:30 A.M.; two presentations will be given; and will end with a catered luncheon. Tickets at \$12.00 may be purchased at the Parish Center or call Pat at 282-9451.

Fr. Al Krupp will give a Parish Mission, Journey Into and Toward the Light of Easter, at the Church of St. Peter from March 6th to 10th. Talks will begin during the 4:30, 9:00, 10:30 and 12:00 weekend Masses. From March 7th-10th evening sessions will be held from 7:00-8:15 P.M.

PEACE AND JUSTICE DINNER

The annual dinner will be held on Saturday, March 27th at St. Joseph Hall, Amherst. The featured speaker will be Rev. J. Bryan Hehlr, from the Archdiocese of Boston.