

Mass Intentions for the Week

Sunday, January 29th

**9:00 am Sick & Needy of SJN Parish
St. Vincent de Paul Society**
11:00 am All Souls

Monday, January 30th

No Morning Mass

Tuesday, January 31st

**8:30 am Living & Deceased Members
of the Seneff, Skiba & Kopil Families**

Wednesday, February 1st

No Morning Mass

Thursday, February 2nd

8:30 am Mike & Irene Kavka

Friday, February 3rd

8:30 am John Kerklo

Saturday, February 4th

4:00 pm St. John Nepomucene Parish

Sunday, February 5th

9:00 am All Souls
11:00 am Earl & Veronica Lindsey

Stewardship of Treasure

<i>Sunday, January 22nd</i>	\$2723.00
<i>St. Vincent de Paul</i>	20.00
<i>Maintenance Fund</i>	131.00
<i>First Offering</i>	41.00
<i>Solemnity of Mary</i>	65.00

*God Bless You and thank you for your
generosity to our Parish.*

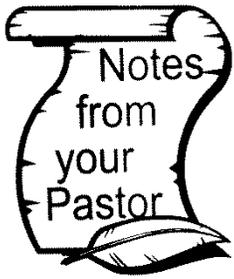
Sick Calls – Please call the rectory to arrange for Father Jasany to bring the Sacraments when a member of your family is hospitalized.

Weddings – Parishioners are asked to call the rectory office at least 6 months in advance of the wedding to schedule an appointment with Father Jasany.

Baptisms – The 1st & 3rd Sunday of the month at 12:00 pm. Parents are required to attend Pre-Baptism Class. Arrangements must be made a minimum of 2 weeks prior to the date of baptism. Before parents baptize their child, Diocesan and parish policy requires you to complete a Baptism Preparation Class. **The next class will be on Wednesday, February 8th at St. Stanislaus Parish at 7 pm.** Reservations needed; please call 216-641-2829 to register.

Godparent and Sponsor Certificate – Sponsors for Baptism or Confirmation must be registered and practicing members of the Church, attending weekly and Holy Day Masses for a minimum of 3 months prior to the celebration of the Sacraments for which they have requested the certificate. Please note individuals 18 years of age and older, no longer in school, need to register.

Pre-Cana Program for couples preparing for the Sacrament of Marriage at the Jesuit Retreat House on **February 19th at 12:45 pm.** Program satisfies the requirement for marriage preparation as stipulated by the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. Register at 440-884-9300 or www.jrhcleve@att.net



Dear Parishioners,

I wish to thank all those who helped us to surpass our goal for Catholic Charities. I am grateful to Jan Vitt for her assistance

in this matter. Jan was a big help. We surpassed our goal of \$12,922.00. So far, we are at 102.91% of our goal. One Hundred Twenty-Nine (129) donors pledged \$13,205.00, which is listed as 26% of our parish. We received a thank you from Bishop Lennon, which we published in a previous parish bulletin. I wish to express my thanks to all of you.

We were having problems with our old church organ. It would freeze up and could not be played. No one could diagnose the problem. After consultation with our Parish and Finance Councils, we agreed to purchase a new organ for our church through Gerry Mass with Gerard's Music. The cost of the new organ is \$46,950.00. We received a \$10,000.00 credit on the old organ, which brought the price down to \$36,950.00. We will make an initial down payment of \$6,950.00 and then make monthly payments of \$833.34 for 36 months. The new organ is presently in our church and was played at our Christmas masses.

The City of Cleveland now has a Façade Ordinance that requires buildings of 75 feet or more in height to be professionally inspected by an engineer or architect. Then the inspection is filed with the City of Cleveland. This came about because pieces of the facades of buildings in downtown Cleveland were falling down on people.

I have asked that the \$11,200.00 inspection fee by an engineer be greatly reduced in view of all the work that we have had done to the exterior of our church building. I am currently working with Sean Nugent of Cleveland Facilities Services Corporation in this regard. Greg Frost has forwarded copies and pictures of all the exterior work on the church building, which was done by Frost Building Maintenance, to the engineer. Right now, the price of the inspection has been reduced to \$4,500.00. I would like it further reduced but this may be the final price. The engineer would then file the mandatory report with the City of Cleveland.

I am truly grateful to everyone who has been contributing to our "Touch Up the Towers" initiative and those who have sent in memorial gifts to help defray the cost of our exterior church repairs. I hope that you continue to be generous in this regard.

Next weekend, February 4th & 5th is the only appeal that supports our Latin American Mission in El Salvador. It is the main support for the two priests, Fr. Paul Schindler and Fr. John Ostrowski, who work in the parishes served by the Missionaries from the Cleveland Diocese. This appeal benefits projects and the formation of seminarians, religious and lay leaders in twenty-three (23) countries across Latin America. Please use the envelope in your monthly packet for this important collection. I am grateful for your prayers & generous support for our Cleveland Mission to El Salvador.

Finally, we will have the traditional throat Blessing in honor of St. Blaise, Bishop & Martyr after the homily on Friday, February 3rd at the 8:30 am Mass and at our weekend liturgies – Saturday, February 4th at our 4 pm Mass & Sunday, February 5th at our 9 am & 11 am Masses.

Prayers & Best Wishes,
Father Jasany

Readings for the Week of January 29th

Sunday: Zep 2:3; 3:12-13/Ps 146/
1 Cor 1:26-31/Mt 5:1-12a
Monday: Heb 11:32-40/Ps 31/Mk 5:1-20
Tuesday: Heb 12:1-4/Ps 22/Mk 5:21-43
Wednesday: Heb 12:4-7, 11-15/
Ps 103/Mk 6:1-6
Thursday: Mal 3:1-4/Ps 24/
Heb 2:14-18/Lk 2:22-40 or 2:22-32
Friday: Heb 13:1-8/Ps 27/Mk 6:14-29
Saturday: Heb 13:15-17, 20-21/Ps 23
Mk 6:30-34
Next Sunday: Is 58:7-10/Ps 112
1 Cor 2:1-5/Mt 5:13-16

Monday, January 30th
PSR Class 6-8:30 pm

Wednesday, February 1st
Liga Morska Meeting – 11 am at
Cuyahoga Hts. Village Hall
Rosary Makers – 10 am to Noon
Zumba – 7pm
Choir Practice – 7 pm
Fund Raising Meeting – 7 pm

Sanctuary Guild Volunteers
for February 1st thru February 14th

Liz Cymanski & Gloria Seneff

Friday, February 3rd First Friday
Avila First Friday Holy Hour beginning at 7:30 am to pray for new vocations to the vowed and ordained way of life and to pray for perseverance for those already called to serve. Come, Pray!

St. Blaise and the Blessing of Throats

"Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you from every disease of the throat and from every other illness: In the name of the Father, and of the Son, X and of the Holy Spirit" (Book of Blessings #1633).

Two candles crossed and placed against the throat is what many of us remember from childhood. Who was the saint that we remember each year?

He was a bishop in Sebastea, Armenia, in the early part of the fourth century. He was martyred in AD 316. Even though Christianity was legalized by the Edict of Constantine in 311, religious persecution was still raging in Eastern Europe. As the myth is told, he had fled to the countryside and was living peacefully with the wild animals. Some hunters came upon his cave and found in kneeling in prayer with all the lions and wolves and other wild animals sitting by his side. The hunters bound him and took him to prison. On the way a woman presented her son to Bishop Blaise for him to heal him, he had a fish bone stuck in his throat. Upon Blaise's blessing, the boy coughed up the fish bone.

Bishop Blaise eventually was killed for not worshipping the pagan gods of the region, and the story of Bishop Blaise's healing of the young boy became legend. His saint day in the Roman Church is February 3 and on February 11 in the Eastern Church. Remember the faith of this saint each year and pray for blessings upon those who suffer from throat ailments. Moreover, always remember this blessing is a sign of our faith in God's protection and love for us and for the sick, and for those who need our prayers.

Saturday, February 4th

SJN Volunteer Day at Ozanam Center

8:30 am – Noon. If you are interested in volunteering or would like more information, please contact Ron at 216-341-3025

Mass in Honor of the Blessed Virgin

Mary - 2:15 pm in the rectory.

First Saturday Devotions – 3:15 pm

Sunday, February 5th

This weekend is the Collection for the Church in Latin America. Your gifts help share the faith by assisting programs that strengthen the faith in Latin American and the Caribbean. Envelopes are provided in your monthly envelope packet.

A Note from our
Sacred Heart Altar & Rosary Society.

We would like to thank our members and parishioners for supporting our Annual Christmas Gift Card Raffle. We congratulate the following winners:

First Prize - \$225.00 in gift cards

Winner – Mike Malec

Second Prize - \$135.00 in gift cards

Winner – Mike Malec

Third Prize - \$80.00 in gift cards

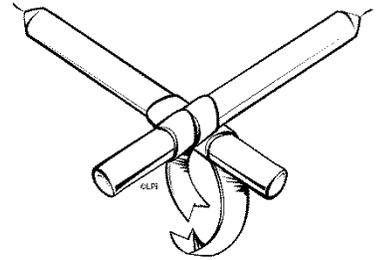
Winner – Loretta Budzinski

Your generosity by donating gift cards, purchasing tickets and making monetary donations has helped us to have a successful raffle. When we ask, you always answer. Your support enables us to meet the altar necessities for our Parish. God has truly blessed us with great people in our parish community. Have a blessed & Happy Year!

Thank You, Thank You, Thank You!

Mass Intentions – We still have 2017 Masses available. If you have not yet scheduled masses for your loved ones or would like to book several more, please call the rectory office. We still have Saturday & Sunday Masses available. In addition, we have many weekdays available.

May our prayers bring healing, comfort and strength to the sick and their caregivers.



Remembering especially
Mary Adams, Tim Angelone, Greg Basco, Gwen Beres, Mary Ann Betliskey, Bill Bican, Joyce Bican, Phillip Bilelo, Noella Burrows, Donna Czyzynski, Corrine Dawe, Angelo DeNova, Olivia Donovan, Jose Dybzinski, Jason Glaros, Kristin Hill, Millie Jasany, Lucy Konkoly, Tom Konkoly, Judy Landolph, Bishop Richard Lennon, Art Madsen, Cindi Magyar, Dorothy Mangan, Rose Meadows, Jeanette Miller, Marguerite Miller, Jeannette Morrow, Louis Novac, Art Novotny, Dan Palmentera, John Pocius, Betty Rhine, Brianna Rhine, Elaine Stack, Rev. John Tezie, Ed Vitigoj, Ron Walk, Robert Wagner and David Zelenka

May our Loved Ones who have died rest in eternal peace in heaven.

For the Men and Women serving in the military, especially those from our parish & their families.

Church Memorials

In Loving Memory of
Pete & Carmella Gentile from
Mr. & Mrs. Peter Gentile Jr.

In Loving Memory of Ron Kowalczyk
from Christine Kowalczyk

In Loving Memory of Donna Bellomy,
Sister of Ron Bellomy
from Tom & Sue Vavrek

In Loving Memory of Keith Jaranovic
from Christine Kowalczyk

In Loving Memory of Donna Bellomy
Sister of Ron Bellomy from Elaine Smith

In Loving Memory of Ralph Warner
from Mr. & Mrs. Anthony Lasecki

In Loving Memory of Donna Bellomy
Sister of Ron Bellomy
from Ron & Carol Bellomy

In Loving Memory of Robert Schaefer
from Bob, Mike & Trish

In Loving Memory of John Trautman
from his Wife, Elaine

In Loving Memory of Ed Span from his
Wife, Carol

In Loving Memory of the Rasch Family,
Jerry, Mark & Autumn from Valeria Rasch

In Loving Memory of Joseph M. Zelenka
from his Sister, Ann Marie

In Loving Memory of Rudy & Marie Kavec
from their Nephew, Tim Selva

Thank you to all who extended sympathy and condolence on the death of my brother, Joe. Also, for all your prayers for him and our family.

I feel blessed to be a member of St. John Nepomucene and am thankful I chose to become a member when my parish church, Our Lady of Mercy in Tremont was closed.

Your expressions of sympathy and all your prayers were very much appreciated by my family and me.

We all thank you and pray that God will grant you and your loved ones His choicest blessings.

Miss Ann Marie Zelenka

A Stewardship Moment – In today's Gospel, Jesus begins his Sermon on the Mount with a series of blessings, the Beatitudes. The Beatitudes are a summary of the fundamental attitude of a Christian steward. Make it a point to reflect on this Gospel reading during the week. Identify the blessing you relate to the most. Which one is the most challenging for you?

Congratulations to the Winners of our
January \$1000 Raffle!!!

\$1000.00 Winner – Suzanne Camp
\$100.00 Seller Prize – Suzanne Camp

\$10.00 Consolation Winners
Ann Marie Zelenka, Raymond Semproch,
Bob Seneff, Marie Kulasa & Marilyn Kara.

Our February Raffle will be held Sunday, February 26th. Please call the rectory office if you are interested in receiving a \$5.00 book of tickets drawing.