



June 28, 2008 – June 29, 2009
YEAR OF ST. PAUL
The Great Evangelizer
Martyr for the Love of Christ

APRIL 5, 2009**PALM SUNDAY**

Dear Friends,

From comments I have heard, most of you are aware of announcements made about three weeks ago by the Cleveland Catholic Diocese. After 2 years of study, Bishop Richard Lennon plans to close 29 of the 224 parishes and merge 41. The decisions are the result of too few priests, parishioners moving from the cities, and declining financial support. For many in the Toledo Diocese, emotions are still raw as a result of our own restructuring a few years ago. You feel the worst for those, particularly the elderly, who have “stuck it out” to the end, those who sacrificed to make the parish the center of their lives. Perhaps it is like having a Good Friday with no Easter Sunday to hope for.

These past two weeks I have been inviting parishioners to assist in the various ministries for the Triduum – Holy Thursday, Good Friday & the Easter Vigil and Easter Sunday. This would include servers, lectors, Eucharistic distributors, musicians, ushers, etc. To be honest, I am surprised and saddened by the many negative responses I have received. Most of these revolve around various sports activities. When I talk with my brother priests and other protestant ministers, I find that this is becoming more common and not the exception. Don’t get me wrong. I love sports. I am especially proud to see my students or former students do well in athletics, academic challenge, music or whatever. But, too, we all recognize where that talent and ability comes from: those gifts come from God. God deserves our time, especially during Holy Week when we commemorate the great events that made our salvation possible.

I invite you to begin Holy Week by receiving the Sacrament of Reconciliation at our community penance service or individually during the published times. Come to the Table on Thursday to celebrate Jesus’ example of service toward our neighbor and to share in the gift of His Body & Blood given so generously to us. Come to the Cross on Friday showing our own humility and gratitude. Come to the empty Tomb on Easter to share in the victory the Risen Lord won for us.

Once again this year we will have beautiful Triduum & Easter liturgies. I am grateful to the many individuals who do come forward to help in so many different ways. The greatest gift and joy of any parish is to celebrate the sacraments and to celebrate them well. Let us keep those in prayer who will no longer have the opportunity to experience such holy days in the churches they grew up in.

Like Jesus, let us entrust our spirit to God.

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AT LEAST 6 MONTH NOTICE AND
 ATTENDANCE AT ENGAGED
 COUPLES CONFERENCE

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CALL THE RECTORY AT 465-4142

CONFESSIONS

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT
 ST. JOSEPH

FINANCE COMMITTEES

BOB SUNDERMAN (SA) 663-8740

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Fr. Ken Lill

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat., April 4

5:00 PM (SJ) Pete Schafer

Sun., April 5 – Palm Sunday

8:30 AM (SA) Pat Ramsey

10:30 AM (SJ) Margaret & Walter Schlachter

Mon., April 6

8:15 AM (SJ) Charles Roeder

Tues., April 7

NO MASS

Wed., April 8

8:15 AM (SJ) Fr. Patrick Scharf

Thurs., April 9 – Holy Thursday

7:00 PM (SJ) Frank Ruffing

ADORATION: 9 p.m. – midnight at St. Alphonsus

8:30 – 10 p.m. at St. Joseph

Fri., April 10 – Good Friday

1:00 PM (SA)

Sat., April 11 – Holy Saturday

8:00 PM (SJ) Ray & Marie Gates

Sun., April 12 – Easter Sunday

7:00 AM (SJ) For Parishioners

8:30 AM (SA) For Parishioners

10:30 AM (SJ) For Parishioners

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Mk. 11:1-10/Is. 50:4-7/Phil 2:6-11/

Mt. 14:1-15:47

MON-Is. 42:1-7/Jn. 12:1-11

TUE-Is 49:1-6/Jn. 13:21-33, 36-38

WED-Is. 50:4-9a/Mt. 26:14-25

THU-Ex. 12:1-8, 11-14; 1 Cor. 11:23-26/Jn. 13:1-15

FRI-Is. 52:13-53:1/Heb. 4:14-16; 5:7-9/Jn. 18:1-19:42

CONTRIBUTIONS – MAR. 29

St. Joseph-Sunday-3,630, (128 envelopes) Loose-201.50, Easter-55, 50/50-30, Bldg Fund-20, Fuel-10, School Support-20, Flowers-257, Catholic Relief-65.

St. Alphonsus-Sunday-2,651, (91 envelopes) Loose-71.44, Easter-20, Children-9, Vigil Lights-18, Catholic Relief-35, Flowers-130, Initial-5.

BINGO – APR. 6

CREW #2: Scott White, Lynn Grant, Andrea Smith, Marie Bischoff, Marilyn Watt, Mike Palmer, Tony Darr

FOOD: Debbie & Jim Workley

KITCHEN: Tracy Palmer, Helen or Chip Ilg

BAKERS: Barb Mahl, Carol Martin, Beth Fritz

SET UP: Molly Doss/Joanne Montana

WINDOW: Jane Kramer

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Thursday, Apr. 9-7:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

L Adam Mastroianni, Sue Moore

U Volunteers

EM Ellen Wensink, Betty Schafer, Geri Myers, John Garcia, Mary Ott, 1 Volunteer

S Hayley & Logan Myers, Breanna & Hayley Kramer

FEET (Please meet at 6:45 p.m. in front of statue of Mary for instructions.) Nancy Alt, Bob & Alice Crist, Jerry & Phyllis Gravenhorst, Dorothy Hauler, Gary & Sheila Meikle, Gregg & Sue Moore, Jim Ott, Catherine Raftery, Betty Schafer

Friday, Apr. 10-1:00 p.m. – St. Alphonsus

L Sue Schindley, Carolyn Garcia

EM Ron & Barb Chase, Gregg Moore

Saturday, Apr. 11- 8:00 p.m. – St. Joseph

L Bob & Angie Roth, Mike Adelman

U **Robert Stieber**, 2 Volunteers

EM **Charlene Bauer**, Sheila Meikle, Tom Runkle, Rita Stieber, Jeanette Ott, 1 Volunteer

S Brent, Bailey & Madeline Bollenbacher

Sunday, Apr. 12 – 7:00 a.m. – St. Joseph

L Nancy Alt, Krista Smith

U **Mark Bores**, Robert Wilhelm

EM **Sue Rogers**, Rita Stieber, Ellen Wensink, Betty Schafer, Diane Schaffer, Ken Wangler

S Olivia & Victoria Smith

Sunday, Apr. 12- 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus

L Larry Hanneman, Sue Moore

U John Burrow, Donald Schaffer, Clayton Ott, Ken Schreiner

EM Jim & Cheryl Wasiniak, Tom Smith, Nancy Wilson, Bob & Alice Crist, Ruth Ann Foltz, Catherine, John Garcia, Ron & Barb Chase

S Matt Silcox, Cody Fannin, George Latteman

G Marty & Gary Long

Sunday, Apr. 12 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph

L Elaine Finch, Jackie Schafer

U **Bob Good**, Volunteers

EM **Diana Brown**, Barbara Good, Linda Laux, Sandy Lonz, Barb Smith, 1 Volunteer

S Tyler & Andrew Haughawout

COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

APR 12 – Diana Brown

COUNTERS – APR. 6

Mary Dreschel, Barbara Dick, Bette Wolfram, Catherine Raftery, Alice & Bob Crist

The Parish Office will be closed Friday in observance of Good Friday

PARISH CALENDAR

AREA PENANCE SERVICE next Sunday at 3:00 p.m. at St. Mary Norwalk. Several priests will be available.

BINGO Monday night in the Social Center. Doors open at 5; Bingo starts at 6:45.

EASTER EGG HUNT Saturday, April 11 at 1 p.m. at St. Alphonsus. All children ages 3-4th grade are invited.

NO PSR next Sunday.

AREA EVENTS

BREAKFAST BUFFET April 5 at St. Francis Xavier, Willard. Bacon, Eggs, Pancakes, Hash Brown, Sausage Gravy & Biscuits, Cereal and Beverages. Adults: \$6; Children: \$3.

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ATTENTION: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS

Commissioning for Eucharistic Ministers will take place at Mass on Holy Thursday.

INDIVIDUAL CONFESSIONS

MONDAY – 1:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

4:00 & 7:00 at St. Joseph

WEDNESDAY – 1:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus

FEAST OF FR. KEN'S ORDINATION

Monday is the feast of Fr. Ken's Ordination. He was ordained on April 6, 1991.

THANK YOU

Catherine would like to thank all those who helped get St. Alphonsus church ready for Easter.

CONGRATULATIONS to June Ferguson who was the 50/50 winner for March. She received \$155.

MONROEVILLE K of C 200 CLUB WINNERS

Mar 31 -\$50: Mary Enslinger

\$25: Owen Schafer, Don Smith

THE ST. VINCENT DE PAUL board helped 38 families during the month of March for total payments of \$8962.24. This increased amount of aid was largely for rent and utility payments and certainly reflects the jobless rate in our community. We are again very grateful for your continued support.



MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING

BLESSINGS to Richard Holland, Jeanette Leibold, Elliot Lonz, Ray Myers, George Stepanic & Special Intention (CV).

SILENT AUCTION NEWS

In these trying economic times, it may not be possible to make a monetary or item donation to the silent auction. How about donating your time, talents, or treasures? There are many people who would love an hour of your time--helping them do something, or just talking. Many aren't able to cook or clean for themselves. Or how about a pie (or cookies, or cake) a month? How about a coupon to rake someone's leaves in the fall? Or to run errands for someone? Or do a lady's hair once a month? None of these things would take much of your time, but would be so valuable to someone else. Think about what YOU could contribute.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS, Ladies Appreciation

Dinner will be held at the Club, 254 W. Main St. Norwalk on April 18 starting at 6:00 p.m. Brother Knights, show appreciation to your ladies and treat them to a evening of fun and fine food. Knights pay \$25 and your ladies are our guests. All Lady widows and Lady socials are also our guests and need only to call Richard Boose by April 11 at 567-424-6209 to place your reservation. Brother Knights please send your \$25.00 check to Richard Boose 46 Garcia Dr. Norwalk, Ohio 44857 by April 11 as we need a firm count for the caterer. Please call with any questions.

ST. MARY REVERSE RAFFLE WINNERS

Congratulations to these St. Mary Reverse Raffle Winners: \$100 – Ron/Mona Hauler, Mary Ann Hipp, Eric/Jean Theisen, Bob Simon; \$200 – Stein Family, NCS/ECC Staff, Sonja/Johny/Randi/Tonya/Tammy, Case/Boden/Taylor/Taylor, Tom/Cindy McLaughlin, Jim/Brenda Smith; \$250 – Skip/Patty Wilde; \$300 – Dennis/Meg Stieber; \$350 – Carolyn Smith; \$400 – Mary Rose Widman; \$500 – Table 21 (Sonja group); \$600 – Lieber/Shelley; \$1000 – Kenilee Lanes; **\$10,000 Grand Prize Winner – Hillman/Schaffer/Brooks.** Grateful appreciation goes to everyone who sold tickets, worked the raffle, and helped with set-up and clean-up. Thank you to all who supported this event. Because of your generosity, we were able to raise \$14,738.30.

AN EASTER EGG HUNT at the Norwalk Early Childhood Center, sponsored by St. Mary's Parish and Norwalk Knights of Columbus Council 626, will be held Palm Sunday April 5th at noon. All preschool and Elementary-aged children are welcome to participate in the hunts and other activities are open to all ages.

Hotdogs, chips, drinks, and desserts will be provided for all.

The US Department of Health and Human Services (HHS) is inviting public comment on a proposal to rescind an important December 2008 federal regulation that protects the conscience rights of health care providers. Help protect the rights of our Catholic health care professionals and institutions. Please visit www.usccb.org/conscienceprotection to access links to make a comment and to find out more information. Comments must be posted by April 9, 2009.

BIRTHDAYS

APR 6-Miranda Leibold, Flirty & Forty Tammy Stang, Bonnie Tyler, Julie Tyler **APR 7**-Esther Hauler, Zachary Palmer, Christie Poths, Tony Whitacre **APR 8**-Rick Hicks, Julie Jarrett **APR 9**-Bailey Bollenbacher, Jamie Bores, Rhonda Fisher, Jacqueline Sindlinger, Cori Smith **APR 10**-Paige Espvik, Terry Fitzgerald, Melinda Roth, Mary Scheid **APR 11**-Madison Clark, Mason Kluding, Cory Schaffer



AJ's Tidbits – As of Friday, April 3, 258 Family Registration forms have been returned – 114 of 561 for St. Joseph and 144 of 277 for St. Alphonsus. If you have not yet returned yours, please do so at your earliest convenience.