



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

**APRIL 12, 2009**

**EASTER SUNDAY**



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CALL THE RECTORY

**SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE**

AT LEAST 6 MONTH NOTICE AND  
 ATTENDANCE AT ENGAGED  
 COUPLES CONFERENCE

**COMMUNION TO THE SICK**

CALL THE RECTORY AT 465-4142

**CONFESSIONS**

SATURDAY AT 4 PM AT  
 ST. JOSEPH

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**“A Stimulus of Happiness”**

Job losses. Plant closings. Home foreclosures. Bankruptcies. Bailouts. Industries teetering. As we near the end of the first decade of our new century, everyday life can feel like Chinese water torture – a steady and inescapable drip, drip, drip of depressing news. And no it’s just not you. A majority of people I have spoken to confess to being irritable, impatient and angry. They lay awake at night worrying about job security.

In a nod to the gloomy economy, late-night comedian Jay Leno hosted a “Comedy Stimulus” show last Tuesday to lift the battered spirits of Detroit residents facing steep unemployment and a faltering auto industry. The show was for “anyone out of work in Detroit,” Leno had said. “The idea is: Come on down. Forget your troubles and laugh a little bit.” And people did. Attendees lined up more than three hours ahead of time and stood outside The Palace of Auburn Hills in long lines as the wind whipped snow flurries all around them. And temporarily, the world was fun and safe.

Ken Pargament, a psychology professor at BGSU and a winner of a 2009 award from the American Psychiatric Association for his research into spirituality and mental health, says “A lot of the positive psychology concepts nowadays are deeply rooted in religious and spiritual traditions. They’re really virtues when you come right down to it: Gratitude, forgiveness, compassion, love. You find all these in virtually every major religion in the world.”

Throughout the season of Lent, during the difficult times in our world today, we Christians have been trying to hone these same virtues. In the darkness of Holy Saturday’s Easter Vigil, in the warm glow of the new fire, we celebrated again lasting hope, the lasting gift that came into our world:

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## MASS INTENTIONS

**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

**Mon., April 13**

NO MASS

**Tues., April 14**

NO MASS

**Wed., April 15**

NO MASS

**Thurs., April 16**

NO MASS

**Fri., April 17**

8:15 AM (SJ) Paul Smith

**Sat., April 18**

5:00 PM (SJ) Anna Wilhelm

Charles Fitch

Richard Gerber

**Sun., April 19 – 2<sup>nd</sup> Sunday of Easter**

8:30 AM (SA) Ed & Beth Ann Brown

10:30 AM (SJ) Althea Miller

Elizabeth Heyman

Millie Tyler



## READINGS FOR THE WEEK

SUN-Acts 10:34a, 37-43/Col. 3:1-4/Jn. 20:1-9

MON-Acts 2:14, 22-33/Mt. 28:8-15

TUE-Acts 2:36-41/Jn. 20:11-18

WED-Acts 3:1-10/Lk. 24:13-35

THU-Acts 3:11-26/Lk. 24:35-48

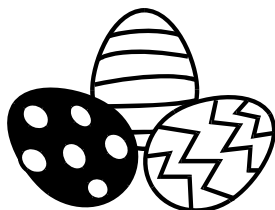
FRI-Acts 4:1-12/Jn. 21:1-14

SAT-Acts 4:13-21/Mk. 16:9-15

## **CONTRIBUTIONS – APR. 5**

**St. Joseph**-Sunday-6,707, (155 envelopes) Loose-255, Easter-635, 50/50-90, Bldg Fund-45, Fuel-67, School Support-20, Flowers-75, St. VdeP-25, Children-12.

**St. Alphonsus**-Sunday-2,769, (97 envelopes) Loose-84.60, Easter-10, Children-16, Vigil Lights-36, Flowers-260, Bell Tower-10, VBS-385.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

**Saturday, Apr. 18– 5:00 p.m. – St. Joseph**

**L** Elaine Finch, Adam Mastroianni

**U** **Ken Bischoff**, John Fries, Ron Stieber

**EM** **Ellen Wensink**, Phyllis Gravenhorst, Jane Kramer, John Miller, Shirley Stang

**S** Nick Bischoff, Breanna & Hayley Kramer

**Sunday, Apr. 19– 8:30 a.m. – St. Alphonsus**

**L** Hillary Fritz, John Burrow

**U** Glenn Brooks, Charlie Nay, Larry Hanneman, Charles Fritz

**EM** Chuck & Sue Fritz, Ruth Ann Foltz, Marty Long, Pat Schaffer, Nancy Wilson, Catherine, John Garcia, 1 Volunteer

**S** Michael Hanneman, Colton & Mitchell Ott

**G** Charlie & Maryellen Nay

**Sunday, Apr. 19 – 10:30 a.m. – St. Joseph**

**L** Lynn Drown, Angie Roth

**U** **Craig Selka**, Kevin & Elaine Stieber

**EM** **Julie Landoll**, Barbara Good, Jennifer Meagrow, Sue Rogers, Evelyn Ruffing, Carol Stieber

**S** Eric, Audra & Lydia Leber

## COMMUNION TO SHUT-INS

APR 19 – Barbara Good

## COUNTERS – APR. 13

Kathy Camp, Nancy Alt, Shirley Kluding, Catherine Raftery, Ann & Fred Roth

## BINGO – APR. 13

CREW #3: Craig Selka, June Ferguson, Ann Sitterly, Tom Gies, Joe Wilhelm, Krista Smith

FOOD: Mike & Hollie Hohler

KITCHEN: Jenny Martin

BAKERS: Julie Landoll, Chris England, Annette Selka

SET UP: Mimi Ott

WINDOW: Ann Darr



## BIRTHDAYS

APR 12-Kaden Altomare, Stacey Barman, Bob Latteman, Fred Lohmann APR 14-

John Garcia, Anthony Hipp, Anna Robinson APR 15-Adrian Barman, Dorothy Hauler, Natalie Seville APR

16-Tom Brown, Nicholas Smith APR 17-Kathleen Abels, Rosalie Perry, Ethan Schafer APR 18-Jeremy

Bischoff, Larry Fisher, Gary Meikle, Cristina Myers

## PARISH CALENDAR

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

PASTORAL COUNCIL meets Tuesday at 7 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> COMMUNION PARENT MEETING Thursday at 7 p.m. at St. Joseph Social Center.

PSR next Sunday at 9 a.m. at St. Joseph and at 9:30 at St. Alphonsus.

THE HEALTH MINISTRY TEAM will meet on Monday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 p.m. at St. Alphonsus Hall.

## AREA EVENTS

STEAK DINNER at St. Francis Xavier, Willard on Saturday, Apr. 18 from 4:30-7:30 p.m. Adults: \$10; Children: \$6. Steak, Baked Potato, Salad Bar, Roll, Dessert & Drink.

SWISS STEAK DINNER at Our Lady of Lourdes, New London on Sunday, Apr. 19 from 11 a.m. – 4 p.m. Adults: \$8; Senior Citizens: \$6; Children: \$5.



## SPRING PAPER DRIVE

The St. Joseph School Spring Paper Drive will be April 17-19.

CONGRATULATIONS to Mike Wasiniak for receiving the “Golden Apple” award from the Diocese of Toledo. Golden Apple awards honor outstanding individuals who have devoted their lives to teaching in Catholic schools. Mike teaches marine biology, biology I, anatomy and physiology at St. Paul high school.

## ST. JOSEPH EARLY CHILDHOOD PROGRAM

St. Joseph School is now accepting registrations for our 3-year old Preschool and 4-year old Pre-kindergarten programs for the 2009-10 school year. If you are interested in visiting our school, or would like further information, please call 419-465-2625.

## NEED HELP WITH SPRING CLEANING?

A group of boys from Norwalk (including Cody Fannin and Matt Silcox, St. Alphonsus parishioners) are working to make money for sports camps. They will do mowing, edging, weeding, painting, car detailing.... Adult supervision will be provided at all times. Please call 419-668-7881 for more details.



## MAY GOD SEND HIS HEALING

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



## EASTER GLORY RINGS OUT

To celebrate the glory of the risen Lord, we will hear the bells from a new carillon which was installed this week. The purchase of this carillon was made possible with a gift from Fr. E. J. Miller in memory of his brother John J. Miller, who was a member of St. Joseph Parish.

## 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.

## MONROEVILLE K of C 200 CLUB WINNERS

Apr. 7 -\$50: Darlene Tyler

\$25: Paula Cramer, James Leber

## NORWALK KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

2<sup>nd</sup> Degree Exemplification will be held on Apr. 13 at 7:00 p.m. along with our regular scheduled meetings. Our Ladies Appreciation Dinner will be April 18th at 6 p.m. in our clubroom.

## ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

The Annual Catholic Appeal (ACA), formerly known as the Diocesan Development Fund (DDF), is the major fundraising effort conducted annually to support the many educational, spiritual, and service ministries of the Diocese of Toledo. Every Catholic family or individual is asked for their financial and prayerful support.

Commitment Weekend will be Apr. 25-26.

**AJ's Tidbits** – Some states have strange laws on their books, such as: In Lehigh, Nebraska it is against the law to sell donut holes and in North Carolina you can't plow a cotton field with an elephant.

*Happy Easter*

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Rejoice, heavenly powers! Sing choirs of angels!  
Exult, all creation around God's throne!

Rejoice, O earth in shining splendor,  
Radiant in the brightness of your King!

Rejoice, O Mother Church! Exult in Glory!  
The Risen Savior shines upon you!  
Let this place resound with joy,  
Echoing the mighty song of all God's people.

*From the Easter Proclamation, the Exsultet*

All peace & good to you,

*Fr. Ken Lill*