

MASS INTENTIONS

EASTER MONDAY APRIL 17

6:45 AM George E. Fedor - Helen Baco

EASTER TUESDAY APRIL 18

8:15 AM Anne Cleary - Al Blazek

EASTER WEDNESDAY APRIL 19

6:45 AM Bill Langtry - Sharon Kline

EASTER THURSDAY APRIL 20

5:45 PM Joseph Reinartz - Family

EASTER FRIDAY APRIL 21

8:15 AM Dennis G. Fedor - Helen Fedor

SATURDAY APRIL 22**- Vigil: 2nd Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday**

4:30PM Deceased Members of the Fickel Family

- Family

SUNDAY APRIL 23**- Second Sunday of Easter: Divine Mercy Sunday**

7:00 AM St. Mel Parishioners

9:30 AM Mary Brett - Mr. & Mrs. Maggio

11:30 AM Raymond & Geraldine Lane - Family



*I shall not die, but live, and
declare the works of the LORD.
Psalm 118:17*

PLEASE PRAY for our parishioners who are in the hospital: Ray Knapp, Helen Lecky.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Acts 2:14, 22-33; Mt 28:8-15

Tuesday: Acts 2:36-41; Jn 20:11-18

Wednesday: Acts 3:1-10; Lk 24:13-35

Thursday: Acts 3:11-26; Lk 24:35-48

Friday: Acts 4:1-12; Jn 21:1-14

Saturday: Acts 4:13-21; Mk 16:9-15

Sunday: Acts 4:32-35; Ps 118; 1 Jn 5:1-6; Jn 20:19-31

2007 MASS BOOK

Mass intentions are now being accepted for the year 2007. Visit the rectory office during business hours.

PSR REMINDER: There will be no PSR classes on April 18th. Classes resume at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 25th.

ADVERTISER OF THE WEEK**GJS GENERAL CONTRACTOR**

A special "Thank You" to all the merchants who use our bulletin to advertise.

LAST SUNDAY'S COLLECTION

2006: Regular \$4883

Monthly \$335

Capital Improvement \$212

2005: Regular \$5018

Monthly \$576

Capital Improvement \$297

***A BLESSED EASTER***

*We extend to all our parishioners
our heartfelt wishes for a most
Happy and Blessed Easter.*

*May Our Risen Lord bless you and your families.
Be assured of our prayers during this time of
Our Lord's Resurrection.*

THANK YOU to our Choirs, Servers, Lectors, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Ushers, and Custodians who helped make our celebration of the Risen Lord so very beautiful.

SENIOR CITIZENS: Please note that there will not be an April Senior Citizens meeting because parish offices will be closed on Easter Monday.

ST. MEL LADIES GUILD RAISES DUES TO \$5.00

Members of the Ladies Guild voted at their last meeting to raise the dues from \$3.00 to \$5.00. Please keep this in mind when turning in your dues. The dues envelope is included in the May envelope packet of church envelopes.

SERVERS THIS WEEK6:45 AM Monday April 17

Valerie Brinkoff, Courtney Flynn

8:15 AM Tuesday April 18

Ronan Forrestal, Thomas Holian

6:45 AM Wednesday April 19

Ryan & Matthew Faulhaber

5:45 PM Thursday April 20

Rachele Adamczyk, Martin Lewis

8:15 AM Friday April 21

Thomas Adkins, Michael Staton

4:30 PM Saturday April 22

Julie & Megan Seman, Matt Workman

7:00 AM Sunday April 23

Maggie Mertus, Vincent Varouh

9:30 AM Sunday April 23

Emily Armstrong, Rachael Sedlak, Anthony Blankenship

11:30 AM Sunday April 23

Aaron Thompson, Jr., Jacob Macejko, Gianinno Russo



**Alleluia!
Christ
is
risen!**

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PARISH CALENDAR

MON. 17 PARISH OFFICES & SCHOOL CLOSED
NO APRIL SENIOR CITIZENS MEETING

TUES. 18 ROSARY: 11:00 AM in the church.
NO PSR CLASSES

THURS. 20 CONFESSIONS: 5:00-5:30 PM.



SAT. 22 CONFESSIONS: 3:00-4:00 PM.

SUN. 23 COFFEE & DONUT SHOP: Open between
the 9:30 and 11:30 AM Mass.
RCIA CLASS: Noon -2:00 PM.



SAINT MEL GOLF LEAGUE

The St Mel's Golf League plays Tuesday evenings at Hilliard Lakes Golf Course, tee offs are between 4:00 and 5:30 PM. Golfers of ALL levels are welcome. Most of us are there for fun . . . our level of play leaves no choice. For details call George Easton at 440-892-1975, or e-mail at geatpath@adelphia.net. *George Easton*

HIGH SCHOOL NEWS

CONGRATULATIONS to the following students who have earned academic honors for the current grading period of the 2005-2006 school year:

Regina High School

3rd Honors: Stephanie Wojtylak

St. Joseph Academy

1st Honors: Rachel Bonoan, Jennifer Kuzma, Amanda Oney, Elizabeth Seman, Bridie Wyrock, Julieanne Evans

2nd Honors: Kali Pavlac, Courtney Jarvis, Molly Sweeney

3rd Honors: Rachel Falsone, Rebecca Gooding, Molly Lewis, Morgan McNea, Samantha Szabo

Trinity High School

2nd Honors: Ashley Workman

50TH WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION CATHEDRAL OF ST. JOHN THE EVANGELIST SUNDAY, JULY 30, 2006

2:30 PM

The Department for Marriage and Family Ministry and the Pastoral Liturgy Office are pleased to announce the 50th Anniversary Celebration. Reservations are now being accepted for couples married 50 years (married in 1956). Call St. Mel rectory during office hours. Deadline is June 16, 2006.

THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD

Among the Eastern Europeans the custom of bringing a basket of Easter Food to Church is an age old tradition. It stems from the desire of the Christian community to ask God's blessing on the foods that will break the Great Fast (Lent) and from which they have abstained during this period. The religious significance attached to the food eaten is symbolic of Christ Himself, our true Passover. Foods traditionally blessed for Easter, the feast of the Lord's Passover from death to life, are the foods which God prescribed for the ancient Passover meal: lamb, bread, wine and bitter herbs. Children's baskets of candy and eggs may be included in the blessing service.

EGGS - Brightly decorated eggs are a symbol of the New Life that is ours in Christ. Eggs are a sign of hope and resurrection. Jesus comes forth from the tomb as the chick breaks the shell of birth.

PASCHAL - The Easter Bread - A sweet, yeast bread. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually a round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait giving it a crowned effect.

SAUSAGE - A spicy, garlicky sausage of pork products, indicative of God's favor and generosity. It is an ethnic addition to enhance the celebration; its links remind us of the chains of death which were broken when Jesus arose.

BACON - A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices is symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.

HAM - It celebrates the freedom of the New Law which came into effect through Jesus' resurrection, in distinction to the Old Law which forbade certain meats.

CHEESE - A custard-type cheese shaped into a ball having a bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things.

HORSERADISH - Represents the bitter herbs prescribed in the original Passover meal as a reminder of the bitterness and harshness of life in Egypt. It reminds us of the bitterness and suffering of Christ which culminated in the Resurrection.

SALT - Reminds us to flavor our dealings with others by the example of Christ.

LAMB (BUTTER) - The butter is shaped into a figure of a Lamb. The lamb is the ancient Passover food by whose blood the Israelites were saved. It also reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

WINE - Wine is the drink of the Passover meal and the Last Supper. Its sparkle reminds us of the glory of Easter. Wine gladdens our hearts and helps us enter into the joy of the resurrection.

CULTRE OF LIFE LECTURE
EUTHANASIA AND THE GOSPEL OF LIFE

St. Clarence Church - The Terrace Room
30106 Lorain Road, North Olmsted, Ohio
216-226-6663

Thursday, April 20, 2006 at 7:30 PM

Mr. Patrick J. Perotti, a Catholic lawyer and a long time pro-life activist, will speak on the subject of euthanasia from the Catholic perspective. His lecture will cover church teaching on ethical concerns for the terminally ill, nutrition and hydration, the persistent vegetative state and the sacredness of human life. There will be a question and answer period followed by refreshments and fellowship. The lecture is free and open to the public.

SPRING CARD PARTY

St. Procop-Uhler Hall
3181 West 41 Street, Cleveland, OH
Sunday, April 23 2:00-5:00 pm
Donation: \$4.00

Refreshments: Hot Dog Sandwich, Dessert, Beverage
Chinese Raffle and Door Prizes
216-631-0365

DIVORCE RECOVERY FOR CATHOLICS

St. Christopher Church
20141 Detroit Road, Rocky River, Ohio
“Divorce and Beyond” A 10-Week Program
Begins Wednesday, April 26 from 7:00-9:00 PM
Gayle Cilimburg at 440-331-4255

The “Divorce and Beyond” program will help you to:

- Gain a perspective on your divorce
- Cope with the stresses and strains associated with divorce
- Understand some of your emotional responses
- Find ways of coping that will lead to growth and the restructuring of your life

Sessions are designed to provide a caring, confidential atmosphere to share with others who understand your experience and help you find support and encouragement.

LIFE IN THE SPIRIT SEMINAR

Our Lady of Angels Church
3644 Rocky River Drive, Cleveland, Ohio
Begins Tuesdays May 9 at 7:30 PM
Contact: Martha Patton at 440-333-5265

**A SUNDAY AFTERNOON OF MUSIC WITH
KEN DEMKO**

AT THE MOLLER PIPE ORGAN
Sunday, April 30 at 2:30 PM
Sts. Cyril & Methodius Church
12608 Madison Avenue, Lakewood, OH
Performance will include Ken’s favorites.
Refreshments will be served after the concert.