Monday August 17th
5:00 p.m. Clemence, Carolyn, Robert Alan and Richard C. Faecking

Tuesday August 18th
8:30 a.m. Barbara Ann Mashensic

Wednesday August 19th
5:00 p.m. John Eudes, priest
Helen and Myron Zosiechowski

Thursday August 20th
8:30 a.m. Bernard, abbot/dr of the Church

Friday August 21st
8:30 a.m. Pius X, pope
Mary Jane & Bruce Eldridge – 50th Anniversary

Saturday Aug. 22nd
9:00 a.m. Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Sophie McArtor
NO MASS AT ST. MARY
* 4:30 p.m. Cluster Mass at St. Jude

Sunday August 23rd
8:00 a.m. Richard and Margaret Burrer
9:30 a.m. Andrew and Margaret Foreman
11:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of St. Mary Parish

Please pray for the repose of the soul of James W. Reitz who died this past week and for the consolation of his loved ones.

In Memoriam

This week, please remember all in our parish community, the intentions in our intention book, our family and friends in need, especially: Ann Lou, Ceil, Dan, David, Dottie, Doug, Eileen, Elizabeth, Jim, Kelly, Lois, Mark, Mary, Rick, Tom and all who have asked for our prayers.

STEWARSHIP REPORT

Sunday Collection (08/09/15) $9,168.35
Envelopes 244
Tuition Assistance $700.36

Thank you for your generosity.

2nd Collection August 16th - Faith & Values Appeal for Education
2nd Collection August 23rd - Capital Improvement Fund

My Friends,

While the celebration of our parish feast of Mary’s Assumption in to heaven points to our ultimate goal in life, it also marks the beginning of a new year of school and parish programming. The children receive their back-to-school packets at the parish social. While there is sadness that the summer is coming to an end, there is also excitement in getting back together with friends.

It is my hope that we can share that excitement as a parish family. It will be a proud moment for us as Catholics when Pope Francis visits our country in September. His example of love and mercy is inspiring even those who have no faith. I believe this will be an important time for us to reach out and welcome people to our parish community. Once again we invite people to learn more about our faith through the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Communities of faith that have a special ministry of welcoming are growing. We need to initiate the invitation.

In response to Pope Francis’ gathering of the synod on marriage and family this October, we are gathering married couples to share faith and social time in support of their marriage. It is called the ‘Cana Club’ and is open to all couples in the parish. People wait until the love has gone out of their marriage that they finally seek help. By then it is too late. The Cana Club is a good way to build and deepen the sacramental bond. There are a number of resources in the diocese that include the fixing of broken relationships.

I would also like to see us make a concerted effort to create a vibrant youth ministry here at the parish. Our youth minister, Randy Kula is open to new ideas. We need our young people actively involved in the parish. I find it inspiring when they participate in the various liturgical ministries like lecturing or serving. I very much appreciate our music ministry that sings once a month at the 4:30 vigil Mass on Saturday. They will be providing the music for our parish celebration this weekend.

In these final days of summer, I ask you to reflect on your commitment to our parish life. We have so many gifts to share!

Fr. Charlie

Celebration of the Catholic Church of Elyria Mass
St. Jude Church & Pavilion ~ Sat., Aug. 22nd at 4:30pm

*There will be NO 4:30pm Mass at St. Mary on Sat. Aug. 22nd.

RURAL KING Donates to local Churches!

Rural King will donate 5% of total purchases made from Aug. 9th, 22nd, 2015. Just drop-off your receipts at the Parish Office [by Aug. 31st] and we can send them in to receive a rebate check! Rural King hopes this program will help us fund a needed project. For more details go to: http://www.ruralking.com/church-week.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 21, 2015
This Week in our Parish

**Monday**
- August 17th
- 5:30 p.m. Helping Hands - Conference Room

**Tuesday**
- August 18th
- 5:00 p.m. Hot Meals - Cafeteria
- 6:00 p.m. Cub Scouts - Green Room
- 7:00 p.m. Revisiting Our Faith - Conference Room

**Wednesday**
- August 19th
- 5:45 p.m. Liturgy Commission - Conference Room
- 6:00 p.m. SMS Jr. High Students & Parents - Weigand Room

**Thursday**
- August 20th
- 9am - 5pm Eucharistic Adoration - Lower Church
- 7:00 p.m. Book Club - Cahill Library

**Saturday**
- August 22nd
- 11:00 am PSR Teachers & Aides Gathering - Weigand Room
* 4:30 p.m. *Cluster Mass & Picnic at St. Jude Church

**Sunday**
- August 23rd
- 1:30 p.m. Secular Franciscans - Lower Church

200 CLUB WINNER: 08/16/15 Dan Barnhart #224

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a journey process for those interested in the Catholic Faith. If you have never been baptized, were baptized in another Christian community, or were baptized Catholic and have not received the sacraments of Eucharist and Confirmation, or know of someone interested in learning about the Catholic Faith please contact Sister Mary Dorothy at 440-323-5539.

“REVISING OUR FAITH TRADITIONS” will be held in the Conference Room on Tues., August 18th at 7pm. Our topic will be: *The Bible Timeline: Genesis 1-3’.

**PSR** - our faith formation program for younger children and students attending public school begins soon. Registration forms are be available outside the Weigand Room after all Masses next week or call the Parish Office 323-5539 for more information.

**Elementary PSR** Classes for grades 1 through 8 are held on Monday evenings from 6:30-7:45pm beginning with an **Opening Mass** on Sept. 14th at 6:30pm *in Church*, followed by a Program Information Meeting in the Weigand Room.

**Pre-School PSR** - for 3, 4 and 5 year olds will be held in the St. Joseph Building during the 11:00am Mass beginning on **Sunday, Sept. 20th**.

**Liturgy of the Word with Children** during the 9:30am Mass will begin **Sunday, Sept. 20th**.

Our August Book Club book is titled The Husband’s Secret by Liane Moriarty. We will meet this Thurs., Aug. 20th at 7pm in the Cahill Library. All are welcome.

The School Office hours will be 9am-1pm until August 24th.

Back-to-School information packets that were not picked-up at the Parish Feast Day Celebration should be picked-up in the school office August 17th-21st between 9am & 1pm.

Important forms and information are included in the packet, which is needed for the first day of school on August 25th.

Thurs. Aug. 20th: *Meet & Greet* for Pre-Schoolers, Kindergarteners & their Parents 4-6pm in the Pre-School & Kindergarten Rooms.

St. Mary School, Pre-School - Grade 8 will begin classes on Tues., Aug. 25th at 7:45am. Classes will end at 2:30pm. Students should bring lunches and wear their uniforms. Extended Day program will begin Aug. 25th. Dismissal for 1/2-day Preschool will be at 11:15am.

**Back to School Night** will be held on Wednesday, September 2nd beginning at 6:30pm in the Gym. All are invited to our General PTU Meeting and Classroom Presentations.

* St. Mary School is in need of a part-time physical education teacher for grades Preschool through 8th grade.

Resumes can be emailed to: sbbrunkowsms@yahoo.com

**FINGERPRINTING** for any parishioner involved in sports, scouts, PSR or any other activity in which children participate will take place at our parish on Sun., Aug. 30th 10am-1pm in the Conf. Rm. Only those who haven’t been fingerprinted in the past 5 years must meet this requirement of the Diocese of Cleveland before they can participate in any parish program in which children are involved. If you are not available on Aug. 30th, contact Fr. Charlie to make other arrangements.

**VIRTUS TRAINING** [for PSR teachers, scout leaders, coaches and anyone who is involved in activities with children] will take place on Mon., Aug. 24th at 3pm, Wed., Aug. 26th at 5pm and Tues., Sept. 8th at 5pm at Elyria Catholic High School, rm 110. This one-session program provides adults with the knowledge & tools they need to help prevent and, if necessary, to respond appropriately to child sexual abuse. Only those who have not previously attended a VIRTUS class must meet this requirement of the Cleveland Diocese before they can participate in any child-centered activity. Pre-registration is not required. If you are not available on any of these dates, contact Fr. Charlie to make other arrangements.

**RETRouvaille WEEKEND** – Sept. 11-13, 2015

Someone once said “marriages may be made in heaven, but they sure take a lot of work on earth.” Have you become so distracted by outside pressure that you neglect your spouse? The Retrouvaille program can help you put your troubled marriage back on track. This program is supported by the Catholic diocese of Cleveland. The next Cleveland Retrouvaille weekend will be held on Sept. 11-13, 2015. A registration fee of $150 is required to confirm your reservation. For more info. or to register, call Diane or Al Miskinis in complete confidence at (330) 665-3506 or (from a 216 or 440 area code) 1-800-470-2230. Register online: www.helpourmarriage.org.

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