



Today we welcome Bishop Lennon to our parish. I am very grateful to Bishop Lennon for coming to our parish and celebrating the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass for us. Bishop Lennon has been the Bishop of Cleveland for almost two years now and he has been making a very sincere effort to visit every parish and institution in the diocese. To my knowledge, he has been very successful in the effort to get to know the people of our diocese. Please keep him in your prayers and ask that God bless him and his ministry to all of us as members of the Body of Christ.

I am very grateful to our Altar and Rosary Society for providing the refreshments for the bishop's reception after the 9:30 a.m. Mass this morning. I am sure that everyone enjoyed the delicious pastry made by the ladies of the Altar and Rosary Society.

Next weekend, we welcome Fr. John J. O'Malley, O.P. Fr. O'Malley comes to us from Cross International Catholic Outreach. Under the direction of its chairman, Bishop Sam Jacobs, Cross International Catholic Outreach is working to establish a stronger spiritual relationship between America's Catholic parishes and their counterparts overseas, with the ultimate goal of helping the poorest of the poor. Parishes in underdeveloped countries represent more than an important source of spiritual truth for their community. They also stand as a beacon of hope for impoverished families who have nowhere else to turn for help. Come and hear how we can make a difference in the lives of our less fortunate brothers and sisters in the Third World.

Born and raised in Chicago, Father Jack O'Malley was ordained a priest in 1959 in the Order of Preachers (Dominicans). He taught philosophy at the University of Dallas and DePaul University, was Dean of Students at Fenwick High School in Illinois, and was chaplain in the US Air Force. For 17 years Fr. O'Malley taught morality to the upper classmen at Fenwick while serving in the Illinois Air Guard and the US Air Force Reserves. In 1992 Father O'Malley made the poorest of the poor the focus of his work and began preaching on their behalf throughout the US. He continues his ministry of mercy every week for Cross International Catholic Outreach.

I recently received a thank-you from the Catholic Worker of Akron for the donation of 5% of our collection from Sunday, February 24. The Catholic Workers of Akron and the Peter Maurin Center help to feed the hungry and shelter the homeless. They also help the unemployed receive some job training so that they can support themselves. As we all know, to be able to support ourselves and loved ones enhances our dignity as human beings. This dignity is a gift that God intends all of us to have. Your generosity is helping others to attain this gift of God.

Please keep me in your prayers this week as I travel to the Dominicans Sisters of Nashville for a few days of retreat. I will be sure to pray for all you as I make this retreat. I always look forward to my visits with the sisters because the motherhouse there is so filled with the peace and joy of Jesus. It really is a time for me to grow in prayer and in my relationship with God.

ALTAR & ROSARY SOCIETY All ladies and their daughter[s] are invited to attend the 11:30 a.m. Mass on Sunday, April 20, followed by a luncheon in McMahon Hall. If you would like to attend, please complete the reservation below along with a check made out to the Altar & Rosary Society, place in an envelope marked *Mother/Daughter Luncheon*, and drop into the offertory basket. All reservations must be in no later than Monday, April 14. Please advise us if you would like to share a special memory of you and your daughter [optional].



Name _____

Phone # _____

Adult[s] _____ @\$6.00 per person

Daughter[s] 10 and under _____ @\$4.00

Amount enclosed \$ _____