

St. Stephen Church



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD):

Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Niles Intermediate School
CCD Coordinator: Mary Ann McMahon – 330-544-4766

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please register at once.

MOVING: Notify the Rectory.

QUESTIONS? BULLETIN NEWS: Bulletin deadline –
Tuesday before 4:00 p.m. Call the Rectory.

CHURCH SUPPORT: The weekly use of your envelopes with a donation justly related to your means, fulfills the obligation of church support. It also is one indication of your regular attendance at Mass, and an expression of your appreciation to God for what has been given to you.

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Rev. Steven Agostino,
Pastor

Deacon Michael Hanshaw

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Obligation:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin.

Weekdays: Consult Bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made at the Rectory and the instruction class must be attended by the parents.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

To be arranged at the Rectory six months in advance of the wedding.

HOSPITAL CALLS:

When a member of your family is taken to the hospital, notify the Rectory.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Rectory: 330-652-4396

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

ORGANIST:

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www.ststephenchurchniles.com

MISSION STATEMENT:

We are St. Stephen Church in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. Since 1853, we have served the community of Niles. Through our Baptism, we are called to build our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer, in Word and Eucharist. Together we draw others close to God through our service, charity and evangelization. In a spirit of stewardship, we share our time, talent and treasure with the faith community and for future generations.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**SUNDAY, APRIL 14TH – THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER**9:00 a.m. **ARMAND PAPE** by Wife & Family

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**MONDAY, APRIL 15TH**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

TUESDAY, APRIL 16TH8:30 a.m. **GENE BOCCIA** by Stancher Sisters**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 17TH**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

THURSDAY, APRIL 18TH8:30 a.m. **DOMENIC & PASQUA PALUMBO**

by Mary Mauro

FRIDAY, APRIL 19TH

8:30 a.m. at Our Lady of Perpetual Help

SATURDAY, APRIL 20TH

4:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

SUNDAY, APRIL 21ST – FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER9:00 a.m. **ED & BETTY ENTLER**

by John & Vicki Garland

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**APRIL 7, 2024**

Parish Goal: \$4,700.00 per Sunday

Attendance Sunday: 157

Envelopes: Sunday 94 – Easter 21

SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$4,277.00
EASTER	\$1,410.00
EASTER TO DATE	\$6,857.00
MAINTENANCE	\$227.00
HOLY LAND	\$190.00
CEMETERY	\$195.00
MOTHER'S DAY	\$150.00
FATHER'S DAY	\$150.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, April 21st

Sacristan	STEVE GARCAR
Lector	JULIA YUHASZ
Eucharistic Minister of Bread	FRANK DILLON
Eucharistic Ministers of Cup	JULIE ABRAHAM/ MARY KAY NICHOLAS
Altar Server	SOPHIA GEARHART
Greeters	HUGH KIELEY/ JEFF BURKE

THEME: WE LOOK FORWARD TO THE RESURRECTION OF THE DEAD, AND THE LIFE OF THE WORLD TO COME.

Jesus is the fulfillment of God's promises of salvation, and He has come to save us – body and soul. Our physical and spiritual realities are infused with one another, integrated within our creation as *Imago Dei* – made in the image of God. Christ was raised, body and soul, by the Father, and His glorified body was seen by the Apostles and many others. Through Him we will be reunited to God, our Father and Creator, on the last day. As we profess in our Creed, we look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Peter witnesses that Jesus, who was handed over out of ignorance, was raised from the dead and is the fulfillment of the prophets. In the second reading, John exhorts his community not to commit sin and to keep God's commandments. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples, shows them His hands and feet, and eats in front of them.

ETERNAL FLAME INTENTION ~ WEEK OF APRIL 14th

IN MEMORY OF MARY & RUDY PEKAROVIC
on their WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

by Elaine Pekarovic

**ADDITIONAL EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS***In Memory of Marty Schimley* by Debbie*In Memory of George and Yolanda Wieda* by Kathy Roberts**STEWARDSHIP ~ Third Sunday of Easter**

"Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." – Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

ATTENTION: LAY MINISTERS

YOU ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE CHECK IN WITH THE SACRISTAN 20 MINUTES BEFORE MASS TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT. THANK YOU.



PRAYER LIST: We would like to offer everyone the opportunity to pray for our fellow parishioners and friends who are ill or in need of prayer for any reason.

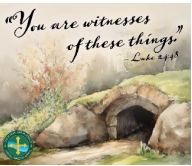
If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the rectory and leave a message and we will add the requested person. Please remember the following

in your prayers: **Dorothy Bianco, Alida Lendvay, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrak, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freel, Kara Stanford, Arlene Wilson, Mary Miller, Bob Leonard, Mike Kozak, Bob Adler, Joe Smaltz, Sandy LaMonica, Karen & Richard Slanina & Family, Carri R., Pat Hines, Bill Smith, Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jeff Burke, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim Orsine, Connie Hake, Michael Edward Thompson, Pat Spisak, Tucker Paul Clark, Martha Williams, Marie Perfette, Denise Burke, Sue Mollis, Chuck & Bonnie Jorza, Connie Brandt, Rachel Tarr, Steve & Dee Cvengros, Rita Mae Dodasovich, Al Conti, Rosalie McGinnis, Dick Bedio, Gavin Lengle, Peg McGinnis, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Steven Medovich, Mary Jane Tripodi, Roberta Williams, Mary Jane Hileman, Todd Beedy, John Daubner, Father Murphy, Peter Ford, Pat Sylvester, Sr., Hudson Joseph (Janice Rayle's 2-year old grandson), Nanette Ball, Rick Cool, Clair Darby Camp, Bridget Darby Flores, Eli Flores, Paul Saban, Sr. and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.**



CONGRATULATIONS THOMAS MURPHY SCHOLARSHIP WINNERS

We are happy to share with you the winners of the 2024 Thomas Murphy Scholarship which were presented at the Niles Interfaith Brunch on Sunday at Ciminero's. The award is presented to high school seniors who are active in their churches and the community. It was named in honor of deceased St. Stephen parishioner, Thomas Murphy, who along with Rev. Dr. Bernard Oakes was instrumental in forming the Niles Interfaith Committee 57 years ago. From left to right are Shawn McMahon (St. Stephen), Bran Duncan (First United Methodist) and Kayla Sprague (First Christian Church), all seniors at Niles McKinley, and Georgeann Walters who presented the awards on behalf of the Interfaith Committee. May God bless these young people as they prepare for their college careers.



2024 DIOCESAN APPEAL In today's Gospel, after rising from the dead, Jesus told His disciples, "Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled." (Luke 24:44) There is not one aspect of God's plan that is *not* fulfilled in Christ. Our job as His parish is to show the world where certainty can be found. Without Christ, life offers anything *but* certainty. The Gospel can change everything. Jesus trusted our parish to be "witnesses of these things." (Luke 24:48) We need your help to do it! Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal and help us help others see the nail marks in His hands and feet with faith. Help us help people find the one place where certainty can be found and that, through Jesus' wounds, one day all our sorrows will be transformed into new life. **As of April 6, 81 St. Stephen donors have pledged \$18,100.00 of our goal of \$26,900.00.**



THE SEMINARIAN COLLECTION will take place next weekend (April 20/21) to assist with costs of their tuition, room, board, books, and with stipends for their summer ministry in parishes. During the year, they assist at diocesan events and speak at parishes and schools and are involved in private tutoring in Spanish to help them in their ministry assignments. Your donations will also be used to cover these costs. Thank you all for your continued prayers and support of seminarians, and please continue to pray for an increase of all vocations.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN SUPPORT OF OUR FUTURE PRIESTS!
For more information about seminarians in our diocese, visit <https://doy.org/vocations/seminarians/>.

OTHER NEWS



NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD COLLECTION ~ PEANUT BUTTER & JELLY

COMMUNITY SUPPERS – APRIL – NEW HOPE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 21 Fairview Avenue, Niles. Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursday from 4:30 to 6:00 p.m.



Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel, and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.

APRIL IS NATIONAL CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH It serves as an annual reminder of the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Catholic Church remains dedicated to being at the forefront of raising awareness about the scourge of child abuse, implementing the best policies and procedures to protect children from potential abusers, and working with professionals to bring healing to those who have been abused. During the month of April, you are encouraged to visit the diocesan safe environment webpage (<https://doy.org/safe-environment/>), where you will find reporting resources and access to our free online safe environment VIRTUS training. This online training provides information about the signs and symptoms of abuse and what steps you can take to

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SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION
OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

EDUCATION & SCREENING

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: doy.org/safe-environment/

REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

Contact Information

Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388

Email: dcolucy@youngstowndioocese.org

**By Mail: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown,
Attn: Dominic Colucy**

144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503

Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: doy.org/safe-environment/



MOTHER'S DAY CELEBRATION ~ ONLY FOR MOTHERS WHO HAVE HAD A CHILD DIE, INCLUDING MISCARRIAGES

Sunday, April 28 from 2:00-4:30 p.m. at Zion Lutheran Church, 3300 Canfield Road, Youngstown OH 44511. This time together will include hand and neck massages, swag bags, food, basket raffle and much more! Seating limited. RESERVATIONS REQUIRED. Please RSVP as soon as possible to Grief Support Specialist Sister Pat Fesler, HM at 330-774-3237.

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