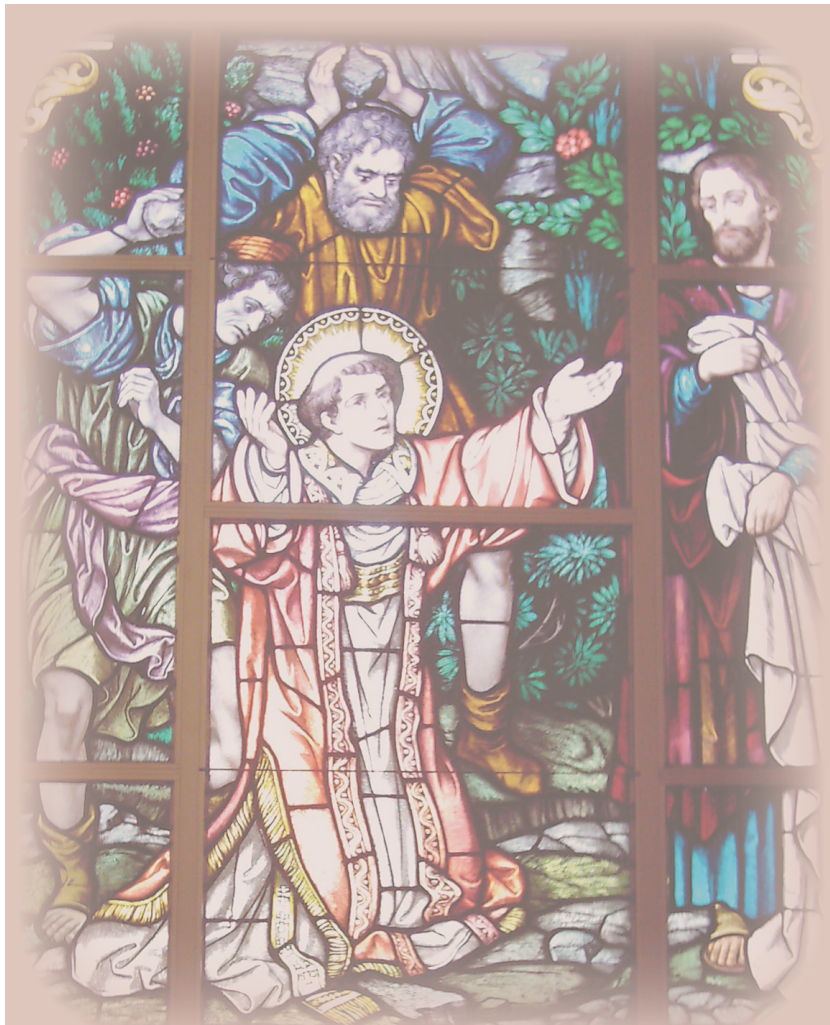


# St. Stephen Church



129 West Park Avenue  
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44446

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:**

Meg Daniluk

## **E-MAIL:**

[churchofsaintstephen@yahoo.com](mailto:churchofsaintstephen@yahoo.com)

## **WEB SITE:**

[www.ststephenchurchniles.com](http://www.ststephenchurchniles.com)

## **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.

## **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 7TH – DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**9:00 a.m. **MIKE NICHOLAS ~**

4th Anniversary by Family

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**MONDAY, APRIL 8TH**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**TUESDAY, APRIL 9TH**8:30 a.m. **JACK SICH** by Whetstone Family**WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10TH**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11TH**8:30 a.m. **JAMES SYLVESTER, JR.**

by John &amp; Linda Yuhasz

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12TH**

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

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13TH**

4:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

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

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP****MARCH 31, 2024**

Parish Goal: \$4,700 per Sunday

Attendance Sunday: 236

Envelopes: 79

SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$2,677.00
EASTER	\$4,872.00
MAINTENANCE	\$25.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$40.00
HOLY LAND	\$139.00
CEMETERY	\$64.00

The above figures do not include envelopes sent from other parishes. They will be included with next week's report.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE****SUNDAY, April 14th**

Sacristan	JEFF BURKE
Lector	ANNA MARIE GRANNY
Eucharistic Minister of Bread	MARY KAY NICHOLAS
Eucharistic Ministers of Cup	JOHN CULLIVAN/ FRANK DILLON
Altar Server	JOHN DAUBNER
Greeters	ROSELLA McCLOSKEY/ SOPHIA GEARHART

**THEME : WE ARE CALLED TO LIVE OUT GOD'S MERCY**

In today's Gospel, Jesus confers His divine power to forgive sins on the Apostles through the Holy Spirit. This forgiveness is still available to us in the sacraments. The gift of God's mercy calls us to also perform acts of mercy to ensure that, as in the earliest communities of believers, no one among us is in need.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

The first reading describes how the early community of believers held everything in common. In the second reading, John writes that to love God is to keep His commandments, and that faith in Jesus conquers the world. In the Gospel, Jesus appears to the disciples in a locked room and breathes on them, giving them the power to forgive sins.

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTION ~ WEEK OF APRIL 7TH****IN MEMORY OF NORBERT & MARIE ENTLER**

by John &amp; Vicki Garland

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION  
SPECIAL INTENTION**

by Bev Vukovich

**REST IN PEACE**

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of Earl Steadman and Chuck Durig who died recently. May they rest in eternal peace.

**STEWARDSHIP ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY**

"The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own..." - Acts 4:32 All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents, and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren't really owners of anything, we are merely "stewards" of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all of our gifts for the benefit of others.

**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.*



**2024 DIOCESAN APPEAL** Jesus did not waste time. While the disciples were still reeling with amazement at His Resurrection, Jesus introduced them to their mission: *“As the Father has sent me, so I send you”* (John 20:21). The Father sent Jesus into our world to bring hope. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, God’s mercy is the greatest hope our broken world has ever known. We have been sent, and it is our job to spread the message. In the coming days, our neighbors need to see our Resurrection joy and be moved by our witness so that they wonder, “Where do they get it?” The answer is, “Jesus.” Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, so that we can make more people curious about Jesus – until His Kingdom comes again in glory. May He bless you and help you know Divine Mercy like never before. **As of March 25, 78 St. Stephen donors have pledged \$16,975.00 of our goal of \$26,900.00.**

**NILES INTERFAITH BANQUET**

The Niles Interfaith Committee will hold its annual scholarship award brunch TODAY (April 7) at Ciminero’s for those who made reservations. Doors will open at 12:30 p.m. and brunch will be at 1:00 p.m.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE**

In today’s Gospel, Jesus teaches, “Blessed are those who have not seen and believe.” Accepting someone as they are, without demanding they prove themselves or meet our expectations, creates a rich relationship. Without acceptance, a home is only a house, and a family is just a group of housemates.

**Second Sunday of Easter – Uplift your Priest starts April 8th**

“As the Father has sent Me, so I send you.” Let us affirm our priests and help carry out Christ’s mission of spreading love and compassion in the world. Maybe God is also calling you to share in His saving mission as a priest. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

**The Seminarian Collection** will take place 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/>.

**LUCK OF THE IRISH**

There will be a wrap-up meeting for the 2024 Luck of the Irish Committee on Wednesday, April 10 at 6:00 p.m. in the rectory.

**OTHER NEWS**



*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.*



**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.

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**THE CATHOLIC ECHO PODCAST**

The NEW Catholic Echo Podcast informs and entertains the faithful of the Diocese of Youngstown by discussing various topics that are relevant in the church today. Bishop David J. Bonnar begins the podcast with your host Fr. Jim Korda on the topic of the day. Various guests will continue to inform us on the same topic.

*You can listen to the Catholic Echo Podcast at any time on the Catholic Echo website by going to [www.catholicecho.org/podcast/](http://www.catholicecho.org/podcast/) or on Youngstown radio stations WHOT-FM 101, WYFM-FM 102.9, WQXK-FM 105.1 Sundays at 6:30 a.m. The Catholic Echo Podcast is produced by the Communications Department of the Diocese of Youngstown.*

**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 prevent and/or report it.



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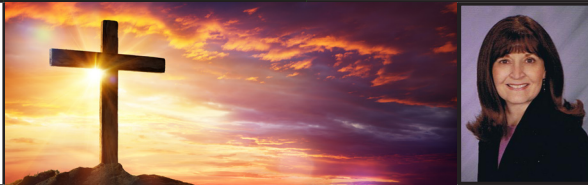
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