

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.

129 West Park Avenue
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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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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, MAY 5TH – SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:00 a.m. **RICHARD DUNNIGAN, SR.**



by Employees of Diane's Hair Salon

TUESDAY, MAY 7TH

8:30 a.m. **EILEEN DELUCIA**

by NCWC Comm. #3

THURSDAY, MAY 9TH

8:30 a.m. **PAUL BENEDICT** by Bill & Renee Ruman

SUNDAY, MAY 12TH – THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD

MOTHER'S DAY

9:00 a.m. **MARY NICHOLAS** by Family



Daily Masses at Mt. Carmel on Mondays and Wednesdays at 8:30 a.m. and at Our Lady of Perpetual Help on Fridays at 8:30 a.m.

THEME: REMAIN IN MY LOVE.

This Easter season, as the Paschal Mystery continues to unfold before us, Jesus focuses our attention on love being at the heart of discipleship. Jesus' words and actions were always rooted in His profound love for us. As disciples, we grow closer to Jesus and His mission by sharing God's love with others. In God's love, He is revealed.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, Peter humbly speaks while the Holy Spirit falls upon those who are listening, resulting in more Baptisms. In the second reading, John writes of our call to love one another. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples to remain in His love. He calls them friends, no longer slaves.

ETERNAL FLAME INTENTION ~ WEEK OF MAY 5TH

IN MEMORY OF YOLA & VICTOR MARCHESE

by Joanne Luhaney

IN MEMORY OF MARIANNE KALEY

by Joanne Luhaney



SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

IN MEMORY OF JACK & NORMA ENTLER

by John & Vicki Garland



NILES CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB

SPRING LOTTERY RAFFLE

NCWC is selling tickets after Mass for their Spring Lottery Raffle based on the PA Lottery Pick 3 daytime drawing (straight only) for

the month of June. The \$10.00 tickets will be sold through the month of May. The weekday prize is \$25.00, weekend prize is \$50.00 and Father's Day Grand Prize is \$500.00. See any NCWC member for tickets.

Name Change

I truly appreciate all the input received regarding the name change for the parish merger. The following names were sent to the diocese:

- Our Lady Queen of Martyrs
- Saint Pope John XXIII
- Church of the Annunciation
- Again, God Bless you all! Fr. Agostino

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
APRIL 28, 2024**

Parish Goal: \$4,700.00 per Sunday
Attendance Sunday: 148
Envelopes Sunday: 98

SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$4,097.00
CEMETERY	\$154.00
MOTHER'S DAY	\$245.00
FATHER'S DAY	\$25.00
CHURCH MAINTENANCE	\$94.00
SEMINARY COLLECTION	\$50.00
ASCENSION	\$25.00
CHURCH AT HOME	\$20.00

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, May 12th

Sacristan	TOM FRICKER
Lector	JACQUIE WHETSTONE
Eucharistic Minister of Bread	NORA HLAD
Eucharistic Ministers of Cup	FRANK DILLON/ JULIE ABRAHAM
Altar Server	MARIA YUHASZ
Greeters	MARY ANN McMAHON/ JOHN DAUBNER

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., 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., Debbie Schimley, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*



NCWC SCHOLARSHIP

Once again, the Niles Catholic Women's Club will be sponsoring a \$500.00 scholarship for a 2024 high school graduate from St. Stephen. Any senior who would like to apply, should stop at the rectory for an application. The winner will be announced at the Mass to honor our graduates. Deadline to apply is May 20 and the winner will be announced on Sunday, June 2, when we will honor our graduating seniors.



2024 DIOCESAN APPEAL

In today's Gospel, Jesus tells us where the bar is for great love: "to lay down one's life for one's friends" (John 15:13). Jesus' authority as God is more than sufficient to command people how they should live. Nevertheless, Jesus prefers the influence of humility: Jesus "did not regard equality with God something to be grasped.

Rather... He humbled himself, becoming obedient to death, even death on a cross" (Philippians 2:6-8). As God's presence in this neighborhood, our parish has been entrusted with authority in our neighbors' lives: the authority of His Kingdom on Earth. We do not seek to wield authority heavy-handedly. We humbly ask you to support our Annual Diocesan Appeal so that we, together, can spread His Kingdom humbly, by the sweet influence of love. Doing so will lead us to lay down our lives for our friends. May God bless you abundantly for your aid! **As of April 25, 90 St. Stephen donors have pledged \$18,840.00 of our goal of \$26,900.00.**

OTHER NEWS



NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD COLLECTION ~ MAY ~ TUNA, CHICKEN, CANNED MEAT

COMMUNITY SUPPERS – MAY – NILES FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 33 North Arlington, Niles. Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursday from 4:45 to 5:30 p.m.



CATHOLIC CHARITIES will hold its annual **FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE** campaign from Mother's Day through Father's Day, honoring the faith, humility and love it takes to raise a child, and recognizing that many parents lack adequate financial resources for their children. Funds raised through this campaign assist low-income expectant parents and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers, and other items essential to a child's health, safety, and well-being. All money collected at our parish will help to meet the needs in our own community! Thank you for joining us in supporting this Pro-life campaign. Packets will be available May 12.

STEWARDSHIP ~ ASCENSION OF OUR LORD

"Whoever confesses that Jesus is the Son of God, God abides in him, and he in God."

How strong is your faith? When you have an opportunity to either defend or clarify a question about our Catholic faith, do you do it? Or do you remain silent so that others don't think you are weird? Pray for the courage to be strong in all circumstances and to joyfully share your witness with others.



SAVE THE DATE! WOMEN FORE WOMEN: JULY 15, 2024

Catholic Charities Regional Agency is once again hosting the annual Golf Classic called Women Fore Women on Monday, July 15th, 2024, at the Links at Firestone in Columbiana. Proceeds from this all-Women's Golf Classic will benefit the Voice

of Hope Shelters for Women and Children operated by Catholic Charities Regional Agency. We are now seeking sponsors. Contact Nancy at nvoitus@ccregional.org or 330-744-3320, ext. 219.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar

Today's Gospel challenges us to "love one another as I have loved you." Jesus is our model, and He asks us to "lay down our life" (our time, attention, opinions, and needs) for each other. This is the sacrament of the family when God is made visible in our sacrificial love for one another.

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VOCATIONS

"The Holy Spirit fell upon all who were listening." Is your love for the Lord leading you to grow in holiness as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndioocese.org.



THE CATHOLIC ECHO – CALL FOR RECIPES!

The Catholic Echo magazine would like to feature your favorite recipes in an upcoming print edition! All recipes are welcome. We will prioritize recipes for which the Echo staff can find photos to accompany the entries. For more information or to submit a recipe, email catholicecho@youngstowndioocese.org.

MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN CHILDREN

If you know someone who has suffered the loss of a child through miscarriage or stillbirth, please invite them to one of the following Memorial Services on Sunday, May 19, in the Chapels at:

- Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown (248 Belle Vista Avenue) at 2:00 p.m.
- Calvary Cemetery, Massillon (3469 Lincoln Way E.) at 2:00 p.m.
- All Souls Cemetery, Cortland (3823 Hoagland Blackstub Road) at 4:30 p.m.

Parents, family, grandparents, and others are encouraged to attend. Sponsored by the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Worship, Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life, and Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services. For more information, call 330-744-8451.



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.

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