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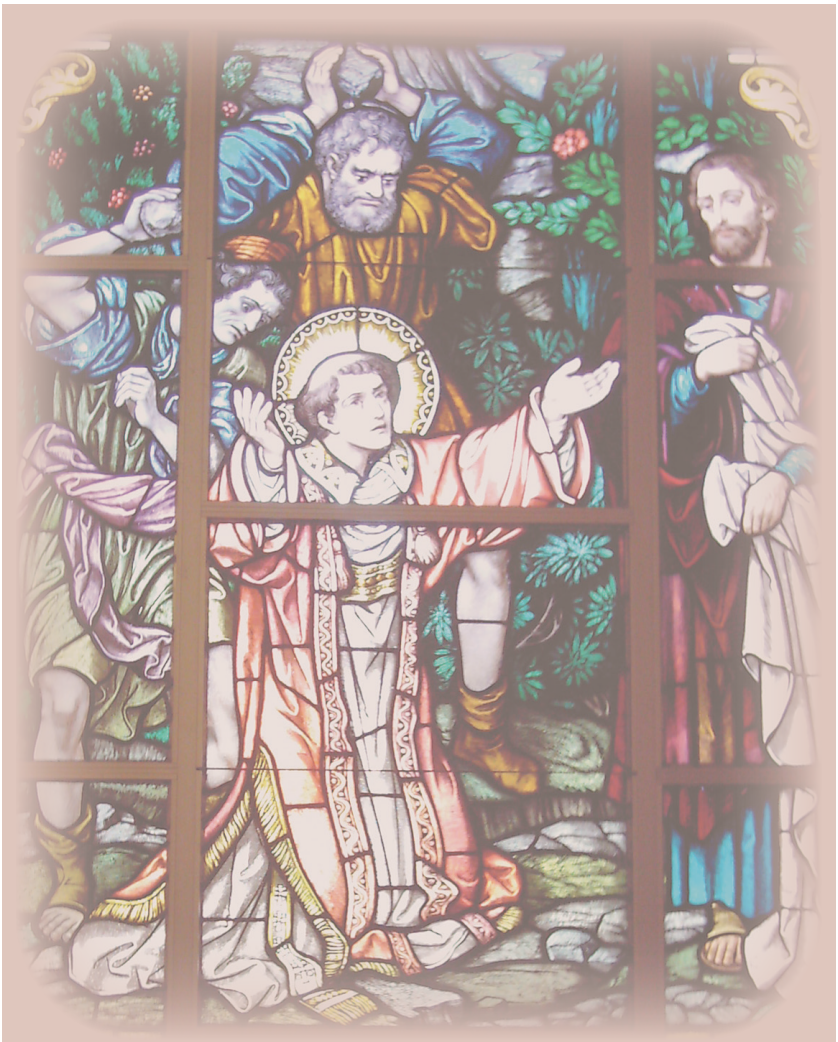


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Rev. Richard Murphy,
*Administrator*

Deacon Frank Marino


**MASS SCHEDULE:**

**Sunday Obligation:**
Sunday: 9:00 a.m.

**Holy Days:** Consult Bulletin.

**Weekdays:** Consult Bulletin.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:**
Sunday: 8:30 a.m.

**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

**ORGANIST:**
Meg Daniluk – 330-545-5466

**E-MAIL:**
churchofsaintstephen@yahoo.com

**WEB SITE:**
www.ststephenchurchniles.com

**CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD):**
Thursday, 6:00-7:45 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

October
Month of The Holy Rosary

**SUNDAY, October 11th –**
***TWENTY-EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
9:00 a.m. **KENNETH DASHNER**
by Tom Surma Family

28th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**TUESDAY, October 13th –**
8:30 a.m. **PAUL KOVACH** by Family
**THURSDAY, October 15th –**
8:30 a.m. **PAUL, MARY & DOLORES WRITER**
by James & Patricia Yuhasz
**FRIDAY, October 16th –**
8:30 a.m. **KAREN WIERY** by Arena Family
**SUNDAY, October 18th –**
***TWENTY-NINTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME***
9:00 a.m. **DECEASED OF ROOK & TIRLEA FAMILIES**
by Richard & Marilyn Rook

29th SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

**THEME: WE ARE INVITED TO LIVE IN THE HOUSE OF THE LORD FOR ALL ETERNITY.**
As we move to the end of another liturgical year, our readings begin to speak to us about the end times. Full of hope and encouragement, they are meant to spur us on to faithful Gospel living no matter what befalls us in this life. Set among them is the responsorial psalm for today, Psalm 23, where the Lord is our shepherd who leads us to green pastures.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**
The prophet Isaiah tells of the great banquet the Lord will prepare for his people at the end of time. Paul writes to the Phillippians, assuring them that he knows how to live in different sets of curcumstances, and that *I can do all things in him who strengthens me*. In the Gospel, Jesus tells a parable likening the kingdom of heaven to a king hosting a wedding feast for his son.

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS ~ WEEK OF OCTOBER 11th**
***IN MEMORY OF MARK TOMINEY*** by Mary Beth Stancher
***IN MEMORY OF NORMAN STANCHER*** by Wife Mary
**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION**
***IN MEMORY OF BILL WHETSTONE (WEDDING ANNIVERSARY)*** by Jacquie

***PLEASE KNOW THE DISPENSATION IS STILL IN EFFECT FOR ANYONE WHO IS NOT COMFORTABLE RETURNING TO MASS AT THIS TIME.***
Not everyone can, nor should, return to Mass. Those of us who are present in reduced numbers will pray for the whole community and the necessarily absent.

**MASKS ARE REQUIRED BY ORDER OF THE GOVERNOR FOR THE SAFETY OF ALL.**

Live the Gospel of Life
RESPECT LIFE MONTH
October 2020

# PARISH NEWS

www.ststephenchurchniles.com

KEEP THEM IN YOUR PRAYERS

**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***: Angelo Marzullo Louise Kerns, Nancy Snider, Fred Bianco, Don Donnelly, Nancy Jayne, Chuck Jorza, Marguerite Kovach, Alida Lendvay, Frank Burke, Marilyn (Tock) Schneider, Patricia McMahon, Barbara Dohar, Will Scheidegger, David Holmes, Adelbert Durig, Mary Beth Havasi, Janice Hudzik Nemick, Janet Kandrac, Sue Kopetsky, Jim Ogden, John Walsh, Dale Havaich, John Wilson, Julie Abraham, Debbie Kelly, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, doctors, nurses, first responders and all who have been affected in any way by the Coronavirus, especially those who have no one to pray for them.***

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**
*Attendance 77*

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**PARISH GOAL: $4,700.00 per Sunday**

**STEWARDSHIP: 10/4/2020**
SUNDAY $ 4,919.00
*Envelopes 79*

**CHURCH MAINTENANCE** $ 245.00
**CEMETERY** $ 250.00

**The above figures include $3,006.00 that we received through mail in donations.**

**THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!**

**A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar**
Today's gospel speaks about "unworthy wedding guests." What makes a "worthy" guest? Presence and presents are not enough. The greatest gift we can give is support to the couple as they voyage through life together because marriage naturally contains within it the fields of disappointment. Think of the weddings you have attended. Have you been a "worthy guest?"

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE SERVING MASS ~ October 18**

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| **Eucharistic Minister of Bread** | **Mary Kay Nicholas** |
| **Lector** | **Frank Dillon** |
| **Altar Server** | **Patrick Wilson** |
| **Sacristan** | **Jacquie Whetstone** |
| **Greeters** | **N. Snider/ H. Kieley** |

Ministries

**THANK YOU, FATHER MURPHY, FOR BLESSING OUR PETS!**

**PARISH COUNCIL SPONSORS DRIVE THRU "TRUNK OR TREAT"**

Parish Council will be sponsoring a DRIVE THRU "trunk or treat" from 1:00-3:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 31. Volunteers will pass out candy for the children trick or treating from the trunks of cars in the church parking lot. If you would like to volunteer to help with this fun event, please contact Jacquie Whetstone at 330-397-1427. Anyone who would like to donate WRAPPED CANDY ONLY for the event may bring it to the rectory or put it in the decorated bin in the vestibule of the church. We will be MASKED AND GLOVED- and be observing social distancing.

**2020 BISHOP'S APPEAL**

As of September 30, **163 of our families have pledged $19,810.00** toward the 2020 Bishop's Appeal. Thank you to all who have contributed! During this unprecedented time with unemployment reaching an all-time high in the Mahoning Valley, additional families are turning to Catholic Charities for assistance in paying their rent or mortgage payments, food assistance, utility payments and mental health needs. If you can assist financially, please consider helping the regional Catholic Charities meet our Valley's needs. Our normal appeal process was interrupted by the pandemic. If you wish to contribute, Bishops Appeal envelopes are available in our vestibule.

**Have you…**been worshipping with us but never officially took the step to become Catholic? Been away from the Church and now have returned but want to know more? Are from another background and would like to find out more about the Catholic Church? Are a regularly practicing Catholic and would like to refresh your knowledge about your faith? If any of these apply to you, a spouse, a family member, or friend we would love to help you on your journey. The Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA) is an informative and comfortable way to seek answers and discover more about the Catholic Church and our faith. If you are interested, or know of someone who is, please contact the rectory at 330-652-4396 for classes that will begin this fall.

## OTHER NEWS

**The 12th Annual Kennedy Kash $25,000.00 Raffle** will be held on Tuesday, November 24, 2020. The drawing will be held via Facebook Live (www.facebook.com/warrenjfk). You do not need an account to view the drawing. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold, and 21 significant cash prizes will be given away. The Grand Prize is $12,500.00 and five $1,000.00 and fifteen $500.00 cash prizes will be given away. Twenty-one tickets will be drawn; the first ticket will be the Grand Prize winner. Tickets are $50.00. Each. Tickets can be purchased at the Kennedy school office or purchased online at www.warrenjfk.com. Please make checks payable to John F. Kennedy Catholic School; all money raised will be used to support JFK. Questions? Call 330-369-1804.

**PIROHY SALE ~ ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON (Ss. Cyril & Methodist Church) Friday, October 23rd** ~ Two varieties will be offered: potato and sweet cabbage. The cost is $6.00 doz. Haluski (cabbage and noodles) $3.75 qt. bag. Call 330-393-0781 on Wednesday or Thursday for pickup on Friday between noon and 4:00 p.m.

**VOCATION: Twenty-eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time -- October 11, 2020.** "Many are called, but few are chosen." Are you considering a vocation to proclaim the word of God as a priest or consecrated religious? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

**Next Weekend is World Mission Sunday October 18, 2020** – Your ongoing support of the Society for the Propagation of the Faith is vital to the missionaries serving in 1,111 dioceses throughout Asia, Africa, parts of Latin America and Europe, and on the Islands of the Pacific. Your generosity makes it possible for local priests, religious, and catechists to reach out to communities, families, and children in desperate need, bringing the light of Christ to the darkest of circumstances.

The World Mission Sunday celebration highlights the outreach of local churches through priests, religious and laity among the poor and marginalized half a world away. Life-changing help is provided to mission churches in territories covering more than half the globe.

For more information please visit www.propfaith.net. For more local information, please contact Father Edward Brienz, at 330-744-8451, Propagation of the Faith and Missions Office, 144 W. Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503.

**Stewardship 28th Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Today's readings allow us to focus on how the Lord provides for us. We hear of "rich food and choice wine," living "in the house of the Lord," and that "God will fully supply whatever you need." We know it's highly unlikely that Jesus will co-sign on your mortgage or go to the grocery store to pay for your food. The question then, is how can we provide for others in Jesus' name? Remember that we are all called, not only to receive Eucharist, but to become Eucharist for others by the sharing of our gifts.

**A Prayer for Pregnant Mothers**

O Blessed Mother, you received the good news of the incarnation of Christ, your Son, with faith and trust.
Grant your protection to all pregnant mothers facing difficulties.
Guide us as we strive to make our parish communities places of welcome and assistance for mothers in need.
Help us become instruments of God's love and compassion.
Mary, Mother of the Church, graciously help us build a culture of life and a civilization of love, together with all people of good will, to the praise and glory of God, the Creator and lover of life.
Amen.

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**CATHOLIC TELEVISION NETWORK OF YOUNGSTOWN (CTNY)**

1. Local Programming on the Ecumenical Television Channel:
   - **Live stream ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel at doy.org/Media/ETC-TV Live Stream.**
   - **Wedding Anniversary Mass live streamed from St. Columba Cathedral on Sunday, October 18 at 2:00 p.m. at doy.org/media/Cathedral Live Stream.**
   - **Jewish 101 is a new series hosted by Rabbi Mark Golub which airs on Tuesdays at 1:30 a.m.; 11:30 a.m.; and 9:00 p.m.**
2. Radio Programming Wineskins
   - ***Wineskins*** airs every Sunday at 7:30 a.m. on WKBN 570 a.m. in Youngstown, WRQX 600 a.m. in Salem at 7:30 a.m., WILB AM Canton 1060/WILB FM 89.5 Youngstown/ WILB FM 94.5 Canton at 9:30 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. Listen to *Wineskins* on the diocesan website by going to the "News and Media" bar, then, click on "Wineskins Audio Library."
3. For an ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel Schedule for fall 2020, please contact CTNY at 330-533-2243, or visit www.doy.org and go to the "News and Media" bar and click on the ETC-TV schedule.
4. Like us on Facebook www.facebook.com/CTNYoungstown.

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