LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the reading from Exodus, the Israelites, led by Joshua, defeat Amalek in battle with the help of Moses. The Second Letter of Timothy reminds us to study sacred Scripture so that we may be equipped for every good work. In Luke’s Gospel, Jesus tells the parable of the persistent widow, helping us to see that God gives us what we need when we place our trust in him.

ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS – Week of October 16th
In Memory of MARCIE CAVANAUGH by Family
In Memory of MRS. ANGELINE DeJUTE by Daughter, Betty Moritz

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION
In Memory of ROSEANNE MORITZ by Mother, Betty Moritz

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Serving Mass October 22nd & 23rd
Eucharistic Minister of Cup
October 22nd – J. Kolesar/J. Whetstone
October 23rd – D. Donnelly/S. Sylvester

Eucharistic Minister of Bread
October 22nd – A. Marzullo
October 23rd – L. Burgess

Altar Servers
October 22nd – F. Burke/K. Naples
October 23rd – A. Spano/V. Spano

Lectors
October 22nd – A. Granny
October. 23rd – C. Burgess

Sacristans
October 22nd – L. Garland
October 23rd – J. Burke

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar: The widow in today's Gospel is praised for her PERSEVERANCE. In our homes perseverance is a critical ingredient to resolving differences and teaching lessons and skills to children. Perseverance is always an act of faith in the goodness of the other person.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: “...be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient...” 2 TIMOTHY 4:2
It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn’t call us to be comfortable. He called us to be faithful.

OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH. Our Parish Respect Life contact is Anna Marie Granny. She will have flyers available in the vestibule from time to time throughout the month. October’s topic is Post-Abortion Healing. For more info, contact Anna Marie at 330-652-3474.

One way to support the Catholic Church’s pro-life, pro-family position is to participate in First Step for Change, a project sponsored by Catholic Charities to assist low-income pregnant women and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers and other items essential to a child's health, safety and well-being. Pick up a bottle (and fill it with spare change (or dollars). Support the Gospel of Life by reaching out to women and families who need a helping hand. Please return your bottle to church the weekend of October 29/30.

Fiscal Facts – We will be offering a snippet each week to allow you to better understand the workings of our parish finances. If you have a question you would like addressed, please let us know.

• Although Fr. Korda’s salary is paid by CTNY, our parish is responsible for his health insurance and retirement costs which amount to $1,501.00 per month.
We ask God to show us the way as we pray for the success of “Preserving our Faith, our Heritage and our Church.”

If after prayerful consideration you are ready to offer your gift, please return your pledge card in a plain white envelope either by mail or in the collection basket. Campaign envelopes will appear beginning in the November-December packets.

ONLINE GIVING is now available. Cards are available in your pews with instructions to sign up for this convenient way to support your parish. You can use it for your regular Sunday offering as well as special collections like the Restoration Fund. The names of the funds will appear in alphabetical order.

PLEASE NOTE: Parish employees have absolutely no access to your personal information such as account numbers or balances. We will receive a report from the secure site with your name and amount of donation. It will then be recorded on your annual Parish Contribution Report. If you have any questions, please call the rectory.

APPEAL UPDATE as of 10/11/2016

104 pledges totaling $108,225.00
116 Responses
Paid $ 45,560.00

Sincere thanks to those who have made their commitment to St. Stephen Parish!

MOMENTS OF MERCY ~ VISITING THE SICK

“We people carried the sick into the streets…so that all might be cured.” Acts 5:15, 16

▪Volunteer to help a homebound neighbor with chores outdoors.
▪Volunteer to be a parish homebound minister.

FALL FUN NIGHT: All children of the parish and their families are invited to join in an evening of fall fun this coming Saturday, October 22 following 4:30 p.m. Mass. We will meet in the church parking lot about 5:30 and travel to Boardman Park for a hayride and then back to the parish for cider, donuts and some more fun. Tickets for the hayride are $3.00 per child and $5.00 for adults and will be purchased at the park. Guests are welcome. Please call the rectory or Mary Ann McMahon at 330-544-4766 this week to let us know if you will be going so that we can plan. Hope you will join us!

MEMORIAL MASS: We will have a special Mass on All Souls Day, Wednesday, November 2, at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Church during which all our beloved dead will be remembered, especially those who have died this past year. These names will be read at the Mass and a candle will be lit in their memory. If you have a loved one who made the transition this past year but was not buried from this parish and you wish to have his/her name added to the list of those remembered, please call the parish office, 330-652-4396 by October 28.

NEXT SUNDAY OCTOBER 23 IS WORLD MISSION SUNDAY: Next Sunday we are invited to unite with Catholics around the world to “celebrate the hope that saves” through prayer, participation in the Eucharist and by giving generously. In this way, we stand in solidarity with the young and developing churches in over 120 countries through our support for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith through this special collection. Please be generous in your prayer and support for the Church in mission around the world.

GIRL SCOUT TROOP # 80015... continues to collect cold weather gear during the month of October. There are boxes in the vestibule for new or gently used, clean winter coats, hats, mittens, gloves and scarves. They will be donated to Niles Community Services and Emmanuel House in Girard to be distributed. The girls from this troop are from both St. Stephen and St. Rose parishes. Please help them to help others.

October 30 has been designated as Priesthood Sunday. Sponsored by the Serra Club, this occasion gives us the opportunity to show our appreciation for the priests in our lives with a card of thanks, a spiritual bouquet or some other token of gratitude for the spiritual guidance and leadership they provide throughout the year.

SAVE THE DATES N.C.W.C.
November 19/20 – Thanksgiving Bake Sale
January 14 – Night at the Races

COMMUNITY NEWS

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ OCTOBER COLLECTION ~ Baking Supplies, (Cake Mixes, etc)

HARRIET’S CUPBOARD ~ OCTOBER ~ CLEANING PRODUCTS, LAUNDRY ITEMS. There is a large basket in the vestibule of the church for those who wish to help with this mission of Catholic Charities.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS ~ OCTOBER ~ ST. STEPHEN CHURCH (Parish Center). Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursdays from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES will be conducting its annual Fill a Bag drive for “Make a Difference Day.” Bags will be available here at church. Fill a bag with nonperishable food and drop it off at Niles Community Services, 401 Vienna Avenue on October 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. Members of the Niles High School Key Club will be on hand to unload your bags for you.

TNT COMEDY “MOM’S GIFT,” on Sunday, November 6th, sponsored by the Serra Club. Doors open at 2:00 p.m. for refreshments with the play starting at 3:00 p.m. For tickets, call Frank Burke at 330-652-1232.

PRISON MINISTRY: Are you aware that one of the most vibrant, faith-filled, Catholic Communities in Trumbull County is located in a prison? It is true that the Catholic Inmates of Trumbull Correctional Institution have formed an amazing community of men who are trying to live our Faith within the walls of the prison. Mary Lou and Sal Mormando of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Niles have been ministering to the needs of the men for 24 years. Mary Lou and Sal have formed a team of men and women from Trumbull, Mahoning, and Portage Counties to join them in this ministry. A retreat program which began 5 years ago has served approximately 125 inmates and has changed the lives of the retreatants in multiple ways. The Fifth Annual “Loved and Forgiven” Retreat will take place November 3-6 and the Retreat Team of outside volunteers and inmate leaders needs your help. You can help to change the lives of these men through a simple action or two. Can we count on you for your prayers that the retreat be a success? Can we ask that you write a letter of support for the candidates (call one of the people listed below for more information)? Can we cajole you into baking some cookies to be served during the weekend? And can we beg you for a small (or large) monetary donation to support the associated costs of conducting the retreat. Contributions may be mailed to Blessed Sacrament Church ~ 3020 Reeves Road NE, Warren, OH 44483. Just make sure that the memo line reads “Priesthood Ministry.” For more information, please contact Mary Lou Mormando at 330-399-2026 or Pat Ragan at 330-583-2297.

CONCERT AT ST. COLUMBA CATHEDRAL ~ EMMET CAHILL: Internationally Renowned Irish Tenor. December 9, 2016 at 8:00 p.m. Enjoy a night of Celtic songs and Christmas cheer at this special one-of-a-kind concert. Limited Tickets on sale – starting at $35.00. Get your tickets today! www.TicketLeap.com search “Emmet Cahill” For more information, please contact Mary Lou Mormando at 330-399-2026 or Pat Ragan at 330-583-2297.

THEOLOGY ON TAP: Please join us for Theology on Tap at the Inner Circle Pizza/YSU ~ 318 Elm Street, Youngstown on WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 19th at 7:00 p.m. Our speaker will be Fr. Peter Totebien, O.P., with the topic, “The Mass and The Meaning of Life.” Parking may be an issue due to construction, please come early. Even though this topic may be interesting to all, we please ask that only those in their 20s and 30s attend these events. For more information, please contact Brooke at bsteines@bsfcc.org or by calling Kristina at 333-559-5218.