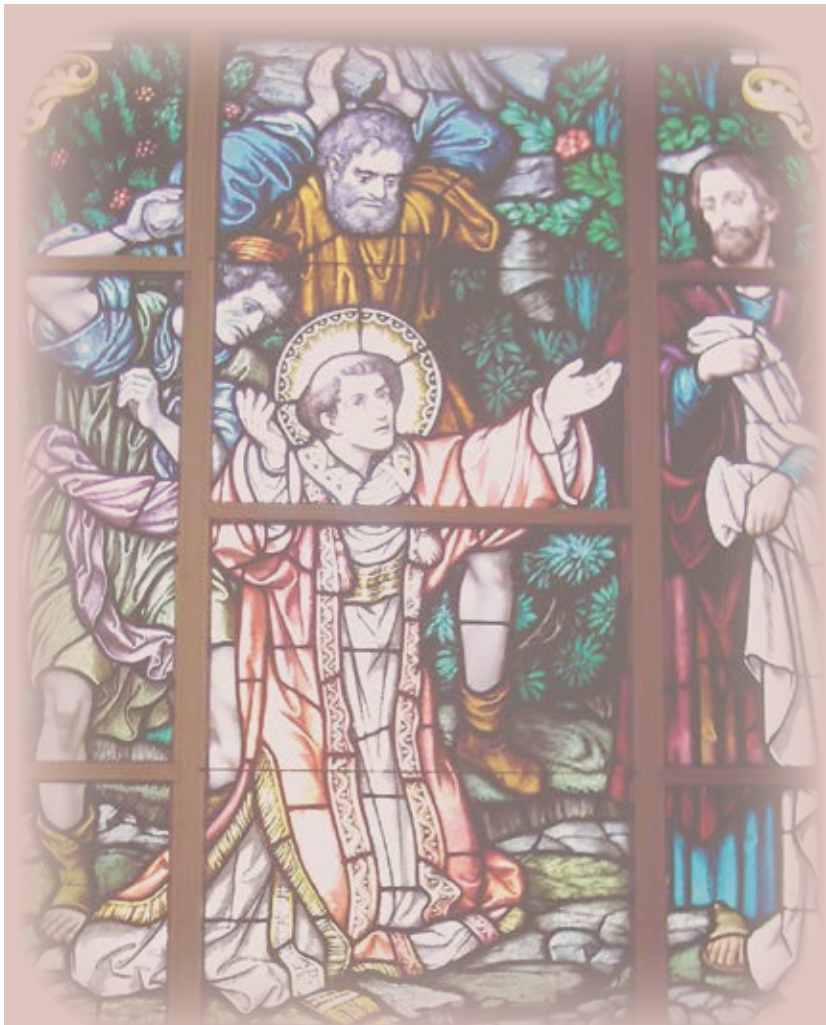


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MASS SCHEDULE:

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:

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HOSPITAL CALLS:

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

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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, July 18 – SIXTEENTH SUNDAY****IN ORDINARY TIME**9:00 a.m. **BRIAN MAXIMOVICH** by Lois**TUESDAY, July 20**8:30 a.m. **CECILIA MARLEY**
by Peggy McCaughtry**THURSDAY, July 22**8:30 a.m. **JOHN GRANNY~1st ANNIVERSARY**
by Family**FRIDAY, July 23**8:30 a.m. **JOSEPH SHAKER** by Anthony Shaker**SUNDAY, July 25 – SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY****IN ORDINARY TIME**9:00 a.m. **FRANK BURKE** by K of C #1681**THEME: WE ARE SHEEP WHO FOLLOW THE GOOD SHEPHERD, WHO IS HERE FOR US AND HAS MUCH TO TEACH US**

Today's readings highlight the glory of Christ's ministry, which was foretold by the prophets and inclusive of all people. The crowds followed Jesus, seeking His teaching and His healing. We, too, are members of this body whom He shepherds; we are taught, fed, and healed. How can we pass on this joyful message of comfort to those around us?

LITURGY OF THE WORD

In the first reading, the Lord holds past leaders accountable for the scattering of God's people. Jeremiah prophesies the return from exile and restoration of a noble king. Paul shares the good news that through Christ Jesus, all people are reconciled to God and *have access in one Spirit to the father*. In the Gospel, Jesus and the Apostles seek to get away from the crowds and rest, but they cannot. Jesus' heart is *moved with pity for them, for they were like sheep without a shepherd*.

ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS

WEEK OF July 18

IN MEMORY OF JOHN GRANNY –*1st Anniversary* by Pat & Tina Mascaro**IN MEMORY OF BRIAN MAXIMOVICH** by Wife Lois**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION****IN MEMORY OF CECILIA MARLEY**

by Peggy McCaughtry

**REST IN PEACE**

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of **John Leonard, Sr., John Shiamone,** and **Richard Joseph, Sr.,** who died recently. May they rest in peace and let perpetual light shine upon them.

PARISH NEWSwww.ststephenchurchniles.com

We are happy to announce that next Sunday, July 25, Bishop Bonnar will be making a pastoral visit to both St. Stephen and St. Mary parishes, when he will install Father Murphy as the pastor of both parishes.



Please plan to be here to give Bishop Bonnar a warm St. Stephen Welcome. We will have refreshments following Mass, and you will have a chance to meet Bishop Bonnar.

OHIO CATHOLIC BISHOPS REINSTATE MASS OBLIGATION

In light of improving circumstances, a reduction in infections, and more people being vaccinated, the Bishops of Ohio have decided that the general obligation to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days has been reinstated. **As always, those who are ill, have significant health risk factors or care for someone who is immune-compromised or ill are exempt from attending Mass on Sunday and Holy Days as well as those who have significant fear or anxiety of contracting COVID-19 in a large group of people.** An appropriate way for those to honor the Lord's Day is by viewing a broadcast of Sunday Mass. **NOTE: Mass that is broadcast through various media, including livestream, is not intended as an alternative, nor does it fulfill the obligation for persons who are able to gather for a Sunday celebration and other Holy Days.** They are intended for the sick, homebound, imprisoned, etc. who are unable to attend Mass in person. CTNY's Mass for shut-ins will continue to be broadcast.

HERE AT ST. STEPHEN:

Masks will not be required for those vaccinated, but if you feel more comfortable wearing one, you certainly may. For now, we will continue using the bins for the offertory, continue to offer a sign of peace without shaking hands, follow the Communion procedures we have been practicing, including lay ministers and Father using hand sanitizer before distributing the Eucharist. Also, for now, Father will not shake hands after Mass. While we want things to get back to normal, we also want to be cautious as we see how everything plays out. We will make adjustments as we can. We ask for your patience and understanding as we begin to assemble again.

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: **Louise Kerns, Nancy Snider, Fred & Dorothy Bianco, Don Donnelly, Nancy Jayne, Chuck Jorza, Marguerite Kovach, Alida Lendvay, Patricia McMahon, David Holmes, Adelbert Durig, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrak, Sue Kopetsky, Jim Ogdan, John Walsh, Dale Havaich, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Keith Burke, Janeen Wukotich, Cass Tabor, Geri Kohn, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freel, Marty Schimley, Denise Kover, Kevin Murphy (Father Murphy's brother), Kara Stanford, June Dudinec, Mark Thou, Kathy Jo Foreman, Janice Rayle, Arlene Wilson, Bill Sok, Mary Miller, Mike Diamond, Rose Williams, Josephine Villeco, Bob Leonard, Josephine Furano, Mike Kozak, Lorene Shumich, Bob Adler, Hallie Moody, Angela Marzullo, Jacqueline Whetstone, 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.**

**ST. STEPHEN VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL AUGUST 9-12 – 5:30-8:00 P.M.**

For grades PK through 4th grade (Dinner is included) at Niles Board of Education Building (former Mt. Carmel School building), 309 N. Rhodes Avenue. \$10.00 per child/\$20.00 max per family. Registration forms due **no later than August 4.** Number will be limited to 42, so get your registration in early to guarantee a spot. Forms available on our website, in the vestibule and at the rectory. Teen and adult helpers needed. Call VBS coordinator, Mary Ann McMahon with any questions at 330-544-4766.



A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR

16TH SUNDAY (MARK 6:30-34)

In today's Gospel, "the apostles gathered around and told Jesus all they had done." Listening allows the other person to express, understand and appreciate their experiences. Whether it is the excited chatter of a young child or the repetitious stories of an aging grandparent, listening is important. It is not just time well spent; it is sacred time.



Ministries

MINISTRY SCHEDULE SERVING MASS JULY 25

Sacristan	JACQUIE WHETSTONE
Lector	MIKE SYLVESTER
Eucharistic Minister of Bread	SHERRY SYLVESTER
Altar Server	SOPHIA GEARHART
Greeters	MARY ANN McMAHON
	HUGH KIELEY

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

Attendance – 134

PARISH GOAL: \$4,700.00 per Sunday

STEWARDSHIP: 7/11/2021

SUNDAY \$ 3,216.00

Envelopes – 80

CHURCH MAINTENANCE \$ 132.00

CEMETERY \$ 335.00



The above figures include \$1,534.00 that we received through mail-in donations.

THANK YOU ALL FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT OF YOUR PARISH!



DAILY SCRIPTURE READINGS

Monday, July 19	Exodus 14:5-18/Matthew 12:38-42
Tuesday, July 20	Exodus 14:21–15:1/Matthew 12:46-50
Wednesday, July 21	Exodus 16:1-5, 9-15/Matthew 13:1-9
Thursday, July 22	Song of Solomon 3:1-4b/John 20:1-2,11-18
Friday, July 23	Exodus 20:1-17/Matthew 13:18-23
Saturday, July 24	Exodus 14:3-8/Matthew 13:24-30
Sunday, July 25	2 Kings 4:4-44/Ephesians 4:1-6/ John 6:1-15

STEWARDSHIP – 16TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

"He said to them, 'Come away by yourselves to a deserted place and rest awhile.'"

MARK 6:31

Do you spend time, every day, alone and in silence listening to how God is calling you? If not, you are missing out on a wonderful opportunity to develop a more personal relationship with Him. Unless we talk and more importantly, listen, to God every day, how else will we know how He is calling us? Consider making a retreat this year, spend some "alone" time with God.

OTHER NEWS



NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES

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CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN
COMMUNITY CUPBOARD CAMPAIGN

CATHOLIC CHARITIES is

launching its **Community Cupboard** campaign today, July

18, 2021. This campaign responds

to the economic hardships impacting many local families who struggle to keep food on their tables and to pay their utility bills. These same families might receive SNAP (food stamps) benefits to purchase food, but these benefits cannot be used to purchase personal care items or household products. The personal hygiene, paper, and cleaning products collected during the **Community Cupboard** campaign are distributed by our Catholic Charities agency to help restore clients' dignity and self-esteem. Please visit www.ccdoy.org to learn more. You can also make a donation at the Catholic Charities agency site near you. ST. STEPHEN PARISHIONERS CAN MAKE THEIR DONATIONS IN THE HAMPER IN THE VESTIBULE MARKED "HARRIET'S CUPBOARD" AND WE WILL SEE THAT THE DONATIONS GET DELIVERED TO CATHOLIC CHARITIES.



THE YSU SUMMER FESTIVAL OF THE ARTS TODAY is 11:00 a.m.-5:00

p.m. at our new location, Wean Park, near the Covelli Centre in downtown Youngstown at 220 E. Front Street. We cordially invite you to visit our over 70 artists, watch dozens of performances and check out the numerous arts and culture groups onsite.

The event and parking are free. In addition,

many arts and culture groups in downtown and along Wick Avenue will also be open and our friends at St. Nicholas Greek Orthodox Church on Walnut Street will host their annual Summerfest. Art, music, theatre, and culture will be on full display. Please join us. More info at www.ysu.edu/sfa or 330-941-2307.

VOCATION

"He had compassion for them, because they were like sheep without a shepherd." Will you respond to the needs of Christ's sheep as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life? Contact Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email skopp@youngstowndioocese.org.



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