ST. STEPHEN CHURCH NILES, OHIO

#### MASSES FOR THE WEEK

#### **SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 7**

4:30 p.m. MICHAEL MADIGAN by Marguerite & Greg Kovach

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 8 ~ 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. JOSEPH, KATHRYN & SALLY LEONARD by Family **MONDAY, NOVEMBER 9** 

NO MASS

**TUESDAY. NOVEMBER 10** 

8:30 a.m. **ROBERT TIRLEA** by Richard Rook Family

**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 11** 

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 12** 

8:30 a.m. HERBERT BAKER by Marilyn Serotko

& Rosella McCloskey

**FRIDAY. NOVEMBER 13** 

NO MASS

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14** 

2:00 p.m. WEDDING... CASSIE GARLAND & DEREK HOYT

4:30 p.m. **DECEASED MEMBERS N.C.W.C.** by N.C.W.C.

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 15 ~ 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. JAMES & EDITH MADIGAN by Family

NOTE: If you would like to bring up the offertory gifts during a Mass that is scheduled for a family member or friend, please see the ushers before Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: If you need to have communion brought to you at your seat, please notify the ushers before Mass.

## **WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:**

ATTENDANCE:

Saturday, October 31, 2015 4:30 p.m. Mass 108 Sunday, November 1, 2015 9:30 a.m. Mass 187

**STEWARDSHIP:** ~ WEEKLY BUDGETED NEED

\$5,788.00 \$5,176.09 SUNDAY OFFERING (\$ 611.91) Surplus/(Deficit)

148 Envelopes

**DEBT REDUCTION** 536.25

Thank you for your continued support of your parish.

#### REMINDER...SECOND COLLECTION FOR DEBT REDUCTION.

\*Any time there is a Diocesan second collection, we will suspend our debt reduction second collection for that week. Of course, you may still use your debt reduction envelope at any time.

THEME: WE ARE TO OFFER ALL THAT WE HAVE IN SERVICE TO GOD AND OUR NEIGHBOR. The example of the poor widow who donated her whole livelihood to the Temple treasury reminds us of two important truths. First, all we have is a gift from God. Second, in love and gratitude for the good gifts God has given us, we are to offer back to him all that we have and all that we are. We can do this by humbly loving and serving God and our neighbor.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading tells of how God, from a jar containing a handful of wheat and a jar containing a few drops of oil, provides the Prophet Elijah, the widow of Zarephath and her son with enough food to eat for a year. Hebrews reminds us that Christ intercedes for us at the right hand of the Father in heaven. In the Gospel, Jesus reminds us that we are to serve others with humble and contrite hearts.

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: The widow in today's Gospel gave only a little, but it counted for a lot. In our homes there are many LITTLE MOMENTS which can have great significance and glue the family together. Seize the moment.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT "I say to you, this poor widow put in more than all the other contributors to the treasury. For they all contributed out of their abundance; but she out of her poverty has put in everything she had, her whole living."

Jesus gets right to the point – we are all called to give money to support the mission of the Church, regardless of our circumstance. No gift is too small or insignificant! Giving money to support the mission of our local parish is a matter of our faith, just like praying and participating in parish ministries. When you make a financial offering, is it from your "first fruits" or from what is "left over"?

### **PARISH NEWS**



III BANNS • CASSANDRA GARLAND & DARREN HOYT

#### "MORE THAN JUST THE CHURCH BULLETIN"

Please be sure to visit our website: www.ststephenchurchniles.com.

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS - Week of November 8** JOSEPH SULTAN FAMILY by Elaine Pekarovic **GEORGE & YOLANDA WIEDA** by Daughter

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION** JOHN & FRANCES SEROTKO by Daughters

We have openings for the Eternal Flame and the Sanctuary Lamp intentions. The offering is \$5.00 and they will burn all week of the date you request. Please call the rectory to schedule.

#### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Serving Mass November 14/15

**Eucharistic Minister Bread** 

November 14 J. Kolesar November 15 T. Smaltz

**Eucharistic Ministers Cup** 

November 14 J. Cullivan/J. Dubaj F. Dillon/M. Nicholas

November 15 Lectors

November 14 M. McMahon November 15 M. O'Neill

Altar Servers

K. Naples/A. Wilson November 14 N. Crank/S. Crank November 15

Sacristans

November 14 P. Fuda November 15 C. McGuirk

ATTN: LAY MINISTERS – Any requests for the next ministry schedule need to be called into Julie Abraham (330-727-4302) by November 20. Thank you!

### A MESSAGE FROM FR. KORDA

Last Friday, I went to my pain doctor who said that my bulging disc has turned into a herniated disc. He prescribed some pain medicine as the discomfort in both of my legs is debilitating. I went to the Laser Spine Institute in Cleveland on Tuesday, November 3 for an evaluation and they said that I am a candidate for surgery. Once they secure my medical records, I will be called to return to the Institute in Cleveland for a two day evaluation process and pre-op. Once that is completed I will be scheduled for surgery. My herniated disc will be" trimmed" and relieve me of the constant pains in my legs. This will be outpatient surgery. However, I need to stay within 15 miles of the hospital overnight and return the next morning for discharge. I will then have to recuperate at home for at least 12 weeks. I will be limited in what I can do during that time. I will keep you posted as to the details of the date of my surgery. Please continue to pray for me and know that you are in my prayers as well. - Fr. Korda

**RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS:** A parishioner writes, "As a Catholic school student from grades K-12, I was formed to be the person I am by many religious brothers and sisters, and I am forever grateful." Show your appreciation for the senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests who made a positive difference in so many lives Next weekend, Sr. Stephanie Rose, an Oblate Sister, will be here to speak to us about the Religious Retirement Fund. We will take up our collection for Retired Religious on the weekend of November 21/22.

MINISTRIES TO THE SICK/HOMEBOUND: Do you know someone who would welcome the opportunity to receive the Eucharist at home? Please call the parish at 330-652-4396 and they will be added to our visitation list.

**NEEDED: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO TAKE COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND** – Call the rectory if you are able to fulfill this Ministry once or twice a month.

**BEREAVEMENT MEETING...**Thursday, November 12 at 6:30 p.m. in the Parish Center



# N.C.W.C. NEWS ~ NOVEMBER ~ HELP US CELEBRATE 95 YEARS!

SAVE THE DATES ~ November 15... TNT presents "The Odd Couple" See any member for tickets. November 21... Craft Show – 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. If you or someone you know would like to rent a table for

the Craft Show, the fee is \$15.00. Please contact Cathy at 330-394-0186 for more details.

**FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE:** Thanks to all of you who have participated in the First Step for Change campaign at our parish. It is still not too late to return your baby bottle. To date, we have collected \$843.00.

SAVE THE DATE! MARCH 19, 2016 ~ LUCK OF THE IRISH Reverse raffle and dinner at Ciminero's. ~ Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!

**LUCK OF THE IRISH PLANNING MEETING:** Tuesday, November 17 at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. All are welcome.

## IN THE COMMUNITY

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES... NOVEMBER FOOD COLLECTION – BAKING SUPPLIES (cake mixes, etc.)

## 2015 CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS HAVE BEGUN NOVEMBER 9-10-11\*

9:30-11:30 a.m./1:30-3:30 p.m. \*Extended Hours: 9:30-11:30 a.m./1:30-6:30 p.m.

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**HARRIET'S CUPBOARD –NOVEMBER – LAUNDRY detergent, fabric softener.** 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...NOVEMBER – FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursdays from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.



**AN INVITATION:** In light of the *Extraordinary Year of Mercy* and the canonical reform of the marriage nullity process ("having your marriage recognized by the Church") please contact the parish office at your earliest convenience to inquire about beginning the necessary steps leading to the validation of your marriage.

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH – PIROHY SALE...November 20th and December 11th: Four varieties. Cost: \$5.50 dozen. Haluski, \$3.75 1 ½ lb. bag. Call in advance orders on Wednesday and Thursday from noon-4:00 p.m. at 330-393-0781. Pick up on Friday noon til 4. Kolachi will be sold December 4 at a cost of \$9.00. Order at same number as above. Please leave your name and phone number with your order or it will not be filled!



Mary, Queen of Heaven and Earth Chapter of Magnificat, a women's ministry modeled after the Visitation, invites you to a breakfast Saturday, December 5th at Walsh University, Barrette Center, 2020 East Maple Street, North Canton, Ohio. Join us in a special time of fellowship and sharing. Debby Bentivegna will be the guest speaker. Cost is \$18.00. Make checks payable to "Magnificat of Stark County and send to Andrea Singarella, 1531 Radford NE, North Canton, OH 44472. Seating is limited. PLAN on getting your reservations EARLY! NO RESERVATION WILL BE ACCEPTED AFTER SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 28th.

CATHOLIC MAN NIGHT...Men Meeting Jesus: "Being a Catholic Man in Today's Culture." Featuring Fr. Bernard Timothy, O.P., Friday, November 13, 2015, 7:00 p.m.-9:00 p.m. Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish Center, 4500 Norquest Boulevard, Austintown, OH. Pray, eat and socialize with other Catholic Men. RSVP by Monday, November 9th to <a href="mailto:rfwirtz@zoominternet.net">rfwirtz@zoominternet.net</a> or <a href="mailto:mcgahagan@zoominternet.net">mcgahagan@zoominternet.net</a>. (Food and beverages provided by IHM's Knights of Columbus Msgr. Mears Council #3930.

**2ND NIGHT ON THE FAMILY:** Night 2 – Thursday, November 12, 2015 at 7:00 p.m. "What the Synod on the Family Means for Your Family." Speaker: Fr. Jeffrey Mickler, SSP at St. Christine Parish, 3165 S. Schenley Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44511. Presented by Great 2B Catholic. Co-Sponsored by Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life, Lumen Christi Schools, and Men and Women United for Life.

**"LEAD ME LORD, WALKING THE BEATITUDE-PATHWAY THROUGH ADVENT"** Saint John Paul II Parish, 420 North St. NW, Warren, will host a guest speaker, Fr. James McKarns, on the First Sunday of Advent, November 29, 2015, from 3:00-4:00 p.m. His topic is entitled "Lead Me Lord, Walking the Beatitude-pathway through Advent." He will give explanations and examples of each of the nine beatitudes and discuss how we can live them in our daily spirituality. Fr. McKarns is a retired priest of the Youngstown Diocese. He presents missions and retreats, is the author of several books such as: Lean Against the Wind, Seldom Told Bible Tales and Saints and Seasons among others; and writes reflections for the Living Faith Publication.

## CHAIR DANCE FITNESS CLASSES ♦ NILES SCOPE SENIOR CENTER 330-544-3676 • 14 East State Street, Niles, OH 44446

Chair Yoga with Tricia, Every Wednesday, 10:00-10:45 a.m.
Chair Belly dance with Tricia, Every Wednesday, 10:45-11:30 a.m.
Gentle Yoga (chair or mat) with Tricia, Every Thursday, 1:15-2:00 p.m.

#### **EDISON PLACE SENIOR APARTMENTS**

330-349-4550 – 36 West Church Street, Niles, OH 44446 Chair Fitness with Tricia, Every Second and Fourth Monday, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. – NO CHARGE

SCOPE CLASSES \$1.00 ■ Open to all age adults, friends and family welcome.

No RSVP required, call/text Tricia at 330-503-3190.

**VOCATIONS:** "She, from her poverty, has contributed all she had, her whole livelihood." Will you respond with generosity should the Lord choose you for priesthood or consecrated life? To find out more, contact Fr. Christopher Luoni at 330-744-8451 or email <u>cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.</u>