

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17

4:30 p.m. TINA KEARNEY JARRELL (Mom & Dad)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 18 ~ 29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. JOHN & FRANCES SEROTKO (Daughter Rosella)

MONDAY, OCTOBER 19

NO MASS

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 20

8:30 a.m. MASS

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 21

NO MASS

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 22

8:30 a.m. MASS

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 23

NO MASS

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 24

1:30 p.m. WEDDING.... JOSEPH MOSS & MEGAN TESTA

4:30 p.m. FRANK STOUT (Mom & Dad)

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25 ~ 30th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30 a.m. JOSEPHINE MINERD (N.C.W.C.)

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 10, 2015	4:30 p.m.	Mass 126
Sunday, October 11, 2015	9:30 a.m.	Mass 173

STEWARDSHIP: ~ WEEKLY BUDGETED NEED	\$ 5,788.00
SUNDAY OFFERING	\$ 5,922.73
Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 134.73
Envelopes	
DEBT REDUCTION	\$ 590.00

Thank you for your continued support of your parish.

THEME: *JESUS CALLS US TO LAY DOWN OUR LIVES IN HUMBLE SERVICE TO GOD AND NEIGHBOR.* In today's Gospel, Jesus teaches that He did not come to be served by others. Rather, He came to serve and to give His life as a ransom for many through His ultimate sacrifice. This means that all those who sincerely aspire to live as disciples of Jesus must be willing to lay down their lives in love and service to others.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: The first reading tells of the faithful servant of the Lord who gave His life as an offering for sin. The second reading exhorts us to confidently approach the throne of grace. In the Gospel, Jesus teaches that *whoever wishes to be great among you will be your servant.*

FAMILY PERSPECTIVE: "Advice" books abound on marriage and parenting. Jesus tells us in today's Gospel the real secret: satisfying relationships depend on how well we sacrifice our needs to serve others. It is not about "getting," it's about "giving" ourselves. If you feel like you are a servant to your children and spouse, then you are doing it right.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: If you held a mirror up to your life, would it reflect God's love and grace? If you are struggling with this, try changing your attitude from "I want more" to "thank you God for everything you have given me, I have enough to share." This change in perspective will bring you joy through service to others.

PARISH NEWS



Wedding Banns

II BANNES • JOSEPH MOSS & MEGAN TESTA

"MORE THAN JUST THE CHURCH BULLETIN"

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

ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS – Week of October 18

IN MEMORY OF CELIA & AL DALOISIO by JoAnne & Ella

IN MEMORY OF MARTHA PISSINI & MAUREEN ZUCAS by Family

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

IN MEMORY OF MARCIE CAVANAUGH by Husband & Family

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 October 24th/25th

Eucharistic Minister Bread

October 24 N. Hlad

October 25 T. Smaltz

Eucharistic Ministers Cup

October 24 L. Burgess/J. Kolesar

October 25 M. Nicholas/S. Sylvester

Lectors

October 24 C. Burgess

October 25 M. Sylvester

Altar Servers

October 24 C. Brandt/P. Wilson

October 25 S. Garcar/L. Garland

Sacristans

October 24 P. Fuda

October 25 C. McQuirk

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.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. KORDA: Since my last epidural shot on September 30, I have been plagued with constant debilitating pain in my left leg. I have been unable to stand, and even walk, for any length of time. Therefore, I am back to my regular visits to the chiropractor. Besides the bulging disc issues that continue to plague me, the doctor is dealing with severe inflammation in my back as well. They believe that I will recover but the process has been long and frustrating. I apologize for not being able to celebrate weekend Masses with you, but pray that I will get better and return to good health. Please continue to pray for me and know that you are in my prayers as well. Fr. Korda

REMINDER: After much discussion at several parish council meetings, it was recommended that the church conduct a weekly second collection to help offset the parish's debt of over \$300,000.00 to the diocese for assessment arrears. As I mentioned in past bulletin articles, it is important for St. Stephen Church to make good on this outstanding debt so as to be a worthy partner in a collaborative effort with our neighboring parish. To that end, we will have a weekly second collection, beginning November 1, 2015. Every cent of these collected monies will go specifically to help pay off our debt to the diocese. We will post a running total in the bulletin each week so we can assess our progress. Finally, if you feel that you are unable to contribute toward this debt in any way, please prayerfully decide to do that; and, if you wish to continue to utilize your monthly Debt Reduction Envelope, please feel free to do that as well. And please remember to pray for one another. Fr. Korda

BEREAVEMENT MEETING will meet on Monday, October 19th at 7:00 p.m. in the Parish Center.

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.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 25th is PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY – A day on which we want to thank our priests for all they do for the church and us. We will serve coffee and doughnuts after the 9:30 a.m. Mass. We hope Father is available to greet and thank him.

BECOMING CATHOLIC – RCIA: Do you know someone who wants to become Catholic? RCIA classes began on September 29, at 6:30 p.m. at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church.



N.C.W.C. NEWS

OCTOBER ~ HELP US CELEBRATE 95 YEARS!
BOB EVANS RESTAURANT—FUND RAISER... The weekend of October 17/18 – 15% of total bill (with a COUPON) will be given to NCWC. Please join us for this worthy cause.

SAVE THE DATES:

- November 15... TNT presents “Odd Couple”
- 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.

MEMORIAL MASS...MONDAY, November 2nd – We will have a Special Mass at 7:00 p.m. at St. Stephen Church at 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 the elect, please call the parish office at 330-652-4396 or email to Yuhaszfh@aol.com by Friday, October 30th.



GUARDIAN ANGELS OF OHIO

Volunteers Needed:

Please volunteer for our Guardian Angels program. Our Angels reach out to seniors who may need a friendly phone call or visit. Do you remember a time when you needed a friend, but no one was there? Many of our older adults can never escape that feeling. Please consider widening your circle of friends by contacting Trumbull county probate court to be a friend to the elderly.

Trumbull County Probate Court
Judge James A. Fredericka
Guardian Angels of Ohio
Patricia J. Hovanic, Coordinator
330-675-2521

Weekend before World Mission Sunday: Next weekend, we will celebrate World Mission Sunday. This year, we are invited to support the 1,150 of the youngest dioceses in Africa, Asia, the Pacific Islands, and part of Latin America and Europe. Please keep the Missions in your prayers and please be generous in next weekend’s collection for the Society of the Propagation of the Faith.

IN THE COMMUNITY

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES... OCTOBER FOOD COLLECTION— MACARONI & CHEESE – 2015 CHRISTMAS APPLICATIONS BEGIN NOVEMBER 2-4*, 5*, 6-9*, 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.

HARRIET’S CUPBOARD – OCTOBER.. Cleaning products (Clorox wipes, Lysol, Windex, toilet bowl cleaner). **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 – Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursdays, from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

ST. STEPHEN CEMETERY – The caretakers at St. Stephen Cemetery have asked that all flowers and decorations be removed from graves by October 26, to allow for leaf removal. They may be replaced November 2.

MAKE A DIFFERENCE DAY...”FILL A BAG: Please remember to fill your bag and MAKE A DIFFERENCE! Drop off at: Niles Community Services, 401 Vienna Avenue, Niles, OH 44446 – Saturday, October 24 from 10-4:00 p.m.

FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE IS COMING! 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. Support the Gospel of Life by reaching out to women and families who need a helping hand.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST ... ST. MARY, MINERAL RIDGE: NOVEMBER 1st..9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m. \$6.00 per person. Sausage, pancakes or French toast or eggs, coffee, orange juice or tea.

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.

COMMIT TO LIFELONG LEARNING: Faith formation requires a commitment to lifelong learning and openness to grow in Discipleship. Many opportunities designed to assist adults to nurture their spirituality and acquire enhanced knowledge of the faith are present during the fall season. Should you be open to expanding your understanding of the teaching of the Catholic Church, please contact the Diocesan Office of Religious Education at 330-744-8451.

URSULINE SISTERS JOB OPPORTUNITY: The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown have immediate openings for nurse’s aides in our Motherhouse Health Care, a homey assisted living wing for our Sisters. Candidates should have experience working with assisted living and memory care patients. Schedule varies with 24-40 hours per week possible. Please call the Motherhouse at 330-792-7636.

WORLD YOUTH DAY is OCTOBER 25, 2015..
Theme: “Blessed are the pure in heart, for they will seek God:

ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH –
PIROHY SALE.....October 23rd/November 6th
 Four varieties. Cost: \$5.50 – dozen. Haluski – \$3.75 1 half lb. bag. Advanced orders by Wednesday/Thursday from noon-4:00 p.m., 330-393-0781.

Mother Teresa’s Prescription: Finding Happiness and Peace in Service – Wednesday, October 28, 2015 – 7:00-8:30 p.m. St. Columba Cathedral Hall. Presented by Dr. Paul A. Wright, MD... No Cost. Donations accepted.