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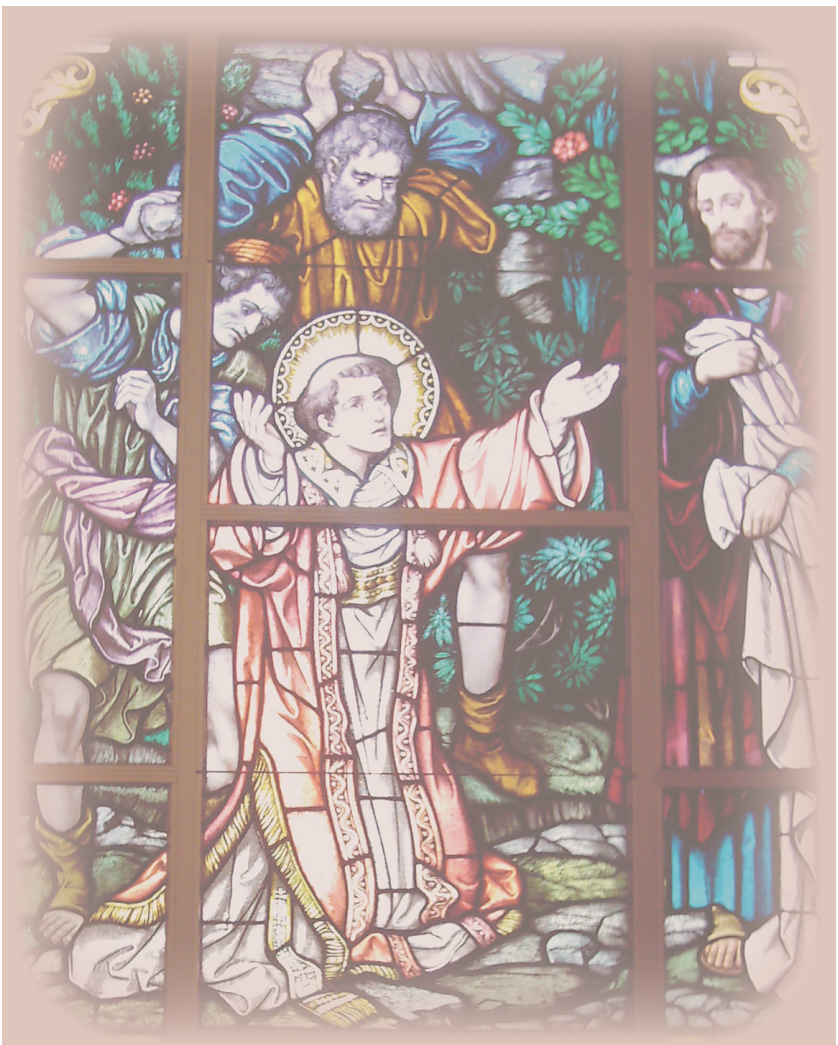

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Rev. Richard Murphy,
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Deacon Frank Marino

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:
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ORGANIST:
Meg Daniluk

E-MAIL:
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WEB SITE:
www.ststephenchurchniles.com

CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD):
Thursday, 6:00-8:00 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

SUNDAY, November 20th –
OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
9:00 a.m. **JOHN GRANNY** by Family

TUESDAY, November 22nd
8:30 a.m. **RANDY ROSE** by John & Linda Yuhasz

THURSDAY, November 24th – *THANKSGIVING DAY*
8:30 p.m. **PAT CASSIDY** by Jim, Julie, Julia & Maria Yuhasz

FRIDAY, November 25th
8:30 a.m. **PAT HAYNES** by Sister Peggy McCaughtry & John Daubner

SUNDAY, November 27th –
FIRST SUNDAY IN ADVENT
9:00 a.m. **ADELBERT DURIG**
by Kathy & Don Garland

THEME: OUR TRUE KING IS WORTHY OF PRAISE AND ADORATION. Kings are celebrated, whether or not they deserve honor. Some emperors claim divinity. What about the King of the Universe? A king who is *the image of the invisible God.* How does He use His mighty power? He ransoms sinners and reconciles them with the Father. He uses His title *firstborn from the dead* to share His triumph with all who follow Him. How do we respond to this King?

LITURGY OF THE WORD
In the first reading, the elders of Israel anoint David as king. Paul writes to the Colossians, giving thanks to the Father for the inheritance He has given. In the Gospel, the soldiers and onlookers jeer at Jesus on the cross, questioning the inscription that declares Him *King of the Jews.*

ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS
WEEK OF NOVEMBER 20th

IN MEMORY OF BRIAN MAXIMOVICH by Lois
IN MEMORY OF ELLEN JAYNE HART by Rick & Lisa

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION
IN MEMORY OF PATRICIA McMAHON – 1st ANNIVERSARY by Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE
Serving Mass – Sunday, November 27

Sacristan	**LUKE GARLAND**
Lector	**CHARLENE RABEL**
Eucharistic Minister of Bread	**JULIE ABRAHAM**
Eucharistic Minister of Cup	**MARY KAY NICHOLAS**
Altar Server	**MARIA YUHASZ**
Greeters	**ROSELLA McCLOSKEY**
	SOPHIA GEARHART

THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED THURSDAY AND FRIDAY FOR THANKSGIVING.

REST IN PEACE
Our deepest sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of ***Ann Ford*** who died last week, and, also to the family and friends of ***Pete Scuillo***, who is a nephew of Rosella McCloskey. May they rest in God's eternal peace.

PARISH NEWS

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY!
We extend a warm St. Stephen welcome to our newest parishioners who registered this week. If you see a new face in the crowd, be sure to make them feel at home. Joining us are **Mrs. Christina Firby** and **M/M Joseph (Michelle) Raschilla and son, Jax**. We are so glad to have you join us on our faith journey.

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: **Fred & Dorothy Bianco, Don Donnelly, Chuck Jorza, Marguerite Kovach, Alida Lendvay, David Holmes, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrac, Sue Kopetsky, John Walsh, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freel, Kevin Murphy (Father Murphy's brother), Kara Stanford, June Dudinec, Arlene Wilson, Mary Miller, Bob Leonard, Josephine Furano, Mike Kozak, Bob Adler, Jim Sylvester, Joe Smaltz, Sandy LaMonica, Karen & Richard Slanina & Family, Tammie Hake, Carri R., Mary Jo E., Pat Hines, Bill Smith, Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jeff Burke, Paul Benedict, Bill Rabel, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim and Sally Orsine, Connie Hake, Michael Edward Thompson, Pat Spisak, Dave Moore, Chuck Durig, Tucker Paul Clark, Anne Misel, Jim & Jo Villecco Sr., Jim Nitzsky, Jacquie Whetstone, Martha Williams, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.**

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP

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Managing God's Gifts To Us

Attendance: 139
Parish Goal: $4,700.00 per Sunday
Stewardship: 11/13/2022
Sunday $4,468.00
Envelopes: 79

Maintenance	$	95.00
Cemetery	$	186.00
All Saints	$	30.00
All Souls'	$	25.00
Retired Religious	$	35.00
Catholic Exponent	$	45.00
Christmas Flowers	$	20.00
Christmas	$	10.00

TODAY following the 11:00 a.m. Mass at St. Mary's, Father Murphy will be celebrating the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. St. Stephen parishioners who would like to receive the sacrament are warmly invited to attend. Those who are preparing for surgery, those who experience chronic illness, and those who feel the need to be healed in spirit are welcome to receive the sacrament.

ATTENTION LAY MINISTERS – NEW MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR JANUARY 1 THRU MARCH 26, 2023 – Please call the rectory or email churchofsaintstephen@yahoo.com or roseann.aceto123@gmail.com to let us know the days you will not be available for the next ministry schedule. Please respond **BEFORE DECEMBER 11** as we **intend to mail the new schedule the week before Christmas.** Thank you for your help.

******VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED TO SERVE THE CHRISTMAS MASSES. PLEASE CALL THE RECTORY IF YOU ARE WILLING TO SERVE AS A LAY MINISTER FOR CHRISTMAS.***

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

CHRISTMAS EVE	4:00 p.m. at St. Stephen 6:00 p.m. at St. Mary
CHRISTMAS DAY	9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary
NEW YEAR'S DAY	9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen 11:00 a.m. at St. Mary

TRUMBULL COUNTY ADVENT RECONCILIATION SERVICES
Sunday, December 4th, at 2:00 p.m. – St. Thomas the Apostle Church – 4453 Warren Sharon Road, Vienna
Wednesday, December 14 at 6:00 p.m. – Our Lady of Perpetual Help – 618 Ohio Avenue, McDonald. Several priests available.

VOCATIONS – SOLEMNITY OF CHRIST THE KING
"Jesus, remember me when you come into Your kingdom." Will you make Christ the King and His merciful love remembered as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life?
Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

LIGHTEN THE LOAD. An abbot writes, "Your gift helps ease our worldly burdens and allows us to continue living out our mission of seeking God and serving the Church." Donations to next week's Retirement Fund for Religious collection help hundreds of US religious communities to provide for their aging members. Please give generously.

ATTENTION 2023 SENIORS Graduating seniors who are members of Niles Churches or residents of the City of Niles who are members of churches in Trumbull County are encouraged to apply for the ***Frank H. Mills Scholarship Trust.*** **Applications must be submitted by December 31** and the committee will decide by February 28. Contact the parish office for an application and additional information.

Family Perspective by Bud Ozar
So many conflicting voices and influences make parenting difficult. In today's Gospel, Jesus encourages parents to bravely "give testimony" and trust He will give us the "wisdom" to be good parents. You are not alone in parenting; a loving Father is standing with you.

OTHER NEWS

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD COLLECTION – NOVEMBER – CEREAL IN BOXES

COMMUNITY SUPPERS – NOVEMBER – NILES FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH – 33 N. Arlington Avenue, Niles – Suppers are free and open to the public every Thursday serving from 4:30-6:00 p.m.

ATTENTION LIFELONG LEARNERS – Adult Faith Formation opportunities for Advent begin November 28, 2022. The courses are, "Isaiah: Prophet of Advent" facilitated by Joan Lawson and "The Infancy Narratives" facilitated by William Wainio. Both courses are open to anyone wanting to grow in their faith. These courses are offered online. You don't need to have prior knowledge to participate. For more information, contact Margie Hynes at 330-744-8451, ext. 296 or mhynes@youngstowndiocese.org.

VILIJA DINNER – OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH AND THE AMERICAN SLOVAK CULTURAL ASSOCIATION December 11, 2022 Annual Vilija Dinner will be Sunday, December 11, 2022, 4:00 p.m. in the new location at St. Christine Parish Hall, 3265 S. Schenley Avenue, Youngstown, OH 44511. In addition to the traditional Slovak Christmas Eve meal, featuring fish, pirohy, and Kolače, there will be musical entertainment and much more. Celebrate your Slovak heritage. Tickets are $25.00/person, with special prices for children. Get tickets soon. FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED; if you have special seating needs, let Loretta know. TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR. For tickets and information, contact: Loretta Ekoniak at 330-549-3760 or email loretta.ekoniak@gmail.com. Deadline to purchase tickets is November 28.

Michael Fiorante in Concert – December 10th – 7:00 p.m. – St. Mary Catholic Church, Mineral Ridge. With piano/organ accompaniment by Margaret Daniluk Director of Music at St. Mary Catholic Church. Featuring many traditional Christmas favorites as well as Gesù Bambino and Tu Scendi dale Stelle. Donations will be collected to benefit the Italian Club at Ursuline High School.

TODAY – 3:00 P.M. SPECIAL CONCERT – "AIDE FOR UKRAINE" St. Anne Ukrainian Church Hall – 4310 Kirk Road, Austintown
*8 musical groups – refreshments~ special gifts raffle – religious items to purchase for yourself or as gifts.
ATTEND IN PERSON OR WATCH ONLINE: vidltra.com/concert
If you are unable to attend but would like to donate, please send check or money order to St. Anne Ukrainian Catholic Church noting in the memo section *Aide for Ukraine*. All collected donations will be forwarded to Ukraine through the Ukrainian Catholic Diocese of St. Josaphat in Parma.

DIOCESAN CEMETERIES HOST CHRISTMAS OF REMEMBRANCE – TUESDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2022 – 5:00-7:00 P.M. – The Feast Day of St. Nicholas.
We would like to cordially invite you and your family to attend our Christmas of Remembrance Event and hang an ornament on our Christmas Tree in remembrance of your dearly departed loved **one at the cemetery. For more information, call or visit: (330-792-4721/ cfcsyoungstown.org. All Souls Cemetery – Calvary Cemetery – Youngstown – Resurrection Cemetery.**

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