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## PARISH MISSION

We are a faith community of baptized Roman Catholics who feel called to build our lives in the image of Christ through Word, Sacrament and Christian service. Together we draw the people of Niles, Ohio and the surrounding areas to a closer relationship with God and each other. We serve in humility and love imitating his Holiness, Pope John XXIII.

## WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 13, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Weekday*

8:30am – Alma Stabile by Puccetti family

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 14, 2025 (SS)**

*Weekday*

8:30am – The People of the Parish

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Weekday*

8:30am – Special Intention by Loren Gargano

9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 16, 2025 (SS)**

*Weekday*

8:30am – The People of the Parish

9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 17, 2025**

*Saint Anthony, Abbot*

8:30am – at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in McDonald

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 18, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Vigil, Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (OLMC)

4:00pm – Ed Mosca by Joe and Debbie Barber

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 19, 2025**

*Second Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30-8:55am – Confessions (SS)

9:00am – Robert Penksa by Arlene Lanham (SS)

11:30am – Judy Schuller

by W. Rick Shilling, Billie Sicafuse and Patti Canter  
(OLMC)

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR . . .

As we gather this weekend and celebrate the Baptism of the Lord, we will be sprinkled with the water that reminds us of our baptism and also renew the promise made by or for us on that great day. As we enter a new year of Ordinary Time, let us recall that the only reference to “ordinary” is the root word “ordinal”, simply meaning to count the weeks between the season of Christmas and Lent, and then Easter and Advent. Every day, regardless of the liturgical season, in an extraordinary day of God’s grace and mercy at work in our lives. May we carry forth in these coming weeks all the joy that was and is this Christmas season – the joy of sharing the love of Christ and preparing for his return. Thank you again for all the kindness and generosity shown throughout the holidays. God bless you all.



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish community and for all who are in need especially: *Katrina Marie, Merela Carrido, Steve McDonnell, Dennis Liebert, Debbie Bindas, Joyce Cunningham, Joseph Russo, Beverly Jones, Karen Battin-Vitale, Dorothy Bianco, Alida Lendvay, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrak, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freel, Kara Stanford, Arlene Wilson, Mary Miller, Bob Leonard, Mike Kozak, Bob Adler, Sandy LaMonica, Carri R., Pat Hines, Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jeff Burke, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim Orsine, Connie Hake, Michael Edward Thompson, Pat Spisak, Martha Williams, Marie Perfette, Denise Burke, Sue Mollis, Chuck and Bonnie Jorza, Connie Brandt, Rachel Tarr, Steve and Dee Cvengros, Rita Mae Dodasovich, Al Conti, Rosalie McGinnis, Gavin Lengle, Peg McGinnis, Todd Beedy, John Daubner, Father Murphy, Peter Ford, Hudson Joseph, Nanette Ball, Rick Cool, Clair Darby Camp, Bridget Darby Flores, Eli Flores, Paul Saban, Sr., Debbie Schimley, Lois Hockenberry, Bobbi Wilson, Gloria Nitsky, Lola L., Loretta Agresta, Tom Scarnecchia, Kamden Zickefoose, Timothy Childress, Jim and Josephine Villecco, Marie Vross, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

## CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Catholics around the country have always responded to the needs of people everywhere. The weekend of January 25<sup>th</sup>-26<sup>th</sup>, the Diocese of Youngstown will hold the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** in order to assist the Church in its ministries throughout the world. This combined collection supports four major overseas services: **Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Holy Father/Peter’s Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe, and the Church in Latin America.** Please remember, as we move toward the season of Lent, to support these important programs of charity in the Church.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will meet on Tuesday, January 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

## FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

**After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, “You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.” Luke 3:21-22.**

Today’s Feast serves as a “hinge” feast, marking the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It’s a feast of transition from Jesus’ hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus’ divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

It needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, “baptized” by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, “Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, ‘You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.’” This manifestation of the Sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son’s mission to the world. As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to you about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

*Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.*

## Mass Count for January 4-5, 2025

4:00pm – 161 (OLMC)

9:00am – 130 (SS)

11:30am – 182 (OLMC)

Total 473 people out of 1,163 registered parishioners  
(We are in the process of updating our active records)

## JANUARY 11-12, 2025 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD

### WINTER WEATHER

With the on-set of the winter weather, just a reminder, when the Niles City Schools are closed or on a 2 hour delay due to the weather conditions, the weekday morning Mass is cancelled, and the intention will be rescheduled.

**BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, January 15<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.

**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES** is collecting canned stew/chili during the month of January. Please give to one of the ushers at church at the beginning of Mass or put in the clear bins in the entrance of the church.



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

**Saturday, January 18, 2025**

#### 4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

**Readers:** Diane Jamieson, Sandy Bilovesky  
**Servers:** Mike Ciolli, Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli  
**EM's:** Alec Lukasko, Dianne Pappada, Debbie Barber, Shawn Bertilacci  
**Ushers:** Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

**Sunday, January 19, 2025**

#### 9:00AM Mass (SS)

**Sacristan:** Steve Garcar  
**Reader:** Mary Ann McMahon  
**Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** John Cullivan  
**Extraordinary Minister of the Cup:** Sherrie Sylvester, Nora Hlad  
**Altar Server:** Kherington Stanford  
**Greeter:** John Daubner, Hugh Kielej

#### 11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

**Readers:** Jamie Merlo, Marijane Parry  
**Servers:** Dante DeGennaro, John Marco DeGennaro, Ben DeLong  
**EM's:** Connie Migliozi, Mike Klaben, Connie Klaben, Nancy DeGood  
**Ushers:** Michael Lastic, Ray Muche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres

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**CHURCH CLEANING** will be on Friday, January 31<sup>st</sup> at 9:00am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel campus. If you have a few hours, please stop by the church to help!



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

#### Parish School of Religion January Calendar:

Sunday, January 12, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

#### Sunday, January 12, Confirmation Session

(students and parents), 10:10-11:25am

Sunday, January 19, No PSR, Martin Luther King Weekend

Sunday, January 26, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

All classes are held in the Social Hall.



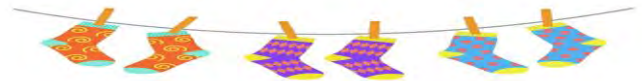
### STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

(January 4-5, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	10,114.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	93.00
Church Maintenance:	\$	20.00
Parish Projects:	\$	287.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	100.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	120.00
Christmas:	\$	300.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	1,061.00
Initial Offering:	\$	385.00
Church Overseas:	\$	70.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	100.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



### SAINT VINCENT De PAUL SOCIETY SAINT STEPHEN CONFERENCE

will have a socks and underwear drive (new) through the month of January for our Care Center at Saint Vincent de Paul. This district is located on Niles Warren Road in Warren. This drive is to help those of us who are less fortunate. We are in need of boys, girls, men's and women's sizes. I would ask you during this time of the year, and with nice sales going on now that you help us out. Your monetary donations throughout the year also help in purchasing some tags off the giving tree each year and we thank you for your support. Please place all donations in the back of both churches. If you have any questions, please call John at 330-540-8493 or Anna at 330-646-3413.

**NIGHT AT THE RACES UPDATE:** Thank you to everyone who participated in the Night at the Races in November. We made a profit of \$8,345.00!

## JANUARY 11-12, 2025 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD



**YOUNG AT HEART GROUP** will meet on **Wednesday, January 29<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:15am for peace throughout the world in the Social Hall. "Thou Shall Not Pass" (the story of the Anti Clan event in Niles) presented by Ralph Tolbert. Cost is \$10.00 for lunch at 12:00pm. All are welcome. Bring a guest. Please contact Annie at 330-719-5716 or Sandy at 330-652-8329 on or before Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>.

## MASS Intentions

All Mass Intentions have been scheduled that were returned with the form and stipend. There are weekday dates available for Masses for 2025. If you are interested in booking Masses, please stop by the parish office between 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday through Thursday. If you are unable to do so, you may contact the parish office at 330-652-5825. The Mass will be scheduled once the office receives the information & stipend. Thank you.



## ITALIAN NIGHT 2025

It's time to kick off Saint Pope John XXIII Italian Night 2025. Mark your calendars for Saturday, February 22, 2025 at 6:00pm at Leo's Ristorante in Howland. Italian Dinner buffet, live music and the Saint Joseph Cookie Table. Tickets are \$65.00 per person. Tickets will be available in the parish office Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:00pm. Please join us for a wonderful night out!

The Italian Night Committee is asking for Basket donations or items for Italian Night. Please call Geri at 330-727-7843 for more information.



**SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII PARISH** has received Memorial Donations for Alma Stabile and Renee Ruman.



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**Upper Campus Grades 6-12 Open House on January 21<sup>st</sup>, 2025 from 5:00-6:30pm.**

**Lower Campus Grades K-5 Open House on January 26<sup>th</sup>, 2025 from 1:00-3:00pm.**

Questions? Contact Mrs. Judi LaPolla, Director of Admissions, at 330-369-1804 or via email at [jlapolla@warrenjfk.com](mailto:jlapolla@warrenjfk.com)

## VOCATION THOUGHT:

*"You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased."*

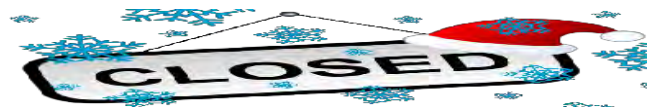
(Luke 3:22)

God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org), or 330-744-8451.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** *"John answered them all, 'I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...'"*

- Luke 3:16

The Catholic Catechism states that *"Jesus' immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God's will."* In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus – the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.



**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, January 20<sup>th</sup> for Martin Luther King Day. The answering service will forward sacramental emergencies only. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:30am.

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