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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 20, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Weekday*

8:30am – Choir of Angels

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 21, 2025 (SS)**

*Saint Agnes, Virgin and Martyr*

8:30am – Linda Longwell by Peggy McCaughtry

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children*

8:30am – Ed Mosca by family

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

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 23, 2025 (SS)**

*Weekday*

8:30am – Anthony Elia by Anna Marie Elia

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

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 24, 2025**

*Saint Francis de Sales, Bishop and Doctor of the Church*

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

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 25, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Vigil, Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (OLMC)

4:00pm – Nancy and Giulio Fiore by Teresa Csontos

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 26, 2025**

*Third Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30-8:55am – Confessions (SS)

9:00am – John Yuhasz family and John Norman family  
by Linda and John Yuhasz (SS)

11:30am – The People of the Parish (OLMC)

## FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR . . .

Saint Agnes of Rome, whose feast is on January 21, is frequently depicted in religious art with a lamb. Not only that, but each year lambs are also blessed on her feast day and their wool used to make a pallium, a white scarf-like vestment that is worn over the chasuble of a metropolitan bishop. First of all, the primary connection between Saint Agnes of Rome and lambs is her name, "Agnes." The Latin word for lamb is *agnus*, and as a result, her name means, "lamb." There is a story that Saint Agnes once appeared near her grave, with other women dressed in gold and silver and white robes, and a lamb more dazzling white than ever seen. In that appearance, Saint Agnes said to her parents: "Take heed and see that grieve me no more as dead, but be joyful with me, for with all these virgins Jesus Christ has given me the brightest habitation and dwelling and am with him joined in heaven whom in earth I loved with my every thought." In this story the presence of a lamb symbolized purity and refers to the purity of her life. Ever since, Saint Agnes has almost always been depicted with a lamb, and lambs continue to be blessed on her feast day – from which the yoke of leadership in the church is woven. On this feast of Saint Agnes, let us pray for our Holy Father, and all who exercise leadership in the Church – in the name of Agnus Dei – the Lamb of God.



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, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Andy Bottiglieri, Carrie Trybus, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

## 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.

## SAINT STEPHEN CAMPUS ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS-WEEK OF JANUARY 19<sup>TH</sup>

Special Intention by Josephine Medovich  
Paul and Cecilia Marley and family by Peg McCaughtry

## CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN UNITY

This weekend, in addition to many things we have to celebrate and observe, we celebrate a week of Christian Unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is framed by the Confession of Peter on January 18 (Lutheran and Anglican liturgical calendar) and the Conversion of Paul on January 25 (Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican calendars). Jesus prayed (John 17) that we would manifest the unity of the body of Christ, living into the fullness of his prayer and the unity of God. While we should live and serve in unity with our friends in Christ throughout the year, during this focused time in January the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission (Catholic Diocese of Youngstown and Northeastern Ohio Lutheran Synod, ELCA) encourages us to pray with and for our friends in Christ from diverse cultures, traditions, and confessions around the world and in our neighboring communities.

Let us pray: *Lord God of all creation, source of life and of unity in all who believe. As Jesus prayed that his followers might be one, make us one with all who bear his name, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love, shining a bright light of healing and hope, through Jesus Christ, who is our light and our hope. Amen.*



## WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The theme for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2025, is "Do You Believe" (John 11:26). This year's theme was chosen in recognition of the 1700<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (325), at which the words "I believe" were chosen to anchor the Creed as an instrument of universal Christian unity.

## CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Catholics around the country have always responded to the needs of people everywhere. Next weekend 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.

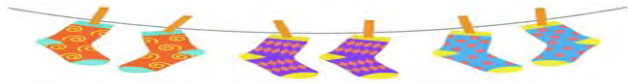
**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES** is collecting canned stew/chili during the month of January. Please give to one of the ushers at church at the beginning of Mass or put in the clear bins in the entrance of the church.

**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!

**JANUARY 18-19, 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



**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 Klan 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>.



**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.

**Mass Count for January 11-12, 2025**

4:00pm – 170 (OLMC)

9:00am – 167 (SS)

11:30am – 191 (OLMC)

Total 528 people out of 1,163 registered parishioners  
(We are in the process of updating our active records)

**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 Tuesday 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.



**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.



**LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE**

**Saturday, January 25, 2025**

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

**Readers:** Diane Jamieson, Sandy Bilovesky

**Servers:** Kelly Lukasko

**EM's:** Alec Lukasko, Dianne Pappada, Debbie Barber, Cathy Lukasko

**Ushers:** Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

**Sunday, January 26, 2025**

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

**Sacristan:** John Daubner

**Reader:** Charlie Burgess

**Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** Lisa Burgess

**Extraordinary Minister of the Cup:** Frank Dillon

Mary Kay Nicholas

**Altar Server:** John Wilson

**Greeter:** Rosella McCloskey, Sophia Gearhart

**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

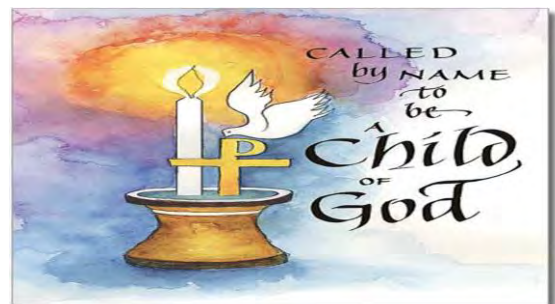
**Ushers:** Michael Lastic, Ray Mucche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres

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**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION**

**Parish School of Religion January and February Calendar:**

- Sunday, January 19, No PSR, Martin Luther King Weekend
  - Sunday, January 26, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8
  - Sunday, February 2, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8
  - Sunday, February 9, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8
  - Sunday, February 16, No PSR, Presidents' Day Weekend
  - Sunday, February 23, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8
- All classes are held in the Social Hall.



**STEWARDSHIP**

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

*(January 11-12, 2025)*

Sunday collection:	\$	11,151.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	295.00
Parish Projects:	\$	69.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	142.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	639.00
Christmas:	\$	586.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	185.00
Initial Offering:	\$	190.00
Church Overseas:	\$	50.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	411.00
Christmas Flowers:	\$	5.00
Immaculate Conception:	\$	5.00
Holy Thursday:	\$	1.00
Good Friday:	\$	1.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$	25.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*



**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 Tuesday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:00pm and will also be sold before and after the weekend Masses. 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.



**ATTN: BAKERS (YOU KNOW WHO YOU ARE)**

There will be a Saint Joseph Cookie Table for Italian Night at Leo's Ristorante. Donations of homemade cookies will be greatly appreciated. Please tray all cookies. Please call the parish office to sign up and let us know the type of delicious cookie you will be making.

**ITALIAN NIGHT COMMITTEE MEETING** will be held on Thursday, January 23<sup>rd</sup> at 6:00pm in the Social Hall. All are welcome!



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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)



Mark your calendars for the Luck of the Irish on Saturday, March 15<sup>th</sup> at 5:30pm at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. Tickets are \$60 per person for the raffle and dinner. Tickets will be on sale after all the weekend Masses. For more information, please call Julie Abraham at 330-727-4302. More information will be forthcoming!

**CONGRATULATIONS** to **Jim and Jilda Sandy** who recently celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary! May God continue to bless the both you with many more!



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