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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, FEBRUARY 3, 2025 (OLMC)

Weekday

8:30am – Rocco Gargano by Jonnah Anderson

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2025 (SS)

Weekday

8:30am – Chuck Daubner by John Daubner

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 (OLMC)

Saint Agatha, Virgin and Martyr

8:30am – The People of the Parish

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

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6, 2025 (SS)

Weekday

8:30am – Mary Ann Ring by husband, Joe

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

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7, 2025

Weekday

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

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8, 2025 (OLMC)

Vigil, Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (OLMC)

4:00pm – Louis, Angelina and Michael Razzano
by Mr. and Mrs. John Viglio and family

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9, 2025

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

8:30-8:55am – Confessions (SS)

9:00am – Linda Longwell by Peggy McCaughtry (SS)

11:30am – Mario Gioiello by Martha Bertleff (OLMC)

FROM THE ADMINISTRATOR . . .



THE PRESENTATION (CANDLEMAS DAY)

This weekend **The Presentation of the Lord** takes place over the Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time. The Presentation of the Lord is the day in which Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the priests and elders in the Temple. For years, this feast – which in the United States is only formally celebrated when it falls on a Sunday – marked the end of the Christmas season. In old days, the Presentation was often referred to as “Candlemas” and was celebrated by a candle-lit procession into the church, signifying Christ as the “light of nations.” Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. We know that the Church at Jerusalem was observing the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to “buy him back” on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of “a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons” (Luke 2:24) in the temple — thus the “presentation” of the child. On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified — thus the “purification.” Mary and Joseph kept this law, even though, since Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his Gospel, Luke (2:22-39) recounts the story. Originally, the feast was celebrated on February 14, the 40th day after Epiphany (January 6), because Christmas wasn’t yet celebrated as its own feast, and so the Nativity, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany), and the feast celebrating Christ’s first miracle at the wedding in Cana were all celebrated on the same day. By the last quarter of the fourth century, however, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on December 25, so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to Feb. 2, 40 days later. When Christ was presented in the temple, “there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel.” When Saint Mary and Saint Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Canticle of Simeon: “Now dismiss your servant, O Lord, according to your word in peace; because my eyes have seen salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel” (Luke 2:29-32). Because of the words of the canticle — “a light to the revelation of the Gentiles” — by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Canticle of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries.

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Last weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown sponsored the Church Overseas Combined Collection for ministries to needy people. Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute to this combined collection.

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting side helpers (stuffing mix, etc.) during the month of February. 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.

SAINT STEPHEN CAMPUS

ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 2, 2025

Frank Danihel by Joanne Luhaney



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 Kandrac, 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, Tamie Ezzo, 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.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS for the month of February will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm at New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Avenue, Niles, Ohio.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, February 11th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

FEBRUARY 1-2, 2025 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD

MASS Intentions

All Mass Intentions have been scheduled that were returned with the form and stipend. There are weekday dates available and a few weekend dates 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.

Mass Count for January 25-26, 2025

4:00pm – 190 (OLMC)

9:00am – 212 (SS)

11:30am – 152 (OLMC)

Total 554 people out of 1,161 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, February 8, 2025

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Caroline Matzye, Barbara Sauvelpahkik

Servers: Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli, Mike Ciolli

EM's: Alec Lukasko, Debbie Barber, Patricia Scarmuzzi, Bernie Profato

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

Sunday, February 9, 2025

9:00AM Mass (SS)

Sacristan: Steve Garcar

Reader: Anna Marie Granny

Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: Nora Hlad

Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: John Cullivan
Lisa Burgess

Altar Server: Larkin Stanford

Greeter: John Daubner, Jeff Burke

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Matt Marrara, Marijane Parry

Servers: Nicholas Powell, Dante DeGennaro, John Marco DeGennaro

EM's: Mike Klaben, Connie Klaben, Anna Marie Beagle, Chrissy Lanham

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

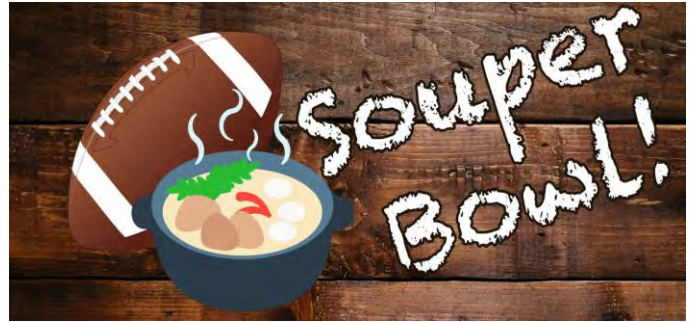
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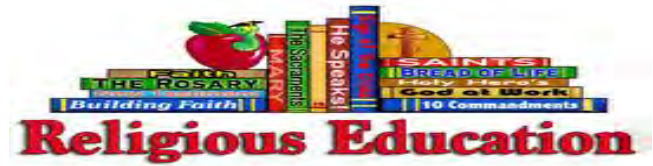
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NILES CATHOLIC WOMEN'S GUILD will be having their Souper Bowl Sunday Sale. Soup and Bread will be on sale Sunday, February 9th after the 9:00am Mass at Saint Stephen Campus. Soup is \$7.00 a quart. Be sure to get some delicious soup to enjoy for the game!



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

Parish School of Religion January and February Calendar:

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 25-26, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	10,267.55
Monthly Dues:	\$	324.00
Parish Projects:	\$	130.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	90.00
Christmas:	\$	75.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	10.00
Initial Offering:	\$	35.00
Church Overseas:	\$	1,271.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	90.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$	10.00

Thank you for your generosity!



FEBRUARY 1-2, 2025 – THE PRESENTATION OF THE LORD



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 (Rex Taneri Band) 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 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(s) you will be making. More information will be forthcoming!



Mark your calendars for the Luck of the Irish on Saturday, March 15th 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!

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: "Because he himself was tested through what he suffered, he is able to help those who are being tested." – Hebrews 2:18

When we join a support group, there is comfort in sharing our pain with people who have experienced the same thing; they understand what we are going through. The next time you experience suffering, talk to Jesus. He has experienced more suffering than most of us, He understands. Plus, Jesus knows us better than we know ourselves. Only He can fill the hole you feel in your heart.



The Eagle of the Cross award is given annually to outstanding juniors and seniors in high school within the Diocese of Youngstown who show particular zeal in the improvement of their own parish ministry programs, high school ministry teams, or youth work regarding the faith within the Diocese.

Nominees must be Catholic, and must exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Catholic-Christian leadership. This award is the highest honor presented to the youth by the Diocese of Youngstown. Up to 3 awards per county for parish involvement, and up to 2 awards per diocesan Catholic high school are awarded each year.

Nominations for Eagle of the Cross 2025 are now being accepted until **Friday, February 28 at 3:00 pm**. *This is when nominations must be received at the diocesan offices by. Please plan accordingly if you plan to mail your nomination(s), as nominations received after the due date will not be accepted.* Forms and packets are available in the parish office. Please be sure to review the entire packet before nominating, as some instructions have been revised since 2024. Winners will be announced around the end of March and the ceremony with Bishop David J. Bonnar will take place on Monday, April 28, 2025 at 6:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral. Please visit the website periodically for more information as it is posted to stay up-to-date throughout the nomination and acceptance process.

VOCATION THOUGHT: "When the days were completed for their purification according to the law of Moses, they took him up to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord." (Luke 2:22)

God invites us to dedicate ourselves fully to His will. Could He be asking you to present your life to Him in a special way? Trust in God's plan for you. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org



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