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**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2026**

*Weekday*

8:30am – at Saint Rose Church in Girard

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 17, 2026 (SS)**

*Weekday*

7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30am – Betty LaBruno by Nancy Jayne

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18, 2026**

*Ash Wednesday*

**8:30am** – Carmel Angela Morabito Dalessandro Rinaldi by Morabito family (OLMC)

**12:10pm** – Amelia Infante by Emilio, kids and grandkids (OLMC)

**6:00pm** – John DeCamp by Nancy Jayne (SS)

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 19, 2026 (SS)**

*Thursday after Ash Wednesday*

7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30am – James Ross by family

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

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 20, 2026 (OLMC)**

*Friday after Ash Wednesday*

7:30-8:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

8:30am – Peter and Rocco Gargano by John and Pam Gargano

**6:00pm** – Stations of the Cross (SS)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2026 (OLMC)**

*Vigil, First Sunday of Lent*

**3:15-3:45PM** – Confessions

4:00pm – Frank and Joanne DeJute, Jr. by daughter, Barbara

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2026**

*First Sunday of Lent*

**8:15-8:45am** – Confessions (SS)

9:00am – Janet Nader by Roseann and Stephen Simunich (SS)

11:30am – Duane Lanham by family (OLMC)

**Mass Count for February 7-8, 2026**

4:00pm – 175 (OLMC)

9:00am – 194 (SS)

11:30am – 185 (OLMC)

Total 554 people out of 969 registered parishioners

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**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.



**REQUESTS FOR PRAYER**

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish community and for all who are in need especially: *Dennis Liebert, Debbie Bindas, Joyce Cunningham, Joseph Russo, Karen Battin-Vitale, Dorothy Bianco, Alida Lendvay, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrac, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, 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., Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim Orsine, Michael Edward Thompson, Martha Williams, Marie Perfette, Sue Mollis, Chuck and Bonnie Jorza, Rachel Tarr, Steve and Dee Cvengros, Rita Mae Dodasovich, Al Conti, Rosalie McGinnis, Gavin Lengle, Todd Beedy, John Daubner, Father Murphy, Peter Ford, Hudson Joseph, Nanette Ball, Rick Cool, Clair Darby Camp, Bridget Darby Flores, Eli Flores, Debbie Schimley, Lois Hockenberry, Gloria Nitsky, Lola L., Jim and Josephine Villecco, Marie Vross, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Carrie Trybus, Tamie Ezzo, Slanina family, Donald Augustine, Terry Wilson, Connie Lewis, Tina Bonanno, Michael Kovell, Linda Marchese, Linda Cerimele and family, Catherine Wolf, Roberta Williams, Dan Brannon, Ella Rose Vecchione, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

**SAINT STEPHEN CAMPUS**

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS-WEEK OF FEBRUARY 15<sup>th</sup>**

Philip Butto by goddaughter

**2025 TAX STATEMENTS**

We have concluded the final posting of the numerous envelopes that were received. As such, 2025 tax statements are now available. To obtain a statement, *please call* the office and it will be ready in two days. Unfortunately, statements cannot be done while you wait. Thank you for your patience!



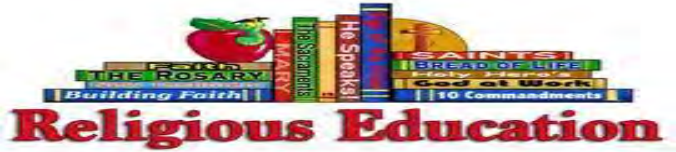
Dr. Sonya T. Vassos



Carmela Capri Lee

Daughter of Ryan Lee and Sofia Accordino

## FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### Parish School of Religion February and March Calendar:

Sunday, February 15, No PSR – Presidents' Day Weekend

Sunday, February 22, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

**Saturday, February 28, Confirmation Retreat for Grade 8,  
10:00am-6:30pm at Saint Nicholas in Struthers**

Sunday, March 1, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

Sunday, March 8, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

Sunday, March 15, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

**Thursday, March 19, Confirmation –**

**Saint Columba Cathedral at 7:00pm**

Sunday, March 22, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

Sunday, March 29, Grades K-8, 10:10-11:20am

**Brunch with the Easter Bunny at 12:30pm**



Mark your calendars for the Luck of the Irish Celebration on Saturday, March 14<sup>th</sup> at Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 North Main Street, Niles, Ohio. Doors open at 5:30pm. Grand prize: \$3,000; 2<sup>nd</sup> Prize \$2,000; 3<sup>rd</sup> Prize \$1,000. Appetizers, Dinner Buffet, Dessert, Open Bar, Irish Coffee, Reverse Raffle and lots of games of chance! Try your luck on our fantastic Irish Auction Baskets, Silent Auction, 50/50 and other exciting games! Live entertainment by DJ Jeff Burke. Tickets are \$65.00 dinner and reverse raffle; \$40 raffle only. Tickets may be purchased after 9:00am Mass at Saint Stephen or by contacting a committee member at 330-727-4302.

### NILES COUNCIL #1681 KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

will meet on Wednesday, February 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm in Holy Family Hall (basement of the church at Mount Carmel).

**CHURCH CLEANING** will be on Friday, February 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am at Our Lady of Mount Carmel campus. If you have a few hours, please stop by the church to help!



There are a lot of weekday dates available for Masses for 2026 at Saint Stephen Church. If you are interested in booking Masses, please stop by the parish office between 8:30am – 4:00pm Monday through Thursday, or you may place the intentions with the stipend in the collection basket, and we will contact you to schedule them, or you may contact the parish office at 330-652-5825. The Mass will be scheduled once the office receives the information & stipend. Thank you.



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### Ash Wednesday, February 18, 2026

##### 8:30AM Mass (OLMC)

**Readers:** Dennis Youll

**Servers:** Nancy DeGood, Debbie Kelly

**EM's:** Anna Mae Cuchna, Kathy Salapata, Pam Sowers,  
Alec Lukasko

**Ushers:** Anna Zysk, Harry Salapata, Dennis Youll

##### 12:10PM Mass (OLMC)

**Readers:** Bernie Profato

**Servers:** John Migliozi

**EM's:** Connie Migliozi, Chrissy Lanham, Cathy Lukasko,  
Ben DeGennaro

**Ushers:** Ray Muche, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank,  
Joe Zuzolo

##### 6:00PM Mass (SS)

**Sacristan:** John Daubner

**Reader:** Julia Yuhasz

**Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** Julie Abraham

**Extraordinary Minister of the Cup:** Mary Kay Nicholas  
Frank Dillon

**Altar Server:** John Wilson

**Greeter:** Rosella McCloskey, Sophia Gearhart

#### Saturday, February 21, 2026

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

**Readers:** Barbara Sauvelpahkick, Sandy Bilovesky

**Servers:** Kelly Lukasko, Greg Sefchik

**EM's:** Alec Lukasko, Pam Sowers, Bernie Profato,  
Cathy Lukasko

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

#### Sunday, February 22, 2026

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

**Sacristan:** Tom Fricker

**Reader:** Mike Sylvester

**Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** Sherrie Sylvester

**Extraordinary Minister of the Cup:** Nora Hlad  
John Cullivan

**Altar Server:** Steve Garcar

**Greeter:** Mary Ann McMahon, John Daubner

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

**Readers:** Marijane Parry, Matt Marrara

**Servers:** Ava Ciminero, Santino Ciminero, Dante DeGennaro,  
John Marco DeGennaro

**EM's:** Connie Klaben, Mike Klaben, Connie Migliozi,  
Ben DeGennaro

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

## FEBRUARY 14-15, 2026 – SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



### STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

(February 7-8, 2026)

Sunday collection:	\$	18,470.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	260.00
Parish Projects:	\$	417.00
Saint Vincent de Paul (OLMC):	\$	40.00
Initial Offering:	\$	20.00
Catholic Echo:	\$	80.00
Church Overseas:	\$	45.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$	155.00
Solemnity of Mary:	\$	50.00
Cemetery:	\$	318.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**DAILY LENTEN REFLECTION BOOKLETS** are now available in the back of both Churches this weekend. Please take one per family and if any are available the following weekend you may take an extra one.

**YOUNG AT HEART GROUP** will meet on **Thursday, February 26<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:15am for peace throughout the world. Lunch will be at 12:00pm. Someplace Safe will be here to speak after lunch in Saint Pope John XXIII Social Hall. Someplace Safe seeks to eradicate domestic violence and improve the quality of life by providing advocacy, education, and supportive services in order to aid families and to achieve public awareness and a unified community response. Cost is \$10.00 for lunch. All are welcome. Bring a guest. Please contact Annie at 330-719-5716 or Sandy at 330-652-8329 on or before Monday, February 23<sup>rd</sup>.



**THE PARISH OFFICE** will be closed on Monday, February 16<sup>th</sup> for President's Day. The answering service will forward sacramental emergencies only. The office will reopen on Tuesday, February 17<sup>th</sup> at 8:30am.

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! As we celebrate Valentine's Day, we are reminded that love is more than words—it is action. Did you know that the word "charity" comes from the Latin caritas, meaning "Christian love." Catholic Charities puts that love into action by serving people in our community who are poor, vulnerable, or facing difficult times. To learn more, visit [ccdoy.org](http://ccdoy.org).

**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES** is collecting side helpers (stuffing mix, rice, 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.

### Called by Name



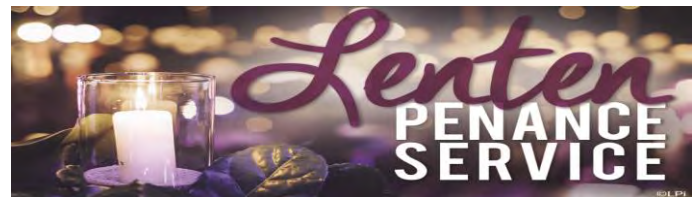
Use the QR code to nominate those you believe might have a calling to be a Priest, Permanent Deacon, Religious Sister or Brother.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** *"For I tell you, unless your righteousness exceeds that of the scribes and Pharisees, you will never enter the kingdom of heaven." Matthew 5:20*

The Pharisees lived according to the letter of the law, and they used this to elevate themselves above the other people. Jesus is clear – it's the love that you have in your heart, for God and others, that will get you to heaven. Simply following church rules to the letter and not out of love, does not necessarily put you on the path to heaven. Attending Sunday Mass and then gossiping about a fellow parishioner on the parking lot is an example of being a modern-day Pharisee.

**VOCATION THOUGHT:** *"I did not come to abolish but to fulfill." (Matthew 5:17)*

Jesus calls us to live with integrity, love, and holiness, going beyond the letter of the Law to embrace its full meaning. Priests participate in this mission by bringing His grace to the world through the sacraments, helping others encounter God's love. Could God be inviting you to this ministry of service? Talk to Father Leo, Deacon Michael, or reach out to the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or via email at [vocations@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:vocations@youngstowndiocese.org)



**TRUMBULL COUNTY ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION SERVICE** will be held on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup> at 6:30pm at Saint Pope John XXIII (Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church). Priests of the Trumbull County Deanery will hear individual confessions.

Saint Pope John XXIII Parish  
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***Ash Wednesday Pizza Sale***  
***Wednesday February 18, 2026***



**Red Pizza- \$10.00**  
**Calzones: Spinach, Potato or Combo- \$12.00**

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**Deadline to Order- Sunday February 15, 2026**  
**\*No later than 5PM**

**Pizza Day Pick Up: 12:00 pm – 4:00 pm**  
**Wednesday February 18, 2026**  
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