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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, MARCH 17, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – Adriana Tomlin by Elsa Cerbara

### **TUESDAY, MARCH 18, 2025 (SS)**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – Gavin Robert Bayless by John Daubner

### **WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Saint Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

8:30am – Josephine Nicastro by Marnie Nicastro

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

**6:30-8:00pm – Confessions at Saint Stephen Church**

### **THURSDAY, MARCH 20, 2025 (SS)**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – The People of the Parish

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

### **FRIDAY, MARCH 21, 2025**

*Lenten Weekday*

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

**3:00pm – Stations of the Cross (SS)**

**7:00pm – Stations of the Cross (OLMC)**

### **SATURDAY, MARCH 22, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Vigil, Third Sunday of Lent*

3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (OLMC)

4:00pm – Angie, Jerry Scarmuzzi and Bolino and Scarmuzzi families by Trish Scarmuzzi

### **SUNDAY, MARCH 23, 2025**

*Third Sunday of Lent*

8:30-8:55am – Confessions (SS)

9:00am – The People of the Parish (SS)

11:30am – Marvin Hanshaw by family (OLMC)

## FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR:

It is very inspiring to see how our dedicated parishioners have worked together around the events of Italian Night and Luck of the Irish, to not only keep a sense of heritage going forward but also to bring everyone together for the success of these events. Pizza sale and Fish dinner being a grand success, we are made to earnestly reflect how this time around we are motivated to build a strong sense of one parish community. This sense of togetherness leads us to discern spiritual values and promote unity that aims at selflessly contributing to the one parish community we belong to.

*We celebrate this week the Feasts of two significant Saints who have been revered the most in the church tradition:*

### **Saint Patrick**

*Saint Patrick was a humble, pious, gentle man, whose love and total devotion to and trust in God should be a shining example to each of us. So complete was his trust in God, and of the importance of his mission, he feared nothing - not even death.*

### **Saint Joseph**

*Saint Joseph, a central figure in Christianity, is celebrated for his pivotal role as the foster father of Jesus and the husband of the Virgin Mary. His life and significance encompass a rich tapestry of biblical events, devotion, and timeless virtues that continue to inspire believers around the world.*

*Prayer to Saint Joseph:*

*O blessed Joseph, faithful guardian of my Redeemer, Jesus Christ, protector of thy chaste spouse, the virgin Mother of God, I choose thee this day to be my special patron and advocate and I firmly resolve to honor thee all the days of my life. Therefore I humbly beseech thee to receive me as thy client, to instruct me in every doubt, to comfort me in every affliction, to obtain for me and for all the knowledge and love of the Heart of Jesus, and finally to defend and protect me at the hour of my death. Amen*

*'I know by experience,' says Saint Teresa of Avila, 'that the glorious Saint Joseph assists us generally in all necessities. I never asked him for anything which he did not obtain for me.'*

*"May I seek your prayers as I celebrate my ordination day on March 18, 2025, completing 24 years of Priesthood."*

Father Marneni

**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES** is collecting canned meat (tuna, chicken, etc.) during the month of March. 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.

**COMMUNITY SUPPERS** for the month of March will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm at Niles First United Methodist Church, 608 North Crandon Avenue, Niles, Ohio.



In today's gospel, the apostles get a glimpse of God's future glory. Christ's clothing became "dazzling white," and Moses and Elijah "appeared in glory" alongside Jesus. On the mount, the two prophets "spoke of Jesus' exodus that he was going to accomplish in Jerusalem." His earthly mission is about to end; Calvary is close. Jesus will soon have a glorified body, but this will only happen through the scandal of the Cross.

We all experience our own darkness: times of ill health, job insecurity or dissatisfaction, relationship trouble, spiritual desolation. It is part of the human condition. But in these bleak times, belief in Christ and His promises provides hope. Just as Jesus rose from the dead after the darkest of time – His Passion – so, too, will a better, blessed future await us, if not on earth than with God in heaven.

We can help those experiencing darkness through the programs that the Annual Diocesan Appeal supports. Please prayerfully consider sharing Christ's light through a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.



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 Dodosovich, 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, Timothy Childress, Jim and Josephine Villecco, Marie Vross, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Carrie Trybus, Tamie Ezzo, Slanina family, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.**

**ITALIAN NIGHT COMMITTEE** will meet on Tuesday, March 18<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

## MARCH 15-16, 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

### MASS Intentions

There are weekday dates available and a few weekend dates for Masses for 2025 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. 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.

### 2024 TAX STATEMENTS

We have concluded the final posting of the numerous envelopes that were received. As such, 2024 tax statements are now available. To obtain a statement, *please call* the office and it will be ready in two days. Statements will not be done while you wait. Thank you for your patience!

#### Mass Count for March 5, 2025

8:30am – 122 (OLMC)

12:10pm – 205 (SS)

6:00pm – 238 (OLMC)

Total 565 people out of 1,159 registered parishioners

#### Mass Count for March 8-9, 2025

4:00pm – 195 (OLMC)

9:00am – 150 (SS)

11:30am – 201 (OLMC)

Total 546 people out of 1,157 registered parishioners  
(We are in the process of updating our active records)



**CHURCH CLEANING** will be on Friday, March 21<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!

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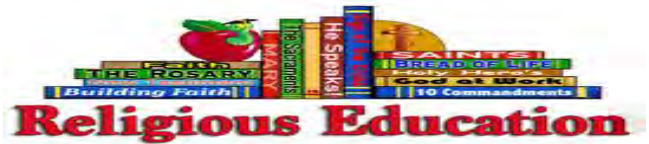
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Ayla Rose Palmer

Daughter of Dillon and Marinna (Cesta) Palmer



### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

#### Parish School of Religion March Calendar:

Sunday, March 16, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Sunday, March 23, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

Saturday, March 29, Confirmation (Grade 8) –  
Saint Columba Cathedral at 11:00am

Sunday, March 30, PSR Session, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

All classes are held in the Social Hall.



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, March 22, 2025

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

**Readers:** Cathy Lukasko, Bernie Profato

**Servers:** Mike Ciolli, Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli

**EM's:** Debbie Barber, Anna Mae Cuchna, Alec Lukasko,  
Trish Scarmuzzi

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

#### Sunday, March 23, 2025

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

**Sacristan:** Jeff Burke

**Reader:** Anna Marie Granny

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

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

Mary Kay Nicholas

**Altar Server:** John Wilson

**Greeter:** Rosella McCloskey, Sophia Gearhart

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

**Readers:** Beth Aurilio, Angela Johnson

**Servers:** Luca Aurilio, Nicholas Powell, Antonio DeGennaro

**EM's:** Jamie Aulet, Nancy DeGood, Ben DeGennaro,  
Yvonne Toto

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presents Purses for a Purpose Designer Bag Bingo on Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> at Ciminero's Banquet Centre, 123 Main Street, Niles. Tickets are \$45 and includes 10 games. Limited tickets are available. Doors open at 4:30pm and bingo starts at 6:00pm. Raffles, door prizes, 50/50, dinner and cash bar. All proceeds will benefit the programs and services provided by the Society of Saint Vincent De Paul Northeast Ohio District Council. Call 234-223-2933 for more information and tickets.



MARCH 15-16, 2025 – SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT



## Scholarships

### ATTENTION HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS

The Thomas Murphy Interfaith Scholarship Dinner will be held on Sunday, April 27<sup>th</sup> at Ciminero's Banquet Centre. Tickets are now available in the parish office Monday through Thursday from 8:30am-4:00pm. Tickets are \$20.00. Doors open at 12:30pm and Brunch is at 1:00pm. Any high school Senior of our parish interested in applying, please contact the parish office at 330-652-5825 to get an application. Applications need to be returned to the parish office by Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. Any questions, please contact Rosella at 330-980-9367.



## STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

(March 8-9, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	14,161.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	345.00
Parish Projects:	\$	245.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	222.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	838.00
Church Overseas:	\$	25.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$	3,485.79
Holy Thursday:	\$	30.00
Good Friday:	\$	30.00
Easter Flowers:	\$	390.00
Easter:	\$	405.00
Cemetery Fund:	\$	70.00
Mothers' Day:	\$	143.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

# Grazie!

Correction: Congratulations to *Anna Marie Kotyuk* who was the winner of the 50/50 drawing! Anna is Mary Helen's daughter.



### *"The Light is ON for You" An Evening of Reconciliation*

On Wednesday, March 19, 2025, our parish and parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown will offer an **"Evening of Reconciliation."** During this time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available as a sign for all to embrace and live God's mercy and love more completely. As Pope Francis says, *"the joy of God is the joy of forgiveness."* Plan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of your Lenten journey on Wednesday, March 19, 2025 at Saint Stephen Campus at 6:30pm.

## Young at Heart

**YOUNG AT HEART GROUP** will meet on **Tuesday, March 25<sup>th</sup>**. We will begin with the recitation of the Rosary at 11:15am for peace throughout the world in the Social Hall. Shawn Mark an Appraiser will be the guest speaker. You may bring 2 items. 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 Friday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.



**REMINDER** deadline for Easter Flowers for the Easter bulletin is Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> by 3:00pm in the parish office.

### SAVE THE DATES

Fish Dinners will be held on Fridays, March 21<sup>st</sup>, 28<sup>th</sup>, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm for dine-in, carry-out or curbside. Cost is \$13.00 for adults; \$9.00 (children 12 and under). Choice of: Baked, Breaded or Fried Fish; (1) side choice of: Macaroni and Cheese, French fries, green beans or pierogies. Coleslaw, bread and butter, dessert included. Coffee and punch available. You can order ahead on our website or Facebook



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### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY DINING HALL SERVING DAYS:

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup>, 19<sup>th</sup>, 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, 22<sup>nd</sup>

March 29<sup>th</sup>, 31<sup>st</sup> at 2355 Niles Road SE, Warren from 11:30am-1:00pm. Up-to-date Dining info at 330-369-1030.

CARES Clothing Program open every Tuesday from 10:00am-2:30pm at CARES building, 2415 Niles Road SE, Warren.

Wellness on Wheels and Trumbull County Mobile Market on Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> from 11:30am-1:00pm at Saint Vincent de Paul Thrift and Furniture Store, 540 Main Avenue SW, Warren.

Sleeping Bag Coat Program: Are you currently experiencing homelessness in Trumbull County? For help, please call 234-223-2933 ext 102.

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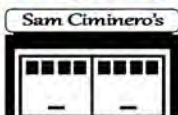
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