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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 31, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – Josephine Rossi by Elsa Cerbara

### **TUESDAY, APRIL 1, 2025 (SS)**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – The People of the Parish

### **WEDNESDAY, APRIL 2, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – Ted Infante by Marnie Nicastro

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

**6:30pm – Communal Penance Service**  
**@ Saint Rose Church in Girard**

### **THURSDAY, APRIL 3, 2025 (SS)**

*Lenten Weekday*

8:30am – Judy Pero by Hugh and Catherine Kielely

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

### **FRIDAY, APRIL 4, 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, APRIL 5, 2025 (OLMC)**

*Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent*

3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (**OLMC**)

4:00pm – Elva Vargo by family

### **SUNDAY, APRIL 6, 2025**

*Fifth Sunday of Lent*

8:30-8:55am – Confessions (**SS**)

9:00am – Kathy Daubner, Edith Daubner and  
Amielia Guido by John and Peggy (**SS**)

11:30am – Sidor and Gatta families  
by Tom and Carole Sidor (**OLMC**)

## FROM OUR PAROCHIAL VICAR:

An inspiring theme for this season of Lent, that Pope Francis proposed is, *“Let us journey together in hope”*, this reflection comes together with the Jubilee theme of Pilgrims of Hope.

Our beliefs and our practices as the followers of Jesus are fashioned by the key factor called HOPE. It is a driving force which continually electrifies our forward movement. As much as we understand the meaning of HOPE in the biblical sense of unfolding and fulfillment of God’s promises along the path of our journey, we are also drawn to reflect on being pilgrims on this journey. It stresses the fact of being with others on this journey and the responsibility we have for one another. It simply helps us to think in terms of what Pope Francis has shared . . .

*This Lent, God is asking us to examine whether in our lives, in our families, in the places where we work and spend our time, we are capable of walking together with others, listening to them, resisting the temptation to become self-absorbed and to think only of our own needs. Whether we show ourselves welcoming, with concrete gestures, to those both near and far. Whether we make others feel a part of the community or keep them at a distance.*

We therefore understand, that our responsibility for our brothers and sisters, is not an option but it is an obligation, that we are called to share our resources both spiritual and material with generous love. This is called a spiritual civilization of Love wherein we are both benefactors and beneficiaries. Our pilgrimage becomes a remarkable experience of joy as we journey together with others cherishing every moment anticipating the final realization of our purpose and objective called HOPE.

Reverend Bala P. Marneni



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., 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.**

**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES** is collecting canned fruit during the month of April. 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 April will be held on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00pm at New Hope United Methodist Church, 21 Fairview Avenue, Niles, Ohio.

## 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.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY** will meet on Tuesday, April 8<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

**BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY** will meet on Wednesday, April 9<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.



In the Prodigal Son, one of Jesus’ most well-known parables, the arrogant son represents us, and the gracious father is God. But let’s shift the focus from the son to the father. What is important isn’t that the son is a sinner. That’s a given; humans are innately flawed. What is notable is the father’s reaction to his sinning son. He ignores the infraction and welcomes him not only with open arms but throws him a feast to celebrate his return.

This is how big God’s love for us is. No matter what, He loves us. His love isn’t contingent on how sorry we are when we mess up or even how genuine our contrition is. The son in today’s Gospel does show remorse, but it seems mostly fueled by his empty stomach: “How many of my father’s hired workers have more than enough food to eat, but here am I, dying from hunger. I shall get up and go to my father.” No, God’s love for us does not depend on us. It only derives from God’s unconditional and abundant love for us, His children. What an incredible gift.

Let us recommit to loving our own loved ones like God does. And let’s take it a step further, following Jesus’ new commandment to “love one another” (John: 13:34) by prayerfully considering supporting the Annual Diocesan Appeal, which brings God’s infinite love to those in need.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal for Saint Pope John XXIII Parish is \$84,100.00. To date, \$24,308.00 has been pledged from our parish with 106 donors pledging. We still need the support of all of our parishioners to make our goal.

## MARCH 29-30, 2025 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

### Mass Count for March 22-23, 2025

4:00pm – 201 (OLMC)

9:00am – 162 (SS)

11:30am – 214 (OLMC)

Total 577 people out of 1,158 registered parishioners  
(We are in the process of updating our active records)



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### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION REGISTRATION

**Parish School of Religion March and April Calendar:**

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

Sunday, April 6, PSR Session, 10:10-11:25am, Grades K-8

**Sunday, April 6, First Eucharist Session (students only),  
10:10-11:25am**

Sunday, April 13, Last PSR Session, 10:10-11:25am,  
Grades K-8

**Saturday, April 27, First Eucharist Practice, 12:30pm  
in Church**



### 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. Last day to purchase tickets is Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. Tickets are \$20.00. Doors open at 12:30pm and Brunch is at 1:00pm. Any questions, please contact Rosella at 330-980-9367.



A Communal Penance Service will be held on Wednesday, April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:30pm at Saint Rose Church in Girard. Priests from the Trumbull Deanery will be available to hear individual confessions.



### LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

#### Saturday, April 5, 2025

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

**Readers:** Cindy Cuchna, Caroline Matzye

**Servers:** Kelly Lukasko, Nicholas Powell

**EM's:** Donna Nellis, Shawn Bertilacci, Alec Lukasko,  
Bernie Profato

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

#### Sunday, April 6, 2025

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

**Sacristan:** Jacquie Whetstone

**Reader:** Frank Dillon

**Extraordinary Minister of the Bread:** Mary Kay Nicholas

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

Angela Marzullo

**Altar Server:** Larkin Stanford

**Greeter:** John Daubner, Carol Sylvester

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

**Readers:** Matt Marrara, Angela Johnson

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

**EM's:** Mike Klaben, Connie Klaben, Ben DeGennaro,  
Kathy Salapata

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



### SOCIETY OF SAINT VINCENT De PAUL NORTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL

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.

**CHURCH CLEANING** will be on Friday, April 11<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!



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

## MARCH 29-30, 2025 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT



### STEWARDSHIP

*Managing God's Gifts To Us*

(March 22-23, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	9,996.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	488.00
Parish Projects:	\$	25.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	45.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	10.00
Christmas:	\$	10.00
Ash Wednesday:	\$	65.00
Easter Flowers:	\$	1,061.00
Easter:	\$	90.00
Mothers' Day:	\$	85.00
We Share (January and February)	\$	1,715.00

*Thank you for your generosity!*

### SAVE THE DATES

Fish Dinners will be held on Fridays, April 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00-7:00pm for dine-in, carry-out or curb-side. 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

[www.saintpopejohnxxiiiiniles.com](http://www.saintpopejohnxxiiiiniles.com) For curbside service call 330-652-2811 before 3:00pm on Fridays.



Thank you to the following people who graciously paid for the cakes for the fish dinners: Eleanor Sloban, Loren Gargano, Marianne Butto and Cheryl Croft.

### SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY

It is with sincere gratitude that the Saint Vincent de Paul Society, within the Our Lady of Mount Carmel Campus, has added a second group of 10 parish volunteers to serve those in need at the Niles Road dining hall. We now have one more crew cooking and packing clam shells for drive-thru distribution. This enables us to serve on the first Thursday of the month and the last Tuesday of the month with a rotating crew.

We are also grateful to all who have consistently monetarily contributed to support our efforts to help those in need. Additionally, we thank the national Saint Vincent de Paul for awarding our local group with \$375.00 which will support our food voucher assistance.

**SAINT STEPHEN CEMETERY** has asked that all Fall, Christmas and any old items be removed by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Any that remain after that date will be discarded. New spring arrangements will not be removed. The new season will begin Memorial Day.

### HOLY WEEK AND EASTER SCHEDULE

Thursday, April 17<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm (OLMC)

Friday, April 18<sup>th</sup> at 3:00pm (OLMC)

Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> at 8:00pm (OLMC)

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am (SS)

Sunday, April 20<sup>th</sup> at 10:30am (OLMC)



**SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII PARISH** has received Memorial Donations for Eleanor D'Antuono, Vincent Mastramatteo, Carmelia Steadman, Judith LaPolla and the Coviello family.



### 25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Columba in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2025. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before Thursday, April 17, 2025.



### EASTER BREAD ORDERS

The Blessed Mother Society of Saint Pope John XXIII Parish, Our Lady of Mount Carmel Campus is currently taking orders for the homemade **Italian Easter Bread**. The breads will be baked and made available for pickup on **Tuesday, April 15<sup>th</sup>** or **Wednesday, April 16<sup>th</sup>** from 3:00pm – 6:00pm. All orders must be received by **Thursday, April 10<sup>th</sup> by 5:00pm**. The telephone number for orders is 330-652-2811 or 330-652-5825. The cost of each loaf of bread is as follows: \$11.00 for plain and plain with icing; \$12.00 with raisins and with raisins and icing. Orders can be picked up in the Social Hall. Celebrate Easter with this wonderfully tasty treat.



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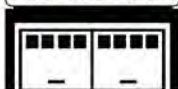
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