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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, JUNE 9, 2025 (OLMC)

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church
8:30am – David and Angela Kaercher by family

TUESDAY, JUNE 10, 2025 (SS)

Weekday
8:30am – Marley family by Peggy

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 11, 2025 (OLMC)

Saint Barnabas, Apostle
8:30am – John B., Mary, Chookie and John M. Ciminero
by family
9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JUNE 12, 2025 (SS)

Weekday
8:30am – Earl Steadman by Bonnie and Bud Workman
9:00-10:00am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

FRIDAY, JUNE 13, 2025

Saint Anthony of Padua, Priest and Doctor of the Church
8:30am – at Our Lady of Perpetual Help in McDonald

SATURDAY, JUNE 14, 2025 (OLMC)

Vigil, The Most Holy Trinity
3:00-3:45pm – Confessions (OLMC)
4:00pm – Fathers' Day Intentions

SUNDAY, JUNE 15, 2025

The Most Holy Trinity
8:30-8:55am – Confessions (SS)
9:00am – Fathers' Day Intentions (SS)
11:30am – Fathers' Day Intentions (OLMC)

FROM THE PAROCHIAL VICAR:

Guided by the Spirit

Pentecost marks a fundamental moment in Christian history—the day the Holy Spirit descended upon the apostles, igniting the birth of the Church and ushering in a new era: the Era of the Holy Spirit. This divine encounter, recorded in the second chapter of Acts, did not just empower a group of disciples—it inaugurated a spiritual movement that would sweep across nations, cultures, and generations.

The Church's Strength Throughout History

Church history is filled with examples of Spirit-led transformation. Whether in the councils that defended orthodoxy, the monastic movements that preserved faith through dark ages, or the reformations that called the Church back to truth, the Holy Spirit has always been at work. Saints and servants across centuries have testified to being led, convicted, comforted, and empowered by the Spirit.

The Spirit Who Leads Us Forward

Today, we continue to live in the Era of the Holy Spirit. The same Spirit who fell at Pentecost is with us now—guiding the Church through a complex and rapidly changing world. In an age of technological advancement, moral uncertainty, and global unrest, the Church does not walk alone. We are still guided by the Spirit, who gives wisdom to discern, power to witness, and love to serve.

As we celebrate Pentecost, we remember not only the Church's origin but its sustaining force and its future hope. The Spirit is not a relic of the past, but the living presence of God among us—forming us into Christ's image and fueling our mission to the ends of the earth.

Pentecost is more than a historical event—it is a spiritual reality. It is a reminder that the Church was born by the Spirit, flourishes through the Spirit, and must continually rely on the Spirit. In every age, the Church thrives when it is **guided by the Spirit**.

Come, Holy Spirit. Lead us again.

Reverend Bala Prasad Marneni

SAINT STEPHEN CAMPUS **ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS-** **WEEK OF JUNE 8-14, 2025**

Julia Danihel by Joanne Luhaney
Joseph Casamento by family

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting breakfast fruit bars during the month of June. 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 VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY will meet on Tuesday, June 10th at 6:00pm in the Social Hall.

With praise and thanksgiving to Almighty God for twenty-five years of priestly ministry, you are cordially invited as we celebrate the

25th Anniversary of Ordination of

The Very Reverend

John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min.

Pastor of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish

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2024-2025

11:30am Mass

Sunday, June 22, 2025

The Solemnity of the Body & Blood of Christ

The Most Reverend

David J. Bonnar, presiding

Saint Michael Parish

300 North Broad Street

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Cookie and Ice Cream Reception to follow



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, Dennis Liebert, Debbie Bindas, Joyce Cunningham, Joseph Russo, Beverly Jones, Karen Battin-Vitale, Dorothy Bianco, Alida Lendway, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrak, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freely, 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, Michael Edward Thompson, Martha Williams, Marie Perfette, Denise Burke, Sue Mollis, Chuck and Bonnie Jorza, 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, Donald Augustine, James P. Ford, Jerry Scarmuzzi, Jr., Terry Wilson and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.*

REMINDER: The trash cans at Saint Stephen Cemetery are to be used for discarding floral arrangements and wreaths only. Any heavy items should not be placed in the trash cans. If you have any questions or concerns, please call the parish office at 330-652-5825 Monday through Thursday 8:30am-4:00pm.

JUNE 7-8, 2025 – PENTECOST SUNDAY



STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(May 31-June 1, 2025)

Sunday collection:	\$	10,252.00
Monthly Dues:	\$	486.00
Parish Projects:	\$	236.00
St. Vincent de Paul (OLMC)	\$	30.00
St. Vincent de Paul (SS)	\$	25.00
Fathers' Day:	\$	150.00
Seminarian Collection:	\$	35.00
Church at Home:	\$	1,345.00

Thank you for your generosity!

FESTIVAL YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:

Parents / Guardians who have child / children under the age of 18 years, who are planning to volunteer time at the parish festival must complete an Emergency Medical Authorization and a Permission Form. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** Forms are available in the Parish Office Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish Office on or before **July 15th**.



The closed-door metaphor is front and center in today's Gospel. In fact, it opens with the disciples huddled behind locked doors. They are fearful. Do they not understand that Jesus has risen? Do they not believe the women who went to the tomb to find it empty? Or do they conclude that His body was taken and that He did not rise from the dead as promised?

How are our own doors closed and locked? Do we so intently focus on our own families, circle of friends, work, studies, entertainment that we are blind to the needs of others? Or do we shut ourselves off from God, practicing our faith perfunctorily, because we are afraid of what true intimacy with God would require? Are we like Christ's disciples (except the "beloved one") who abandoned the Lord in His time of need?

Let us pray for the strength to unlock the doors we are hiding behind, open them wide, and walk through to greet the Lord with wide arms. May this be the beginning of a deeper intimacy with Christ, one which fills us with such joy that we can't help but wish to spread His redemptive love, including our support of the Annual Diocesan Appeal.

The Annual Diocesan Appeal for Saint Pope John XXIII Parish is \$84,100.00. To date, \$50,513.00 has been pledged from our parish with 199 donors pledging. We still need the support of all of our parishioners to make our goal.



ATTENTION NILES MCKINLEY CLASS OF 1970 will hold their 55th Class Reunion on Saturday, August 2nd at Vernon's beginning at 6pm. For more information, please contact Celeste Salerno Falter at 330-307-4641.

Mass Count for May 31-June 1, 2025

4:00pm – 168 (OLMC)

9:00am – 202 (SS)

11:30am – 156 (OLMC)

Total 526 people out of 1,018 registered parishioners
(We are in the process of updating our active records)

BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, June 11th at 1:00pm in the Social Hall.



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Thank you for your support last weekend of the Diocese of Youngstown CHURCH AT HOME combined collection which supports the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, the USCCB Catholic Communications Campaign, and the educational and research ministries of the Catholic University of American and Newman Campus Ministries. If you were unable to give last weekend, please consider giving at your parish today for this important collection.



SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII PARISH has received Memorial Donations for Shawn Salapata. The parish also received a donation to Saint Vincent de Paul Society- Saint Stephen Campus in memory of Hugh Kieley.

JUNE 7-8, 2025 – PENTECOST SUNDAY



CONGRATULATIONS to our 2025 High School Graduates who were recognized at the 11:30am Mass last Sunday. From left to right: Father Marneni, Nicolas Ryan-Warren, John F. Kennedy, Ryan Lanham, Niles McKinley, High School, Dominic Ryan-Warren, John F. Kennedy Catholic School and Deacon Michael Hanshaw. May God continue his blessings upon you in your next endeavor.



LITURGICAL MINISTERS SCHEDULE

Saturday, June 14, 2025

4:00PM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Cathy Lukasko, Sandy Bilovesky
Servers: Ave Ciolli, Pia Ciolli, Mike Ciolli
EM's: Debbie Barber, Alec Lukasko, Anna Mae Cuchna, Patricia Scarmuzzi
Ushers: Jim Davis, Joseph Zuzolo, Dennis Youll, Maurice Candio, Barbara Frank, Anna Zysk

Sunday, June 15, 2025

9:00AM Mass (SS)

Sacristan: Steve Garcar
Reader: Charlie Burgess
Extraordinary Minister of the Bread: Lisa Burgess
Extraordinary Minister of the Cup: Julie Abraham, Sherrie Sylvester

Altar Server: Sophia Gearhart
Greeter: Anna Marie Granny, Jeff Burke

11:30AM Mass (OLMC)

Readers: Matt Marrara, Caroline Matzye
Servers: Dante DeGennaro, John Marco DeGennaro, Nicholas Powell
EM's: Mike Klaben, Connie Klaben, Yvonne Toto, Kathy Salapata
Ushers: Michael Lastic, Ray Muche, Anthony DeMaiolo, Jr., Ed Bugos, George Kaniclides, Harry Salapata, Michael Krakora, Don Andres, Sam Ragozine

MISSION APPEAL

Mission CoOp preaching at Saint Pope John XXIII this year will be for the Diocese of Nalgonda, India, the home diocese of Father Marneni. Father will be doing the mission appeal at all the masses the weekend of June 14th & 15th at all the masses at OLMC and SS. Your offering for mission appeal will support the pastoral and educational programs in the Diocese of Nalgonda, India.



The First Step for Change campaign will conclude at our parish on Father's Day. Please remember to bring your Father's Day Response Envelope to Mass with you on Father's Day or return it to the parish no later than June 30th.



FATHERS' DAY MASSES

All Fathers' Day envelopes will be gathered together and prayed for at each Mass on Fathers' Day weekend at both churches. Please make sure to return your Fathers' Day envelopes on or before Monday, June 9th.



Saint Pope John XXIII Parish at Saint Stephen Campus will have a coffee, refreshments and donuts after the 9:00am Mass on Sunday, June 22nd in the back of the church. Thank you to the Niles Catholic Women's Guild for sponsoring Father Marneni's social to wish him well before he begins his new assignment in East Liverpool. All are welcome!

Also there will be a cake, coffee and punch social on Sunday, June 29th at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall after the 11:30am Mass. Thank you to the Blessed Mother Society for sponsoring Father Marneni's social his last weekend with us. We wish him well in his new assignment! All are welcome!



SAINT POPE JOHN XXIII
92ND ANNUAL SUMMER FESTIVAL
Thursday, July 17th – Sunday, July 20th, 2025

Thursday, July 17th: 11:00am-1:00pm; 5:00-10:00pm
Friday, July 18th: 11:00am-1:00pm; 5:00-11:00pm
Saturday, July 19th: 4:00-11:00pm
Sunday, July 20th: 3:00-10:00pm

Enjoy parish favorite foods including: Red, potato and spinach pizzas; sausage, meatball, chicken parm, steak hoagies and fried bologna sandwiches; smelts and calamari; cavatelli and homemade meatballs, bakery specialties, pop, beer, lemon shakes and our famous Cheesepuffs and Twists.

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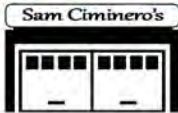
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