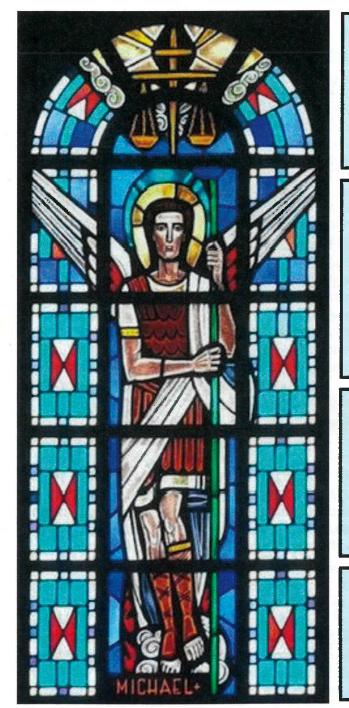
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Saturday Vigil Mass

4:00pm

Sunday Mass

9:00am & 11:30am

Weekday Mass

8:00am (Monday - Thursday)

Holy Day Mass

12:15pm & 6:00pm

Reconciliation

3:00pm (Saturday)

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SACRAMENTS AND CATECHESIS

To register your child(ren) for Youth Faith Formation (YFF), to inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to begin the Annulment process, schedule a Baptism Prep session, or discuss the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist (and Reconciliation), and Confirmation, please contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

PARISH INFORMATION

To register in the parish, begin planning for the Sacrament of Marriage, discuss a Mass of Christian Burial, request Letters of Suitability to serve as Godparents or Sponsors, or seek any other parish-related information, contact Maxine Gordon, our Administrative Assistant at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

OFFICE HOURS

Monday — Thursday: 8:30am — 4:00pm Closed on Fridays (Memorial Day — Labor Day)

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PARISH HALL & FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

Parishioners: please call Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181



Monday, August 12 Saint Jane Frances de Chantal 8:00am - Mary Ann Rovnak

Tuesday, August 13 Saints Pontian & Hippolytus 8:00am - Tom Dwyer

Wednesday, August 14 Saint Maximilian Kolbe 8:00am - Dick Gregg

Thursday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15pm - The People of the Parish 6:00pm - The People of the Parish

Friday, August 16 Saint Stephen of Hungary No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 17

Vigil -The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm - Sophie & Steve Pavlich

Sunday, August 18

The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am - Thomas Defino 11:30am - The People of the Parish

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE **BLESSED VIRGIN MARY**



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, is Thursday, August 15. Masses that day are at 12:15pm and 6:00pm.

The Parish Office will be closed on August 15.

HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you are homebound or know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office (330-533-6839) so they can be put on the schedule.



FROM THE PASTOR ...

As we prepare for this Thursday's observance of the Assumption of Mary, we recall the relative newness of this official teaching. Addressing a jubilant crowd of more than 500,000 people packed into Saint Peter's Square, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined in "Munificentissimus Deus" on Nov. 1, 1950, that the "Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory." Although the solemn definition may have been at the midpoint of the 20th century, the belief in the Assumption of our Blessed Mother exemplifies the dynamism of revelation and the Church's ongoing understanding of it as guided by the Holy Spirit.

We firmly believe that from the first moment of her conception Mary was free of all sin, including Original Sin, by a special favor of almighty God. The Archangel Gabriel recognized her as "full of grace," "blessed among women" and "one with the Lord." Mary had been chosen to be the Mother of our savior. By the power of the Holy Spirit, she conceived our Lord Jesus Christ, and through her, true God became also man, "The Word became flesh and dwelt among us."

During her lifetime, although the Gospel citations are limited, Mary always presented our Lord to others: to Elizabeth and her son, John the Baptist, who leapt for joy in the womb at the presence of the Lord still in his own mother's womb; to the simple shepherds as well as the wise Magi; and to the people at Cana, when our Lord acquiesced to His mother's wish and performed the first miracle.

Moreover, Mary stood at the foot of the cross with her Son, supporting Him and sharing in His suffering through her love as only a mother could do. Finally, she was with the Apostles at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended and the Church was born. Therefore, each of us can step back and see Mary as the faithful servant of God who shared intimately in the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

The Feast of the Assumption gives each of us great hope as we contemplate this one facet of the beautiful woman of faith, our Blessed Mother. Mary moves us by example and prayer to grow in God's grace, to be receptive to His will, to convert our lives through sacrifice and penance, and seek that everlasting union in the heavenly Kingdom. As we gather to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we all come to a deeper understanding of our union with her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS



The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held on Sunday, November 24, at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral. This is a special opportunity for anyone (age 18 or older) who has not received the

sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese.

Candidates must register with our parish and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. A preparation program will be held at our parish. Sponsors must be a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic and may not be the candidate's parent.

Please contact the parish office (330-533-6839) no later than September 15, 2024, to register and verify eligibility to receive the sacrament.

Parish Support August 4, 2024

Amount Received \$ 12,907.00
Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 2,093.00)
EFT July \$ 12,465.00
YTD Received \$ 71,580.00



Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless.

BIBLE STUDY

Faith sharing about the Holy Spirit will begin September 12 in the Family Life Center from 1:00pm — 3:00pm and will take place monthly until May. Facilitated by Barb



Spencer, this adult faith formation program will be a combination of exploring the role of the Holy Spirit in the Bible as well as within our own life along with guided questions to reflect upon.

We will use the text *The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts* by Stephen Binz, which will need to be purchased prior to the September session.

If you are interested, or need more information, please phone Barb ASAP (330-503-4756). Please note that you are to prepare at home with guided material from Barb/text prior to each session.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 12 9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, August 13 11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, August 14 9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, August 15

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Parish Office Closed

Friday, August 16 Parish Office Closed

9:00am – Fitness Fun 7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, August 17 No Events Scheduled

Sunday, August 18 No Events Scheduled

YFF REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for the 2024-2025 Youth Faith Formation Year, Kindergarten through Grade 8. We have limited spots for kindergarten, so be sure to register soon.



Happening

Per Diocesan guidelines, children are required to attend Faith Formation classes for two years prior to receiving any sacraments. NO EXCEPTIONS.

Active participation in all grades is expected in order to be accepted into Confirmation Preparation.

Registration forms are available at the parish office and are due by September 4.

Contact Marcy (330-533-6839) with any questions.

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

We need a few new volunteers to join our teams of catechists in grades 2, 3-4, and 7-8. Every grade level has teams of catechists who work together and back each other up. Our current catechists will happily share their experiences from last year and answer some preliminary questions.

For additional information please call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to set up an appointment to talk about the expectations, requirements, and the Safe Environment process.

Born to Eternal Life Patricia Hoyle



OCIA (formerly RCIA)

OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which non-Catholic adults join our faith. If you have never been baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition or faith, the OCIA process is your opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith and become Catholic. We will be working together with Saint Charles and Saint Luke Parishes starting in September on Monday evenings. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839 for more information and details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marylou Buck	Christopher King	Vincent Mastromatteo
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Edward Mosca
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Eileen Novotny
Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho	Mike Roussos
John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Janice Rovnak
Dale Hynes	Jayme Lynn Lowe	Jack D. Slifka
	Mary Lou Mack	

VOCATIONS - August 11, 2024

"I will raise him on the last day."

Reflect on the profound promise of resurrection and what your path to eternal life looks like. Will your path of holiness be as a priest or religious brother or sister? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP - August 11, 2024

"Get up and eat or the journey will be too much for you." 1 Kings 19:7

God knows that committing to a stewardship lifestyle is difficult. However, we were not designed to do it on our own, we need God's help. Fortunately, God gave us the greatest gift of all, His son, Jesus. Through the gift of the Eucharist, we unite our sacrifice with Jesus' sacrifice to do the will of God, our Father. We receive the strength and courage to be His missionary disciples.

READINGS FOR AUGUST 15, 2024

THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Revelation 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab 1 Corinthians 15:20-27 Luke 1:39-56

READINGS FOR AUGUST 18, 2024

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Proverbs 9:1-6 Ephesians 5:15-20 John 6:51-58

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

Thursday, August 15 - 12:15 PM

Lector: Barb Spencer

Euch. Min: Shirley Dunn (X-H)

Sharon Harpster (Font-C) Janet LeClair (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Bill Petro, Don Kutsko, Richard Gary

Thursday, August 15 - 6:00 PM

Lector: Jim Krivanek

Euch. Min: Donna Wainio (X-H)

Barbara Cummings (Font-C) Mia Richardson (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Tom Wainio, Tom Eaton

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday, August 17 - 4:00 PM

Lector: Maxine Gordon Server: Volunteer Needed Euch. Min: Janet Pitzulo (X-H)

Anthony Nacarato (Font-C) Barb Kubitza (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Anthony Nacarato

Don Kutsko

Sunday, August 18-9:00 AM

Lector: Sherry Massaro

Servers: Elise & Sean Campbell Euch. Min: Joyce Laska (X-H) Jeanne Neville (Font-C) Vic Buente (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Jim Naples, Jerry Laska, Marty Repasky,

Kevin Henchar

Sunday, August 18 - 11:30 AM

Lector: Olivia Donadee Server: Nate Ferguson Euch. Min: Fran Brayer (X-H) Tom Eaton (Font -C)

Mia Richardson (Ambo-C) **Ushers:** Chuck Wirtz, Russell Layfield,

Jim Cleeland

ED CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP

Coffee & Donut Social

Cardinal Mooney High School invites you to coffee and donuts from 10:00 until 11:30 this Sunday, August 11th. CMHS representatives will be available to discuss Universal EdChoice Scholarships for ALL Ohio families. Now EVERY family in Ohio, regardless of income level, qualifies for state-funded scholarships if they choose to enroll their children in nonpublic schools, including our Catholic elementary and high schools.

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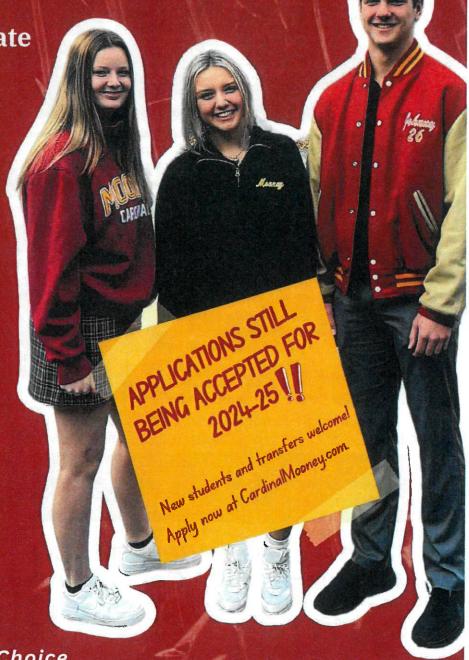
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Please Note:

There are no more masses available for 2024.

The mass book for 2025 will open sometime in October. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date we will be accepting mass requests for 2025. Thank you.

CALL FOR RECIPES!

The Catholic Echo magazine would like to feature your favorite recipes in an upcoming print edition! All recipes are welcome. We will prioritize recipes for which the Echo staff can find photos to accompany the entries.

For more information or to submit a recipe, email catholicecho@youngstowndiocese.org.

CALVARY CEMETERY TOUR

Learn about the history and take a tour of Calvay Cemetery that was established in 1887, when living in Youngstown was much different than it is now. The tour starts in our Chapel at 12:00pm on Friday., August 23, 2024. Light refreshments will be available. Call 330-792-4721 for more information.

MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato

If you are interested in bringing up the gifts in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.



FEAST DAY MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

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Polish Youngstown and Saint Columba Cathedral are excited to honor the feast day of Eastern Europe's most beloved Marion icons with a special event on **Sunday**, **August 25**, **2024**, **at 10:30am at Saint Columba Cathedral**, 159 West Rayen Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio. The Very Reverend Monsignor Robert J. Siffrin will serve as celebrant, and other Diocesan Slavic priests will be invited. Traditional Polish hymns will be part of the English-language mass.

A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall featuring a talk, musical entertainment by accordionist Luke Politsky, and a Polish-inspired breakfast.

RSVP requested for catering by calling 330-744-5233. A free-will offering of \$15 per person is suggested. YSU students are admitted free with their YSU IDs. The public is invited.

Free parking is available in all lots surrounding the facility. Because of the Panerathon, access is recommended from the north via 5th and Wick Avenues.

SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

The Spiritual Book Club hosted by the Ursuline Sisters Mission is welcoming new members to its next series of discussions. The first gathering will be on September 16 from 1-2:30pm at the Ursuline Center, 4280 Shields Road, Canfield. After that date, the group will meet on the first Monday of each month through the month of May.

The book to be discussed will be "Called on the Way: The Daily Practice of Discipleship," by Kathleen a Cahalan and Laura Kelly Fanucci.

For further information about joining the book club, contact Ursuline Associate Barbara Spencer, facilitator by August 15 (330-503-4756).

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