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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

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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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 Friday

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MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholic Christians dedicated to lovingly extending the mission and ministry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Christian Service to the People of God, both in our parish and the surrounding areas, all to the Glory of God!

PARISH HALL & FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

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



Monday, April 27

8:00am – Richard Sternagel

Tuesday, April 28

Saint Peter Chanel

Saint Louis Grignon de Montfort

8:00am – Marjorie Yerman

Wednesday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena

8:00am – Helen & Ernst Less

Thursday, April 30

Saint Pope Pius V

8:00am – Healing for Sister Karlene Seech

Friday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker

9:00am – Saint Joseph the Provider Gallery

Saturday, May 2

Vigil – The Fifth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, May 3

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

9:00am – The Sacred Heart Society

11:30am – The People of the Parish

**WORLD DAY OF PRAYER
FOR VOCATIONS
April 26, 2026**



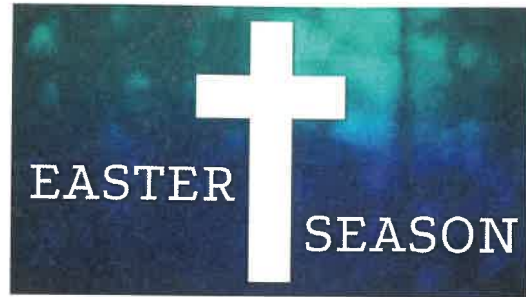
World Day of Prayer for Vocations will be observed on Sunday, April 26, 2026, also known as "Good Shepherd Sunday." The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest".

(Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2.)

The Pope said that a vocation is not "an immediate possession – something 'given' once and for all," but rather a path that unfolds much like life itself. Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

2026 marks the **63rd Anniversary** of the World Day of Prayer for Vocations.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .



THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we continue in the Easter season, we are again challenged to select one of the three possible ways of living out the example of the First Believers in our own journey toward the joy of the Resurrection.

This week, again there are three possibilities – to be adapted to your own ability, based on Time, Talent and Treasure through the Acts of the Apostles reading for that week.

"Repent and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...and you will receive the gift of the Holy Spirit... Save yourselves from this corrupt generation. Those who accepted his message were baptized and about three thousand persons were added that day".

(Acts of the Apostles)

What can we do to strengthen our own baptismal call, and by our own lives of discipleship, challenge others to do the same? This week is one where we need to give more of our faith witness, rather than our mere physical time, talent, or treasure.

TIME: Do I spend more time in prayer – not just as Mass, or before meals, but in true conversation with God, that will bring a sense of conversion into my life?

TALENT: Have we considered offering our gift in the Spirit as a minister at Mass – as a Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Usher, or, for our young people, an Altar Server?

TREASURE: Do I make my weekly stewardship one of true prayer and reflection with God, or merely what I have left over from all my other wants and desires?

"Let the whole house of Israel know for certain that God has made both Lord and Christ this Jesus whom you crucified - and when they heard this, they were cut to the heart, asking – What are we to do?"

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 27

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, April 28

11:00am – Rosary

10:00am - OCIA

6:00pm – OCIA

Wednesday, April 29

8:20am - Adoration

Thursday, April 30

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

Friday, May 1

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

6:00pm - Rehearsal

Saturday, May 2

1:00pm - Wedding

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm – Rosary

5:00pm – Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, May 3

9:00am – Children’s Liturgy of the Word

10:00 – 11:15am – Coffee & Donuts

VOCATIONS – April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

*“I am the door...go in and out and find pasture.”
(John 10:9)*

Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do.

STEWARDSHIP – April 26, 2026

Fourth Sunday of Easter

“And Peter said to them, ‘Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...’” (Acts 2:38)

The Word “repent” means to turn from sin – to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God’s help. The good news – we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.



The following young people were confirmed by Bishop Bonnar Saturday, April 18, 2026, at Saint Columba Cathedral.

Please continue to keep them in your prayers

Domenic Angiuli	Natalie McMullen
Megan Cochran	Willow Miller
Luke Conroy	Caroline Pfau
Noah Elton	Andrew Restaino
Quinn Gaffney	Chase Senn
Jacen George	Michael Skrobola
Sophia Gorby	Michael Smallwood
Maxwell Hopkinson	Jacob Smith
Ava Klingensmith	Cade Taylor
Cameron Koenig	Eli Tice
Joseph Maszczak	Andrew Tuscano

Readings for May 3, 2026

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Acts of the Apostles 6:1-7

1 Peter 2:4-9

John 14:1-12

SEMINARIAN SUPPORT

On Good Shepherd Sunday, April 25-26, we are invited to reflect on Christ, the Good Shepherd, who continues to call men to follow Him in service to His people.



Your prayers and financial support will assist our Seminarians with the cost of their tuition, room and board, books and other expenses and will make a lasting impact on the future of our Church. Together, we help foster vocations and strengthen the Church for generations to come.

Visit www.doy.org/seminarians to make a gift online.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	JoAnn Mortimer
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Shirley Morvay
Marilyn Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Janice Rovnak
John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Charles Slivkoff
Betty Hawco	Sharon Mangapora	Caroline Zeigler

The Fourth Annual BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC

Supporting the Seminarians of the Diocese of
Youngstown and the Office of Church Vocations



THE LAKE CLUB

1140 Paulin Road
Poland, Ohio 44514

Monday, June 22, 2026

7:00am Registration

Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner & Drinks

9:00am Shot Gun Start

\$200 Donation per golfer

\$800 per foursome/team

*** Register at doy.org/golf

Young
at *Heart*

Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, May 11th**, with Mass at 11:30am and lunch and a program to follow. For this month's program, Father will answer questions you may have on Liturgy and Theology. **All questions must be submitted to the Parish Office no later than Thursday, May 7.**

Please RSVP to the parish office (330-533

-6839) by **Thursday, May 7** if you plan to attend.



PARISH SOCIAL

Please join fellow parishioners for a "Kentucky Derby Themed" social next weekend, Saturday, May 2 after the 4:00 Mass for Wine & Cheese and on Sunday May 3 for Coffee & Donuts from 10:00-11:15am.



Parish Support

April 19, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 11,549.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 3,451.00)
YTD Received	\$634,716.61
YTD Budget	\$600,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 34,716.61
Easter to Date	\$ 27,496.00



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

From Daniel LaPolla, Seminarian

For the month of April, I have chosen to share about the life and charism of Saint Peter Mary Chanel-Martyr.

Saint Peter was born in France in 1803. As a child he learned to tend sheep. One day a parish priest noticed Peter's piety and intelligence and, with permission, educated Peter. After he would study for the priesthood. Peter was esteemed by both his classmates and teachers. One bishop spoke of Peter as having, "a heart of gold with the simple faith of a child, and he led the life of an angel" (Butler's Lives of the Saints, 186).

After his priestly ordination, he was sent to a parish in spiritual need. After three years, Peter led them in a great revival of the Catholic religion. His loving care for the sick was the catalyst to his success. During this time, his heart was set on missionary work. In 1831, he joined a new order in France, The Society of Mary, who formed themselves for missionary work. Yet, he had to wait five years to be a missionary, when he was asked to assist at a seminary in Belley.

Then, in 1836, Peter received permission to be a missionary at the Pacific islands. He landed on the island of Futuna, near Fiji. The islanders received Peter and his missionary companion well. As Peter and his companion learned the language, they became closer to the people. They had gained favor because of healings done for the sick. Peter's fame brought jealousy and suspicion to the chief. When the chief's son asked for baptism, the chief was enraged and sent soldiers to kill Peter. On April 28, 1841, Peter was struck dead. Peter's tragic death quickly assisted the missionary work he started, and within a few months, all the people of the island were baptized. Saint Peter Mary Chanel would be the first martyr of Oceania and of the society of Mary.

The charism Saint Peter teaches us today is the gift of patience and trust in Divine Providence. Saint Peter, throughout his life, had moments of waiting. Yet, he patiently moved with the Lord, who used each of those moments for the material and spiritual well-being of others. Even when Saint Peter was finally able to realize his dream of being a missionary, the Lord allowed his time to be shortened in order to complete the work of evangelization. Saint Peter's life teaches us to entrust our cares and worries to the Lord, especially in moments of waiting or the cessation of opportunities, knowing that the Lord will use it well for others and ourselves.

Saint Peter Mary Chanel, pray for us!



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Would you like to give electronically? We offer debit from a checking or savings account (preferred method) as well as VISA, Master Card and American Express.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for more information or to sign up. The form is also on our web site to print out, complete and turn into the office.

Three things you won't hear when you pray:

Busy signal

Can I put you on hold?

God is not available to take your call.

SAINT MICHAEL MEN'S CLUB

Mother's Day Breakfast



The Men's Club is inviting Saint Michael Parishioners and their guests to our annual Mother's Day Breakfast in the Parish Hall.

Sunday, May 10th following the 9:00am Mass and serving until 11:15am.

We will be featuring scrambled eggs,(with or without cheese), French toast, sausage, donuts, champagne for the ladies, coffee, orange juice, etc.

Donation requests are \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5-10 and kids under 5 are free.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William "Bill" Sweeney", Battalion Surgeon, 6 th Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army
Philip McLaughlin - USMC



4th Sunday of Easter
Remember the Lord is our Shepherd.
He will not abandon us.



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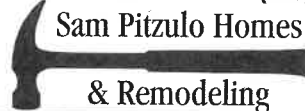
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