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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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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



Mass Schedule

Monday, October 12

11:30am – Eleanor Sypolt

Tuesday, October 13

8:00am – Mary Catherine Livingston

Wednesday, October 14

Saint Callistus

8:00am – Theresa DeCapua

Thursday, October 15

Saint Teresa of Jesus

8:00am – Steve Serenko

Friday, October 16

Saint Hedwig

Saint Margaret Mary Alacoque

No Daily Mass

Saturday, October 17

Vigil – The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, October 18

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Anthony Rulli

11:30am – Joyce & Joseph Petrunia

WORLD MISSION MONTH

Praying with the Mission Church

The beatification of Archbishop Fulton Sheen on September 24 was a great gift to the Church in the United States. While many know him best for his TV presence, books, and charismatic eloquence, he repeatedly said, “My greatest love has always been for the missions of the Church.”

He is the greatest National Director of the Pontifical Mission Societies in the history of the Church, helping raise \$200 million (in today’s money, \$2.1 billion) to support the growth of the Church.

Under his leadership (1950 – 1966), World Mission Sunday became a defining moment in the life of the Church in the United States. We can surely count on his intercession for World Mission Sunday 2026, which will take place next week on October 18, as we together reflect upon, pray for and take a collection to support the missions.

Blessed Fulton Sheen, pray for us!

From the Pastor...



This Sunday, October 11th, the church celebrates the Feast Day for Saint Pope John XXIII. Where the vast majority of saints are celebrated on the anniversary of their entrance into Heaven, both Saint John XXIII, and the coming feast of Saint John Paul II (October 22nd), have other dates of great significance. For Saint Pope John Paul II, it’s the date of his Papal Inauguration. For Saint Pope John XXIII, it’s the anniversary of the opening of the Second Vatican Council. Few people expected this elderly man to do much, and many were surprised when he called the Second Vatican Council. John XXIII invited Eastern Orthodox and Protestant observers to the Council and worked to improve relations between Christians and Jews. The Council produced sixteen documents, on a variety of subjects including the liturgy, divine revelation, the role of bishops, ecumenism, religious freedom, the role of the laity, and the Church in the modern world.

When John XXIII died in 1963, the Council was still in session. He was canonized on the same day as Saint Pope John Paul II on April 27, 2014. The work of the Council was completed by Pope Paul VI, who himself was canonized on October 14, 2018. His feast day has been moved from the date of his birth on September 26th to the anniversary of his priestly ordination on May 29th.

Blessed to have the window of John XXIII in our Church, and the Spirit of Paul VI pervading our celebrations, may the inspiration of these great men of our time always challenge us.

Saints John XXIII and Paul VI, pray for us.

*On the wings of an angel we rise,
Father Lavelle*

VOCATIONS – October 11, 2026

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Many are invited, but few are chosen."

(Matthew 22:14)

On Deacon Sunday, we celebrate permanent deacons who respond to God's call to serve His people. Take time to thank a deacon, pray for all who serve the Church in this meaningful way, and encourage men to consider answering God's invitation to the diaconate.

STEWARDSHIP – October 11, 2026

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"My God will fully supply whatever you need..."

(Philippians 4:19)

God really does provide for those who are grateful and generous. This is very difficult for people that don't live a stewardship lifestyle to believe. People are skeptical and say it's just coincidence. If you are skeptical, try living a stewardship lifestyle for just one month – be generous with your gifts of time in prayer, talent in charitable works, and treasure, then see how God provides for your needs.

Readings for October 18, 2026

The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 45:1, 4-6

1 Thessalonians 1:1-5b

Matthew 22:15-21

Born to Eternal Life

Maryann Geier



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Shirley Morvay
Milton Deichman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Nick Rubbo
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Charles Slivkoff
John Hahn	Sharon Mangapora	Katherine Smith
Betty Hawco	Terry Martin	Caroline Zeigler
	JoAnn Mortimer	

O merciful God, look with compassion on those who are ill. Grant them healing and strength in body, mind, and spirit. Ease their pain and suffering and restore them to health. Give them patience in illness and trust in Your loving care. May they feel Your presence and find comfort in Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 12

Columbus Day

12:00pm – Young at Heart

Tuesday, October 13

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00pm – OCIA

Wednesday, October 14

8:20am – Adoration

10:00am – OCIA

6:00pm – Marriage Validation Inquiry Class

Thursday, October 15

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

Friday, October 16

Parish Office Closed

6:00pm – Wedding Rehearsal

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, October 17

1:00pm – Wedding

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, October 18

9:00am – Children's Liturgy

10:05 – 11:20am – Youth Faith Formation

10:05 – 11:20am – YFF Parent Meeting

2:00 -3:30pm – 1st Reconciliation and Eucharist Class



Please plan on joining us this coming **Monday, October 12**, for Young at Heart. We will begin with Mass at 11:30am followed by lunch at 12:00 and then a presentation. This month, Joan Lawson, Chancellor and Diocesan Archivist, will talk about the formation and the history of the Diocese of Youngstown. The cost for the lunch is \$5.00.

Hope to see you there!

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will gather in the **Family Life Center on October 20 at 6:00pm** for their business meeting. A project called "Forcing Bulbs, Paper Whites" will

follow presented by Mary Ann Silvestri. Members buying bulbs for the project will need to bring \$1.50 per bulb. A total of 100 bulbs will be available for purchase among the group.



Pope Pius XII

Pope Pius XII (1876-1958) was Pope of the Roman Catholic Church from 1939 until his death in 1958. His papacy, which spanned 19 years, is most noted for having been the pope during World War II and the beginning of the Cold War.

Papacy during World War II and the Holocaust

Pope Pius XII served as head of the Catholic Church from 1939 to 1958, a period that included World War II and the Holocaust. He is credited with secretly sheltering thousands of Jews and other persecuted groups, and with issuing private appeals and public statements on peace, though his public silence on the Holocaust remains controversial.

Definition of the Dogma of the Assumption of Mary

In 1950, Pius XII solemnly proclaimed the dogma that the Blessed Virgin Mary was assumed body and soul into heaven. This was a major theological and devotional milestone, deepening Catholic devotion to Mary and affirming her unique role in salvation history.

Pastoral and humanitarian leadership in turbulent times

He provided pastoral care to the faithful during wartime, ministering to the suffering and advocating for peace. His encyclicals and speeches emphasized charity, the dignity of human life, and the Church's role in promoting justice, even amid political and military conflicts.

Theological and doctrinal contributions

Pius XII authored influential encyclicals such as *Mystici Corporis Christi* (1939), which presented the Church as the Mystical Body of Christ. He defended traditional Catholic teaching in a rapidly modernizing world, balancing continuity with engagement in contemporary issues.

Importance of Sacred Scripture

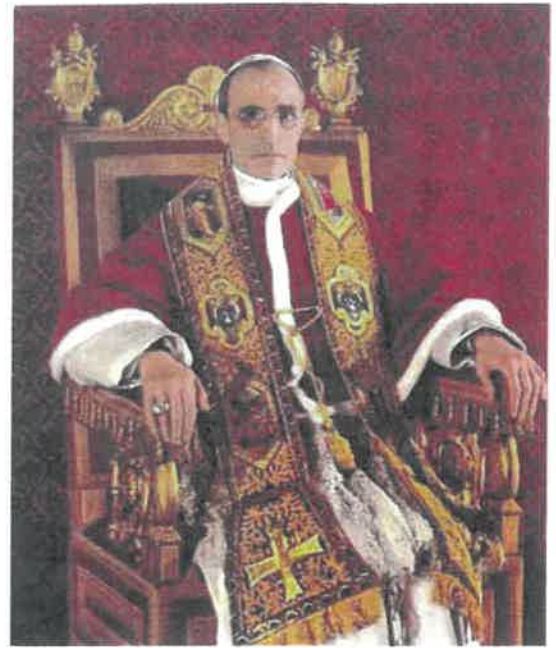
The encyclical *Divino afflante Spiritu*, published in 1943, emphasized the role of the Bible, freed biblical research from previous limitations, and encouraged theologians to revisit original versions of the Bible in Greek and Hebrew. The encyclical demands a much better understanding of ancient Hebrew history and traditions. He called for the Church to initiate biblical studies for lay people.

Reflection Questions (more than yes and no – what can I do with this information)

Looking at the role of Pope Pius XII during World War II, what is my understanding of the importance of the Church using its voice to champion people living in oppression?

What is my relationship with the Blessed Mother, in term of intercessory prayer, and seeking to be united with her and her Son in the Kingdom?

Do I take time to read Sacred Scripture and discover how it is inviting me to live the Gospel more faithfully?



Pope John XXIII

Pope John XXIII, (1881-1963), was elected on 28 October 1958. Considered a “place-holder” Pope, he served until June 1963 and brought great renewal to the Church.

An era of openness and reform in the Catholic Church

He set out to “bring the Church up to date” through *aggiornamento* (updating). His most famous act was convening the **Second Vatican Council** (1962–1965), which introduced major liturgical, theological, and pastoral reforms, including the use of the vernacular in Mass and a greater emphasis on ecumenism.



Ecumenism and interfaith dialogue

John XXIII actively sought unity with other Christian denominations and recognized the value of dialogue with non-Christian religions. He issued *Nostra aetate* (1965), which rejected anti-Jewish traditions, acknowledged the legitimacy of Judaism and Islam, and condemned antisemitism. He also worked to improve relations with the Eastern Orthodox Church and other Christian bodies.

Expansion of the College of Cardinals

Breaking with the long-standing rule of 70 cardinals, he increased the number to 85 and made history by creating the first cardinals from Africa, Japan, and the Philippines. This reflected his desire for the Church to be more representative of the modern world.

Socially significant encyclicals

His encyclical *Pacem in terris* (1963, “Peace on Earth”) addressed nuclear disarmament, human rights, and international peace, aiming to bridge divides between the Soviet Union and the United States. These writings emphasized the Church’s role in promoting justice and peace in a rapidly changing world.

Bridged tradition and modernity

Although he did not live to see the Council’s completion, his leadership marked a turning point in Catholic history. He balanced respect for tradition with a willingness to adapt, leaving a legacy of openness, dialogue, and reform that shaped the Church’s engagement with the 20th-century world.

Reflection Questions (more than yes and no – what can I do with this information)

The Second Vatican Council produced 16 documents to guide the Church, what is your understanding of a few of those documents, beyond how Mass is celebrated?

Pope John stressed the importance of ecumenism. What is your knowledge of different faith traditions throughout the world, and how they worship God in their lives?

Pope John expanded the College of Cardinals to include representation from many nations. What is your understanding of the “universality” of the Church – how it reaches every corner of the globe?

MARRIAGE VALIDATION

As Catholics, we believe that marriage is a sacrament. In recent years, more people are choosing to be married at venues or special destinations. Civilly this is a marriage. However, it is not a valid sacramental marriage. On **Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall** we will hold a class for any parishioners who were not married in the Catholic Church and would like to explore having their marriage convalidated, that is made sacramentally valid in the Catholic Church. We will discuss the process, documents needed, preparation class, and address previous marriages, if necessary. This is open to everyone, regardless of length of marriage.

To register for this class or if you have any questions, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

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



Faith Formation

We need a few more people to lead **Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass**. You will be given training and resources to help you. We work in teams of two or three leaders at each Mass. This is a great opportunity to help our littlest parishioners learn to appreciate the Word of God at their level. Please call Marcy at the Parish Office (330-533-6839) for more information. All volunteers are required to be in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

Parish Support

October 4, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 14,816.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 184.00)
EFT September	\$ 12,455.00
YTD Received	\$ 222,179.00
YTD Budget	\$ 210,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 12,179.00



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

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Every October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month. As Catholics, we are called to welcome, care for, and protect God's gift of human life, with special concern for those who are most vulnerable. Respect Life Month offers opportunities to highlight this precious gift through prayer, reflection, advocacy and service.

This year's theme, “*Mary, Mother of Life*,” reflects on Our Lady's distinguished role as mother of all the living. The life of the Blessed Mother teaches us to respect each human life in every stage and circumstance. We ask her intercession in helping us to recognize the gift of human life, even when that gift is unexpected or calls us to make sacrifices.

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2027 book for Mass Intentions is open. Initially you will be allowed to schedule **ONE WEEKEND MASS INTENTION. AND THREE DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**. After everyone has had an opportunity to schedule masses, we will invite the opportunity to schedule additional mass intentions.

Just a reminder, all Holy Day Masses, including Christmas and Easter, are celebrated for the people of the parish, living or deceased. Additionally, Masses for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day are celebrated for all our mothers and fathers, respectively.

The form also asks for a suggested date. This is not a guarantee. We will do our best to accommodate such requests, but on a first received basis. To schedule your first Mass Intention, please complete the form and return it to the office. The form must be completed and include the \$10 stipend. This is the best way to adhere to the prescribed laws and be fair to everyone.

Thank you.

2027 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

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PRAYER OF THANKSGIVING FOR DEACONS

O Christ, You are the source of all ministry in the Church. Through the laying on of hands and the outpouring of the Holy Spirit, you have called forth and ordained deacons as servants for our Church. Sustain them so they remain ardent servants with gentle hearts, proclaiming the Gospel and serving at Your Holy table. May their lives reflect Your presence to the needy among us and may their families and parish communities support them in faith, hope, and love. Amen



This ain't grandma's night at the Bingo Hall!!

Join us on **Saturday, October 24** for our **3rd Annual Boozy Bingo**. We will have a variety of appetizers and finger foods, with an open bar featuring beer, wine, coolers and soft drinks. The evening will include 12 BINGO games with a **prize basket of wine and liquor, chocolates and gift cards**. The final game of the night will be a special **"Buy-In Coverall"** with the **grand prize of a limousine ride for 6 to and from Gervasi Winery in Canton, with a \$500 Gift Card for the evening**. There will also be a 50/50 raffle for the night, and we will pull for the **\$2,000 prize from our Annual Parish Raffle**. This promises to be a great night out for everyone. Doors open after the 4pm Mass and the first game begins at 5:45pm. Attendance is 21 and over and the cost of admission (including the first 12 Bingo games) is \$50.00. Tickets are on sale in the parish office.

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