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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)

PARISH STAFF

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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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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, July 29****Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus**

8:00am – Grace Marie Abernathy

Tuesday, July 30**Saint Peter Chrysologus**

8:00am – Virginia Jacola

Wednesday, July 31**Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

8:00am – Edwina Burke

Thursday, August 1**Saint Alphonsus Liguori**

8:00am – Mr. & Mrs. Frank Panchik

Friday, August 2**Saints Eusebius & Peter Eymard**

No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 3**Vigil –The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00pm – Reconciliation

4:00pm – Rocco Fumi

Sunday, August 4**The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The Sacred Heart Society

11:30am – Leonard M. Grinstead

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

"Do not cast me off in my old age". This sincere plea, taken from Psalm 71, is the theme of the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly, which Pope Francis has established for the fourth Sunday in July. The United States Churches will celebrate this in September to coincide with the USA "Grandparents' Day", but it is good to take time and reflect on this universal celebration in light of the Feast of Anne and Joachim this past Friday. In his *Message for the Fourth World Day for Grandparents and the Elderly*, Pope Francis reassured the addressees that "God never abandons His children, never." He referred to the elderly as "the firm foundation" on which "new" stones can rest, in order to join in erecting a spiritual edifice. Among the areas discussed in his address for this celebration are two themes – Fear of Loneliness and Abandonment of the Elderly

Fear of loneliness

Both the "certainty of God's closeness at every stage of life and the fear of abandonment, particularly in old age and in times of pain," can be found in the Bible, Pope Francis writes. And these words "reflect an utterly evident reality." "All too often, loneliness is the bleak companion of our lives as elderly persons and grandparents," Pope Francis acknowledges. "There are many reasons for this loneliness," the Pope continues, "in many places, above all in the poorer countries, the elderly find themselves alone because their children are forced to emigrate." He describes the situation of the elderly left in their war-torn countries as "the only signs of life in areas where abandonment and death seem to reign supreme." The Pope also decries the beliefs of some local cultures where the elderly "are suspected of using witchcraft to sap the vital energies of the young" and thus are blamed for blows of fate affecting the young. He goes on to say that "this accusation that the elderly 'rob the young of their future' is nowadays present everywhere. It appears under other guises even in the most advanced and modern societies."

Abandonment of the Elderly

The Pope explains, that the "abandonment of the elderly is not by chance or inevitable, but the fruit of decisions – political, economic, social and personal decisions – that fail to acknowledge the *infinite dignity* of each person, 'beyond every circumstance, state or situation the person may ever encounter'." *"The passage from 'us' to 'me' is one of the most evident signs of our times."* The Holy Father laments that "nowadays many women and men seek personal fulfilment in a life as independent as possible and detached from other people." "The passage from 'us' to 'me' is one of the most evident signs of our times," he writes. "Solitude and abandonment have become recurrent elements in today's social landscape," the Pope admits.

In conclusion, he offers his blessing and prayers, "to all of you, dear grandparents and elderly persons, and to all those who are close to you." May we always seek to offer blessings and prayers for those who have instilled in us wisdom and love, guiding us toward our future as well. Saint Anne and Joachim, pray for us all, especially our grandparents and the elderly among us.

READINGS FOR August 3/4, 2024**SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Exodus 16:2-4, 12-15

Ephesians 4:17, 20-24

John 6:24-35

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

July 21, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 10,949.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 4,051.00)
YTD Received	\$ 36,160.00
YTD Budget	\$ 45,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 8,840.00)



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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 29

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, July 30

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, July 31

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, August 1

8:30am – Bible Study

10:30am – Scripture

Friday, August 2

Parish Office Closed

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, August 3

3:15pm - Rosary

Sunday, August 4

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.

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.

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

Registration forms are due by September 4.



SAFE ENVIRONMENT

Everyone who works with children and homebound ministers must be in full compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy. There is a new update to the policy and every current volunteer and parish employee must log on to their VIRTUS account, read and sign the new Appendix 9.

This MUST be done by August 1 to maintain your compliance with the Safe Environment policy.

Just a Reminder:

If you would like to schedule a meeting or event for any of our parish organizations or schedule a rental in the Parish Hall or Family Life Center, please contact Audrey at 330-533-3181.

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. I highly encourage you to chat with our current catechists. They will happily share their experiences from last year and answer some preliminary questions.

For additional information on joining the YFF catechetical team, 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.

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 with your questions for more information and details.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

ED CHOICE SCHOLARSHIP

As a result of Ohio House Bill 33, signed into law on July 4, 2023, all K-12 students in Ohio are now eligible for an EdChoice Scholarship that can be used toward Catholic school tuition. This includes currently enrolled children as well as any new student beginning their Catholic school experience this fall.

The EdChoice Scholarship will cover a portion, or in some cases, the full cost of a family's Catholic school tuition. A student's specific EdChoice amount depends on the family's 2023 gross adjusted income and family size. The amount could be as much as \$6,166 per year for a student in grades K-8, and \$8,408 per year for a student in grades 9-12.

Returning families are already aware of the value of Catholic education. Families interested in pursuing a Catholic education for the first time should contact the local Catholic school principal who will be happy to assist you. Availability for new enrollments will vary by location: doy.org/schools/contact.

VOCATIONS – July 28, 2024

"I implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called."

Are you being called to help feed the people of God 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.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, August 3 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Sister Dorothy Pawlus

Server: Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: Marleen Belfiore (X-H)
Maxine Gordon (Font-C)
Audrey Geskey (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Mark Graham,
Don Kutsko

Sunday, August 4 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Brian Kerr

Servers: Ryan & Zach Hlywa

Euch. Min: Janet LeClair (X-H)
Brandy Tomory (Font-C)
John Tomory (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Jim Naples, Marty Repasky, Russ Miklos,
Kevin Henchar

Sunday, August 4 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Barb Spencer

Server: Nate Ferguson

Euch. Min: Donna Wainio (X-H)
Mia Richardson (Font -C)
Steve Hlavac (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Tom Wainio, Chuck Wirtz, Tom Wainio,

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.

MILITARY LIST



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

STEWARDSHIP – July 28, 2024

"There is a boy here who has five barley loaves and two fish; but what good are these for so many?"
John 6:9

The miracle of the Loaves and Fishes carries two important messages. First, no matter how little we have, we always have enough to share. Second, Christ can take our humble gifts and do great things with them if we are just willing to let Him. Nothing is impossible with God. All our gifts, big or small, were given to us for a reason. No gift is too small or is too insignificant!



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FEAST DAY MASS IN HONOR OF OUR LADY OF CZESTOCHOWA

*Cathedral's consecrated Marion chapel is unique in
the region*

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.

SECOND ANNUAL BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC Registration Now Open



The Second Annual Bishop's Golf Classic, benefiting Seminarian Formation and other seminarian needs, is scheduled for **Tuesday, August 6, 2024, at The Youngstown Country Club**.

We are looking for sponsors and foursomes to participate.

Register or sponsor today at doy.org/golf.



Hubbard Saint Patrick Church 66th Annual Parish Festival

August 1 & 2 (6 -11pm)

August 3 (5 -11:30pm)

August 4 (1-11pm)

Grand Raffle – New Trailblazer LT or \$20,000

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www.saintpatsfestival.com or on the festival grounds.

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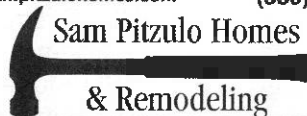
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