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ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



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Catholic Diocese of Youngstown



Mass
Schedule

Saturday, February 18

Vigil, 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, February 19

7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Sacred Heart Society

11:00am – Joshua Richardson

Monday, February 20

President's Day

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21

Saint Peter Damian

8:00am – Jim Calpin

Wednesday, February 22

Ash Wednesday

Parish Office Closed

8:00am – The People of the Parish

12:15 pm – The People of the Parish

6:00 pm – The People of the Parish

Thursday, February 23

Saint Polycarp

8:00am – Daryl Moore

Friday, February 24

8:00 - Mass

8:30 – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, February 25

Vigil, First Sunday of Lent

4:00pm – Marie & Andy Skrobola

Sunday, February 26

First Sunday of Lent

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:00am – Anthony Rotunno

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This Wednesday, we will gather to commit ourselves to our annual Lenten journey. Enriched with the Word of God, nourished with the Body of Christ, and marked with the Ashes of Repentance, we are sent out into the world, much like Christ in the desert. Our journey is one that seeks to renew us in the constant process of conversion. Through the traditional practices of Prayer, Fasting, and Almsgiving, we are invited to reflect more deeply on our relationship with God, ourselves, and others. May this coming season of Lent become more than a “this is what we always do” approach, and rather, challenge us to discover a greater sense of devotion in living out our faith.

A reminder that we will have three Masses on Ash Wednesday to begin this holy season – 8:00am, 12:15pm and 6:00pm. Please plan to join with our parish family as we prepare ourselves for the joy of the Easter Resurrection. As the words of Paul's letter to the Corinthians, heard every Ash Wednesday remind us, “Behold, now is a very acceptable time; behold, now is the day of salvation”.

PRAYER, while always necessary for our relationship with God, is a valuable part of the Lenten journey. We are invited to consider increased participation at Mass, the prayer of the Stations of the Cross, or other forms of prayer – all leading us to a deeper understanding of God's presence in our lives.

FASTING refers to limitations on food and drink. The regulations of fast prescribe taking only one full meal a day, with two smaller ones; nothing in between meals. There are two days of fast: Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Additionally, individuals are asked to reflect on their lives, and seek to fast from something that has kept them from focusing more on their relationship with the Lord (i.e. – excessive TV or social media, certain foods or vices, etc.).

ABSTAINING means refraining from certain kinds of food or drink, typically meat. Ash Wednesday and all the Fridays of Lent including Good Friday are day of abstaining from meat.

ALMSGIVING, like prayer, should always be part of our Christian journey, but like prayer, becomes a heightened awareness and understanding during the Lenten season. Consider your gift to the 2023 Annual Diocesan Appeal – *One in Hope, One in Mission*, contributions to the Holy Week collections for Catholic Relief Services (Rice Bowl on Holy Thursday and the Holy Land on Good Friday), as well as an increased contributions to the parish and other charities of choice. Don't forget our “Green Eggs (or any color) and Ham” collection. Like the very successful Turkey Connection, we will be collecting Hams (not baked) and colored Easter eggs for Easter Dinners at area soup kitchens. This will be on Wednesday, April 5th from 10am – 3pm in the parish hall.

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT FOR LENT

Beginning next weekend, we will be collecting personal hygiene and household cleaning items for those in need throughout our community. Any items may be placed in the bins located at the entrances of the Church. All items will then be distributed through Catholic Charities. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

LIGHTING PROJECT

Equipment for our lighting project is beginning to arrive and we hope to begin the project in March. I am extremely grateful for everyone who has generously sponsored parts of the project. To date, the lighting panel, the sanctuary lighting, the five main entrance chandeliers, three of the large center chandeliers, one of entire side lighting, and the lights on the Archangels Window and the Risen Christ, have been sponsored. That leaves just one side of lighting (\$6,000) and five (5) large center chandeliers (\$10,000 each) to be sponsored. Thank you to parishioners who have donated in general to the project. If anyone is interested in sponsoring one of the remaining parts of the project, please contact the parish office. Once this project is completed, the names of those sponsoring the project will be included with those who sponsored the recent additions to the sanctuary (mosaics, marble panels, etc.) and placed on plaques similar to the existing ones for the Sainted Glass Windows and Stations of the Cross. I want to also thank Jeff and Amy Herrmann and their family for sponsoring the Holy Spirit mosaic to be added above the Tabernacle. Thank you to everyone for your generous support of our parish Church.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer for all or part of the following times:

Wednesday – 9:00 – Noon

Thursday – 9:00 – Noon

Friday – 9:00 – Noon
& 2:00-8:00



Contact:

Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181
ageskey@saintmichaelparish.net

Just a reminder that we are always in need of desserts. They can be dropped off at the Family Life Center on Thursdays from 4-7 or Friday from 8-12.

2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – ONE IN HOPE, ONE IN MISSION

In the Gospel today, we hear “if you love (only) those who love you, what recompense will you have?”. In responding to God’s invitation to be missionary disciples in the world, we are called to recognize God’s blessings at work in our lives and, united in his love, share those blessings with all our brothers and sisters. One of the great ways we can share that love is by prayerfully reflecting on our support of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal; One in Hope, One in Mission**. 60% of every dollar raised goes directly to the support of our Catholic Charities ministry across the six counties of the diocese. Last year, approximately 35,000 individuals and families were served with love and compassion. 40% of all monies raised support the continued ministries of the diocese, which assists the 60,000+ households in our parishes across the diocese. This year, the combined goal of all parishes is **\$4,000,000**, of which our parish share is **\$107,000**, which is based on our portion of total diocesan offertory collections received last year. If you have already received an Appeal brochure and invitation from Bishop Bonnar in the mail, please make a prayerful response today! If you have not, please take an Appeal brochure from Church today and take some time to reflect on your gift. Beginning next weekend, we will have three “*commitment weekends*”, please mail your pledge card back to the diocese in the included return envelope or drop it in the offertory basket sometime over these three weeks. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit www.doy.org. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, and all who will be ministered to by your generosity – thank you. Through this great expression of love, we pray, “That all may be one!”.

Welcome Our Newly Baptized
James Raymond Barrett
Son of Eric & Leslie Barrett



Congratulations to our Raffle Winners

Robert Gostey - \$3,000.00
Carolyn Shaffer - \$2,000.00
Kathy Carroll - \$1,000.00

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Ash Wednesday

Wednesday, February 22 – 8:00 AM

Lectors: Sue DePinto (1st), Roseann Peluso (2nd)

Server: Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: Maxine Gordon (X)

Janet LeClair (HF)

Jeanne Neville (T)

Ushers: Volunteer Needed

Wednesday, February 22 – 12:15 PM

Lectors: Michael Kempe (1st), Jim Krivanek (2nd)

Euch. Min: Michael Kempe (X)

Shirley Dunn (HF)

Doris Layfield (T)

Ushers: Don Kutsko, Russell Layfield, Richard Gary

Wednesday, February 22– 6:00 PM

Lectors: Kelly Frammartino(1st), Juanita Sherba (2nd)

Server: Lauren Smallwood

Euch. Min: Mia Richardson (X)

John Tomory (HF)

Brandy Tomory (T)

Ushers: Tom Eaton, Chuck Wirtz

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 25 – 4:00 PM

Lectors: Dominic Rich (1st), Jim Krivanek (2nd)

Servers: Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Paula Lavin (HF)

Larry Lavin (T)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Mark Graham,

Michael Kempe, Dan Stout

Sunday, February 26 – 9:00 AM

Lectors: Sue DePinto (1st), Gerry Ricciutti (2nd)

Servers: Sarah, Ryan & Zach Hlywa

Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Juanita Sherba (HF)

Paul Sherba (T)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Greg Iaderosa, Brian Kerr

Sunday, February 26– 11:00 AM

Lectors: Barb Spencer (1st), Roseann Peluso (2nd)

Servers: Noah Gilbert, Abigail Riblet

Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Kim Gilbert (HF)

Steve DeCapua (T)

Ushers: Russell Layfield, Luke Scolieri, Tom Wainio

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Saturday, February 18

No Events

Sunday, February 19

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Monday, February 20

President's Day

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, February 21

11:00 am – Patriotic Rosary

7:00 pm - Scouts

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Ash Wednesday

Parish Office Closed

Thursday, February 23

8:30 am – Bible Study – FLC

10:30 am – Scripture Sharing – FLC

Friday, February 24

9:00 am- Fitness Fun

4:00 – 7:00 pm – Fish Fry

7:30 pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, February 25

No Events

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12:00 – 1:30 pm – Confirmation Session

2:00 – 3:30 pm – 1st Eucharist Session



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Parish Support

February 12, 2023

Amount Received	\$ 13,651.75
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 1,348.25)
YTD Received	\$552,426.89
YTD Budget	\$495,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 57,426.89



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marge Belcik	John Hahn	Linda Miller
Michael Belcik	Pat Hoyle	Cindy Morrissey
Peggy Binashesky	Dale Hynes	David Morrissey
Bruce Brunner	Steven Kaczmar	Debbie Morvay
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Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
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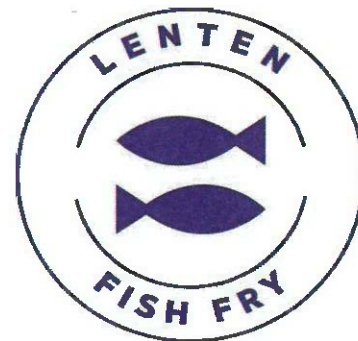


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Anyone willing to donate home-made desserts,
please drop them off at the FLC on Thursdays
from 4-7 or Friday from 8-12. Thank you.

MEN'S MILE MARKER 2023

Saturday, February 25th

8:00am – 4:00 pm

Saint Joseph's Parish

4545 New Road

Austintown, Ohio

Optional Mass to follow at 4:30
at Saint Joseph's Parish

The day includes fellowship, food, fun, and faith.

For more information please contact:

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Pete Rich 330-547-9119

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Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
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Colonel Gerald A. Nunziato, Jr.
Jacob Samson - Airforce
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Jonathan Kelly – Captain USMC



Please Note:

The Parish Office will be **closed Monday, February 20** for President's Day. There is no Daily Mass on Monday. The Office will also be **closed on Wednesday, February 22** for Ash Wednesday. Masses on Ash Wednesday will be as listed in the Mass Schedule in this week's bulletin.

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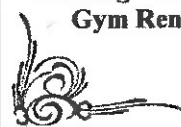
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