

MASS INTENTIONS & DEVOTION

Saturday, March 3

8:30 - 9:30 am: SN: *Confessions*
 4:30 pm: SN: Geraldine Micco (Family)
 Angelo Lucido (Radilovic Family)
 Helen White (Jack White Family)
 Pompie Ghioldi (Joann Burgmyer)
 Frank Zajac (Claire Sybelnik)
 Joseph Kollar (Frank & Michele Speziale)
 Virginia Carbone (Steve & Joanne Vernarsky)
 Ralph Porfilio (Daughter, Merceda Yurcisin)
 Victoria Floryjanski (Pat & Stan)

Sunday, March 4

8:00 am: HT: Infant Guild Anniversary Mass
 10:45am: SN: Virginia Marapese (Family)

Monday, March 5

9:00 am: SN: Florence Bogdziewicz (Niece, Karen Melnik Family)
 9:30 am & 7:00 pm *Miraculous Medal Novena*

Tuesday, March 6

8:30 am: HT: *Infant Jesus of Prague Novena*
 9:00 am: SN: John Loshuk Sr. (Wife & Family)

Wednesday, March 7

9:00 am: SN: Ada Nardes (Leone Family)
 9:30 am - 8:00 pm: SN: *Eucharistic Adoration*

Thursday, March 8

9:00 am: SN: *Prayer Service with Communion*

Friday, March 9

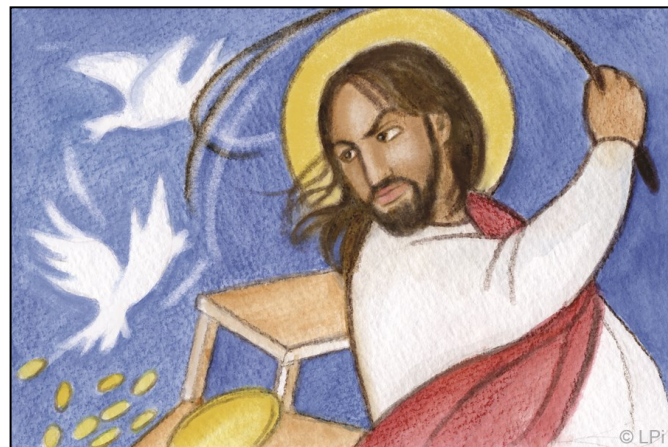
9:00 am: SN: Marguerite Hudach (Children)
 Helen White (Jack White Family)
 1:30 pm: SN: *School Stations of the Cross*
 7:00 pm: SN: *Stations of the Cross*

Saturday, March 10

8:30 - 9:30 am: SN: *Confessions*
 4:30 pm: SN: Antonette Leombruno (Steve & JoAnn Vernarsky)
 Steve Mistovich (Gary & JoAnn Kalbasky)
 Mary Lou Durick (Paulette & Don Malatok)
 Mary Porfilio (Daughter, Merceda Yurcisin)
 Frank Gubany (James Calabria & Michelle)
 Ralph & Emma Genova (Ralph & Jane Genova)
 Giuseppe & Maria Ramunno (Family)
 Querina Quattro (Rachele DiGenova)

Sunday, March 11

8:00 am: HT: Ann Malone (Paul Malone & Family)
 10:45am: SN: Living & Deceased of Christ Our Savior Parish



Safely Home

*Please remember in your prayers
 the soul and family of
 Michael C. Clemente*



Bible Sharing & Discussion with Deacon John: Meetings are held on **Mondays** at 6:30 p.m. in the conference room at the parish office. All are invited, all are welcome!

COMMUNAL RECONCILIATION
SUNDAY, MARCH 11th 3 PM
HOLY FAMILY, POLAND

ALTAR SERVERS

Saturday, March 10, 2018

4:30 pm: SN: Derek & Vincent Linden

Sunday, March 11, 2018

8:00 am: HT: Mitchell & Garrett Bogan

10:45 am: SN: Natalie DeSantis, Elena Bullen

visit our **WEBSITE** for complete schedule @ www.cosparish.org

**Our return to God for Blessings on
 Sunday, February 25, 2018**

Our sincere thanks to all who have volunteered their time & talent to help the parish in any capacity in this past week.

Stewardship Thought: "You shall not carve idols for yourselves in the shape of anything..." - EXODUS 20:4

How many "gods" do you put before God? "Idols" do not always take the shape of physical things, things we can touch and feel. Those are easy to recognize. Many times they take the form of things we cannot touch and are much harder to spot like pride, power, ego, time, comfort or health.

**MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF
 March 11, 2018**

Gloria Massaro (Family) SN
Joseph Pollock (Wife, Mary) SN
Angeline Bezjak (Mr. & Mrs. Michael Fiorentine) SN

PREPARE for NEXT SUNDAY'S MASS:

Readings found in the Gather Hymnal # 914

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

Psalm: 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Gospel: John 3:14-21

February 25 th Collection:	2018	2017
Budget \$12,500.00	Actual \$9,882.00	\$9,079.00

Envelopes Mailed Adults: 1146
 Envelopes Returned Adults: 429
 Mass Attendance: 661

THE PARISH NURSES
along with the
ST. VINCENT DEPAUL SOCIETY of
CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH

Invite you to be a part of the:

“MATTHEW 25 EASTER MINISTRY”

“Once Again We Have Been CALLED To Help The Needy”

Please return your bags filled with
Non-Perishable Canned Goods, Soups, Pastas, Peanut
Butter, Jelly, Toothpaste, Toothbrushes, Shampoo, Etc.
to the ST. NICHOLAS LOWER CHURCH
after the Masses on March 17/18.

**DISTRIBUTION OF FOOD ITEMS WILL TAKE PLACE
ON MARCH 18 AFTER THE 10:45 AM MASS FOR
THOSE IN NEED OF ASSISTANCE.**



*“For I was hungry and you fed me; I was
thirsty and you gave me water; I was a
stranger and you invited me into your homes;
naked and you clothed me, sick and in prison,
and you visited me.” Matthew 25:35-36*

THANK YOU IN ADVANCE FOR YOUR KIND GENEROSITY!

**MISS BEHAVIOR
CONSIDERS THE CONVERTS**

Dear Miss Behavior:

I have been hearing about catechumens and candidates recently, and I know they have something to do with the RCIA, which I think means the Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults. Why do we have two different names for people who will enter the Catholic Church at the Easter Vigil?

Sincerely,

Justa Parishioner

Dear JP:

It's so nice to hear from you again! As usual, you have posed a most interesting question. Here is the answer. People who want to become Catholic fall into two categories: those who have been baptized and those who have not. The ones who have already been validly baptized in another faith are called candidates. At the Easter Vigil, they will receive the sacraments of Confirmation and Eucharist. Those who have not been baptized will receive three sacraments at the Easter Vigil: Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist. It is extremely moving to watch an adult being baptized at the Easter Vigil; actually, it is extremely moving to be part of the Baptism of anyone, child or adult, at the Easter Vigil, and such a joyful experience to pray with our new Catholics, both candidates and catechumens, as they enter the Church.

Catechumens are called the elect once they have completed the Rite of Election on the First Sunday of Lent. After Baptism, the elect are called neophytes. Let us also call them—and the former candidates—our friends and fellow Catholics at Easter.

Sincerely,

Miss Behavior



THIS WEEK'S EVENTS

Book Reflection: *Perfectly Yourself*

St. Nicholas Lower Church

Rosie Hollen - Tuesday, March 6th 6:45 PM

Jamie Miller - Wednesday, March 7th 9:30 AM

Fr. Martin - Thursday, March 8th 7 PM

Talk on Seven Sacraments by Fr. Martin

Monday, March 5th 8 AM - 8:35 AM

St. Nicholas Lower Church

Wednesday, March 7th 6 PM

Holy Trinity Church

Evening Prayers

Tuesday, March 6th 6 PM

Holy Trinity Church

Children's Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 9th 1:30 PM

St. Nicholas Church

Evening Stations of the Cross

Friday, March 9th 7 PM

St. Nicholas Church

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday Confessions

March 10th 8:30 AM

St. Nicholas Church

Communal Penance Service

Sunday, March 11th 3 PM

Holy Family, Poland



Our sick: Blake Doss, Marcia Styraneec, Robert Arnoto, Regina Graygo, Julia Skalada, Robert Skalada, Tom Kolat, Wendy Pakalnis, Jeannette Rusu, Diane Javorsky, Michael Lombard, Linda Agnew, Heather Hanlon, Carmella Bokros, Hannah Tringhese, Tom Wasko, Dominic Lippillo Jr., Sally Baldelli, Kathy Tomko, Edward Kellish, Pat Costello, Ulisse Sevi, Maureen Johnson, Jack Witherow, Eleanor Sandy, Guy Savastano, Anna Leenheer, Loretta Cioci, Betty Stipetich, James Marco & Ken Day.

Our sick and homebound: Gloria Russo, Lenora Freedy, Joe Guidos, Christine Peluso Kinsley & Rose Maizel.

For those in nursing homes: Dorothy Petro, Patricia Watt, Florence Colburn, Mary Nichiporchick, Audrey Slanina, Mary Brenner, Ann Vinkler, Theresa Pitlik, Mary Lancy, Mary Agnes Rabosky, Andy Sandusky & Connie LaRiccia.

2018 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL

Your commitment to the 2018 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church allows you to show your concern for others, while expressing your gratitude to God for the many blessings you have received. Without the generosity of people like you who faithfully support the Bishop's Appeal, Catholic Charities Regional Agency would never be able to serve the poor among us as we are called to do by Jesus in the Gospels. If you have already made a gift to the 2018 Appeal, thank you! If you have not made a gift, please know that your support - regardless of how great or small - impacts the lives of real people in Columbiana, Mahoning and Trumbull Counties who are struggling to make ends meet. Our parish goal is \$58,347.00. As of today, our parish has reached 13.6% of our goal with 70 of our 1630 families pledging \$7,944.73. We ask that you prayerfully make a gift to the Annual Appeal, using the envelope in your pew or the response card mailed to your home. Thank you in advance for your reflection and generous sacrificial response to the Bishop's Appeal.

FESTIVAL NEWS: This year's Parish Festival starts on June 13th. The **FRIED DOUGH BOOTH** has always been very popular and we are in need of a group of volunteers to take over that booth. Training will be provided. Please call the Parish Office if you are interested in helping.

COMMUNITY MEAL: Thank you to the St. Nicholas Holy Name Society members who hosted our February Community Meal. The next community dinner will be held on **Tuesday, March 27, 2018** from 5-6 PM in the Great Hall.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: Christ Our Savior Council #4471, 3rd Degree meets on the 1st and 3rd Mondays of the month in the Holy Name Room in the Great Hall at **7PM**. All members are encouraged to attend.

MOBILITY ON LOAN: the Knights of Columbus' Mobility on Loan ministry has a nice inventory of wheelchairs, potty chairs, walkers, and crutches available for loan. Items are available for loan at no cost to the parishioners and immediate families of Christ Our Savior Parish and the brother knights and families of Council 4471. Any parishioner having a need for one of the above listed devices or having one to donate, may contact brother knights Joe Wilkos at 330-782-6858 or Andy Brincko at 330-782-2400.

The **CHRIST OUR SAVIOR FOOD PANTRY AT HOLY TRINITY CHURCH** is open from **9:30 AM - 12:30 PM on Mondays** for anyone in need of assistance. The food pantry is sponsored by the St. Vincent de Paul Society of Christ Our Savior Parish. To maintain this wonderful new ministry to our parish we need to keep the shelves at the pantry full of non-perishable food items. Please use the donation boxes located in St. Nicholas Church and Holy Trinity Church as you are able to so we can continue to help those less fortunate in our community. The following items are needed for **MARCH: Fruit, Cereal, Pancake Mix & Syrup**



The **Chapel Crochet & Knitting Group** of Christ Our Savior Parish meets the **1st Monday of the month at 7:30 PM** in the **St. Nicholas Lower Church**. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Virginia Bartos at 330-406-0364 for more information.

The **Centering Prayer Group** meets on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** of the month from **6 - 7 p.m.** in the St. Nicholas Lower Church.

A Tweet From POPE FRANCIS: God in His providence offers us the season of Lent each year as a chance to return to Him with all our hearts and in every aspect of our lives.



The **HOLY TRINITY INFANT JESUS OF PRAGUE GUILD** will have its **64th ANNIVERSARY MASS** on **Sunday, March 4th** at the **8 o'clock Mass**. Coffee and donuts will be served in the lower church hall after Mass followed by the annual anniversary raffle. All parishioners are invited to attend and join The Infant Guild for food, fun and fellowship. New members are always welcome.

HOLY TRINITY PIROHY can be ordered by phone @ 330-755-0064 from **10:00 AM - 12:00 PM on Thursdays** and **8:00 AM - 10:00 AM on Fridays**. Containers are provided. Pick up is Friday from 11:00 AM - 1:00 PM. Cost: \$6.00 per dozen.

Thank you to last week's pirohy workers: Carol Grimm, Terrill Blake, Jean Demyan, Tom & Carrie Ramos, Joan Hamrock, Doris Almasy, Linda Zairis, Janet Will, Ann Vass, Dorothy Hritz, Bill & Dolores Ulicny, Kathy Ramun, John Vidman, Ann Zajac, Al Pavlicko Jr., Geri Marino, Ed & Bev Yurcisin, Pauline Chrapcynski, Jim Kavaky, Dorothy Wagner, Richard Wagner, John & Kathy Zackasee, Ann Bobby, Ken Wagner, Christine Granchie, & Rosemarie Yuhas.

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL

Registration for the School Year 2018-2019 is now open.

Anyone interested in attending Saint Nicholas School can call the school office at 330-755-2128 for more information. Applications for EdChoice Scholarships will be available February 1st. Eligibility in grades K-12 is based on failing school districts. EdChoice Expansion Scholarship is income based and available to K-5. Other financial assistance is available. Call for details.

Scholastic Book Fair will be rolling into our school this week!

Students will have a chance to buy books from the book fair during their scheduled library time. Parents are welcome to come and shop as well. Books make great Easter basket gifts.

School will be closed on Friday, March 9th for a Teacher In-Service focusing on Navigate Prepared Crisis Plan.

YSU Spelling Bee will be held on Saturday, March 10th at

Kilcawley Center Natalie DiVencenzo, 6th grade will be representing Saint Nicholas School. Good Luck Natalie!

MOM'S AND DAD'S CLUB FISH FRY DINNERS FEBRUARY 23RD through FRIDAY, MARCH 23RD, 2018.

Dinners served from 4:00-7:00pm in the Great Hall. Adult Dinner \$10.00 Children 6-12 \$6.00 Children 5 and under Free.

SAINT NICHOLAS SCHOOL QUARTER AUCTION WILL BE SATURDAY, APRIL 14TH, 2018. Save the Date!

Cash For Cans – This is for aluminum cans only-no plastic, glass, newspapers, etc. (Cans can not be crushed) The Mahoning Valley Green Team will pick cans up at the main entrance of the school on the second Tuesday of every month. Next pick up will be Tuesday, March 13th, 2018. Please have cans in bags marked Saint Nicholas School.

Saint Nicholas School Mission Statement: *Saint Nicholas School is a Catholic elementary school, founded in 1928 and serving families with students in grades kindergarten through eight. The school exists to provide an academically excellent Catholic education and promote high standards in behavior and respect. Saint Nicholas School serves the church and Struthers communities as well as the Mahoning Valley bonded together as a family in faith. We are deeply committed to nurturing our students through the teaching of the scriptures and promoting and modeling of service in accordance to the Gospel values.*

Friday, March 23, 2018 from 9:00am to 1:15pm, Cardinal Mooney High School will welcome area 5th and 6th graders for a day of education and fun at the school (located at 2545 Erie St., Youngstown, OH 44507). All students will participate in Science, Drama and Art Classes along with an Olympics Competition. Students can opt into a 4th elective class choosing between Athletics; Baseball/Softball; Computers; Foreign Languages; Music; Psychology; Theology and Wood Shop. Lunch will be provided.

Parents can find out more information and register their child by visiting www.cardinalmooney.com and filling out a registration form under the 'Apply Now' tab on the homepage. Registrations are due by Monday, March 12th.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACEBOOK: [ccd_cos](https://www.facebook.com/ccd_cos)

PHONE: 330-755-6245 ext. 114 & 104

EMAIL: jamie.miller@youngstowndiocese.org

CCD: We will continue to accept registrations for the 2017-2018 CCD school year for Grades Kindergarten through Grade 8. All families, returning or new, need to turn in a registration form prior to class admittance.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR CHILDREN'S LITURGY

OF THE WORD: Children's Liturgy of the Word is offered at the Sunday 10:45 a.m. Mass for Children from age 3 to 2nd Grade. Please contact Jamie Miller at the Religious Education office, 330-755-6245 ext. 114, if you are interested in helping. A Child Protection class and fingerprinting will be required of all volunteers.

ALTAR SERVERS: If a Catholic student has made their First Holy Communion, they are eligible to be an altar server after they have received the proper training. Be sure to get an application from your teacher at St. Nicholas School or CCD. or stop in at the parish office for an application. High school and college students are also welcome to be servers.

EASTER EGG HUNT SUNDAY, MARCH 25, 2018 1:30 PM HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

Our Family Ministry is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children up to and including 12 years of age on Sunday, March 25th at 1:30 PM at Holy Trinity. Please feel free to drop off any eggs, candy, or monetary donations to the parish office. If you would like to volunteer to help at the Easter Egg Hunt please call us at 330-755-6245 ext. 114 or 104. Thank you for supporting our Family Ministry. Your generosity is greatly appreciated!



ST. CHARLES BORROMEO PARISH MISSION 2018

"Four Phrases That Will Change Your Life"

Father Joshua Wagner

Sunday, March 18 & Monday, March 19 at 7:00 pm

St. Charles Borromeo Church

Father Joshua Wagner will preach "Four Phrases That Will Change Your Life", a powerful message which demonstrates how the Mass is not "just another nice thing we do on Sunday mornings, but teaches us how to be authentic human beings." Father Wagner's message will help people to use the example of Jesus, who repaired our relationship with the Heavenly Father with His sacrifice on the cross, and repair the relationships within our everyday lives – whether they are with God, with someone in our lives, or even within ourselves. "The Four Phrases" Mission involves lively and captivating storytelling, humor, and profound insight from the scriptures, the liturgy, and the Living Tradition of the Church. This Mission is appropriate for all ages, and has been enjoyed by the young and the "experienced" alike!

Christ Our Savior Parish



March 19 - April 8, 2018

One Ticket Drawn Each Day

MONDAY THROUGH SATURDAY

ONE TICKET WILL BE DRAWN EACH DAY FOR \$50.00

EACH SUNDAY

ONE TICKET WILL BE DRAWN FOR \$100.00

(EXCLUDING EASTER SUNDAY)

APRIL 1st ONE TICKET WILL BE DRAWN FOR

\$500.00

THE SUGGESTED DONATION FOR

EACH TICKET IS \$10.00

FOR ADDITIONAL TICKETS PLEASE CONTACT THE

PARISH OFFICE 330-755-9819

*All proceeds will be used for the purchase of
Defibrillators for both worship sites.*

**Bus Trip to:
MEADOWS CASINO**



MONDAY, MARCH 19, 2018

Sponsored By: COSP St. Nicholas Church Altar & Rosary

**Cost: \$30
(\$25 Free Play)**

Coffee & Donut at 8:00 a.m.

St. Nicholas Great Hall

Please park on the side of the hall in the lot on Garfield St.

Bus leaves hall at 8:30 a.m.

Leaves Casino at 4:30 p.m.

Seats assigned as checks are received. First paid, first seated.

Checks payable to:

St. Nicholas Altar & Rosary Society

Mail : c/o Priscilla Carlucci

169 Harvey St., Struthers, OH 44471

**NOTE: We need your Name, Address, Phone #,
Date of Birth & Meadows Card #**

MUST BRING LEGAL PHOTO I.D. ON TRIP

For more information please contact:

Priscilla @ 330-755-9966 or

Bev Pack @ 330-727-2244 (cell)

or 330-755-7274 (Home)

**BUS WILL BE LEAVING PROMPTLY AT 8:30 AM
BECAUSE EVERYONE MUST GET A NEW CARD.**

MISSION 2018

Welcome to St. Paul's Jim Merhaut, M.S.Ed., ACC, an award-winning author, a national speaker, a ministry/business/organizational trainer and consultant, and a certified Coach. He holds a MS of Science degree in Education from Duquesne with an emphasis in human and spiritual formation and a coaching credential from the International Coach Federation.

Sunday, March 18th 6:30 PM

Reception to follow

THEME: GRATITUDE

Monday, March 19th 6:30 PM

Reception to follow

THEME: FORGIVENESS



Sponsored By:
St. Nicholas School Moms' and Dads' Club

**EACH FRIDAY THROUGH LENT
EXCLUDING GOOD FRIDAY**

MARCH 9, MARCH 16, AND MARCH 23

4 - 7 PM

**St. Nicholas Great Hall
766 Fifth Street
Struthers, OH 44471**

**Adult Dinner: \$10
Children 6 - 12: \$6
5 and Under: Free**

Dinner Includes: Fried or Baked Haddock,
Choice of 2 Sides (Macaroni & Cheese,
French Fries, or Homemade Haluski),
Coleslaw, Dinner Roll, Dessert and Drink

**Takeout Available
50/50 Raffle every week**



**The Holy Name Society
of Christ Our Savior Parish
Presents**

**Kielbasa Sandwich
w/ Sauerkraut
Potato Salad & Chips**

\$5.00

SATURDAY, MARCH 10, 2018

4PM - 6PM

(Or until sold out)

**COS GREAT HALL ENTRANCE
DRIVE THRU ONLY**

**St. Anthony of Padua Church
1125 Turin Street, Youngstown**

EASTER BREAD SALE

**\$10.00 a large loaf
\$.50 extra for frosting**

To Order Call Ernie DiRenzo 330-360-7663

**ST. LUKE CHURCH
5235 SOUTH AVENUE**

**EASTER KOLACHI BAKE
MARCH 19 - MARCH 23, 2018**



KOLACHI ORDER FORM

Name _____

Address _____

Phone Number _____

Quantity _____ Apricot @ \$9.00

_____ Nut @ \$9.00

_____ Poppy Seed @ \$9.00

Total enclosed \$ _____ Check # _____

Checks Payable to St. Luke Church.

Order Deadline - March 12, 2018 - NO EXCEPTIONS

HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY

SUPPORT GROUPS

Support Groups are limited to size. Registration is required. Literature on grief, the company of supportive others, and information about the grieving process will be provided.

WIDOW AND WIDOWERS - Register with Karen

First and Third Wednesday of the month 5:30pm - 7:30pm at Hospice House • 2nd & 4th Wednesday of the month 11:00am-1:00pm at Hospice House

PARENTS TOGETHER - Register with Karen

Second and Fourth Monday of the month
5:30 pm - 7:30 pm
Hospice House

PET LOSS - Register with Kim

Third Thursday of Month, 5:30pm - 6:30pm
Davis Becker FH Family Center, 8560 Market St., Boardman,
330-750-1393

NEW HORIZONS GRIEF SERIES

The following groups begin every 8 weeks.

MAHONING COUNTY - Register with Kim

Begins Monday, March 19, 2018
5:30pm - 7:00pm - Hospice House

GET TOGETHERS

WALK AND CHAT

Join our friendly volunteers at the Southern Park Mall Food Court. Thursday mornings, 9:30 am - 11:30am
7401 Market Street, Boardman

SUPPORT MEALS

Open to all grieverers. Please bring a covered dish.
First Tuesday of the month, 12:00 pm - 2:00 pm
Hospice House

FUN AND GAMES

Friendly people await you.
Third Tuesday of the month, 1:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Hospice House

Improve Your Life at The Ursuline Center

If improving your physical, mental or spiritual fitness is your New Year's resolution, The Ursuline Health and Wellness Center can help. Our Motherhouse pool offers classes for all ages. We have SilverSneakers by Tivity Health classes for mature adults comprising strengthening, cardio, water and yoga. The Center also features spirituality series, individual counseling and spiritual direction. For more information, visit theursulinecenter.org or call [330-799-4941](tel:330-799-4941). The Ursuline Center is a ministry of the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, June 2, 2018
Auxiliary's 4th Annual Bella Sera
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Hall
Call Sister Barbara [\(330\)759-9329](tel:330-759-9329)

St. John's Cemetery, Villa Marie Road will have Spring Clean Up on March 16, 2018. Clean-up will include all Christmas and other decorations that don't comply with their rules and regulations. Decorations should be removed before that date, otherwise they will be discarded.

URGENT: Kidney Donor needed for Ed Mahoney. Donor must be between 18 and 69 years old. Please call 330-750-0837.

Volunteers needed for St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store

Location : 221 Court Street Youngstown, OH
(across from the MVR)

When: Monday - Friday (times vary)

What we need: We need volunteers to go on the trucks, and also individuals who want to volunteer in the store
Truck hours: 9AM-12PM • Store hours: 1PM-3PM
More information: office number (330)-333-3601

Retreat Day at VMESC

Join us at Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. on **Saturday, March 10, 2018** for a special presentation entitled A Day of Mindfulness. The program will be presented by Maureen Lauer-Gatta and Dena D, from 10:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. For more information go to www.vmesc.org or call 724-964-8861.

Cleveland Performing Arts Ministries' musical passion play "Tetélestai" will be presented at Saint Patrick Catholic Church Hubbard, 225 N. Main St, Hubbard on March 16, 17 and 18, 2018.

Tetélestai's dramatic stage production and timeless music tell the story of Jesus' trial, execution and resurrection in a visual way that will leave a lasting impression. This is a great way to prepare for the Holy Days of the Easter season.

Performance will be at 8:00 pm on Friday and Saturday and 1:00 pm Sunday. Doors will open approximately 1 hour before performance time. There is no charge, but free-will offerings will be accepted. For more information, please visit www.livethepassion.org.

The Third Annual John R. Rozzo Memorial Scholarship Benefit

The Maronite Center
Saturday, April 14, 2018
Doors Open 6:00pm

Buffet Dinner Basket Raffle DJ Cash Bar
Door Prizes 50/50

Tickets \$40 each * Table of 8 \$300 * Children 5-7 \$20 *
4 and under free

Money raised will be awarded to families in need in Catholic Elementary Schools in Mahoning and Trumbull Counties. Contact John A. Rozzo by phone or text at (330) 531-2325 or email jroz11@aol.com for tickets, to make a donation, or for more information. Corporate sponsorships are available.



Please Give Generously to the Pontifical Good Friday Holy Land Collection

Third Sunday of Lent: Do You Preach Christ Crucified?

This Sunday's Gospel from John tells the story of Jesus driving the vendors and money-changers out of the Temple. The synoptic Gospels place this event after Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem in the week before his crucifixion, but John places this event very early in His public ministry. During Jesus' time, the temple was the center of Jewish worship, sacrifice and national identity. This was the Second Temple, as the First Temple built by King Solomon was destroyed in 586 B.C. by Babylonian invaders. The Second Temple was built after the nation of Israel returned from their exile in Babylon and was dedicated in 516 B.C. Right before the time of Christ, King Herod added a grand addition to the Temple.

This Temple was holy to all Jews – it was God's house. It no longer housed the Ark of the Covenant, which was lost when the First Temple was destroyed. The Ark of the Covenant had contained the two tablets of the Ten Commandments that were proclaimed in the Old Testament reading this weekend. Jesus knew that the Temple was His Father's house, and He was angered by the graft and thievery that had pervaded the temple worship and sacrifice. When the people questioned his authority to do this, He replied: "Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up" (Jn 2:19). Jesus was speaking of the future sacrifice of his own body at His crucifixion – the ultimate sacrifice that reconciled the world back to right relationship with God. But, his audience did not understand that He was talking about Himself – how He would soon become the center of worship and that animal sacrifices to God in the Temple would no longer be needed. St. Paul would proclaim to the Corinthians, "we preach Christ crucified" (1 Cor 1:23) because the sacrificed body of Christ was being transformed into the Body of Christ, the Church.



*Jewish men and women pray at the ruins of the Temple Mount
from the time of Christ*

Many descendants of the earliest Christians, who still preach and profess "Christ crucified," still live in the Holy Land. They live in the shadow of the Second Temple that was destroyed in 70 A.D. by the Romans. All that remains of this Jewish center of worship is the Temple mount, a place still holy to the Jewish people. But the Christians in the Holy Land know that the focus of their worship is Jesus Christ, a belief that places them in a small minority compared to their Jewish and Muslim neighbors. This can make life difficult for these Christians as they struggle to meet such basic needs as finding jobs, adequate housing and access to health care. Contributing to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection is one way that all of us can help the Christians in the Holy Land meet their basic material and spiritual needs. The monies collected on Good Friday go to the Franciscan Custody of the Holy Land who maintain the Holy Sites and multiple apostolates that support the minority Christian population. Please be generous!

Help For Holy Land Christians

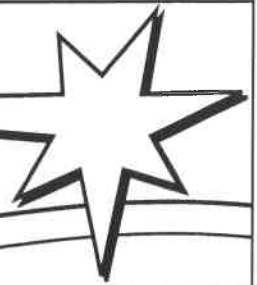
North Central
Lieutenancy
www.eohsjnorthcentral.org

Franciscan
Good Friday Collection
www.myfranciscan.org

Order of the Holy
Sepulchre of Jerusalem
www.holysepulchre.net

Latin Patriarchate
of Jerusalem
www.lpj.org

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Helping our children grow in their Catholic faith.

March 2018

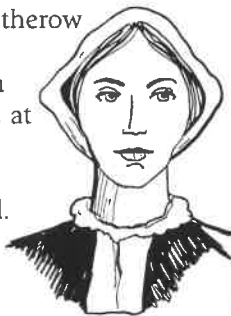
Christ Our Savior Parish



Thoughtful Moments

St. Margaret Clitherow

St. Margaret Clitherow converted to Catholicism soon after she married, at a time when Catholicism was illegal in England. Yet, St. Margaret continued to practice her faith. Her husband was not Catholic, but allowed her to hide Catholic priests in their home so they could say Mass secretly. Margaret was arrested when royal officials found a cupboard filled with vessels used for Mass. Her peaceful, joyful attitude during her imprisonment, trial, and execution inspired those around her.



Don't rush fixes

It is said that good teachers show students where to look but don't tell them what to see. Good parents, too, give youngsters a chance to find solutions to their own problems. Coaching without fixing for them teaches children confidence, self-reliance and resilience.

"For which of you, desiring to build a tower, does not first sit down and count the cost, whether he has enough to complete it?" (Luke 14:28).



How to be the perfect parent

Imperfection is a sad consequence of our human condition. It is deeply unrealistic to expect to be a perfect parent, but we can strive to be the best parent for the children we have. Consider these ideas:

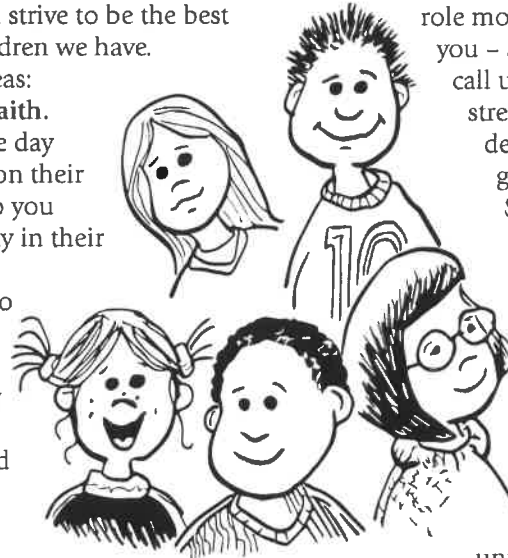
Fill them with faith. Think ahead to the day your children are on their own. What role do you hope faith will play in their lives? Decide how prepared you are to achieve this and identify the resources you may need to shore up your own faith and skills.

Choose good company. If you don't live what you believe, you will come to believe what you live. Therefore, surround yourself with solid companions who share your values. These are the people who will help

influence your family.

Stand on strong shoulders. Do you have a relative, friend, or other role model who inspires you – someone you can call up as a model of strength, determination, generosity, devotion? Such people can act as concrete examples of faith lived for both us and our children. **Look for progress, not perfection.** Parenting is a long-haul job and it is

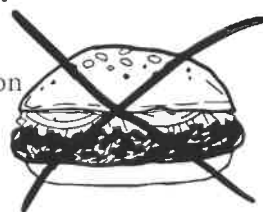
unrealistic to think we will never blunder or our children err. When we or our children lose our way, it is best to admit mistakes, ask for forgiveness, get back on the right track and keep moving.



Why Do Catholics Do That?

Why do Catholics give up meat on Fridays in Lent?

The practice of giving up meat on Fridays in Lent is a reverential offering honoring Jesus' sacrifice on Good Friday. We abstain from eating meat as a reminder that Jesus gave up his flesh for us.

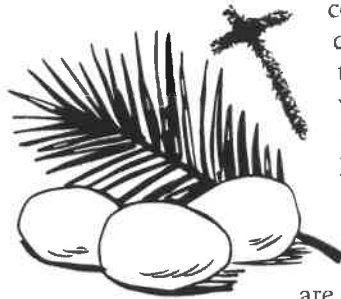


Fasting from certain foods during Lent can be a form of prayer. It helps us to focus on Christ. Fasting is also an outward sign of our faith. The Church asks that we observe all Fridays as penitential days of abstinence, even outside of Lent.

Symbols of the season

Christian cultures all over the world share symbols of the Lenten season:

Ashes. In the early Church, sinners were marked with ashes and isolated from the community on Ash Wednesday. During Lent, they lived apart for serious wrongs such as adultery, theft, murder, heresy. On Holy Thursday, they were absolved and welcomed back. Today, a cross is traced on our foreheads from ashes of last year's palms signaling the start of Lent.



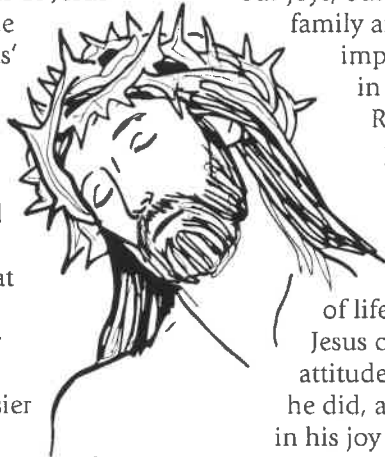
Eggs. Eggs used to be among the foods that couldn't be eaten during Lent. A staple in many diets, the lack increased their importance. Over time, the egg became a symbol of the tomb. Jesus was laid in a tomb and rose on Easter to bring us new life. New life also comes from an egg. At Easter, we dye eggs and gift them in baskets.

Palms. In pre-Christian days, palms were thought to ward off evil. Palms were laid at Jesus' feet as he rode into Jerusalem. Blessed palms are distributed on Palm Sunday in remembrance.

Scripture LESSON

Mark 14:1-15:47, Join our pain with Jesus'

This Gospel reading tells of Jesus' suffering and death on the Cross. Remembering Jesus' suffering is not just something we do just once a year. The more often we remember, the more it will help us recall that Jesus was human, too, and experienced what we feel – and so much more. If we offer him our suffering and remember his, it makes our pain easier to bear.



our joys, our good health, our family and friends are all important ways to share in the joy of his Resurrection. The point is to offer everything to Christ.

What can a parent do?

Suffering is part of life. Yet, disciples of Jesus can have the same attitude toward suffering as he did, and we can also share in his joy of the Resurrection. When children are hurt, sad, or scared, help them remember to turn to Jesus because he wants to comfort them with his great love.

Feasts & Celebrations

March 2 – St. Agnes of Bohemia (1282). Born in Prague to King Ottocar I of Bohemia, St. Agnes renounced court life to become a Poor Clare sister instead. She was known for serving the poor and working miracles.

March 10 – St. John Ogilvie (1615). Born in Scotland and raised a Calvinist, St. John Ogilvie converted to Catholicism and later became a Jesuit priest. Despite intense persecution in Scotland, St. John ministered to Scottish Catholics in secret. Eventually, he was arrested and executed for treason.

March 17 – St. Patrick of Ireland (c.461). Born in Scotland, St. Patrick was kidnapped and brought to Ireland as a slave. He escaped but later returned to become the bishop of Ireland and is credited for having established the Church there.

March 25 – Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion (1st Century). Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion recalls Jesus' triumphant entry into Jerusalem when he was greeted by crowds waving palms and cheering, and it marks the beginning of Holy Week.



Parent TALK

Last year, I felt our family observance of Lent had gotten stale. We have given up everything from chocolate to TV to videogames. We needed a new approach to the season.



What if we "competed" to do good deeds? I bought a giant roll of tickets and set up an empty jar for each of us. Every time someone performed a good deed, a ticket would go in his or her jar – two if the deed was secret.

To keep up enthusiasm and interest, we totaled the tickets halfway through Lent. The person who earned the most tickets decided where we went for brunch on Laetare Sunday. We made a final count on Easter and celebrated with brunch after Mass.

It was a great success! This was the most observant Lent we ever had. More importantly, the kids learned to look for opportunities to practice kindness, compassion, generosity, and love.

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