

MASS INTENTIONS & DEVOTION

MASSES WILL BE CELEBRATED DAILY IN PRIVATE

Saturday, March 21

Steve Mistovich (Bob & MaryAnn Mistovich)
 Nancy Hermez (Mr. & Mrs. Dan Ginnetti)
 MSGR. John Ashton (Knights of Columbus Council #4471)
 Patricia Costello (MaryAnn & Mickey Morell)
 Bonnie Augustine (Irma Blank)
 Helen Martinko (Annie Ferreri)
 Robert Ralph Porfilio (Sister, Merceda Yurcisin)

Sunday, March 22

Mike & Laura Fiorentine (Daughter, Rose Fiorentine)

Monday, March 23

James Visingardi (Wife & Family)
NO Miraculous Medal Novena

Tuesday, March 24

Atty. Michael Clemente (Family)
NO St. Anthony Novena

Wednesday, March 25

Virginia Cifra (Husband & Family)
NO Eucharistic Adoration

Thursday, March 26

Living & Deceased of Christ Our Savior Parish

Friday, March 27

William F. Yurcich (Mary Ann Constantino)
 Helen White (Family)
 Rita Ann Stanislaw (Family)
NO Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 28

John & Helen Hamrock (Daughter, Cindy)
 John, Eva & David Reves (Donna Lynn Reves)
 Frank & Bertha Conti (Ralph & Jane Genova Jr.)
 Chuck Cartwright (Janice Kirlik)
 Jean Rucci (Dennis & Karen Rucci)
 Albert Yurcisin Sr. (Wife & Children)
 Joseph A. McTigue (Knights of Columbus Council #4471)
 Edward Wilds Jr. (Sue & Jerry Williams)

Sunday, March 29

Ernie Kalenits (Cathy Kalenits)

Our sick: Donna Leone, Blake Doss, Marcia Styraneck, Robert Arnoto, Regina Graygo, Julia Skalada, Robert Skalada, Tom Kolat, Wendy Pakalnis, Jeannette Rusu, Michael Lombard, Linda Agnew, Heather Hanlon, Carmella Bokros, Hannah Tringhese, Tom Wasko, Dominic Lippillo Jr., Kathy Tomko, Ulisse Sevi, Eleanor Sandy, Anna Leenheer, Loretta Cioci, James Marco, Barb, Tony & Family, Helen Runyon, Irene Parker, Betty Campbell, Theresa Margala, Mary Ann Colaneri, Blake Wilson, Ron Slaven, Stephana Liptak, Julie Balestra, Michael Yemma.



Our sick and homebound: Christine Peluso Kinsley & Rose Maizel.

For those in nursing homes: Dorothy Petro, Patricia Watt, Audrey Slanina, Mary Brenner, Theresa Pitlik, Marie Anos, John Myers, Don Micenjko.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS: The Parish Office will be open from 8am - 2pm Monday thru Friday until further notice. We are trying to limit visitors to our office so please call first @ 330-755-9819 and we will try to help you over the phone.

The following groups will **NOT** meet until further notice:

- Parish Council & Finance Council
- Altar & Rosary Society
- Knights of Columbus
- Centering Prayer Group
- Bible Sharing & Discussion
- Crochet & Knitting Group
- AA Meetings
- Miraculous Medal Novena
- St. Anthony Novena
- Eucharistic Adoration

The following events have been **CANCELLED**:

- All Masses thru Easter Sunday
- CCD - until further notice
- Parish Mission
- All Lenten Activities
- Fish Fry
- Stations of the Cross
- Confessions
- Community Meal
- Drive Thru Dinner - until further notice
- Bingo - until further notice
- Food Pantry - until further notice
- Pirohy - until further notice

The Bulletin will not be printed until further notice. It will be posted on the parish website @ www.cosparish.org

**MEMORIAL CANDLES FOR THE WEEK OF
 March 29, 2020**

Walter J. Zaluski (Wife & Family) SN
Antonio Battaglino (Carmen & Angela Ramunno) SN

2020 ANNUAL BISHOP'S APPEAL: Our parish recently joined with parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in making a commitment to the *2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal*. Our parish goal is 100% participation. The Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese and helps to support various Church ministries including Religious Education, Youth and Young Adult Ministries. Bishop Murry is counting on our support of the *2020 Annual Bishop's Appeal*. It is his fervent hope that every parish will reach their goal. Thank you to those members of our parish who have already responded. If you did not receive a Bishop's Appeal envelope in the mail please pick one up at the entrances of the church. If you have not yet responded, please take some time to review the envelope or response card and prayerfully consider how you can participate: **PRAY, DONATE, VOLUNTEER**. Thank you for your prayerful reflection and generous response.

SUNDAY, MARCH 22, 2020

FIRST READING: 1 SAMUEL 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a

The LORD said to Samuel: "Fill your horn with oil, and be on your way. I am sending you to Jesse of Bethlehem, for I have chosen my king from among his sons." As Jesse and his sons came to the sacrifice, Samuel looked at Eliab and thought, "Surely the LORD's anointed is here before him."
But the LORD said to Samuel: "Do not judge from his appearance or from his lofty stature, because I have rejected him. Not as man sees does God see, because man sees the appearance but the LORD looks into the heart." In the same way Jesse presented seven sons before Samuel, but Samuel said to Jesse, "The LORD has not chosen any one of these."
Then Samuel asked Jesse, "Are these all the sons you have?" Jesse replied, "There is still the youngest, who is tending the sheep." Samuel said to Jesse, "Send for him; we will not begin the sacrificial banquet until he arrives here." Jesse sent and had the young man brought to them. He was ruddy, a youth handsome to behold and making a splendid appearance. The LORD said, "There—anoint him, for this is the one!" Then Samuel, with the horn of oil in hand, anointed David in the presence of his brothers; and from that day on, the spirit of the LORD rushed upon David.

RESPONSORIAL PSALM PS 23: 1-3A, 3b-4, 5, 6

R. (1) The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
The LORD is my shepherd; I shall not want.
beside restful waters he leads me;
he refreshes my soul.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
He guides me in right paths
for his name's sake.
Even though I walk in the dark valley
I fear no evil; for you are at my side
With your rod and your staff
that give me courage.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
You spread the table before me
in the sight of my foes;
you anoint my head with oil;
my cup overflows.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.
Only goodness and kindness follow me
all the days of my life;
and I shall dwell in the house of the LORD
for years to come.
R. The Lord is my shepherd; there is nothing I shall want.

SECOND READING: JOHN 9:1-41

Brothers and sisters: You were once darkness, but now you are light in the Lord. Live as children of light, for light produces every kind of goodness and righteousness and truth. Try to learn what is pleasing to the Lord. Take no part in the fruitless works of darkness; rather expose them, for it is shameful even to mention the things done by them in secret; but everything exposed by the light becomes visible, for everything that becomes visible is light. Therefore, it says:

"Awake, O sleeper, and arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light."

GOSPEL: JOHN 9:1-41

As Jesus passed by he saw a man blind from birth.

His disciples asked him, "Rabbi, who sinned, this man or his parents, that he was born blind?"

Jesus answered, "Neither he nor his parents sinned; it is so that the works of God might be made visible through him.

We have to do the works of the one who sent me while it is day. Night is coming when no one can work.

While I am in the world, I am the light of the world."

When he had said this, he spat on the ground and made clay with the saliva, and smeared the clay on his eyes, and said to him, "Go wash in the Pool of Siloam" —which means Sent—. So he went and washed, and came back able to see.

His neighbors and those who had seen him earlier as a beggar said, "Isn't this the one who used to sit and beg?"

Some said, "It is," but others said, "No, he just looks like him."

He said, "I am."

So they said to him, "How were your eyes opened?"

He replied, "The man called Jesus made clay and anointed my eyes and told me, 'Go to Siloam and wash.'

So I went there and washed and was able to see."

And they said to him, "Where is he?"

He said, "I don't know."

They brought the one who was once blind to the Pharisees. Now Jesus had made clay and opened his eyes on a sabbath.

So then the Pharisees also asked him how he was able to see.

He said to them, "He put clay on my eyes, and I washed, and now I can see."

So some of the Pharisees said, "This man is not from God, because he does not keep the sabbath."

But others said, "How can a sinful man do such signs?" And there was a division among them.

So they said to the blind man again, "What do you have to say about him, since he opened your eyes?"

He said, "He is a prophet."

Now the Jews did not believe that he had been blind and gained his sight until they summoned the parents of the one who had gained his sight. They asked them, "Is this your son, who you say was born blind? How does he now see?"

His parents answered and said, "We know that this is our son and that he was born blind. We do not know how he sees now, nor do we know who opened his eyes. Ask him, he is of age; he can speak for himself." His parents said this because they were afraid of the Jews, for the Jews had already agreed that if anyone acknowledged him as the Christ, he would be expelled from the synagogue. For this reason his parents said, "He is of age; question him."

So a second time they called the man who had been blind and said to him, "Give God the praise! We know that this man is a sinner." He replied, "If he is a sinner, I do not know. One thing I do know is that I was blind and now I see."

So they said to him, "What did he do to you? How did he open your eyes?"

He answered them, "I told you already and you did not listen. Why do you want to hear it again?"

Do you want to become his disciples, too?"

They ridiculed him and said, "You are that man's disciple; we are disciples of Moses! We know that God spoke to Moses, but we do not know where this one is from."

The man answered and said to them, "This is what is so amazing, that you do not know where he is from, yet he opened my eyes. We know that God does not listen to sinners, but if one is devout and does his will, he listens to him. It is unheard of that anyone ever opened the eyes of a person born blind. If this man were not from God, he would not be able to do anything."

They answered and said to him, "You were born totally in sin, and are you trying to teach us?" Then they threw him out.

When Jesus heard that they had thrown him out, he found him and said, "Do you believe in the Son of Man?"

He answered and said, "Who is he, sir, that I may believe in him?"

Jesus said to him, "You have seen him, the one speaking with you is he."

He said, "I do believe, Lord," and he worshiped him.

Then Jesus said, "I came into this world for judgment, so that those who do not see might see, and those who do see might become blind."

Some of the Pharisees who were with him heard this and said to him, "Surely we are not also blind, are we?"

Jesus said to them, "If you were blind, you would have no sin; but now you are saying, 'We see,' so your sin remains."

ST. NICHOLAS SCHOOL NEWS

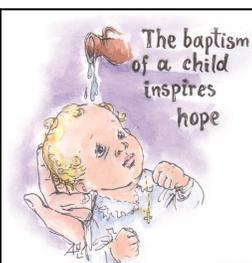
Saint Nicholas School is taking registrations for the 2020-2021 school year. Come and check out what our school has to offer: Therapy through Art, Virtual Reality classroom, STEM program, and much more. EdChoice Scholarship applications will be available April 1st. Students who are attending or would be attending an eligible school can apply for the EdChoice Scholarship. A list of designated schools can be found on the Ohio Department of Education website under EdChoice Scholarships. EdChoice Expansion scholarships available February 1st to students entering grades Kindergarten through 12th, are income based and eligible for students from any school district. Deadline for the expansion scholarships is April 15th, 2020. Call the school for more detailed information to complete the registration process 330-755-2128.

In light of the Governor's order Saint Nicholas School will be closed until April 3rd, 2020. We will be continuing to monitor the situation and update you accordingly.

Cash For Cans – This is for aluminum beverage cans. No plastic, glass, newspapers, etc. (Cans cannot be crushed). Next pick up is April 14th. This will be the last pick up for the school year. Please save your cans over the summer. Thank you to all who support the Cash for Cans program.

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.*

Join the **Living Bread Radio Network** for the station's annual **Pledge Drive** on **March 24, 25, 26** live on air, online at LivingBreadRadio.com, on our free mobile app or on an Alexa device. Our theme is, "I am the bread of life." which helps to tie in Christ's message to his followers with the name of our station. We will also ask for the intercession of Venerable Bishop Fulton J. Sheen as we place our pledge drive under his patronage. Help us to keep proclaiming the truth to millions of souls by giving securely online at LivingBreadRadio.com or over the phone by calling 888.966.2903.



We welcome our newest Saints, baptized into Christ Jesus by water and the Holy Spirit:

*Serafina Lamping
Sophia Razzaq*

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACEBOOK: ccd_cos
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CCD: classes are cancelled until further notice. The First Eucharist Parent / Child Meeting scheduled on March 31 has also been cancelled. This meeting will be rescheduled at a later time.

We know that this is a difficult time and can be especially difficult for our children to understand. There are resources available at catechistcafe.weebly.com to help parents talk to their children about the coronavirus as well as resources to help you celebrate the Lenten season.

Grocer's Association 15th Annual Beer & Wine Tasting Benefiting the Ursuline Sisters HIV/AIDS Ministry Rescheduled for Friday, May 29, 2020

The Youngstown Area Grocers Beer & Wine Tasting will now be held on Friday, May 29, 2020. Please note that location and time WILL NOT change, (Stambaugh Auditorium, from 6:00 – 9:00 p.m.), and we are adjusting all the other details with vendors and suppliers to ensure that nothing will effect the nature of the event. Tickets and sponsorships will still be honored, and guests are encouraged to invite others and attend on this new date.

CANCELLATIONS

- The Communal Penance Service scheduled at St. Charles on Sunday, March 22nd
- Veterans Lunch March 25th
- St. Luke Church Easter Kolachi sale
- First Friday dinner April 2

Walking with Moms in Need

Pregnant and parenting moms in need are in our parishes and our neighborhoods. As Pope Francis reminds us, our parishes need to be "islands of mercy in a sea of indifference." Everyone in our parish community should know where to refer a pregnant woman in need.

Beginning **March 25, 2020**, the Church will celebrate the 25th anniversary year of the prophetic papal encyclical *Evangelium Vitae (The Gospel of Life)*. This document, written by Pope St. John Paul II, reaffirmed the Church's constant teaching on the value and inviolability of every human life.

This anniversary year gives us a wonderful opportunity to assess, expand and better communicate resources to pregnant moms and families in our area. Our diocese is joining a nationwide effort from March 25, 2020 to March 25, 2021 entitled "**Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service.**"

We invite all parishioners to join us in this year of service. You can start by praying for moms in need. For more information or to obtain prayer cards contact 330-744-8451 ext. 272 of dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org, or go to www.walkingwithmoms.com.

CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

March 16, 2020

For Immediate Release

For Information: Carolyn Jurkowitz, Executive Director
614-224-7147

RE: Catholic Bishops of Ohio Suspend All Publicly Celebrated Masses/Liturgies

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

After serious consideration of the grave health risk involved in public gatherings and in order to curb the spread of the Coronavirus, the bishops of Ohio have decided, **effective immediately**, to suspend temporarily all publicly celebrated Masses/liturgies, at least through the celebrations of Holy Week and Easter. The bishops of Ohio dispense the Catholic faithful who reside in their respective dioceses and all other Catholics currently in Ohio from the obligation of attending Sunday Mass through Easter Sunday.

This decision is not taken lightly and, as your bishops, causes us great sadness. However, after consultation with the governor and health officials we are convinced that this is the most prudent and necessary action.

Science has proven that participation in public gatherings significantly increases the risk of contagion. This poses a serious danger to those especially most vulnerable.

As Catholics, in every Sunday Mass we celebrate the passion, death and resurrection of our Lord. The Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our faith. In this moment, we are experiencing in a unique way the passion of our Lord as this pandemic prevents us from gathering for the Sunday Eucharist. In this very difficult time, we encourage the faithful to turn to the Church's treasury of prayer. Sunday remains a holy day, and we encourage the faithful to pray using the rich resources of our faith, including praying as a family or individually the rosary, divine mercy chaplet, the Liturgy of the Hours, stations of the cross, etc. We also urge you to participate in prayer by way of radio broadcast or televised or live-streamed Mass and make a spiritual communion.

Please join us in praying for all who are suffering from illness or disease of any kind, for all health care workers, and for an easing of the anxiety and tension caused by this situation. Relying on the Motherly care of Our Lady, we unite our sufferings to those of Our Lord Jesus Christ, who is our healing and our hope.

Most Rev. Dennis M. Schnurr
Chairman
Catholic Conference of Ohio
Archbishop of Cincinnati

Most Rev. Robert J. Brennan
Bishop of Columbus

Most Rev. Jeffrey M. Monforton
Bishop of Steubenville

Most Rev. Joseph R. Binzer
Auxiliary Bishop
Archdiocese of Cincinnati

Most Rev. George V. Murry, S.J.
Bishop of Youngstown

Rev. Donald P. Oleksiak
Diocesan Administrator of Cleveland

Most Rev. Daniel E. Thomas
Bishop of Toledo