

# CHRIST OUR SAVIOR PARISH

DECEMBER 3, 2023



## HOLY TRINITY CHURCH

250 N. Bridge St., Struthers, OH 44471



## ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

764 Fifth St., Struthers, OH 44471

## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

### Daily Mass Schedule

Monday - Friday

8:30am - St. Nicholas

### Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday | 4:00pm - St. Nicholas

Sunday | 8:00am - Holy Trinity,  
11:00am - St. Nicholas

### Confession

Saturday | 3:00pm - 3:45pm

St. Nicholas Lower Church Chapel

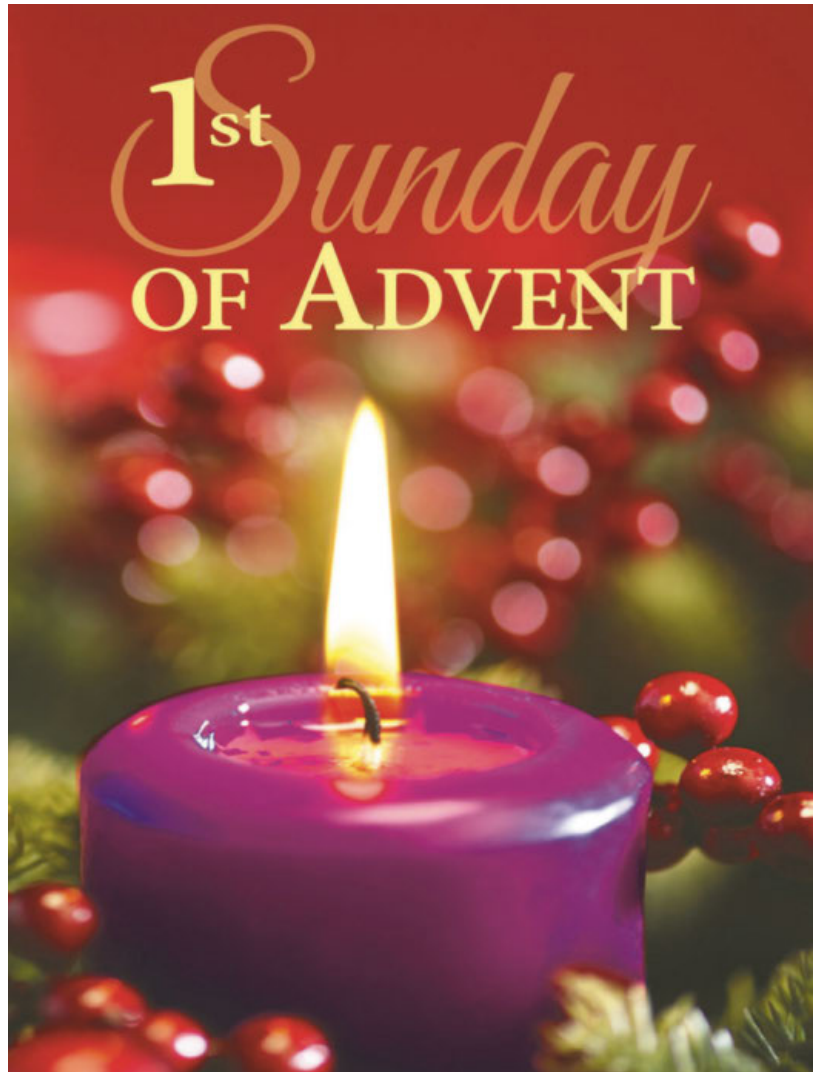
## St. Nicholas School

330-755-2128

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stnicholasschool.com

Betty McCullough, Principal



## GET IN TOUCH

330-755-9819 (p) | 330-755-9949 (f)  
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cosparishstruthers@gmail.com  
www.cosparish.org

### Parish Office Hours

Monday - Friday | 8:00am - 4:00pm

Rev. Philip Rogers, Pastor

### Religious Education

330-755-6245 Ext. 114

## BAPTISM

We baptize the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month. A preparatory class is required. Contact the Religious Education Office to schedule your baptism and class.

## VISITING OR ANOINTING THE SICK OR HOMEBOUND

Contact Parish Office to make your request

## MATRIMONY

Arrangements need to be made at least 6 months in advance. Contact the Parish Office.

# Mass Intentions

## Worship

### Saturday, December 2

1:30 pm: SN: Wedding of Michael Connolly & Linh My Chia

4:00 pm: SN: Argenziano Family (Lucille Antonucci)

John & Del Quinn

Pete Pirone Sr. (Dave & Noel Venerose)

Benedicto T. Vieitez (Carl Vieitez & Family)

Julia Visingardi (Marilyn Cupp)

David Barone (Sandra & Michael Coates)

Rose Ann Marr (St. Piere Family)

Florina Creaturo (Richard & Antoinette Shubert)

### Sunday, December 3

8:00 am: HT: Pauline Hall (Karen Hall, Goddaughter)

Bernie Leko (KofC #4471)

11:00am SN: Living & Deceased of Christ Our Savior Parish

### Monday, December 4

8:30 am: SN: Nick Candiello (Bev Pack)

### Tuesday, December 5

8:30 am: SN: Agnes Mayor Puhalla (Michael Klacik)

### Wednesday, December 6

8:30 am: SN: Andrew Salaka (Daughters)

### Thursday, December 7

8:30 am: SN: Julie Vasel (Jack White)

4:00 pm: HT: Daniel DuChanois (Family)

### Friday, December 8

**The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:30 am: SN: Mogulich Family (Joe & Carol Mogulich)

Helen White (Jack White)

James Pezzone (Pat & Stan)

6:00 pm: SN: Carmel Quattro (St. Nicholas Altar & Rosary)

### Saturday, December 9

4:00 pm: SN: John Gerlach (Gerlach Family)

Marcia Styranec (Family)

Ron Havallo (Joanne Vasvari)

Ann & Steve Kukura Sr. & Steve Jr (Linda & Brett Modic)

David Barone (Pat & Stan)

Donnie Meek (Pat & Stan)

Gino Clayton Jr (Ralph & Jane Genova)

C. Anthony Navy (Antonette Russo Stollo)

Edward Lewis (Sister-in-law, Merceda Yurcisin)

### Sunday, December 10

8:00 am: HT: Living & Deceased of Christ Our Savior Parish

11:00am SN: Navy Family (Family)

Jack DiPinto (Payne Family)

Knights of Columbus Quarterly Communion



### Memorial Candles For The Week Of December 10, 2023

Felix Pizzola (Family) SN

Maryann & Phillip Constantino (Doreen) HT

Frank & Josephine Constantino (Doreen) HT

# Prayer Requests

### OUR SICK

Linda Agnew

Catherine Armstrong

Tom Becker Sr.

Ann Bobby

Ed Bonilla Jr.

Sally Branson

Gilda DiPiero

Blake Doss

Melissa Ferro

Stan Floryjanski

Kathy Grecko

Heather Hanlon

Jack Hart

Mary Jurina

Tom Kolat

Donna Leone

Ashley Lett

Shauntelle Lett

Dominic Lippillo Jr

Michael Lombard

George S. Maczko Jr

Ed Mahoney

James Marco

Louis Mastroberardino

Frances Maszczak

Maria Meadors

Patrick Minno

Joe Mogulich

Jean Nock

Wendy Pakalnis

Sebastian Pieton

Sherry Pieton

Doreen Ponigar

Elizabeth Quarm

Jeannette Rusu

Robert Skalada

Jack Slifka

Sgt. Robert Smith

Kathy Tomko

Hannah Tringhese

Janet Will

Blake Wilson

Larry Yates

Michael Yemma

David Yost

Rosemarie Yuhus

John Zackasee

Betty Zebrowski

Barb, Tony & Family

Donny

### OUR HOMEBOUND

Penny Barone

Christine Peluso Kinsley

### THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING

Marie Anos

Darlene Fox

Norma Higgins

Mary Ann Kastik

Anna Leenheer

Jacqueline Mudryk

Irene Parker

Ann Ponigar

Katherine Semonza

Patricia Watt

Regina Yurick

Amelia Zaluski

### Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

First Wednesday of the month  
Following morning mass until noon



## A Note From Fr. R.

The Old Saying Is . . . March comes in like a lion. Well, because of the compressed nature of the Advent season this year I would change that to December is coming at us like a lion. The Fourth Week of Advent lasts exactly one day, that day being the Fourth Sunday of Advent so we really have three weeks to get all of our Advent preparations in. For that reason, next Sunday, December 10, 2023, we will have our one and only Advent Communal Penance Service. This Advent Communal Penance Service will take place at Holy Family Church in Poland at 3:00pm. We used to say that we have it in the afternoon for the benefit of the parishioners who don't like to drive in the dark but, now, it is most of the priests participating who need to be home before nightfall! There will be eight priests celebrating the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the Advent Communal Penance Service next Sunday. Please be aware that after the Communal Penance Service there will only be three other opportunities for celebrating the Sacrament of Penance so plan now to attend next Sunday at 3:00pm at Holy Family Church in Poland.

This Friday, December 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, our national patronal feast day and a holy day of obligation. Masses for the Holy Day will be celebrated at 4:00pm on Thursday, December 7, 2023 at Holy Trinity Church and at 8:30am and 6:00pm on Friday, the feast day itself, at Saint Nicholas Church. Plan now to attend one the three masses for the holy day of obligation.

Of course, in addition to those liturgical services, I am sure many are busy with their holiday shopping. For those in need, I will provide them with a copy of my letter to Santa!! . . . Thanks, Fr. R.



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

*Dominic Salvatore Carson*

*Vincenzo Charles Longo*

*Kenna Lee McBride*

*Miles Anthony Morell*

## Parish Giving

*"Be watchful! Be alert! You do not know when the time will come." - Mark 13:33*

We all take things for granted. In particular, we take time for granted. We make our lives too busy. We plan our days, weeks, months, even years in advance. Remember, our time on earth is a gift. None of us knows how long we will be here. Start today and begin thanking God for each and every day. Take time in silence, every day, and listen to how God is calling you right now to help build His kingdom on earth.

|                                 | Envelopes: | Online:  |
|---------------------------------|------------|----------|
| <b>November 26<sup>th</sup></b> | \$6,349.00 | \$950.00 |
| Christmas:                      | \$1,063.00 |          |
| Christmas Flowers:              | \$110.00   |          |
| Energy:                         | \$242.00   |          |
| Religious Retirement:           | \$90.00    |          |

### December Envelopes:

Christmas  
Immaculate Conception  
St. Vincent de Paul

### Safely Home

*Please remember in your prayers  
the souls and families of*

**Raymond Baldelli**

**Adolf Kralj**

**Donna Leone**

**Anthony Quattro**

**John Romeo**

**John Zackasee**



### First Week of Advent



The First Week of Advent Represents: Hope  
Candle Color: Purple

Purple is the primary color associated with Advent. It symbolizes penance, preparation, and sacrifice. During the first week of Advent we remember the Old Testament prophets who foretold of Jesus' coming with hope and anticipation.

## **Saint Nicholas School News**

### **Saint Nicholas School is taking registrations for the 2023-2024 school year.**

Come and check out what our school has to offer. EdChoice Scholarship applications are available to students who are attending or would be attending an eligible school. A list of designated schools can be found on the Ohio Department of Education website under EdChoice Scholarships. EdChoice Expansion Full Scholarships are also available to all families who are at or below 450% of the federal poverty level. A decreasing pro-rated amount dependent on the family's economic status over 450% of the poverty level is then available. Call the school office at 330-755-2128 for more information about our school and scholarship information.

### **Poinsettia Order Pick Up in the Great Hall on Tuesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> after 1:00pm.**

**Ho! Ho! Ho!** The elves have been busy getting ready for Santa's Workshop. Students are able to shop this week for Christmas gifts for their family and friends. Thank you to Mrs. Angeloff and her elves for all their help with setting up and helping the students shop. Thank you to the Mom's and Dad's Club for making this possible for our students.

**On Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>, the Feast of Saint Nicholas,** students will leave one of their shoes outside their classroom and Santa will leave a surprise for all. Students will also have a visit from Cardinal Mooney students in celebration of this feast day.

**Congratulations to our 2<sup>nd</sup> grade and Christ Our Savior CCD students** who will be making their First Reconciliation on Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 10:00am. May God Bless them.

**Can collection for Saint Nicholas School –** This is for aluminum beverage cans. No plastic, glass, newspapers, etc. There are new guidelines for the collection, they are requesting that the cans be crushed. If you are able to crush the cans that would be greatly appreciated, if not we will accept cans as is. You can leave cans at the garage door or school entrance door. Thank you to all who support the can collection for Saint Nicholas School.

**Saint Nicholas School Mission Statement:** *Saint Nicholas School of Struthers, Ohio in the Diocese of Youngstown, was founded in 1928 and exists to teach the Catholic Faith. Saint Nicholas School provides a learning environment committed to educating the whole child academically, spiritually and emotionally within a diverse environment in accordance with the Gospel values. We promote high standards in behavior and respect in a nurturing atmosphere that encourages success for all students in kindergarten through eighth grade.*

## **Religious Education**

EMAIL: gland@youngstowndiocese.org  
RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FACEBOOK: @COSRelEd

### **CCD**

First Reconciliation will be held on December 9, 2023. Please pray for the children participating in the sacrament for the first time this year.

The religious Education Department recently reached out to volunteers in need of updating their Virtus information. If you were called or sent an email, please contact the Religious Education Department at 330-755-6245 as soon as possible in order to keep your status active.

### **Bible Study**

Bible Study continues on Thursday night at 6:30 pm, and Friday mornings after mass. We are currently discussing the Book of Genesis.

### **Book Club**

There will be a Book Club meeting on December 20, 2023. This month's book is *Letters from the Desert, Anniversary Edition* by Carlo Carretto. Please join us for discussion and fellowship.

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### **Group Meetings**

#### ***Centering Prayer Group***

There are no meetings in December. Meetings will resume on Tuesday, January 9, 2024.

#### ***Chapel Crochet & Knitting Group***

This group meets the **1<sup>st</sup> Monday** of the month at **6:30pm** in the **St. Nicholas School library**. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Virginia Bartos at 330-406-0364 for more information.

#### ***Knights of Columbus***

**KofC Council #4471** meetings are held on the **first and third Monday** evenings of the month beginning at **6:30 PM** in the St. Nicholas Lower Church.

**Mobility on Loan:** wheelchairs, walkers, crutches, and potty chairs are available for temporary loan, at no cost to parishioners and immediate families of Christ Our Savior Parish and the brother knights and their families of Council 4471. Please contact brother knights Joe Wilkos 330-782-6858, Bob Sepesy 330-770-9543, or Andy Brincko 330-782-2400.

#### ***Quo Vadis AA Meetings***

Meetings are open to anyone seeking recovery from alcohol addiction. Meetings are held on **Fridays at 8pm** in the St. Nicholas Lower Church Hall.



## Peace Light



Once again the Peace Light will be available for anyone wishing to partake of this opportunity in celebration of the Advent Season. Originating from the Grotto of the Nativity in Bethlehem the International Peace Light symbolizes global peace and harmony throughout the world and in our homes. What a wonderful way to add this light to your Advent & Christmas celebrations.

Hosted by Christ Our Savior Parish and the Boy Scouts of America the Peace Light will be housed in the church's Chapel in the lower church during the Advent Season and obtainable during regular business hours and on weekends at all Masses. All are free to light their own candles or lanterns to take home. (Five-day candles are available to purchase at cost for \$2.00 located also in the lower church by the St. Nicholas church architectural model) Have a blessed Advent and Christmas Season.



## St. Nicholas Altar & Rosary Society

**When:** Tuesday, December 12, 2023

4pm - Appetizers

5pm - Dinner

Christmas Carols after dinner

**Where:** St. Nicholas Lower Church

**Dinner includes:** chicken, eggplant, cabbage rolls, mashed potatoes, mixed vegetables & dessert.

**Cost:** \$25.00 per person.

**Reservations by members and guests are due by December 5.** Please RSVP to Bev @ 330-755-7274, Priscilla @ 330-755-9966 or call the parish office @ 330-755-9819.

## PIROHY SALES @ Holy Trinity Church



**Cabbage & Lekvar Pirohy** are available to order during the Christmas season. Limit of 1 dozen per order.

Cost: \$10.00 per dozen

### *Thank You To Last Week's Pirohy Workers!*

Virginia Bartos, Doris Almasy, Ann Zajac, Michele Liggett, Bill & Pauline Chrapcynski, Mike Clemente, Barb Micco, Joe Restivo, Karen Ewsichuk, Kathy Ramun, Bill Ulicny, Mary Helen Accattato, Jim Kavaky, Ed & Bev Yurcisin, Stephen Tarajcak, Diane Rubino, Mary Narducci, Sue & Tony Martucci, Dorothy Popio, Jackie Blake, Marty Oravec, Chris Maker, Cheryl Ranshaw, Brian Svetlak, Bob Sepesy, Paulette Marks, Bob & Chris Granchie

Christ Our Savior Parish

## DRIVE-THRU DINNER

Sponsored by: COSP Holy Name Society

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 9, 2023**



**4 pm - 6 pm**

(or until sold out)

## SAUSAGE SANDWICH

Bag of Chips & Bag of Cookies

**\$6.00**

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**DRIVE-THRU ONLY**

### **Rosary at Calvary Cemetery (Youngstown)**

Join us as we pray the Rosary at Calvary Cemetery in Youngstown on the first Wednesday of the month at 10:00am in the Chapel. We will be led by the Oblate Sisters of the Sacred Heart. All are welcome.

### **Chaplet of Divine Mercy, Fridays at 3pm**

Catholic Funeral and Cemetery Services of the Diocese of Youngstown will be offering The Chaplet of Divine Mercy Prayer Service in the chapels of our Cemeteries at 3:00pm every Friday at alternating locations:

-First Friday of the month at Calvary Cemetery Chapel in Youngstown.

-Second Friday of the month at Resurrection Cemetery Chapel in Austintown.

### **CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY FOR THE PROTECTION OF CHILDREN AND VULNERABLE ADULTS**

#### **EDUCATION & SCREENING**

All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: [doy.org/safe-environment/](http://doy.org/safe-environment/).

#### **REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE**

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

#### **Contact Information**

Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388

**Email:** [dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org)

**By Mail:** Catholic Diocese of Youngstown,

Attn: Dominic Colucy

144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: [doy.org/safe-environment/](http://doy.org/safe-environment/).

### **G.F. Handel's "Messiah" at Saint Columba Cathedral**

The Diocese of Youngstown is partnering with the Warren Civic Chorus to bring Handel's most recognizable work to the Cathedral of St. Columba! This concert will feature a collaboration with the Warren Civic Chorus Singers and the music directors from the Diocese of Youngstown. In the spirit of bringing people together and sharing great musical experiences, all are invited to come fill the Cathedral and experience this wonderful musical event. The concert will be on **Monday, December 4, 2023 from 7:00 p.m. – 8:30 p.m.** followed by a reception in the Cathedral Hall. A free will offering will benefit Second Harvest Food Bank

### **Lessons and Carols-Sunday December 10th at 6pm: St. Columba Cathedral**

Come and hear musical excellence at the Cathedral of St. Columba as the tradition of Lessons and Carols continues this year. All in the diocese are invited to come and let the music wash over you as the hauntingly beautiful "O Antiphons" setting by Peter Hallock are sung with many other musical anthems and hymns. This event is free and open to the public and a free will offering benefits the Cathedral Music Program.

### **Christmas of Remembrance**

We would like to cordially invite you and your family to attend our Christmas of Remembrance Event at all 4 Diocesan Cemeteries on December 6 and hang an ornament on our Christmas Tree in Remembrance of your dearly departed loved one at the cemetery. You can bring your own ornament or decorate one of ours. Doors open at 5:00 for registration, refreshments and ornament decorating and the prayer service starts at 6:00. All are welcome.

### **Living Bread Radio Network**

Great Catholic Music features Advent Music starting December 3rd. Listen live all day, every day streaming at [GreatCatholicMusic.com](http://GreatCatholicMusic.com), on Alexa or download our free app.

The feast of Our Lady of Guadalupe is Tuesday, December 12th. The novena to Our Lady, the Patroness of the Americas, will be prayed throughout the day on Living Bread Radio from December 4-12. Tune in to pray along with us on AM 1060 (NE Ohio), 94.5 FM (Canton) and 89.5 FM (Youngstown).



COSP Bingo @ St. Nicholas Great Hall

**Thursday at 10am**

Bingo Packages:

Small: \$30.00 - Large: \$40.00

**Doors open at 8:30 AM**



**Holy Trinity Pirohy**

orders are taken from

**9 AM - 11 AM on Thursdays Only**

@ 330-755-0064.

**Potato Pirohy**

**Cost: \$8.00 per dozen**

(Limit of 3 dozen)

Pick-up on **Friday from 11 AM - 1 PM**



The **COSP FOOD PANTRY** at **HOLY TRINITY CHURCH** is open from **9:30 - 11am** on **MONDAYS** for anyone in need of assistance.

Please park your car and pick up your box at the stained glass doors.

Please note that the food pantry will be **CLOSED** on Christmas Day and New Year's Day. The pantry will open on Tuesday, December 26 and Tuesday, January 2 from 9:30 - 11am.

Food pantry donations can be dropped off at the parish office or in the St. Nicholas Lower Church.

**SUGGESTED DONATIONS FOR DECEMBER:**

Cereal, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soup, Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Rice, Sweet Potatoes, Mashed Potatoes, Macaroni & Cheese, Boxed Stuffing, Canned Vegetables & Fruit, Boxed Cookie Mix, Cake Mix, Instant Pudding/Jello, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Baby Wipes, Diapers, Baby Food, Toilet Paper, Paper Towels, Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste.



*Christmas Food Giveaway*

*Monday, December 18, 2023*

*9:30am - 11am*

*Holy Trinity Food Pantry*

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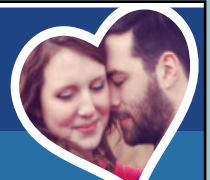
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