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OCTOBER 5, 2025



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ST. NICHOLAS CHURCH

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Daily Mass Schedule

Monday

8:30am - Holy Rosary Church

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30am - St. Nicholas Church

Friday

8:30am - Christ The Good Shepherd

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday | 4pm - St. Nicholas Church

Sunday | 8am - Holy Trinity Church

9:30am - Holy Rosary Church

11am - Christ the Good Shepherd

St. Nicholas School

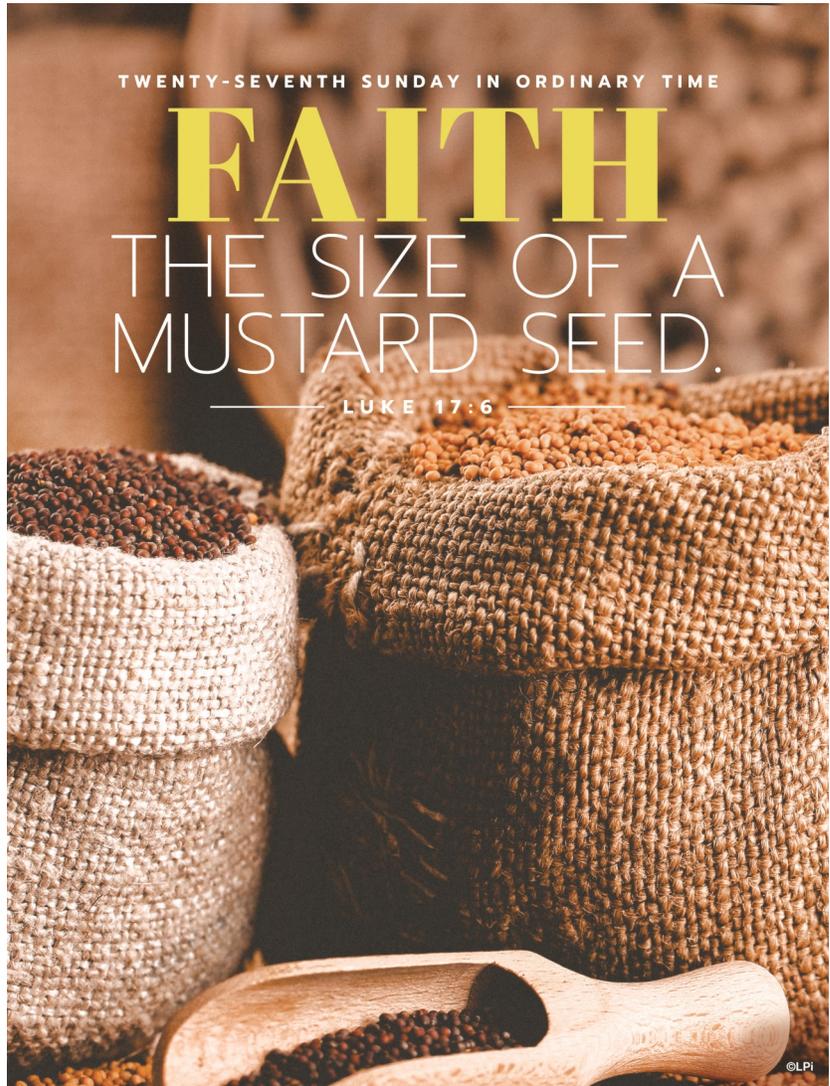
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Parish Office Hours

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

Rev. Thomas Kraszewski

Pastor

Religious Education

330-755-6245

BAPTISM

We baptize the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month. A preparatory class is required. Contact the Parish 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

Saturday, October 4

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Catherine Gerlach (Family)
Gary Kalbasky (Grace Pape)
Thomas Gregory (Ron Hamrock)
Donald T. Coppola (Richard Zoldak)
Lawrence, Darrold & Larry Carroll (Marilyn)
Bill Jones (Karen & Mary Jean Antal)

Sunday, October 5

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Anthony Melchionne (Bill & Erma Shea)
Antonio Battaglini (Carmen & Angela Ramunno)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Monday, October 6

8:30 am: Holy Rosary Church: People of the Parishes

Tuesday, October 7

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Vito Carchedi (Wife & Family)

Wednesday, October 8

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Agnes Ginnetti (Navy & Payne Family)

Thursday, October 9

8:30 am: St. Nicholas Church: Steve & Helen Martinko (Lehtinen Family)

Friday, October 10

8:30 am: Christ The Good Shepherd:

Saturday, October 11

4:00 pm: St. Nicholas Church:
Frank & Bertha Conti (Ralph Genova Jr)
Michael Quaranto (Sis & Joe VanOudenhove)
Donald Malatok (Ron Carnahan)
Marie D'Altorio (Alan & Maria Pavalko)
John Payne (Family)
Helen Soldo (Family)

Sunday, October 12

8:00 am: Holy Trinity Church:
Gene Babik (John & Carole Garchar)
Edward Vonhanel (Family)
9:30am: Holy Rosary Church
11:00 am: Christ the Good Shepherd

Memorial Candles

for the week of October 12, 2025

Frank & Carmel Quattro (*Family*) St. Nicholas Church
Patrick & Honey Gentile (*Ralph Genova Jr*) St. Nicholas Church
Shirley Commisso (*Dominick*) Holy Trinity Church
John & Anna Korechko (*Grandchildren*) Holy Trinity Church
Phillip & Mary Ann Constantino (*Doreen*) Holy Trinity Church



GOSPEL MEDITATION

Encourage Deeper Understanding Of Scripture

A priest friend of mine received a call from a family whose elderly mother was dying. Within thirty minutes, he was at her bedside, offering the consolation of the sacraments, anointing her with the oil of the sick, and commending her soul to God. She passed not long after, and for months, her family spoke of their deep gratitude for his presence. When I phoned him to commend his faithful ministry, he simply said, "I was just doing my job."

His words brought to mind Jesus' teaching this week in Luke 17:10: **"So you also, when you have done everything you were told to do, should say, 'We are unworthy servants; we have only done our duty.'"** In a world that often seeks recognition and applause, the Lord invites us into a different mindset — one of humble service. The priest did not see his response as extraordinary; he saw it as a grace to fulfill his vocation.

How tempting it is to seek affirmation for doing what I ought to do! Yet Jesus reminds us that true discipleship is not about grandstanding but about quiet faithfulness. It is enough to have served. It is enough to have loved. It is enough to be grateful that we were given the chance to do our duty in the first place. Whether in priesthood, parenthood, or any vocation, what peace-soaked freedom there is in simply doing what is asked of us. No more, no less. Jesus, that is how you quietly love us.

— Father John Muir

STEWARDSHIP

“For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control.” *2 Timothy 1:7*

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything - all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

	Envelopes:	Online:
September 28th	\$6,236.00	\$870.00
Energy:	\$5.00	
Mass Attendance:	324	

Oct. Envelopes: Energy, Mission Sunday, Security, St. Vincent de Paul

EVERYDAY STEWARDSHIP

How Much Is Enough?

During a conversation about good stewardship of money and time, my daughter shared that sometimes doing the best thing was so hard for her to do. It wasn't always a matter of right and wrong, black and white, but a matter of better and best. I began to reflect on the truth of her statement. When confronted with a decision, we can sometimes be given a choice of good, better, and best. We fool ourselves into believing that the good choice is not a bad one, so it must be enough. However, we have essentially placed a limit on our generosity or commitment with our false sense of good stewardship.

Jesus calls us in different ways every day. Sometimes the cost to us is clear. Yet sometimes there is no clear metric. When called to love, how much love is enough? When someone needs our time, how many hours is enough? When a small gift will bring about a positive outcome, what could a larger gift accomplish?

Don't be fooled by Jesus' teaching of the mustard seed. He was speaking to those who were caught up in concerns of status, uncertainty of heart, and lack of true faith. Jesus taught with parables and then demonstrated true faith and generosity by his crucifixion. Perhaps the mustard seed of faith allows us to move mountains and trees so that we may see through to the horizon of the cross. In the cross, we find the real metric of love and generosity that is for all who follow Him.

— Tracy Earl Welliver

October is Respect Life Month

Each October, the Church draws special attention to the sanctity of all human life by observing Respect Life Month. Sunday, October 5th has been designated Respect Life Sunday, and its theme, "Life: Our Sign of Hope".

The daily headlines remind us of how desperately our world is thirsting for the hope that only God can provide.... the gift of human life exists as a sign of hope to our world today, defying the powers of darkness and the culture of death. Nationwide our Church asks us to ponder this weekend how each of us and our society can better respect all human life.

On this Respect Life Sunday, we must first consider who we are, at the deepest level. God creates us in his image and likeness, which means we are made to be in a loving relationship with Him. The essence of our identity and worth, the source of our dignity, is that we are loved by God: “We are not the sum of our weaknesses and failures; we are the sum of the Father’s love for us and our real capacity to become the image of his Son.” (from Saint John Paul II, 2002)

We are called to divine intimacy, true communion with God, and we can grow in this closeness with him through daily prayer, reading the Scriptures, and frequent participation in the sacraments, especially the Eucharist. This is how we answer our missionary call. This is how we build a culture of life, a culture that joyfully proclaims the truth of God’s love, purpose, and plan for each person. Changing the culture is a process of conversion that begins in our own hearts and includes a willingness to be instructed and a desire to be close to Jesus—the source of joy and love.

When we encounter Christ, experience his love, and deepen our relationship with him, we become more aware of our own worth and that of others. His love for each person is cause for great joy, and growing understanding of this priceless treasure motivates us to share his love with others. Our lives are often changed by the witness of others; so too, others’ lives may be changed by our witness and authentic friendship with them. This Jubilee Year we are challenged to be agents of hope to those whose hearts are burdened by trial, difficulty, or suffering, offering them the hope that comes from Christ Jesus alone.

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL: Next Weekend, October 11/12, we will have a second collection for the Mission Cooperative Appeal. This program increases missionary awareness among the faithful whose donations, in turn, help the missionary organizations to continue their evangelization efforts and maintain their congregations, seminaries and convents.

Saint Nicholas School News

Saint Nicholas School is taking registrations for the 2025-2026 school year. Come and check out what our school has to offer. Students who are attending or would be attending an eligible school can apply for the EdChoice Traditional Scholarship. 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.

School Mass Wednesday, October 8th at 8:30am.

All are welcome.

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.*

Catholic Scouting Awards

The Diocese of Youngstown's Catholic Committee on Scouting invites all scouts to consider earning their Catholic Scouting religious award. These awards are for both Girl and Boy Scouts of all ages. Young scouts can earn the awards at home while older scouts need to take classes which are forming now.

For more information email bobgranchie@sbcglobal.net

What a great way to combine the Scouting Spirit and the Holy Spirit into your life.

2026 Mass Intentions/Memorial Candles

We will open the 2026 Mass book on **Wednesday, October 15, 2025**. Please call the parish office @ 330-755-9819 from 8am - noon and 1pm - 4pm to schedule your intention/candle.

Each household can schedule 2 weekend Masses and 1 weekday Mass at this time. Memorial candles can also be scheduled and will be announced at Mass.

Religious Education

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

Bible Study

Bible Study will continue on Thursdays at 6:00 pm in the conference room of the parish office.

Youth Ministry

We will meet on Sundays in the St. Nicholas lower church hall starting at 1:00 pm. All youth of the parish in 7th through 12th grade are welcome.



Centering Prayer Group - meets from **3:30 - 4:30pm** on the **2nd & 4th Tuesdays** of the month in the St. Nicholas Lower Church Chapel. Tuesday, November 11 will be the last meeting of the year. Meetings will be cancelled if St. Nicholas School is closed due to inclement weather.

Chapel Crochet & Knitting Group - meets the **1st Monday** of the month at **6:30 pm** in the **St. Nicholas School library**. All skill levels are welcome. Contact Virginia Bartos at 330-406-0364 for more information.

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

Knights of Columbus 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.

Thank You To Last Week's Pirohy Workers

Mary Helen Accattato, Doris Almasy, Virginia Bartos, Jackie Blake, Pauline Chrapcynski, Mike Clemente, Karen Ewsichek, Dan & Maria Ginnetti, Bob & Chris Granchie, Carol Grimm, Jim Kavaky, Lora Latessa, Chris Maker, Paulette Marks, Sue & Tony Martucci, MaryAnn McCloskey, Barg Melchionne, Barb Micco, Mary Narducci, Marty Oravec, Patty Pethtel, Debbie Petrusovich, Kathy Ramun, Cheryl Ranshaw, Joe & Michele Restivo, Diane Rubino, Bob Sepesy, Faye & Stephen Tarajcak, Carla Wilaj, Linda Zappia, Rich Zebrowski

(PRACTICING)

CATHOLIC

The Father Who Knows What You Want

It's easy to give your kid what he's asking for. It's hard to give him what he wants.

If a kid asks to eat an ice cream cone, there's nothing wrong with giving him one. But if he's grumpily demanding an ice cream cone at 7:45 in the morning, what he wants — whether he realizes it or not — is some protein and whole grains and a little encouragement to get him going on his day.

So you give him eggs and toast, and you watch him struggle to accept it. Sometimes he does and sometimes he doesn't, but either way, you'll be here. You'll forgive him for whatever names he calls you and you'll put the healthy breakfast in the fridge, waiting for him when he's ready to eat it.

"Increase my faith." I've said it to God plenty of times, imagining a prayer life that is effortless and a sacramental life that is uncomplicated, an acceptance of truth that is unshakeable. Easy faith — that's what I'm asking for, and lots of it, please.

But easy faith isn't faith at all, and faith that you aren't strong enough to hold will break your arms. And what God will never do is say, "Sure, kiddo, here you go," and pass off a false gift as the real thing, just to make us both feel good. He won't hand me something I'm not strong enough to hold.

That would be a classic lazy-father move. That would be an ice-cream-cone-at-7:45 a.m. move.

Instead, He watches carefully while I navigate the bumpy terrain of the spiritual life, ready to whisper directions in my ear. He holds his breath while the challenges of this world create deep grooves in my soul — and then He irrigates those grooves with the life-giving waters of grace, transforming them into valleys of consolation and respite.

Sometimes I call Him names. Sometimes I refuse what He's offering. It's not what I asked for, after all.

But it's what I want. Luckily, He knows that better than me.

- Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman



PRAYER REQUESTS

OUR SICK

Linda Agnew	Ashley Moody
Catherine Armstrong	Wendy Pakalnis
Marie Belloto	Beth Ferrell Pearce
Marilyn Blissenbach	Sebastian Pieton
Ed Bonilla Jr	Sherry Pieton
Sally Branson	Anthony Pignatelli
Linda Dallevalle	Doreen Ponigar
Kathy Dean	Elizabeth Quarm
Blake Doss	Jeanette Rusu
Donny	Richard Shubert
Melissa Ferro	Robert Skalada
Stan Floryjanski	Jack D Slifka
Kathy Grecko	Sgt. Robert Smith
Heather Hanlon	Goldie Strong
Brandon Hull	Tom Sweder
Chester Leone	Kathy Tomko
Mark Lett	Hannah Tringhese
Shauntelle Lett	Matt Turner
Michael Lombard	Janet Will
George S Maczko Jr	Blake Wilson
Ed Mahoney	Larry Yates
James Marco	David Yost
Maria Meadors	Richard Zebrowski
Joe Mogulich	

OUR HOMEBOUND

Penny Barone
Christine Peluso Kinsley

THOSE IN NURSING HOMES or ASSISTED LIVING

Darlene Fox	Marie Phillips
Norma Higgins	Patricia Watt
John Kotch	Regina Yurick
Anna Leenheer	Amelia Zaluski
Phyllis Miglarese	Linda Ziars

PRAYER FOR THE SICK

For those in pain and in sorrow, God be their comfort.

For caretakers and medical staff, God give them grace.

Surround those afflicted with Your love, care, and mercy, You who are our healing and hope.

Amen.



for *Christian Tuscano*
& his recurring medical expenses

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 | 3 - 7pm
St. Nicholas Great Hall in Struthers

50/50 Raffle | Chinese Auction
Tickets: 1 for \$1 • 15 for \$10 • 30 for \$20

Admission: \$10 Adults, \$5 Ages 5 - 10, 5 & Under FREE

For pre-sale dinner ticket info, please contact:
Jeff Janci: 330-519-6822 or



The Parish Nurses &
The St. Vincent DePaul Society
of Christ Our Savior Parish

Cordially Invite You To Participate In Their Annual

Winter Coat Drive

We are asking for donations of Gently Used or New WINTER COATS. Donations can be dropped off at the Parish Office or in the St. Nicholas Lower Church. We especially need coats for children of all ages.

**We will also accept
Gloves, Scarves, Hats and Socks.**

Anyone In Need of Winter Coats or who knows of a family in need, please come to the St. Nicholas Lower Church at 11:00am on Sunday, October 19th.

Thank You In Advance For Your Continued Support And Generosity!

OUR LADY OF THE HOLY ROSARY

Cavatelli Dinner with Basket Raffle

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 2, 2025
11:00AM TO 4 PM

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2026 MASS INTENTION POLICIES FORM



1. One mass a week must be scheduled for the **People of the Parishes**.
2. We will schedule **6 intentions** for the **Saturday/Sunday Masses**.
3. A single Mass intention will be scheduled for the 8:30am Mass on Tuesday, Wednesday & Thursday.
4. Each household can schedule **two (2) Weekend Masses** and one **(1) weekday Mass** at this time.
5. Scheduling of Masses will be done by phone @ **330-755-9819** between 8am - noon and 1pm - 4pm.
6. We will NOT accept mass intentions for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Easter Vigil, Easter Sunday, Mother's Day Weekend, Father's Day Weekend, All Saints' Day, All Souls' Day (November 2), Christmas Eve, Christmas Day and New Year's Day.
7. Diocesan guidelines suggest \$10 as a proper Mass/Candle offering.
8. Memorial Candles may also be scheduled at this time and will be announced at Mass.



HOLY TRINITY CHURCH PIROHY

Orders are taken on
Wednesdays 4pm - 6pm and
Thursdays 9am - 10am
@ 234-275-8705.

Potato - \$8 per dozen (3 dozen limit)

Pick-up on **Friday** from **11am - 1pm**



FOOD PANTRY

The COSP Food Pantry at Holy Trinity Church will be **OPEN** from **9:30am - 11am** on the following Mondays:

- ⇒ **October 6**
- ⇒ **October 13**
- ⇒ **October 27**
- ⇒ **November 10**
- ⇒ **November 24**
- ⇒ **December 8**
- ⇒ **December 22**

Suggested Donations for September: Cereal, Sauce, Pasta, Macaroni & Cheese, Canned Vegetables, Peanut Butter, Jelly, Soup, Pancake Mix, Syrup

Soap, Shampoo, Toothpaste, Toilet Paper
Paper Towels

Baby Food, Formula, Diapers, Baby Wipes

Please drop off donations at the parish office or the St. Nicholas lower church.



BINGO

COSP@ St. Nicholas Great Hall

Thursdays at 10am

Bingo Packages
Small: \$30 - Large: \$40

Doors open at 8:30am

BINGO VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

We are in desperate need of volunteers who can help out at Thursday morning Bingo at the St. Nicholas Great Hall. If you have some free time and would like to help please call Priscilla 330-755-9966 or Bev Pack 330-727-2244 (c) or 330-755-7274 (H) for more information.

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