



# ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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## LITURGY SCHEDULE

**SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.**

**SUNDAY 8:30 and 11:15 a.m.**  
**8:30 and 10:30 a.m. (Summer)**

**WEEKDAY 8:00 a.m. Tues.-Thur.**

**HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL LITURGIES**  
*(please refer to bulletin)*

**RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)**  
*Saturdays 4:00-4:30 p.m.*

**EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION**  
*First Friday each month*  
*7:00-9:00 p.m.*

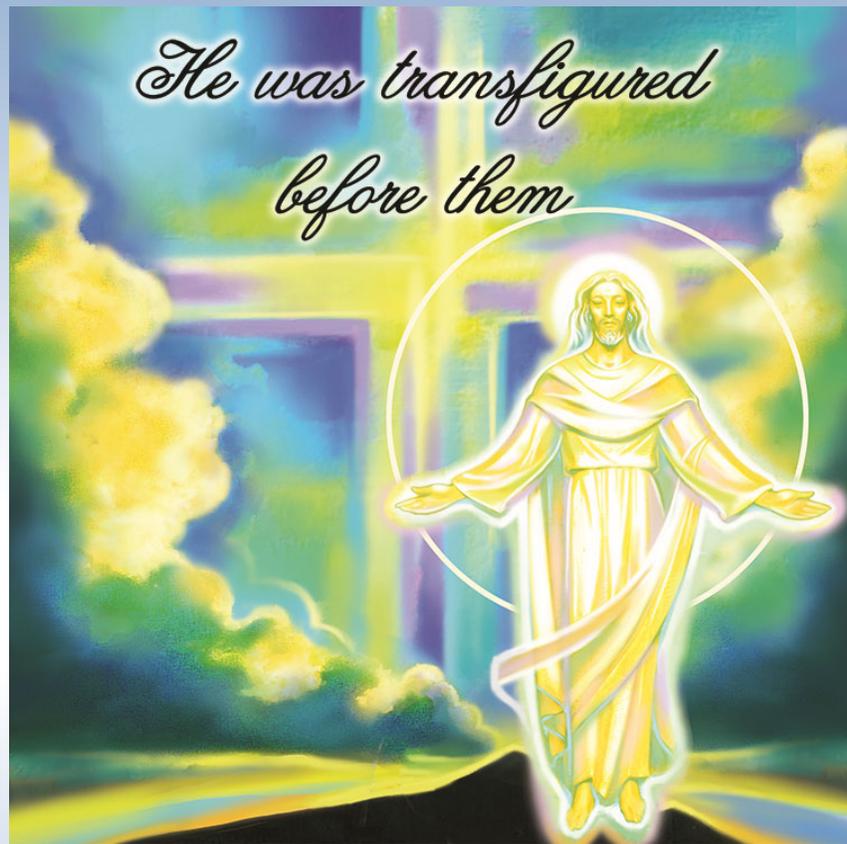
**HOLY ROSARY**  
*First Saturday each month*  
*4:20 p.m.*



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## SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

March 12, 2017



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### THE JOURNEY OF TRANSFIGURATION

"We used to be such good friends. How is it that you've moved so far away?" one man asked another. "Perhaps," the other replied, "you have moved away. By standing still." This exchange very well could have happened between Peter and Jesus, had Peter been allowed to erect tents to stay on the mount of the Transfiguration. He nearly succumbed to the temptation to stay in a place of wonder and light. But Jesus knew the hard truth: we are on a continual journey when we are walking the paths of God's will. It is not good for us to stay in one place on our faith journey. Equally unhealthy is staying put in times of joy and wonder to avoid life's difficulties, or to wallow in our trials and temptations and fail to be companions for our sisters and brothers who are also suffering--or celebrating! The pilgrim Church is required to do one thing on its Lenten journey: to walk continually with Christ as his Body born of water and the Spirit, seeking God's will, helping the reign of God to be known on earth, being led to the end of our journey, transfigured for all time into the company of heaven.

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## TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

The Blessed Sacrament was not reserved in church buildings in the first centuries of the church. In those early years, of course, people met in borrowed "house churches," gathering on the Lord's Day for community, apostolic teaching, the breaking of the bread, and the prayers, as Acts of the Apostles tells us. Dispersed, people went their way into the workaday world until the next assembly. Weighing down their hearts was the absence of brothers and sisters, not only the sick, but those imprisoned for the faith. No wonder they developed a way of extending the food of the Holy Table to them.

Forty years ago, every altar boy in training heard about Saint Tarcisus. He was a twelve-year-old boy at the time of intense persecution in fourth-century Rome. His community had begun to convey the consecrated bread from their Eucharist to those condemned to death or awaiting trial. Normally deacons did this, but on one occasion, it was necessary to send the boy to bear the holy mysteries to the prison. The legend says that he was an athlete, and was detained on the way by some playmates who wanted him to join in their game. When he refused, they demanded to know what he was carrying. The situation went from bad to worse, and he was badly beaten and died of his injuries. A hundred years later, a pope called him a second St. Stephen. In the nineteenth century, Cardinal Nicholas Wiseman of England wrote a novel in which he expanded the story and popularized it. By then, no one seemed to notice that this twelve-year-old was actually touching and ministering the Eucharist, unthinkable until recently. Scholars say the story rings true: the first reason for setting some Eucharistic bread aside was not adoration, but Communion of the sick.

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## LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass ..... *Austin Heritage*  
 11:15 a.m. Mass.... *Sam Head*  
 Mon. No Liturgy  
 Tues. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *Janis Rooth*  
 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *People of the Parish*  
 6:30-8:00 p.m. .... *Evening of Reconciliation*  
 Thur. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *John Erickson*  
 Fri. 7:00 p.m. Stations of the Cross  
 Sat. 4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation  
 5:00 p.m. Mass..... *Louise Kaluba*  
 Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass ..... *Bill & Rose Sontag*  
 11:15 a.m. Mass.... *Clara Koerlin*

## THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Dn 9:4b-10; Ps 79:8, 9,11,13; Lk 6:36-38  
 Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20; Ps 50:8-9,16bc-17,21,23;  
 Mt 23:1-12  
 Wed: Jer 18:18-20; Ps 31:5-6,14-16; Mt 20:17-28  
 Thur: Jer 17:5-10; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 16:19-31  
 Fri: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a; 17b-28a; Ps 105:16-21;  
 Mt 21:33-43, 45-46  
 Sat: Mi 7:14-15,18-20; Ps 103:1-4,9-12;  
 Lk 15:1-3, 11-32  
**To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .**  
 Sun: Ex 17:3-7; Ps 95:1-2,6-9; Rom 5:1-2,5-8;  
 Jn 4:5-42 [5-15,19b-26,39a,40-42]

## PASTOR'S CORNER

The Lenten Season encourages us to pray, fast and offer charitable assistance to meet the needs of those who are poor and suffering. In doing so faithfully, we can hopefully allow God to more strongly influence and transform our lives and bring about change in a world that needs to listen more intently to the presence, voice and wisdom of God. This does not occur in our lives by magic. We do not all have spiritual highs and mountaintop experiences. We need to ask God to free us from the distractions and darkness that results from not taking time to listen and follow Christ our Light in the ordinary moments of our daily lives.

Fr. Ed Stafford

## PRAYER INTENTIONS

|                    |                        |                    |
|--------------------|------------------------|--------------------|
| Suzy Hafemeister   | Joe Robine             | Dan Nuti           |
| Diane Sanderson    | Sabina Delgado         | Irene Welling      |
| Cheryl Erickson    | Andy Kollarik          | Joan Kodash        |
| Mary Ann Feddor    | Dean Kohanyi           | Jane Raps          |
| Zoe Craig (Pinter) | Dan Baumbick           | Kathy Morcarski    |
| Bunny Fritz        | Natalie Jahn           | Alivia Julliana    |
| E. Louise Clark    | Chuck & Marcia Verardi | Tammy Cozzone      |
| Sharon Olszak      | Reynaldo S. Bernardo   | Kathy Paroff       |
| Timothy Holka      | Lily Peterson          | Marcia Reed        |
| Sarah Tedrick      | Chuck Holka            | Kathy Morris       |
| Barb Moore         | Klara Rose Fitzpatrick | Mary Leinen        |
| Kyle Painley       | Keith Ruffner          | Fr. Michael Balash |



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## LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—3/18-19:

|                    | 5:00 p.m.              | 8:30 a.m.   | 11:15 a.m.   |
|--------------------|------------------------|---|--|
| <b>SERVERS</b>     | T. Gall                | J. Gerhardt   | S. Maretka<br>B. Potts   |
| <b>LECTORS</b>     | M. Clapp<br>J. Horvath | J. D'Aurelio<br>J. Sawyer   | D. Engelhart<br>D. Engelhart   |
| <b>EUCH. MIN.</b>  | L. Davis<br>J. Robine  | D. Kruis<br>J. Kruis<br>M. Romanello<br>A. Anderson<br>C. DeLair<br>K. Trares | R. Skocdopole<br>M. Ward-Clayton<br>A. Wetshtein<br>D. Bukas<br>C. Casalicchio<br>B. Colin |
| <b>MASS SET-UP</b> | Staff                  | R. Custer   | R. Fitzgerald  |
| <b>CLEANERS</b>    | J. Garey               |   |  |

## ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Schedules for April-June are now being prepared. If you need any major change in your scheduling as Lector, Server or Eucharistic Minister, please contact the Parish Office **by Monday, March 13.**

## STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

ASH WEDNESDAY (3/1): \$ 978.00  
 SUNDAY COLLECTION (3/5): \$5,736.25  
 ONLINE GIVING (3/5): \$ 895.00  
 WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$6,125.00  
 OVER/UNDER: +\$ 506.25  
 # OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE: 209 (of 488)  
 CHILDREN'S OFFERING: \$ 0



## STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

God calls all of us to leave behind our old ways and to follow Him, placing our complete trust in Him. Some of the old ways that we may have to struggle to leave behind might be materialism, selfishness and greed. Yet God promises to show us a new land and a better way to live.

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to the Gospel

# LENT

### CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

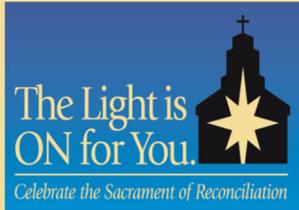
The Old Testament reading and the Gospel provide two examples of God speaking in plain words that God's listeners can understand. In Genesis, Abram hears God tell him to leave his family's land. God makes majestic declarations about Abram's future and promises to lead him to a new home. Without comment, Abram picks up and goes "as the LORD directed him." God speaks; Abram listens and obeys. In the Gospel, God's voice booms from a shining cloud: "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Peter, James, and John hear God's words loud and clear, and the experience overwhelms them.

But how often do we hear God's voice so distinctly? While we admire the religious experiences of Abram and of Jesus' disciples, we might be tempted to think that they have it easy. We imagine that we too would obey God's direct orders, if only we could hear them as unmistakably as Abram did. We suspect it would be irresistible to live as modern disciples if glowing clouds hovered above our heads and revealed divine truths. Saint Paul's Letter to Timothy proposes another way. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.

### RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES

Several opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before Easter will be offered throughout Lent. Confessions will be heard the following dates and times:

✠ Saturdays, 4:00-4:30 p.m.



✠ Wednesday, March 15, the Diocese of Youngstown will sponsor "The Light is ON for You" ~ An Evening of Reconciliation.

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at all parishes throughout the Diocese from 6:30 to 8:00 p.m. During this Lenten Season all Catholics are reminded to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten observance in preparation for Easter. This opportunity provides us with an awareness of God's deep abiding love through His forgiveness and mercy. Be part of this special event and receive God's grace and mercy through the Sacrament of Reconciliation this Wednesday.

✠ Portage County Deanery Communal Penance Service - Monday, March 20, KSU Newman Center, Kent, 7:00 p.m.

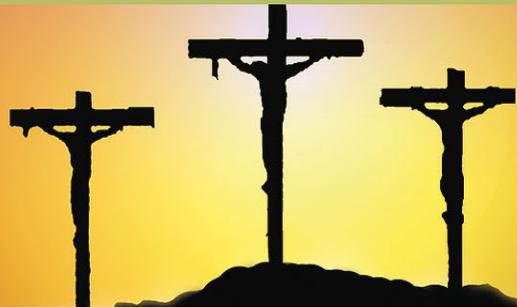
✠ Portage County Deanery Communal Penance Service - Wednesday, March 22, St. Joan of Arc, Streetsboro, 7:00 p.m.



Fasting is one of the most ancient actions linked to Lent. Fasting rules have changed through the ages, but throughout Church history fasting has been considered sacred. The prophet Isaiah insists that fasting without changing our behavior is not pleasing to God. Therefore, the goal of fasting is linked with prayer. The pangs of hunger remind us of our hunger for God, and prayer and fasting together brings us to what Lent is about - a deeper conversion.

### CELEBRATING ST. PATRICK DAY

Since Saint Patrick Day, March 17, falls on a Friday during Lent this year, Bishop George Murry is granting a dispensation for Catholics in the Diocese of Youngstown from the obligation to abstain from eating meat on that day. In granting this dispensation, he is requiring the faithful, if they take advantage of the dispensation to undertake the Friday abstinence on another day that week of their choosing.



Please plan to join our parish family for Stations of the Cross Fridays of Lent at 7:00 p.m. in the church. On the April 7, they will be included with our Eucharistic Adoration. Please come pray and reflect on our Lord's passion and its meaning for Catholics. All are welcome.



### FIRST COMMUNION NEWS

There will be a First Communion Parents Meeting on TODAY, March 12, @ 9:50 a.m. in Hughes Hall. We will be making plans for First Communion and the Jesus Day Retreat at this time.

### CONFIRMATION NEWS

Confirmation rehearsal will be held TODAY, **March 12, at 12:30 p.m.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Parish in Aurora. All candidates and sponsors must attend.

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be held on **Sunday, March 19, at 2:00 p.m.** at Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Aurora. A reception will follow in the church hall.

The Recognition Mass for the Confirmation candidates is on **Sunday, March 26, at 11:15 a.m.** here at St. Joseph Church.

**PARENTS:** We need three pictures of your candidate for the Confirmation reception: one of your child's baptism, one of First Communion and a current photo. Please submit these at the parish office as soon as possible.

### PALM SUNDAY PANCAKE BREAKFAST

This year's Pancake Breakfast is on Sunday, April 9. PSR is in need of donations for a gift basket raffle that will be held during this year's Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. Use the following as a guide:

- PreK through 1<sup>st</sup> grade: Donations for a 'games' basket
- 2<sup>nd</sup> through 4<sup>th</sup> grade: Donations for a 'garden' basket
- 6<sup>th</sup> through 8<sup>th</sup> grade: Donations for a 'pamper me' basket

Please bring your donations to the PSR office. If you have any questions, contact Peg Haney at [phaney@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:phaney@stjosephmantua.com) or 330-274-2268.

### EASTER EGG HUNT

We are in need of candy, plastic eggs, small toys and stuffed animals for this year's Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, immediately following the Noon Blessing of Easter Food. You can drop off your donations in the narthex or in the PSR office. If you have any questions, contact Peg Haney at [phaney@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:phaney@stjosephmantua.com) or 330-274-2268.

### SUPPORT CATHOLIC RADIO

AM 1060 and 94.5 FM (Canton vicinity) Catholic Radio - the Living Bread Radio Network on-air pledge drive on March 14, 15, and 16 will bring you special programming and an opportunity to pledge your support to keep Catholic radio on the air, on the web, and on your phone as they increase programming. Have you heard the Catholic Challenge Quiz Show at noon on Saturdays and Sundays? Call in your pledge to 888-966-2093 or donate on-line at [livingbreadradio.com](http://livingbreadradio.com).

### NURSING HOME BINGO GIFTS NEEDED

St. Joseph Cares is in need of donations of small prizes for Bingo. Items needed include male & female cologne, 2-1 shampoo, body spray, notepads/pens, large print word find, small mirror w/brush or comb, and body lotion. Please place your donations in the basket provided in the Narthex next weekend. On the third Wednesday evening of each month, members of our St. Joseph Cares entertain the folks of the Arbors at Streetsboro, (formerly Maplewood Care Center) with a Bingo Night. An hour and a half is spent with the residents, who get great pleasure from their attendance. Bingo gifts and refreshments are also supplied. Volunteers to help with this outreach effort are always welcome. If you have any questions, please contact Jeanine Mackzo (330-715-



### WOMEN'S RENEWAL IN PARKMAN

SS. Edward and Lucy Parish, 161650 Center St., Parkman, cordially invites women 18 years or older of our parish to a their Christ Renew His Parish Women's Renewal, April 1 & 2. This weekend is designed to bring women together in Christ and focuses on the Gospel, growth in Christian life and in our daily contact with others. The Renewal begins at 8:00 a.m. Saturday and ends in the afternoon on Sunday. It is free and all meals and snacks are provided (faith donations accepted). Please take this journey for individual spiritual growth through personal prayer and reflections. Registration forms are available in the Narthex or Parish Office and should be returned by March 24. For more info., please contact Sharon Stanley (440-632-8333).

### START TALKING PORTAGE

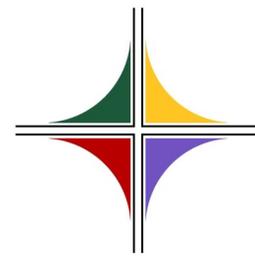
"Start Talking Portage" is a community partnership that meets in the basement of Christ Lutheran Church, 10827 Main St., Mantua, on the fourth Tuesday of each month at 6:00 p.m. to plan events to tackle the growing addiction problems in Portage County. It is a community partnership that is working to end drug abuse in Portage County by assisting all community members with the knowledge and resources available to help. As a result of this partnership, opportunities are provided for community members to learn more about the opioid and heroin overdoses in Portage County.

Through the Portage County Health Department Project DAWN (Deaths Avoided With Naloxone) kits were made available at the end of the program to those who are in a position to help someone nearing an overdose and preventing a death. The HIPS (Hidden In Plain Sight) is an awareness program for parents that has been presented in our area. It is designed to educate them on things that they may find in their child's room, book bag, or car. They may think the item is innocent, but the item may indicate that their child may be involved in some risky behavior. For any questions about "Start Talking Portage", please contact Mantua Village Mayor, Linda Clark 330-274-8776 x155.

### EASTER FLOWER FUND INTENTIONS

To remember that special someone, contributions to our Easter Flower Fund may be made by using the special envelope included in your contribution envelope packet (or a plain envelope) or through our secure WeShare Online Giving (<https://stjosephmantua.weshareonline.org>). **Donations must be received by Monday, April 3, to be printed in the bulletin.** Be sure to PRINT the names of those you wish memorialize and indicate whether your contribution is "in memory of" (deceased) or "in honor of" (living).





**WEDNESDAY ~ MARCH 15 ~ 6:30—8:00 p.m.**  
***Sacrament of Reconciliation available at all parishes***

**How to Make a Good Confession**

*The penitent and the priest begin with the sign of the Cross, saying: **In the Name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.***

*The priest urges the penitent to have confidence in God with these or similar words: **May the Lord be in your heart and help you to confess your sins with true sorrow.***

*The priest may read or say a passage from Sacred Scripture after which the penitent then states: **Forgive me, Father, for I have sinned. It has been (however many days, weeks, months or years) since my last confession.***

*The penitent then states their sins. For confession to be valid, the penitent must confess all sins they are aware of having committed since their last confession, be sorry for them, and have a firm purpose of amendment of trying not to commit the same sins in the future.*

*After this, the priest generally offers some advice to the penitent and gives a penance. The penitent is then asked to pray an act of contrition doing so in their own words, or by one of many acts of contrition like the following: **O My God, I am sorry for my sins with all my heart. In choosing to do wrong and failing to do good, I have sinned against you, whom I should love above all things. I firmly intend, with the help of your grace, to do penance, to sin no more and to avoid whatever leads me to sin. Our Savior, Jesus Christ, suffered and died for us. In His Name, O Lord, have mercy.***

*The priest then absolves the penitent in the following words: **God, the Father of mercies, through the death and resurrection of his Son has reconciled the world to himself and sent the Holy Spirit among us for the forgiveness of sins; through the ministry of the Church may God give you pardon and peace, and I absolve you from your sins in the name of the Father, and of the Son + and of the Holy Spirit.** The penitent makes the sign of the Cross and answers: **Amen.***

*The priest concludes with some brief words of encouragement and dismissal.*

*The penitent should then immediately make every effort to fulfill the penance given.*

**FAQ About Sacrament of Reconciliation**

*Many people have concerns about the Sacrament of Reconciliation. It is hoped that those who have questions may find this useful in helping to overcome whatever hesitations they may have in coming to receive the sacrament.*

**1. Why do I have to confess my sins to a priest?**

That is the way Jesus established it on Easter Sunday evening. He told his apostles that, just as God the Father had sent him to save us from our sins, so he was sending them. He breathed on them the power of the Holy Spirit, giving them God's power to forgive sins, since no one can forgive sins but God alone. He then told them that whatever sins they forgive are forgiven and whatever sins they retain are retained (Jn 20:21-23; Mk 2:7). Since the apostles were unable to read minds, the only way that they would know which to forgive and which to retain is if people told them their sins. Jesus thus established the essential structure of the sacrament of confession.

**2. Why do people vary in calling it the Sacrament of Penance, Confession or Reconciliation?**

The names emphasize different aspects of the sacrament. Penance refers to our repentance, sorrow and resolution to amend our life with God's help. Confession refers to the act by which we tell our sins to a priest. Reconciliation refers to the goal of the celebration by which the sinner is reconciled to God and the Church. The ritual for the sacrament is called the Rite of Penance, but is fitting to refer to it with any of these titles. In fact, the Catechism refers to it also as "the Sacrament of Conversion" and the "Sacrament of Forgiveness."

**3. What do I need to do to make a good confession?**

The sacrament consists of three actions on the part of the penitent: contrition, which is sorrow for one's sins; confession, that is examining one's conscience and telling one's sins to a priest; and penance, namely a desire to make up for one's sins and amend one's life. Together the three are called the "acts of the penitent."

**4. How do I examine my conscience well?**

One does so by asking for God's help and prayerfully examining one's actions in the light of Christ's teaching and example. Some may examine their behavior according to the Ten Commandments; or by Christ's command to love God and love others; or by the beatitudes; or by comparing their behavior to the most important Christian virtues of life. →

# LENT 2017



## 5. How does our sorrow translate into penance?

When we are truly sorry for our sins, we regret having ever done them. That leads naturally to our trying to remedy the damage caused by sin and to having a firm purpose of amendment to avoid that and other types of sins in the future. The priest normally assigns us a penance (for example: prayer, fasting or other types of self-denial, sacrifices, almsgiving, spiritual or corporal works of mercy, or service of neighbor) as a way to begin to repair the damage caused by sin.

## 6. What are the qualities of a good confession?

A good confession is humble, sincere and complete. It is humble when we accuse ourselves of our sins with a deep sorrow for having offended the Lord while imploring his loving mercy. It is sincere when we tell all of our sins honestly and truthfully, without exaggerating or excusing them. It is complete when we confess all of our sins, including the number of times we have committed each one.

## 7. What is sin and what sins need to be confessed in the Sacrament of Penance?

Sin is an offense against God that ruptures our communion with Him and with His Church. It is far more than “breaking the rules,” rather it is a failure to love God and to love others, which in turn causes real damage in all our relationships. There are sins totally incompatible with love for God and others (mortal sins, in which genuine love is “dead”), and sins in which love is less grievously wounded (venial or “easily forgiven”). The Church says that all grave or mortal sins must be confessed as soon as possible.

## 8. What did Jesus say and do about sin?

Jesus is the Lamb of God who came to take away the sins of the world (Jn 1:29). His first public words were “Repent for the kingdom of God is at hand” (Mt 4:17). He healed the sins of the paralyzed man and of the woman caught in adultery (Mk 2:5; Jn 8:11). He preached on God’s desire to reconcile us with the beautiful images of the lost sheep, lost coin and lost son (Lk 15). He taught us how to be brutal toward sin, instructing us in the Sermon on the Mount that it would be better to rip out our eyes or cut off our hands if they were leading us to sin than to do nothing and lose our bodies and souls forever in hell (Mt 5:29-30). He taught us to pray to the Father to forgive us our sins and to bring us to forgive the relatively smaller debts of those who sin against us (Mt 6:12; 18:21-35). And on the Cross, as he prepared to die, Jesus’ salvific words were, first for sinners in general, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing,” and then for one sinner, the Good Thief, in particular (Lk 23:34,43). After his resurrection, not only did Jesus give the apostles the ability to forgive sins in his name but commanded them to preach “repentance and forgiveness of sins” to all nations (Jn 20:21-23; Lk 24:47). That is what the Church continues through preaching the need for repentance and making Jesus’ mercy available through the Sacrament of Penance.

## 9. How often do I need to confess?

The Church recommends that Catholics receive the Sacrament of Penance frequently. Strictly speaking, after reaching the age of reason, Catholics are obliged to confess their serious sins at least once a year. However, the minimum should not be made a maximum! Catholics should come to confession as soon as possible after they have committed a mortal sin. If we are seeking to grow in holiness, the regular practice of confession should be desired and is recommended.

## 10. What are the effects of the sacrament?

The Sacrament of Penance is a spiritual resurrection bringing us to life again after we were dead through sin (Lk 15:24). It reconciles us with God in loving friendship and restores us to his grace. It is normally followed by peace, joy, serenity and spiritual consolation. The sacrament also reconciles us with the Church, repairing or restoring the damage our sins have done to our communion with others.

## 11. Can a priest reveal what he has heard to others?

No. A priest can never reveal the sins a person has confessed. This is known as the “seal of confession,” which admits of no exceptions. If a priest were to violate the seal of confession he would be automatically excommunicated. Over the centuries several priests have died and many have been imprisoned because they refused, even under threat of torture and execution, to break the inviolable seal of confession. This is one of the most beautiful aspects of the sacrament and of the priesthood: the priest who hears our confession, in order to protect the secrets we have expressed to God through him, will allow himself to be imprisoned, tortured or even killed. That is how seriously he and the Church take the seal and the sacrament.

## 12. What is the priest’s role in the sacrament of penance?

When he celebrates the sacrament of penance, the priest is fulfilling the ministry of the Good Shepherd who seeks the lost sheep, of the Good Samaritan who binds up wounds, of the Father who awaits the prodigal son and welcomes him on his return, and of the just and impartial judge whose judgment is both just and merciful. The priest is the sign and the instrument of God’s merciful love for the sinner. The priest is called, practically, to lead the penitent with patience toward healing and full maturity.

## 13. What if I feel nervous about going to the sacrament?

Remember, first, that in the sacrament you are fundamentally talking to God through the priest. God loves you, wishes to forgive you, and desires to embrace you with the joy with which the prodigal son was embraced in Jesus’ parable (Lk 15:11-32). Moreover, know that you will not say anything that the priest has not heard before. Do not be afraid and if you are nervous, please just tell the priest. He is there help you.

*The Diocese of Youngstown*  
**Fatima and Lisbon Portugal**  
**September 14 to 20, 2017**

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After your flight from Pittsburgh to Newark, start your journey aboard an overnight flight on TAP Air Portugal. Meals will be served. Dinner served aboard flight.

**Day 2: Lisbon / Fatima**

Early morning arrival in Lisbon. After clearing customs, group will be met by our Professional Pilgrimage Escort and escorted to awaiting motorcoach for transfer to Fatima. En route, stop in Santarem where the "Miracle of the Bleeding Host" will be viewed. In the afternoon, visit some of the highlights of Fatima including the Capelinha (the "Chapel of the Apparitions") and the Basilica, which contains the tombs of the children of Fatima, Jacinta and Francisco, and Sr. Lucia. Also, participate in the Candlelight Procession and Evening Rosary. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. (D)

**Day 3: Fatima**

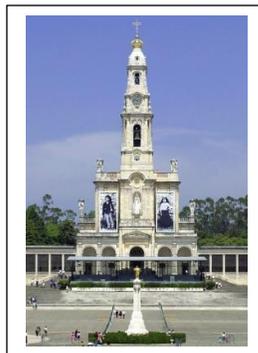
In the morning the group will visit the small village of Aljustrel, home of Lucia, Francisco and Jacinta, the three children who witnessed the Apparitions of the Blessed Mother starting in 1917. Then visit Valinhos, where Our Lady appeared in August of that year, and the parish church where the children were baptized and where family members were buried in the cemetery. In the afternoon, visit the Perpetual Adoration Chapel and the House of Our Lady of Dolors. Also, visit the Interactive Museum "The Miracle of Fatima". Balance of the day is free to explore Fatima on your own, shop for religious articles and other souvenirs, or spend time in private devotion. An OPTIONAL video presentation on the history of Fatima will be offered at the Consolata Fathers Center. Dinner and overnight in Fatima. (B,D)

**Day 4: Fatima / Lisbon**

After breakfast at the hotel the morning is free for private prayer and devotions and shopping for religious articles. After lunch (on your own) we depart Fatima for the Capitol of Portugal, Lisbon. Enjoy dinner at your hotel and overnight in Fatima. (B,D)

**Day 5: Lisbon**

Take a panoramic sightseeing tour of Portugal's capital city from your deluxe motorcoach, passing by the main avenues, "downtown" with the Rossio and Comercio squares, continue with a drive to Alfama, the oldest quarter of Lisbon, to visit the Church of St. Anthony to celebrate Mass



and the nearby St. Anthony Museum and the Cathedral. Then proceed to the monumental district of Belem to see the Belem Tower, the Monument of the Discoveries and visit the Jeronimos Monastery. We will also visit the Orphanage, where Jacinta stayed for 20 days, and see the bed of Jacinta, the chair where she saw Our Lady, and some other things. Dinner and overnight in Lisbon. (B,D)

**Day 6: Lisbon (Optional Sintra)**

Today is a day at leisure to explore Lisbon on your own. Or – take part in an OPTIONAL day trip to Sintra, a UNESCO World Heritage site where we will walk through the center of the town and visit the Palacio da Pena. Dinner on your own. Overnight in Lisbon. (B)

**Day 7: Lisbon / USA**

After breakfast, transfer to Lisbon airport for return flight to the U.S. Same day arrival into USA. (B)

**INCLUDED HIGHLIGHTS:**

- ❖ **Airfare:** Roundtrip from Pittsburgh Airport
- ❖ **Accommodations:** 7 days / 5 nights in 4-Star Hotels
- ❖ **Meals:** 5 Breakfasts & 4 Dinners at the hotel restaurants.
- ❖ **Sightseeing:** As indicated in the itinerary.
- ❖ **Also included:** Daily Mass, Airport-hotel group transfers, hotel tips & taxes, baggage handling at hotels (1 piece per person), Touring by Private Air-Conditioned Motorcoach, Services of a Professional Tour Escort.

\*Price is per person based on double occupancy. Travel Protection Plan is not included with this tour.

Travel Protection Plan is available upon request. There are a limited number of single rooms available. Single Supplement: \$270.

Land ONLY Price: \$1100. (NO Airfare or Airport-Hotel transfers)

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## GENERAL TERMS AND CONDITIONS

### **PAYMENTS SHOULD BE MADE PAYABLE TO: THE CATHOLIC TOUR 3558 Lee Rd. Suite 4**

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(Deposits, Second payments, and Final payments)

\*A deposit of \$400 per person is required no later than 95 days prior to departure to secure a reservation. There is no guarantee we can obtain airline seats for late bookings. FULL payment is due no later than 70 days prior to departure. Late payments can be assessed a \$100 late fee. Reservations may be cancelled and we reserve the right to levy full cancellation charges as set forth in these conditions if full payment is not received 65 days prior to the departure date of the tour. In the event of billing error, we reserve the right to reinvoice with correct pricing. Final documents and tickets will be issued after final payment has been processed, and normally will be sent 1 – 2 weeks prior to departure.

#### **General:**

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**TAXES:** Tour price includes all government taxes and fees associated with the airfare. Please see individual itineraries for prices, which may vary. **Departure taxes and fuel surcharges may increase subsequent to the printing of the brochure or flyer** up until the time the group seats are purchased, typically 45 days prior to departure.

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**SIGHTSEEING & ITINERARIES:** Sightseeing is included as per the itinerary and is under the direction of licensed local guides where required. During holidays

some sights such as museums may be closed or unavailable for visits. The Catholic Tour reserves the right to vary the sequence of sightseeing and / or to re-route the order of cities should circumstances demand it. In either case, the itinerary content will be maintained; however, the order may change. **Considerable amount of walking may be necessary while sightseeing.** Please understand that not all museums and attractions are open every day of the year. The Papal Audience takes place on Wednesdays, and the Papal Blessing is on Sundays. Both are only available in accordance with His Holiness' schedule, and may not take place when He is out of the country. There are no refunds for any unused portion of these excursions. Optional side trips and optional extensions need a minimum number of pilgrims to operate.

**MEDICAL CONDITION:** We endeavor to provide the highest level of service to all our passengers. Handicapped participants who require special assistance **must** be accompanied by a qualified helper who assumes total responsibility for the handicapped participants' well being. The Catholic Tour is not responsible for any medical conditions that occur prior, during or after the tour.

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# Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Mar. 12 - 19 ~

- Sun.** 9:40-11:00 a.m.....PSR Classes (School Bldg.)  
9:45 a.m. ....1st Communion Parents' Mtg. (Hall)  
11:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m...Private Hall Rental (Hall)  
At 11:15 a.m. Mass ....CLOW (Conf. Rm.)  
12:30 p.m. ....Confirmation Rehearsal (OLPH)  
1:00-3:00 p.m.....Mantua Soccer Assoc. Sign-Ups (Pavilion)
- Mon.** 6:00-8:00 p.m.....G.S. Troop #90188 Mtg. (Rm. #3)  
6:30-7:30 p.m.....Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
- Tues.** 7:00-9:00 p.m.....Boy Scout Mtg. (Hall)  
7:00 p.m.....Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (Church/Rm. #9)
- Wed.** 6:30-8:00 p.m....."The Light is ON For You"  
~ An Evening of Reconciliation (Church)  
8:00 p.m.....AA Mtg. (Hall)
- Thur.** 6:30-7:30 p.m.....Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)  
7:00 p.m.....Music/Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- Fri.** 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m....Promise Homeschool Co-Op (Sch. Bldg.)  
7:00 p.m.....Stations of the Cross (Church)
- Sat.** After Mass .....Appalachian Exper. Bake Sale (Narthex)  
6:00 p.m.....K of C Founder's Night (K of C)
- Sun.** ~ **4C's Collection Weekend** ~  
After Masses .....Appalachian Exper. Bake Sale (Narthex)  
9:30 a.m. ....Doughnut Social (Hall)  
9:40-11:00 a.m.....PSR Classes (School Bldg.)  
At 11:15 a.m. Mass ....CLOW (Conf. Rm.)  
1:00-3:00 p.m.....Mantua Soccer Assoc. Sign-Ups (Pavilion)  
2:00 p.m.....Confirmation @ OLPH (Aurora)  
3:00-5:00 p.m.....Girl Scout World Friendship Day (Hall)



## BISHOP'S APPEAL FOR CATHOLIC CHARITIES AND CHURCH

Beginning the weekend of February 25/26, our parish joined with parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in making a commitment to the 2017 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church. This year's goal is \$4 million with our parish goal at \$32,983.16. The Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese. There continues to be an ever-increasing number of needy persons coming to Catholic Charities for help and they depend on our support of the Bishop's Appeal. The Bishop's Appeal also helps to subsidize traditional Church ministries. Bishop Murry is counting on our support of the 2017 Bishop's Appeal. It is his fervent hope that every parish will reach their goal. This weekend, 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 response to the Bishop's Appeal. To learn more or to make a donation online, please visit <http://ccdoy.org/bishops-appeal>.



### SOFT SERVE BOOTH CHAIRPEOPLE NEEDED



We're looking for a couple of people to chair the Soft Serve Booth beginning this year. Our previous chairs, Vince & Donna Festa, will be moving out state soon. For more information, please contact Ruth Fitzgerald (330-204-2635 or [rfitzgerald@stjosephmantua.com](mailto:rfitzgerald@stjosephmantua.com)). As a past chair, she'd be willing to get the new folks started in this delicious booth.

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION OPPORTUNITIES (6 week sessions)

### Bible Study: A Tour of the Holy Land

Begins Monday, March 20. 10:00-11:30 a.m. Parish Center

This Catholic audio-video course will take you on a virtual pilgrimage to places Jesus walked giving you a vivid insight into the Gospels. The author, Fr. Donald Senior, biblical scholar, has taught and led pilgrimages to the Holy Land for over 25 years. Each session will include a 25 minute presentation by Fr. Donald followed by our own group discussion. *Gospel enrichment for the Lenten season.*



### New Rosary Study/Prayer Group

Begins Tuesday, March 21. 10:30-11:30 a.m. Parish Center

We will study the history of Catholic devotion to Mary of Nazareth using the classic papal encyclical *Marialis Cultus* by Pope Paul VI. We will learn and use new ways of praying the rosary in answer to the call of the encyclical to develop Marian devotions in our times. *(women only)*



### Seasons of Hope Bereavement Group

Begins Wednesday, March 22. 12:30-2:00 p.m. All-Purpose Room

We will resume the fourth part of our bereavement program, six weekly sessions, mid-March through early May. New registrants welcome. Prior participation not required.



Please sign-up in the Narthex or call Parish Office 330-274-2253.

Deadline to register for Spring series is March 15.



## ENCOUNTER NUTRITION

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