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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.

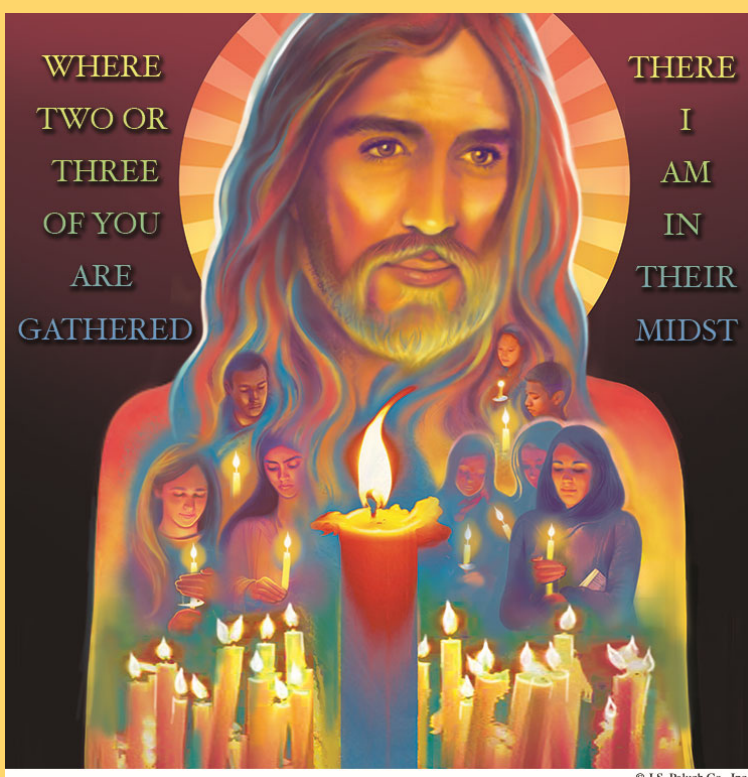
HOLY ROSARY
First Saturday each month
4:20 p.m.



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TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

September 10, 2017



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GOD'S WATCHERS

In the ancient world watchmen were extremely important people. They kept communities safe, and were there to alert them to any impending danger or attack. Before locks, alarms, and security systems, watchmen were the protectors, the safety measure. So when the Lord charges Ezekiel as a watchman today, it is a weighty charge. So weighty, we learn, that if Ezekiel fails to sound the alarm for those around him and they perish in a state of wickedness, Ezekiel will be held responsible! This profound connection between God's will on earth and in heaven is repeated in today's Gospel, where Jesus instructs us that we are to be the security force, the watchers placed on alert that nowhere in the Body of Christ, the church, will there be any two members of the one Body who are not reconciled. Scripture tells us that Jesus reconciled all things in heaven and on earth through the blood of his cross. But we are given the mission to continue that reconciliation on earth as in heaven through our ceaseless efforts to be, as Paul would write, ambassadors of reconciliation. Let us not get too comfortable thinking that we are responsible only for keeping our own lives from the path of wickedness and disagreement. We are also held accountable for the lives of the members of Christ's body around us. © J. S. Paluch Co.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

On Good Friday, at the heart of the Triduum, the commemoration of the Lord's Passion is colored by sobriety and decorum, but this Thursday the mystery comes in a luminous celebration of Christ's victory. In its deepest origins, the Exaltation of the Holy Cross is the feast of a dedication of a church, since in the year 335 the Church of the Holy Sepulchre was dedicated on September 13, and on the following day the "true cross" discovered by St. Helena was brought outside to the faithful for veneration. It is a great feast of the Eastern Church, which often marks it by having the whole assembly prostrate themselves on the floor honoring the life-giving cross.

At the core of the tradition is the quest of Helena, mother of the Emperor Constantine, to acquire the cross and the nails of the Crucifixion from the ruins of Jerusalem. When she was satisfied that she had found them, thanks to the healing of a sick man whose body was placed on the cross, she had her son fund the building of the great basilica. The history of the relic is complicated, especially because it was carried off by invading Persians in the year 614 and "went missing" for fifteen years. Thursday's feast does not celebrate the relic, but rather the life-giving cross from which salvation flows. It's a good day to look around your house or office: Don't those walls look bare without a cross? What better day to remedy that?

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 8:30 a.m. MassRobert Sawyer
11:15 a.m. Mass.....John Welling
Mon. No Liturgy
Tues. 8:00 a.m. MassLouise Kaluba
Wed. 8:00 a.m. MassAnita Spatar
Thur. 8:00 a.m. MassPeople of St. Joseph
Fri. No Liturgy
Sat. 4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass.....Bert O'Donnell
Sun. 8:30 a.m. MassBill & Rose Sontag
11:15 a.m. Mass.....Carl Feddor

CARILLON MEMORIALS

A \$20.00 donation will reserve your date for which the Angelus and seasonal hymns will ring both at noon and at 6:00 p.m. Please contact the Parish Office to schedule.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Col 1:24-2:3; Ps 62:6-7,9; Lk 6:6-11
Tues: Col 2:6-15; Ps 145:1b-2,8-11; Lk 6:12-19
Wed: Col 3:1-11; Ps 145:2-3,10-13ab; Lk 6:20-26
Thur: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2,34-38;
Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Fri: 1 Tm 1:1-2,12-14; Ps 16:1b-2a,5,7-8,11;
Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
Sat: 1 Tm 1:15-17; Ps 113:1b-7; Lk 6:43-49
To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass ...
Sun: Sir 27:30-28:9; Ps 103:1-4,9-12; Rom 14:7-9;
Mt 18:21-35

PASTOR'S CORNER

Today's readings are especially challenging messages for our times. I am glad that my father and his friend Sister Marcia Welsh, OSU, are no longer on this earth to witness the resurgence of so much animosity, hatred, divisiveness and threats of nuclear war. They were avid members of the Peace Council of Youngstown in the 1970's and 1980's. Idealistic and full of fervor, the council attempted to educate and persuade the world around them of what Jesus is talking about today. "You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Jesus encourages us to pray together, seek peace and promote the well being for God's human family throughout the world. May we pray fervently for the grace to be advocates and instruments of God's peace in our world.

—Fr. Ed Stafford

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Let us always pray for our sick and homebound.
In particular, please remember in prayer:

Joe Robine	Sabina Delgado	Kathy Morris
Cheryl Erickson	Joan Kodash	Bunny Fritz
Mary Ann Feddor	Dean Kohanyi	Zoe Craig (Pinter)
Kathy Morcarski	Sharon Olszak	Natalie Jahn
Alivia Julliana	Tammy Cozzone	Sarah Tedrick
Chuck & Marcia Verardi	Klara Rose Fitzpatrick	Timothy Holka
Reynaldo S. Bernardo	Barb Moore	Chuck Holka
Lily Peterson	Ralph Cooper	Mary Leinen
Kyle Painley	Josephine Rizzo	Vicki Kotkowski
Debbie Fahl	Brian Cole	Ron Kotkowski



OUR NEW ROSARY PRAYER GROUP WILL BE PRAYING FOR THESE INTENTIONS

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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—9/16-17:

	5:00 p.m. *Server Needed	8:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
SERVERS		B. Ruffner	A. Schweickert C. Schweickert
LECTORS	K. Wood J. Horvath	B. Custer B. Cleary	M. Fratus A. Powers
EUCH. MIN.	C. Clark G. Scopilliti	C. DeLair A. Anderson C. Baumbick C. Bichsel A. Carlisle S. Carlisle	G. Scopilliti M. Ward-Clayton A. Wetshtein B. Haas P. Workman R. Workman
MASS SET-UP	Staff	R. Custer	E./J. Eacott
CLEANERS	K. Wood, K. Boehnlein		

STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

SUNDAY COLLECTION (9/3): \$4,287.00
ONLINE GIVING (9/3): \$ 620.00
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$6,125.00
OVER/UNDER: —\$1,218.00
OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE: 138 (of 493)
HURRICANE HARVEY (9/3): \$1,164.00



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, how often is our generosity at the minimum level required? We do just enough or give just enough. Remember, the Lord calls us to be generous with all the gifts He has given us, to grow them and return them with increase.

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OUTDOOR MASS

On Sunday, September 17, there will be an Outdoor Mass at 11:15 a.m. celebrated in the Pavilion. Benches will be available but you may wish to bring your own chairs. This annual event is organized by the Worship Committee. All are welcome.

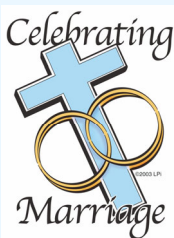
4C's COLLECTION NEXT WEEKEND

The Crestwood Coalition for Community Care Food Cupboard is finding itself in need of replenishing its food reserves. Your help for families in need is greatly appreciated. Items that are needed include: canned and boxed food items, laundry and cleaning supplies, and paper and products. Individuals can assist the Emergency Food Cupboard by sending monetary donations to the 4C's, P.O. Box 227, Mantua, Ohio 44255 . . . or by dropping off food donations to the Food Cupboard at the rear of Hilltop Christian Church (4572 Prospect St., Mantua) during their normal hours (Mon., Wed. & Fri., 1:00-3:00 p.m.). All donations are tax-deductible. Thanks for the helping hand!



25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 22, 2:00 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, and over, wedding anniversaries in 2017. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your Parish Office and obtaining your pastor's signature before September 22.



THE CATHOLIC'S DIVORCE SURVIVAL GUIDE

The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide will be offered on Wednesdays, September 20 to December 13, 7:00-9:00 p.m. at St. Charles Parish, Boardman (7345 Westview Dr.) in the St. Luke Room and St. Paul Parish, North Canton (241 S. Main St.) in the North Room. All divorced and separated Catholics are welcome to attend. *The Catholic's Divorce Survival Guide* is a DVD-based series with accompanying materials created to bring hope and healing to divorced and separated Catholics. In addition to top Catholic experts on Church teachings, relationships, love, sex, marriage, divorce and annulment, the presentations also feature the personal testimonies of twelve divorced Catholic men and women who share their real-life stories of hope and healing. No cost. **Look for informational flyers in the Narthex.** To ensure your space or to learn about additional ministry to the divorced, contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life at 330-744-8451 ext.272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.



Appalachian Experience

Binns-
Counts
Housing
Repair
Program

We're planning to send a group to participate in the Binns-Counts Community Center's Housing Repair Program in McClure, VA

June 16 - 23, 2018

For more info., please contact Dan & Sean Fejes (330-274-2481 or kazimoto@ohio.net)

Bake Sale Fundraisers (typically 3rd Sunday)

After Masses, Sept. 16/17, 2017	After Masses, Feb. 17/18, 2018
After Masses, Oct. 14/15, 2017	During Pancake Breakfast, Mar. 25, 2018
Christmas Boutique, Nov. 12, 2017	After Masses, Apr. 21/22, 2018
After Masses, Dec. 16/17, 2017	After Masses, May 19/20, 2018
After Masses, Jan. 20/21, 2018	No Summer Bake Sales



Religious Education



PSR REGISTRATION

St. Joseph Parish's School of Religion will reconvene on Sunday, September 10, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will be hosting a Donut Social for all of our students and their parents. Registration (for parents of returning students) and classes will follow (if you'd like to print & fill out the forms ahead of time, you may access them from our parish website (www.stjosephmantua.com). 2017-18 PSR fees remain the same: \$30.00/student, \$80.00 maximum per family. Students receiving sacramental instruction (First Communion, Confirmation) pay an additional \$25.00.

ATTENTION 4TH GRADERS AND ALTAR SERVERS

During the 4th grade PSR year, all students learn to serve Mass. We ask all 4th graders and their parents, current altar servers and their parents, and anyone who would like to be trained as an altar server, to join us for an orientation, refresher and Q&A session on Sunday, September 17, during PSR (9:40-11:00 a.m.). We will gather in Hughes Hall. For more information, please contact Peg Haney at 330274-2268 or phaney@stjosephmantua.com.

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

Sunday, September 17, is Catechetical Sunday. We will be recognizing and blessing all of our catechists and PSR families during the 11:15 a.m. Mass in the Pavilion. Please make plans to attend this special liturgy. For more information, contact Peg Haney at 330-274-2268 or phaney@stjosephmantua.com.

CELEBRATE THOSE WHO SHARE FAITH

The Ministry of the Word includes the mission of Evangelization and Catechesis. Catechesis means "to echo." Believers who embrace the Gospel of Jesus Christ as the best news ever proclaimed are eager to "echo" the Good News everywhere. Have you shared your enthusiasm for the Catholic Church with someone recently?



"WHERE TWO OR THREE ARE GATHERED IN MY NAME ..."

The community who gathers in Christ needs leadership. Might He be inviting you to consider a vocation to the consecrated life, diaconate or priesthood? To explore his calling for you please contact Fr. Christopher Luoni (330-744-8451 or cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org).

55TH ANNUAL BBQ & BOUTIQUE



The Sisters of Notre Dame are hosting their 55th Annual BBQ & Boutique on Sunday, September 17 & 24, Noon-5:00 p.m. Gather at this annual fall tradition and outreach ministry that combines famous BBQ, delicious apple pies and the yearly opportunity for friends, family, former students and volunteers to support the ongoing mission of the Sisters of Notre Dame. Enjoy barbecue chicken (\$13.00) or ribs (\$16.00), coleslaw or applesauce, chips, roll and butter, beverage, and apple pie. Take out available! Be sure to visit the Boutique and shop for select Sister's handmade items. Purchase your tickets at the door of Notre Dame Education Center Campus, 13000 Auburn Rd., Chardon. For more information, please visit www.sndchardon.org/support-us/bbq-and-boutique or call 440-286-7101.

RENTING TABLES & CHAIRS

We loan out the wooden tables & chairs used at the Ox Roast to parishioners on a first come, first serve basis. Please contact Terry Kulka (330-813-0236) to arrange a time to meet at the Ox Barn to pick up & drop off. Donations to St. Joseph Church graciously accepted.

ATTENTION ALL GOLFERS:



Right to Life of Northeast Ohio invites you to enjoy a round of golf, good food, prizes and camaraderie at the beautiful Silver Lake Country Club on Monday, September 18.

Registration opens at 10:00 a.m. with a Noon shotgun start. Registration fee is \$125.00/golfer and includes putting green, driving range, lunch, golf with cart, beer and soft drinks on the course, dinner and great prizes. Your support helps to continue with their mission to save lives NOW! To register, please call 330-762-2785 or visit www.righttolifeofnortheastohio.com.

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 (next meeting scheduled for September 26). 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 were provided for community members to learn more about the opioid and heroin overdoses in Portage County. Look for informational brochures in the Narthex.

K OF C TO HOST PIG ROAST

The Mantua Knights of Columbus cordially invite you to their Pig Roast on Saturday, September 30, 3:00-10:00 p.m. at their Hall (11845 St. Rt. 44). You'll enjoy roasted pork, cole slaw, baked beans, dessert, and an open bar. Cornhole will be available. Tickets are \$20.00/person. Please contact Lonn Saffko (330-968-8293) for more info. and tickets.



5K FUN RUN AND 1 MILE WALK

On Saturday, September 30, at 9:00 a.m. at the Canfield Fairgrounds there will be a 5K Fun Run and 1 Mile Walk to Benefit Men & Women United for Life -- a pro-life group active in the Diocese of Youngstown, committed to promoting the sanctity and dignity of life. They offer programs to help teens learn about character development, making right decisions, and living a chaste lifestyle. They have sponsored nationally renowned professional speakers such as Chris Stefanick, Paul J. Kim, and members of the Culture Project. For more information, please contact Judy Welsh, Director (judywelsh54@gmail.com or 330-718-7746) or Diane Burke, Race Chair (330-727-9669 or dburke5581@gmail.com).



Father John Cassidy Assembly #3034 of the Knights of Columbus cordially invite all local current and retired Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMT members, their families & all members of M.A.D.D. & S.A.D.D., all Explorers and volunteers & all St. Joseph Parishioners to



2018 Blue Mass

Sunday, September 24th

5:00 p.m.

St. Joseph Church, Mantua

11045 St. Joseph Blvd., Mantua, OH 44255

Rev. Edward Stafford, Pastor



To recognize our safety forces for all their hard work & dedication and all groups working for the safety of our communities.

A social reception will be held in St. Joseph's Hughes Hall immediately following Mass, courtesy of Father Cassidy Assembly.

For more info., please contact Bill Custer (440-343-4579) or Jim Fields (330-274-8938).

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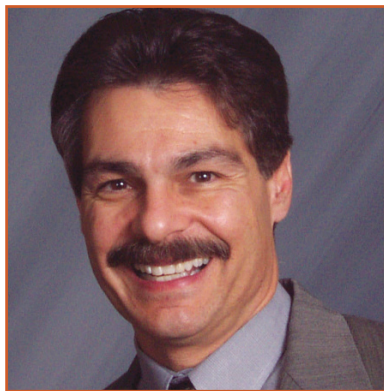
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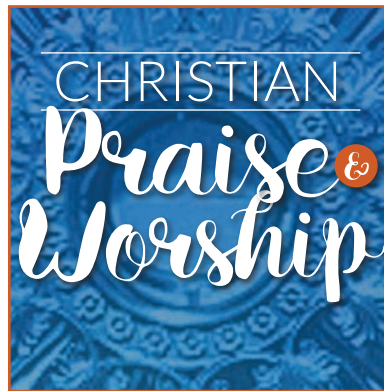
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Bishop of Youngstown



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Dr. Ray Guarendi – Speaker
Clinical Psychologist, Author &
Nationally Syndicated Radio Host



Praise & Worship Bands:
Ben Walther | P.J. Chavez
Teen Band - Altared

Sunday, September 24, 2017

Noon – 6:00 PM

Closing Mass at 5:00 PM

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Teen Worship Band
Praise and Worship Bands
Eucharistic Adoration
Confession
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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Sept. 10-17 ~

- Sun.** ~ **St. Joseph Cares Collection Weekend** ~
 9:30-11:00 a.m. PSR Opening w/Donut Social (Hall/Clssrms)
 At 11:15 Mass CLOW (Rm. #1)
- Mon.**
 7:00 p.m. K of C Women's Auxiliary Mtg. (K of C)
 7:00-8:00 p.m. Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (Classrooms/Hall)
- Tues.**
 10:00-11:30 a.m. Bible Study (PC)
 6:00-8:00 p.m. Renewing Women (Rm. #9)
 7:00-9:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg. (Hall)
- Wed.**
 7:00 p.m. Garden Club Mtg. (PC)
 7:00 p.m. Men of St. Joseph (Rm. #9)
 7:30 p.m. K of C 4th Degree Mtg. (K of C)
 8:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Hall)
- Thur.**
 8:30 a.m. New Rosary Prayer Group (Church)
 7:00 p.m. Finance Council Mtg. (PC)
 7:00 p.m. Music/Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- Fri.**
 8:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Promise Homeschool Co-Op (Sch. Bldg.)
 4:00 p.m. Lit. Min. Schedule Changes Deadline
- Sat.**
 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. Soccer Kick-Off Party & Games (Pavilion/Fields)
 After Mass Appalachian Experience Bake Sale (Narthex)
- Sun.** ~ **4C's Collection Weekend** ~
 After Masses Appalachian Experience Bake Sale (Narthex)
 9:40-11:00 a.m. PSR Classes (School Bldg.)
 At 11:15 a.m. Mass CLOW (Conf. Rm.)
 1:00 & 2:00 p.m. Mantua Soccer Games (Fields)



ATTENTION LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Schedules for the October, November, and December are now being prepared. If you need any **major** change in your scheduling as Lector, Server or Eucharistic Minister, please contact Kathi at the Parish Office (330-274-2253 or ktrares@stjosephmantua.com) no later than September 15.

NATIONAL HEROIN AND OPIOID AWARENESS WEEK

Drug use and overdose is a very big problem in our society today. The use of drugs not only affects the user, it affects every one. This year, National Heroin and Opioid Awareness Week will be held the week of September 17-23 to raise awareness to help prevent new victims from succumbing to addiction, strengthen enforcement efforts and provide treatment for addiction. Learn more about prescription opioid drug abuse and heroin by visiting the Ohio Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services' website: www.mha.ohio.gov.

FIREWOOD AVAILABLE

After the logging on St. Joseph's property to raise money for the church roof was completed, there were smaller parts of the trees that were not harvested left on the ground. This wood is available to parishioners who are willing to come and cut firewood for themselves. We ask that you please contact the Parish Office (330-274-2253) when you will be on the property. Only downed trees may be taken (do not cut any standing trees). A donation to St. Joe's is not required but graciously accepted.



SINCERE SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of **Bernice Heritage**, **Rebecca Buehner**, and **Janet Roosa**, mother of Matt, who all recently passed away. May these families find comfort and strength as their loved ones live in the eternal presence of God in whom all find comfort and peace.

FREE CLOTHING GIVEAWAY

Mantua Center Christian Church and Hilltop Christian Church have organized a Free Clothing Giveaway for the greater Crestwood area every two months. Providing free clothing to families in need, the events are held from 9:00 a.m. to Noon at the old Mantua Center School (11741 Mantua Center Rd.). Find them on Facebook at Free-Clothing-Giveaway. You do not need to be a resident, there is no limit, and no questions are asked. Upcoming 2017 dates are September 16 and November 18. Donations of clean, wearable condition clothing for all ages are welcome 24/7 at yellow bins located at Mantua Center & Hilltop Christian Churches.



St. Joseph Cares will be holding a clothing drive at St. Joseph Church the weekend prior to the giveaway weekends (Sept. 9/10, Nov. 11/12). There is a particular need for men's clothing and shoes. Please have all clothes folded and bagged. Place in the All-Purpose Room near the windows (look for sign). All clothes will be removed that weekend. To donate clothes at other times, please drop them off at Hilltop and Mantua Center Christian Churches and not at St Joe's.

What a wonderful way to live out the corporal and spiritual works of mercy!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES USA ASSISTING



Hurricane Harvey brought widespread flooding and damage throughout the Galveston/Houston area. Many families will need short-term and long-term recovery services to rebuild their lives. In response to this natural disaster, the Diocese of Youngstown is collecting donations to support the work of Catholic Charities USA, the official domestic relief agency of the U.S. Catholic Church, in addressing the needs of people impacted by Hurricane Harvey and its aftermath. Checks, made payable to Catholic Charities, can be sent to 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, OH 44503. Please make sure to note "Hurricane Harvey" in the check's memo line. Donations can also be made online by visiting www.ccdoy.org and clicking on the "Hurricane Harvey" link on the homepage. Please continue to pray for the residents of the Galveston/Houston area, as well as for all first responders and volunteers who work to manage the crisis and save lives.