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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.

EUCHARISTIC 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-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME
September 24, 2017

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CALL UPON THE LORD

The very first line of today's first reading summons us to seek the Lord and to call upon God. This sentiment is echoed in the refrain for today's responsorial psalm: "The Lord is near to all who call upon him" (Psalm 145:18a). Saint Paul is the embodiment of someone who constantly sought the Lord. In the excerpt we read today from his letter to the Philippians, we find Saint Paul toward the end of his life, a life he describes as completely consonant with Christ. He writes, "For to me life is Christ" (Philippians 1:21). To find out what it means to live life completely in accord with Christ we need look no further than today's Gospel. There we find that God's love and mercy are immeasurable for all those who seek and call upon the Lord. *Copyright (c) J. S. Paluch Co.*

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Along with the reform of the Roman Canon and the redrafting of an ancient Roman prayer in Eucharistic Prayer II, two additional prayers were announced in 1969. Eucharistic Prayer III is a fresh composition. Like Eucharistic Prayer II, it has no preface of its own, but the presider chooses from a long menu of possible prefaces to become part of the prayer on a particular occasion. Also, like Eucharistic Prayer II it has a way to insert the name of the deceased in Masses for the dead such as funerals and memorials. The General Instruction of the Roman Missal views Eucharistic Prayer III as the best substitute for Eucharistic Prayer I on Sundays and feasts.

In practice, this prayer is used very often at Sunday Mass, and its texts are familiar to all members of the assembly. In this prayer, notice that the priest extends his hands over the gifts and calls down the Holy Spirit to change them into the Body and Blood of Christ. This call of the Holy Spirit is called the epiclesis, and Eastern Christians consider it to be the consecration. Latin Christians have long considered the "institution narrative" to be the consecration. Partly in response to a deep sensitivity to the East, the reformers took care to structure all our new prayers with a strong epiclesis. The poetry and images of Eucharistic Prayer III are fruitful sources of meditation. Why not take a sentence or two into your private prayer?

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass ..... *James Custer*
11:15 a.m. Mass ..... *Jessie Kontur*
5:00 p.m. Mass ..... *For Safety Forces*
Mon. No Liturgy
Tues. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *Rev. Michael Smar*
Wed. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *People of St. Joseph*
Thur. 8:00 a.m. Mass ..... *Jack Zeller*
Fri. No Liturgy
Sat. 4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
5:00 p.m. Mass ..... *Joe Koval*
Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass ..... *Jim Sargiovanni, Sr.*
11:15 a.m. Mass ..... *Mary Ellen Bliler*

CARILLON MEMORIAL
September 30 *Betty Flynn*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Ezr 1:1-6; Ps 126:1b-6; Lk 8:16-18
Tues: Ezr 6:7-8,12b,14-20; Ps 122:1-5; Lk 8:19-21
Wed: Ezr 9:5-9; Tb:13:2,3-4abefghn, 7-8; Lk 9:1-6
Thur: Hg 1:1-8; Ps 149:1b-6a,9b; Lk 9:7-9
Fri: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a; Ps 138:1-5; Jn 1:47-51
Sat: Zec 2:5-9,14-15a; Jer 31:10-12ab,13; Lk 9:43b-45

To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .
Sun: Ez 18:25-28; Ps 25:4-9; Phil 2:1-11 [1-5]; Mt 21:28-32

PASTOR'S CORNER

We are blessed to have a God who does not think in human terms of what it means to be first or last. Jesus often expressed that the last will be first and the first shall be last. Our first reading encourages us to turn to the Lord for mercy and appreciate God's justice, love and generosity toward all. I find comfort in knowing that we do not earn God's love. God gives so freely and generously and puts none of His human family first or last. Thankfully, God's ways and thoughts are above our fallible human judgments. May God's generous nature help us all to strive to be more just and generous toward one another.

Fr. Ed Stafford

PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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

NEW ROSARY PRAYER GROUP WILL BE PRAYING FOR THESE INTENTIONS

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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—9/30-10/1:

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
SERVERS	**Server Needed*	A. Turpin	C. Gross I. Szoka
LECTORS	L. Brugmann K. Wood	R. Custer A. Turpin	B. Curtin J. Dackzo
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STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

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ONLINE GIVING (9/17):	$1,068.00
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:	$6,125.00
OVER/UNDER:	—$ 163.00
# OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE:	161 (of 493)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

You've heard the saying "it's not where you start, but how you finish." This certainly applies to this Bible passage. We have a responsibility not only for our own lives, but for the lives of others as well. We are called to generously share our gifts with others, not hoard them for our own use. Our gratitude and generosity helps us live "God-centered" lives and not "self-centered" lives.

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FREE COMMUNITY MEALS

Our first Free Community Meal of the season is THIS, Sunday, September 24, 12:30 to 2:00 p.m. in Hughes Hall. This year, we will be offering the meals on the last Sunday of the months of September, October, and January through April. This effort is done in conjunction with our PSR program, parish organizations, and the church communities in our area. Our goal is to provide a nutritious meal and fellowship to those in need. The Safko family is hosting this month's meal and the 4th graders will be serving. Please join us for food, fun and fellowship. For more information, contact Peg Haney at 330-274-2268 or phaney@stjosephmantua.com.

SEEK THE LORD WHILE HE MAY BE FOUND...

While seeking Him in prayer and the sacraments, listen to Him. Could it be you are being called by Jesus to serve as a priest, deacon, sister or brother? If you think He may be offering you this grace, please contact Fr. Chris Luoni (330-744-8451 or cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org).

BLUE MASS FOR SAFETY FORCES

The Father John Cassidy Assembly #3034 of the Knights of Columbus cordially invite all local Law Enforcement, Fire, and EMT members and their families and all St. Joseph parishioners to a Blue Mass to honor our safety forces on Sunday, September 24, at 5:00 p.m. The intent of this Mass is to recognize all the hard work and dedication these individuals do for our communities. A social reception will be held in St. Joseph's Hughes Hall immediately following, courtesy of Father Cassidy Assembly. For more information, please contact Bill Custer (440-343-4579) or Jim Fields (330-274-8938). All are welcome.

ATTENTION SNOWBIRDS

If you will be heading south or west for the winter, please contact the Parish Office as soon as you know your plans (ktrares@stjosephmantua.com or 330-274-2253). To avoid returned mail, we'd like to know when you'll be away. Please be aware that our envelope file for the Nov./Dec. packet is sent Sept. 29.

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 Safko (330-968-8293) for more information and tickets.

FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE BEGINS OCTOBER 1

Beginning next weekend, our parish will be participating in First Step for Change, a project sponsored by Catholic Charities to collect spare change (or dollars) to assist low-income pregnant women and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers and other items essential to a child's health, safety and well-being. Each family interested in participating in First Step for Change is asked to pick up a baby bottle in the Narthex after Mass. Take a bottle, place it in a common location in your home, and fill it with spare change throughout the month. You will be asked to bring your filled bottle to church with you at the end of the month for collection. Thank you.

RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

St. Joseph Parish will be hosting an American Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, October 2, 1:00-6:00 p.m., in Hughes Hall. Did you know you may schedule your appointment online? Simply click on Account Login, create an account, and schedule. Save time by doing your pre-reading and health history questions using Rapid Pass the day of your donation. There's also a free Red Cross Blood App available for download on devices through Ap Store℠ and Google Play™ (or text "BLOODAPP" to 90999). For more information, please visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS.

CAN YOU HELP? Volunteers are needed to help with registration & refreshment areas. Sign-up in the Narthex or call the Parish Office to lend a hand.

POPULAR DINNER & DOCTRINE SPEAKER SERIES IS BACK FOR A 9TH SEASON

"*New Creation: Made in the Image and Likeness of God*" will be presented by Sr. Mary Ann Wiesemann-Mills, O.P. as the Portage County Catholic Parish Ministers Association Dinner & Doctrine opens its season on October 10. The event will be held from 6:00 to 8:00 p.m. at The Overlook Restaurant, 1519 Overlook Rd, Kent, OH 44240. Sr. Mary Ann Wiesemann-Mills, O.P. is an Akron Dominican Sister of Peace. She is a past Superior of the order and for many years taught homiletics to seminarians at the Cleveland Diocese, Borromeo Seminary. In addition she has extensive experience as a parish Pastoral Minister experience (including at St. Joe's, 1982-1984). Please join us as Sr. Mary Ann reveals some insights of how we daily become one of God's new creations. Tickets are available for $25.00 per person through the Parish Office, 330-274-2253 (checks may be made out to OLPH). The evening begins with a buffet dinner (cash bar) and the speaker's presentation follows. One hour of General Religious Education Credit will be offered. Advanced reservations and payment are required by ***Wednesday, October 4.*** Mark your calendars for other evenings in the series—November 14 & January 16 (more details to follow).

PSR REGISTRATION

St. Joseph Parish's School of Religion is open! If you missed our opening day, you can still register your child/ren for PSR. Stop by the PSR office during the week or on Sunday morning before PSR for registration materials. PSR fees for the 2017-18 school year will remain the same: $30.00 per student, with an $80 maximum per family. Students receiving sacramental instruction (First Communion, Confirmation) pay an additional $25..00. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact the Parish Office (330-274-2253) or Peg Haney (330-274-2268).

CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

There will be a meeting for all Confirmation parents on Sunday, October 1, 9:45-11:00 a.m. (during PSR). During this time we will be reviewing the Confirmation program and its requirements, significant dates and how to guide the Confirmand through this important process. For more information, please contact Peg Haney at 330-274-2268 or phaney@stjosephmantua.com.

FAITH AND FAMILY FESTIVAL

A day of full and fulfillment with families and friends is THIS Sunday, September 24, at Hoover Park across from Walsh University at 1875 E. Maple St., North Canton, starting at noon and featuring Catholic psychologist Dr. Ray Guarendi, Parish and Worship Bands led by Ben Walther and PJ Chaves and Mass at 5:00 p.m. with Bishop Murry, plus activities for kids and teens and affordable food. Sponsored by the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. For more info. go to www.faithfamilyfest.org or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or call 330-744-8451 ext. 272.

YOUR ASSISTANCE PLEASE

We are in need of a few more people to help with Mass Set-Up for the 8:30 a.m. Sunday Mass. This involves putting the wine and hosts out and other necessary items. For more information, please contact Rick Custer (330-221-5259) or Bill Custer (440-343-4579).

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, contact Judy Welsh, Director (330-718-7746 or judywelsh54@gmail.com) or Diane Burke, Race Chair (dburke5581@gmail.com or 330-727-9669).

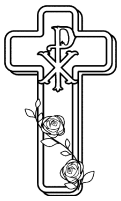
ANNUAL CARD PARTY AT IC

The Immaculate Conception Parish Annual Card Party will be held at 5:00 p.m. on Monday, October 2, at the Immaculate Conception Parish Hall, 251 W. Spruce Ave., Ravenna. The cost is $7.00 per person pre-sale or $8.00 at the door. This event features refreshments, door prizes, a 50/50 raffle, $500.00 cash raffle, and a chance to win a $300.00 gift card to Guido's of Ravenna. For pre-sale tickets, please call Karen Cipriano at 330-618-5540.

CHRISTMAS BOUTIQUE

St. Joseph's Garden Club will hold it's 33rd Annual Christmas Boutique on Sunday, November 12, 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. in Hughes Hall. Tables are still available for crafters - $30 for an 8 ft. table (2nd table is $25). To reserve a table and/or for more info., please contact Marlene at 330-274-8145.

SINCERE SYMPATHY



We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of *Gill Plute* and of *Chuck Verardi*, husband of Marcia, who both recently passed away. May our Lord comfort these families and welcome Gill and Chuck to New Life in His Kingdom.

FOUNDATION IN MINTISTRY PROGRAM

Are you ready to take your faith, discipleship, and ministry to others to a deeper level? **The Foundations in Ministry Program begins in October!** The program:

- Empowers laity to respond to the Baptismal call to holiness, discipleship, and ministry.
- Presents comprehensive theological content through interactive and inspirational sessions.
- Provides opportunities to discern God's will and empowers laity to serve.
- Strengthens community through prayer, reflection, and discussion.

Participants can earn approximately 45 Religious Education certification hours. Sessions will be held on Monday evenings from 7:00-9:30 p.m. beginning on October 2 at the Ursuline Center in Canfield. Please contact Pete Schafer, Director of the Office of Lay Ministry Formation, for more info. (330-744-8451 ext. 275 or pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org). Information and registration materials can also be found on the Lay Ministry Formation website: http://www.doy.org/index.php/diocesan-offices/lay-ministry.

ROCK 'N ROLL WITH MEN WHO COOK

Join Catholic Charities Serving Portage and Stark Counties for an evening of festivities, food, and fun on Saturday, October 7, 6:00-9:00 p.m. at Walsh University. Come taste the culinary creations of many local "celebrity" chefs! Vote for your favorite dish and help your favorite chef win the coveted People's Choice Award! The evening will include a live auction, cash bar, 50/50 & basket raffles! Reservations are now available for $40/seat or $320/table of 8 by calling 330-491-0896 or are available online at https://15181.thankyou4caring.org/stark-mwc. Your participation in this event helps to support Catholic Charities' Stark County programing, including Emergency Assistance, First Step for Family Support, and Adult Day Services. For more info. about the event, participating as a chef, or becoming a sponsor, email info@catholiccharitiesps.org or call 330-491-0896.

FORGIVE OTHERS

There are many kinds of alms the giving of which helps us to obtain pardon for our sins; but none is greater than that by which we forgive from our heart a sin that someone has committed against us. —*St. Augustine*

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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Sept. 24 - Oct. 1 ~

Sun.	9:45-11:00 a.m.	RCIA (PC)
	9:40-11:00 a.m.	PSR Classes (School Bldg.)
	At 11:15 a.m. Mass	CLOW (Conf. Rm.)
	12:30-2:00 p.m.	Free Community Meal (Hall)
	1:00 & 2:00 p.m.	Mantua Soccer Games (Fields)
	6:00 p.m.	Social after Blue Mass (Hall)
Mon.	6:30-7:30 p.m.	Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
	6:30-7:30 p.m.	G.S. Troop #90311 Mtg. (Rm. #2)
	7:00 8:00 p.m.	Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (Classrooms)
Tues.	6:00-9:00 p.m.	Renewing Women (Rm. #9)
	7:00-9:00 p.m.	Boy Scout Mtg. (Hall)
Wed.	7:00 p.m.	Men's Renewal Team Mtg. (Rm. #9)
	8:00 p.m.	AA Mtg. (Hall)
Thur.	8:30 a.m.	New Rosary Prayer Group (Church)
	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 (School Bldg.)
Sat.	3:00-10:00 p.m.	K of C Pig Roast (K of C Hall)
Sun.	***~ First Step for Change Kick-Off ~***	
	9:45-11:00 a.m.	RCIA (PC)
	9:40-11:00 a.m.	PSR Classes (School Bldg.)
	9:45 a.m.	Confirmation Parents' Mtg. (Hall)
	At 11:15 a.m. Mass	CLOW (Conf. Rm.)
	1:00 & 2:00 p.m.	Mantua Soccer Games (Fields)

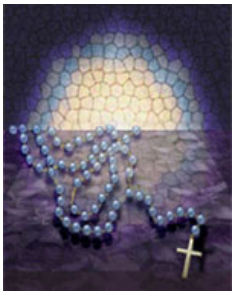
EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will take place the first Friday of each month, 7:00-9:00 p.m. The next scheduled date is Friday, October 6. Parishioners are encouraged to spend time before the Blessed Sacrament in prayer and devotion. The evening may include silent prayer, praise, worship, adoration, Chaplet of Divine Mercy, group prayer, and music. All are welcome to take part in this act of worshiping God as He is present in the consecrated Eucharist.

BLESSING OF PETS

The Feast of St. Francis of Assisi is Wednesday, October 4. Here at St. Joseph's we will have our annual Pet Blessing on Saturday, October 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the Pavilion. Everyone is encouraged to bring their pets for this special blessing in honor of our patron saint of animals.

CELEBRATING THE MONTH OF THE HOLY ROSARY



There will be several opportunities offered to come together to pray the Rosary. The Rosary is an incredible prayer. It's deceptively simple, and profoundly deep. A simple vocal prayer, and a school of silent contemplation. It's as small as a palm full of beads, and as wide as the Gospels. Each Thursday the ***New Rosary Prayer Group*** after the 8:00 a.m. Mass and all are welcome. The Rosary will be prayed on the ***first Saturday of the month***, October 7, at 4:20 p.m. (this month offered for Right to Life). PSR students will have a ***Community Rosary*** will take place on Sunday, October 8, at 10:00 a.m. All are welcome. Feel free to join the ***Women's Auxiliary*** of the Knights of Columbus on Monday, October 9, at 6:30 p.m. (their meeting will follow in the All-Purpose Room).

55TH ANNUAL BBQ & BOUTIQUE

The Sisters of Notre Dame are hosting their 55th Annual BBQ & Boutique on Sunday, 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 info., please visit www.sndchardon.org//support-us/bbq-and-boutique or call 440-286-7101.

LIFE CHAIN

Since the 1980's many communities have held a Life Chain whereby people concerned for the lives of unborn children stand along a busy street in their town for about an hour while praying and holding signs with pro-life messages. On Respect Life Sunday, October 1, Life Chains are expected to take place in many towns throughout the Diocese of Youngstown, including Alliance, Canton, Garrettsville, Ravenna, Warren, and Youngstown. A Life Chain will be held at the Ravenna Court House, St. Rt. 59 (Main St.) at Chestnut St., 2:30-3:30 p.m. For details go to www.lifechain.net.

MASS MEMORIALIZING CHILDREN

A Memorial Mass will be celebrated at St. George Church, 271 W. Chestnut St., Lisbon, Ohio on Thursday, October 5, at 7:00 p.m. for families who have lost children through miscarriage, stillborn, abortion, accident or illness. A reception will follow in the church hall. For more info., call 330-503-9781.

COMMIT TO LIFELONG LEARNING

Faith formation requires a commitment to lifelong learning and openness to grow in Discipleship. Many opportunities designed to assist adults to nurture their spirituality and acquire enhanced knowledge of the faith are presented during the fall and Advent season. Should you be open to expanding your understanding of the teaching of the Catholic Church, please visit www.doy.org, contact the Diocesan Office of Religious Education at 330 744-8451, or speak with your Parish Director of Religious Education for more information.