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THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME • JANUARY 21, 2018

Jesus came to Galilee
proclaiming the gospel of God:
"This is the time of fulfillment.
The kingdom of God is at hand.
Repent, and

believe
in the
gospel."

MARK 1:14-15



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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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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

One of the most unusual Catholic churches in the world is in Amsterdam: Our Lord in the Attic, or as the locals say, "Ons Lieve Heer op Solder." What looks like a beautiful narrow brick mansion alongside a canal is a clever disguise for a very well-preserved seventeenth-century home and a secret church. During the Reformation, the Netherlands was divided into Protestant Holland and the Spanish Netherlands, now known as Belgium, a Catholic stronghold. Protestant reformers seized all the Catholic parishes in Holland and "de-Catholicized" them. New laws forbade the celebration of the Mass in public. St. Nicholas Church was renamed "Old Church" by the new owners, and the dispossessed Catholics got to work "hiding" St. Nicholas Parish in the upper floors of this mansion. Other Catholics did the same thing, but this is the only hidden church that survives today. Sunday Mass is still celebrated here.

It's a beautiful hideaway, with nothing spared in regard to marble, gilding, a pipe organ, and classic Dutch painting. A few steps away, the Old Church, begun in 1250, stands emptied of the statues and carvings of its Catholic days, its windows replaced by plain glass. The new tenants gave up when it came to the ceiling, which is still painted with saints, biblical scenes, and merchant ships. The Dutch reformers were tolerant sorts, and as long as the Catholics kept out of sight, they were out of mind. Catholicism was at last tolerated in Holland after 1853, but in 1924 when the International Eucharistic Congress was held in Amsterdam, processions of Catholics were still forbidden in the streets. Today, Roman Catholics are about 19 percent of the population, and there's no need for any of them to hide in the attic.

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass.....	Bill & Rose Sontag
	11:15 a.m. Mass.....	Loretta McCartney
Mon.	No Liturgy	
Tues.	8:00 a.m. Mass.....	Jack Frank
	6:30 p.m. First Reconciliation	
Wed.	8:00 a.m. Mass.....	Gil Plute
Thur.	8:00 a.m. Mass.....	People of St. Joseph
Fri.	No Liturgy	
Sat.	4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation	
	5:00 p.m. Mass.....	Joseph Stobierski
Sun.	8:30 a.m. Mass.....	Jim Sargiovanni, Sr.
	11:15 a.m. Mass.....	Mary Leinen

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon:	2 Sm 5:1-7,10; Ps 89:20-22,25-26; Mk 3:22-30
Tues:	2 Sm 6:12b-15,17-19; Ps 24:7-10; Mk 3:31-35
Wed:	2 Sm 7:4-17; Ps 89:4-5,27-30; Mk 4:1-20
Thur:	Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc,2; Mk 16:15-18
Fri:	2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 51:3-7,10-11; Mk 4:26-34
Sat:	2 Sm 12:1-7a,10-17; Ps 51:12-17; Mk 4:35-41
To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .	
Sun:	Dt 18:15-20; Ps 95:1-2, 6-9; 1 Cor 7:32-35; Mk 1:21-28

PASTOR'S CORNER

The word "repent" is often encountered in the scriptures. It can be perceived sometimes as a threatening and foreboding word. However, I think it may be a more positive approach if we accept the meaning of repent as an invitation to reorient our lives. A challenge and opportunity to strive to live our lives as Christ the teacher shows us and as God would like us to live. The first disciples had to let go of attachments in order to make a commitment to follow Jesus and become fishers of men instead of remaining fishermen. I am sure that at times it must have been a struggle for the disciples to face the ambiguity and uncertainty of being a follower of Jesus. There are so many ways that God calls each of us to reorient our lives. In Parker Palmer's book, **Let Your Life Speak**, he challenges his readers to ponder the question; "Is the life I am living the same as the life that wants to live in me?" Today's scripture readings invite us to turn to God each day and ask God; "Is the life I am living the life that God wants us to live?" Today's Psalm Response is a good request we can make to God each day. **"Teach me your ways, O Lord."**

—Fr. Ed Stafford

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Joe Robine	Kathy Morris	Bunny Fritz
Cheryl Erickson	Joan Kodash	Natalie Jahn
Dean Kohanyi	Sharon Olszak	Alivia Julliana
Tammy Cozzone	Sarah Tedrick	Marcia Verardi
Klara Rose Fitzpatrick	Barb Moore	Lily Peterson
Kyle Painley	Josephine Rizzo	Vicki Kotkowski
Brian Cole	Julie Monnin	Paul Gatian
Pat Smith	Elaine Finnerty	Seth James
Linda Litz	Eileen Flynn	



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LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—1/27-28:

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
SERVERS	*Server Needed	B. Ruffner	L. Gedeon C. Schweickert
LECTORS	L. Brugmann A. Brunton	J. D'Aurelio T. Murphy	M. Fratus A. Powers
EUCH. MIN.	K. Gray G. Scopilliti	A. Carlisle S. Carlisle C. Bichsel G. Scopilliti L. DeLair W. Custer	N. Daczko J. Daczko G. Scopilliti B. Colin M. Feddor R. Fitzgerald
MASS SET-UP	Staff	M. Romanello	Nichols/Cyphert
CLEANERS	J. Kropp, K. Hogue		

STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

KEEP THE KIDS WARM (1/7):	\$ 936.89
SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/14):	\$4,847.00
ONLINE GIVING (1/14):	\$ 781.82
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:	\$6,125.00
OVER/UNDER:	—\$ 496.18
# OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE:	157 (of 463)



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Jesus' call to "Follow me" is a call to all Christians! The call is in the here and now, in our present circumstances, not when we think we are "ready" or have everything in order. Good stewardship of our God-given gifts means that things aren't always going to go according to our schedule and that God has a much better plan in store for each of us.

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THE DEMANDS OF DISCIPLESHIP

Today we encounter readings that already have a Lenten feel about them. Nineveh undergoes a forty-day fast, the psalmist reminds us that God alone can show sinners the way, Paul shows us how fleeting the things and events of this world are, and Jesus cries out "Repent!" before he calls his new followers. "Come after me," Jesus says, but if we are to truly live out the commands and demands of our discipleship through baptism, we must first know our need for conversion, our repentance, our need to believe in the gospel fully. Today's Gospel opens with the stark reminder of what befell John the Baptist for completely living out his vocation as the herald of Christ and the gospel: he was arrested, imprisoned, and martyred. Though few of us will experience consequences that extreme, we must all be ready to risk some sort of rejection as, heeding the call of Jesus, we live out the kingdom of God at hand, repent of our sins, and believe in the good news of salvation.

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PARISH APPRECIATION DINNER

St. Joseph Parish is blessed with the generosity of its parishioners who volunteer their time, talent & treasure in a variety of ways throughout the year. We'd like to show our appreciation to all those who volunteer or are a part of the parish in any way.

Everyone is cordially invited to a Parish Appreciation Dinner on Saturday, February 3, beginning at 6:00 p.m. in Hughes Hall. We will need an accurate count for this catered event so we asked that you either register with the form below, the link available on our parish website's homepage (www.stjosephmantua.com) or by calling the Parish Office (330-274-2253) **by Friday, January 26.**

Name(s) _____

_____ # Adults & Teens from Household

_____ # Children 12 & Under from Household

Address _____

Preferred Phone # _____

E-Mail _____

PLEASE RETURN VIA COLLECTION BASKET ASAP

FREE COMMUNITY MEAL

Sunday, January 28

12:30-2:00 p.m. in Hughes Hall

Hosted by St. Joseph Cares and 8th grade PSR.

Please join us for food and fellowship.



"Every human being has a right to life, the fundamental right that makes all other rights possible . . ." *Forming Consciences for Faithful Citizenship, USCCB*

9 DAYS FOR LIFE:

PRAYER, PENANCE, PILGRIMAGE

On January 22 our nation marks the 43rd anniversary of Roe v. Wade, the Supreme Court decision that made abortion legal throughout the United States. Each year the US Catholic Bishops call for nine days of prayer for life during the days surrounding this tragic decision. Thousands of Catholics across the country will join together in prayer for a culture of life from Thursday, January 18 to Friday, January 26. The prayers in this novena address many Respect Life issues - "Precisely because all issues involving human life are interdependent, a society which destroys human life by abortion under the mantle of law unavoidably undermines respect for life in all other contexts." For more information, go to www.9daysforlife.org.

45 YEARS OF HURTING WOMEN & MEN

After 45 years of legalized abortion, millions of women, men, families and friends are hurting from their regret. There is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact *Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio* at 888-259-4806 or support@projrachneo.zohosupport.com.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

All those who made donations to St. Joseph's in 2017 and will need a contribution statement to serve as an official receipt for IRS purposes are asked to please sign-up to request your statement (we do not automatically mail this information to everyone). **To request a statement**, please check your name on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex or contact Kathi at the Parish Office ASAP (330-274-2253 or ktrares@stjosephmantua.com). Contribution statements will be available in the Narthex beginning the last weekend of January.





KEEP THE KIDS WARM

PSR is accepting donations of hats, gloves and scarves for Catholic Charities in Ravenna. Men's items are especially useful.

Place your donations on the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. Items will be collected through January 21.

CHILDREN'S MASS

All PSR classes will be participating in a Children's Mass on Sunday, January 21, at 11:15 a.m. Children's Mass occurs twice a year and is a hands-on opportunity for PSR students to learn and understand the Mass by participating in liturgical ministries. PSR students will plan the environment, greet and usher, lector and sing, write petitions and bring up gifts during the Offertory procession. Parents, please make sure your children's calendars are clear to participate in the Mass, and plan on attending. You'll find the liturgy is a memorable experience for all who participate. If you have any questions, please contact Peg Haney.

CONFIRMATION NEWS

Reconciliation - Confirmation Candidates and their sponsors and parents are reminded to participate in the sacrament of Reconciliation prior to the sacrament of Confirmation in March. Reconciliations are heard every Saturday, beginning at 4:00 p.m., in St. Joseph's Church. On Wednesday, February 28, all parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown will participate in **"The Light is ON for You" ~ An Evening of Reconciliation**, 6:30-8:00 p.m. Plan to receive this sacrament as part of your Lenten journey.

Confirmation Retreat - The Confirmation Retreat will be on Saturday, January 27, 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m. beginning at the Parish Center and ending with 5:00 p.m. Mass here at St. Joe's. Parents and sponsors are welcome to join their students for Mass at the end of the retreat. As a community service, the class will serve at the Free Community Meal on Sunday, January 29, beginning at 10:00 a.m.

EAGLE OF THE CROSS AWARD NOMINATIONS NOW BEING ACCEPTED!

If you know an outstanding high school junior or senior in our diocese, be sure to nominate him/her for the 2018 Eagle of the Cross Awards. Recipients will be honored at a Mass and Banquet on April 18 in Youngstown, and all nominees receive a certificate of acknowledgement. The form has been posted at: <http://youngstownoyyam.weebly.com/eagle-of-cross-awards.html>. Nominations are **DUE by 3 p.m. ET on Friday, February 16** (please mail by February 14). January is the perfect time, however, to complete and return nominations! Did you know that seven St. Joseph parishioners have been recipients of this award? Check it out on our parish website's Eagle of the Cross page under News & Events tab (<http://stjosephmantua.com/eagle-of-the-cross>).



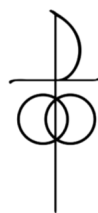
ST. PATRICK SCHOOL KINDERGARTEN AND NEW STUDENT REGISTRATION FOR 2018-2019

St. Patrick School will kick off it's 2018-2019 registration drive with an Open House Sunday, January 28, 12:00-2:00 p.m. Administration and faculty will be available to answer any questions. Tour guides will be available to show the building. St. Patrick's will begin accepting registration on this date. They will need a copy of the birth certificate, baptismal certificate and a \$100.00 non-refundable deposit which does apply towards tuition. Choosing a school for your child is one of the most important decisions you will make. That's why you are invited to consider St. Patrick School for your daughter or son. For further info., please contact their school office at 330-673-7232.

MARRIAGE PREPARATION ENGAGED COUPLE RETREAT DAY

The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturday, February 3, at St. Columba Cathedral Hall, Youngstown. This experience is ideal for engaged couples and all involved in parish marriage preparation.

Reservations are required. To view the entire schedule for 2018, visit www.doy.org and scroll down to the bottom of the home page.



FOLLOW ME AND I WILL MAKE YOU FISHERS OF MEN

Is the Lord calling upon you to cast a wider net as a priest, consecrated religious, or as a deacon? Please contact Fr. Christopher Luoni (cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451).

5TH ANNUAL EAGLE MASS & BREAKFAST



On Sunday, February 4, Boy Scout Troop 575 is inviting all their Eagle Scouts, Scouts, Webelos, Cubs, Leaders, and families to join them at the 8:30 a.m. Mass. Following Mass there will be a breakfast for all.

Reservations are required for breakfast to facilitate food preparation by contacting Mike Rowe (330-351-3283), Tom Smith (330-274-8335) or Kathi at the Parish Office (330-274-2253 or ktrares@stjosephmantua.com).

"In our society, human life is especially under direct attack from abortion, which some political actors mischaracterize as an issue of women's health."

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The universal Church has been celebrating World Day for Consecrated Life since 1997. Bishop George Murry, S.J. invites our diocesan church to celebrate the gift of Consecrated Life with him and the religious of our diocese on Sunday, February 4, at St. Columba Cathedral at the 10:30 a.m. liturgy. All are welcome.

CASINO BUS TRIP

The Mantua K of C Women's Auxiliary is hosting a Casino Bus Trip on Monday, February 19, to Presque Isle Downs, Erie, PA. The bus will depart from the Sentinel Party Center (K of C Hall) at 9:00 a.m. and will return by 6:00 p.m. The cost is \$40.00 per person and includes \$30.00 in free play. Please call 330-274-4982 and leave a message to make your reservation.



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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Jan. 21-28 ~

- Sun.** ~ **4C's Collection Weekend** ~
 After MassesAppalachian Experience Bake Sale (Narthex)
 9:40-11:00 a.m.....PSR Classes (School Bldg.)
 9:45-11:00 a.m.....RCIA (PC)
 At 11:15 a.m. MassCLOW (Conf. Rm.)
 12:30 p.m.Kennedy Baptism (Church)
- Mon.** 6:00-8:00 p.m.....G.S. Troop #90188 Mtg. (Rm. #3)
 6:30-7:30 p.m.....G.S. Troop #90311 Mtg. (Rm. #2)
 6:30-7:30 p.m.....Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
 7:00 8:00 p.m.....Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (Classrooms)
- Tues.** 6:00-9:00 p.m.....Renewing Women Mtg. (Rm. #9)
 6:30 p.m.....First Reconciliation (Church)
 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.** 6:00-7:30 p.m.....G.S. Troop #90015 Mtg. (Rm. #3)
 6:30-7:30 p.m.....Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
 7:00 p.m.....Music/Choir Rehearsal (Church)
- Fri.** EveningPinewood Derby Set-Up (Hall)
- Sat.** 8:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m....Cub Pack #3575 Pinewood Derby (Hall)
 10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m....Confirmation Retreat (PC/Hall)
- Sun.** ~ **Church Overseas Combined Collection Weekend** ~
 9:40-11:00 a.m.....PSR Classes (School Bldg.)
 9:45-11:00 a.m.....RCIA (PC)
 At 11:15 a.m. MassCLOW (Conf. Rm.)
 12:30-2:00 p.m.Free Community Meal (Hall)

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Catholics around the country have always responded to the needs of people everywhere. Next weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown will hold the Church Overseas Combined Collection in order to assist the Church in its ministries throughout the world. This combined collection supports four major overseas services: **Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Holy Father/Peter's Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Latin America.** Please remember, as we move toward the season of Lent, to support these important programs of charity in the Church.

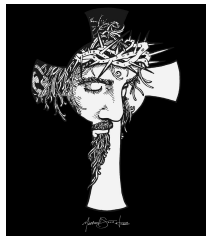


GIFT

What I am is God's gift to me. What I become is my gift back to God.

—Anonymous

ENHANCING YOUR LENTEN JOURNEY



Volunteers are needed to bring an exciting new event to our family at St. Joseph's on March 21st and 23rd. We are looking for people who would be interested in presenting the "Life of Jesus" and possibly the "Stations of the Cross." This will be shown in 'shadows', on a stage and screen, which will be erected in front of the altar in church. The "Life of Jesus" will be shown on Wednesday, March 21, and the "Stations of the Cross" on Friday, March 23. This will require a great dedication and sacrifice for those of you willing to volunteer. Practice sessions will be on Sunday, either before or after the 11:15 a.m. Mass, in Hughes Hall. Not all will be acting . . . many are needed for other things such as moving props around, working lights, narrating, audio, etc. This is an excellent opportunity to give up our time and talents during the Lenten season in return for what Jesus, our Lord, has given up for us! Please contact Rick Cermak (330-527-2140) for further information.

WHY DONATE BLOOD?

The American Red Cross is issuing an **urgent request** for eligible blood and platelet donors to #GiveNow. Your donation can give hope to hospital patients in our community, including accident victims, heart surgery patients and those receiving treatment for leukemia, cancer or sickle cell disease. Make an appointment to give blood by downloading the Blood Donor App, visiting www.redcrossblood.org or calling 1- 800-RED CROSS. St. Joe's will be hosting a Blood Drive on Monday, January 29, 1:00 -6:00 p.m., in Hughes Hall.



CAN YOU HELP?

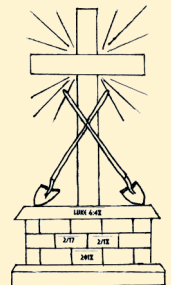
We are in need of registration and refreshment area volunteers for the donation day. Please sign-up in the Narthex or contact the Parish Office (ktrares@stjosephmantua.com or 330-274-2253) if you're able to lend a hand.



CHRIST RENEWS HIS PARISH MEN'S RENEWAL 2018

Our annual Men's Renewal will be held at here St. Joseph Church on Saturday, February 17 and Sunday, February 18. It is open to all men 18 years and older. The Men's Renewal is a two-day gathering of Christian Men (Catholic and non-Catholic) coming together in faith to deepen their relationship with Jesus Christ and other Christian men. There will be time for prayer, reflection, many laughs, fellowship, and good food. The weekend will begin at 8:00 a.m. on Saturday, February 17 and conclude with Mass on Sunday afternoon, February 18.

DIG DEEP



An **online registration form** is available at <https://goo.gl/5sUO4m>.

You may also **make a donation** for this event through ConnectNow Giving site (connectnowgiving.parishsoft.com/dl/?uid=stj1104203).

For more info., interested men may contact Lee Dorrance (330-328-6071) or Doug McSwain (330-289-7346), visit <http://www.stjosephmantua.com/christ-renews-his-parish>, or email the Men's Renewal Team at MenOfStJosephMantua@gmail.com.