

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
Saturdays 4:20 p.m.



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**TWENTY-SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME**

September 2, 2018



Religion that is pure and
undefiled before God
and the Father is this:
**to care for orphans
and widows in
their affliction.**

James 1:27

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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

When an altar is dedicated, the Rite of Dedication directs that, if possible, the relics of a martyr be mortared into the church floor under the mensa, or "altar table." Up until this revised rite, the general practice was to include small relics of saints in an altar stone, a slab of marble that was normally set in the altar itself. Today's rite states a clear preference for "martyr," and for a substantial part of the body, in accord with our tradition's desire for substantial symbols. Martyr, of course, means "witness" in Greek, and was the title given early on to the people who by their death imaged the death of Christ.

From the beginning, there has never been a shortage of such people, although it took a while for the Church to develop a process to declare someone a martyr. Saint Augustine tells how it was done in the fifth century. By then, popular opinion didn't count as much as an official tribunal set up by the bishop of the place where the martyr suffered. After the inquiry established that the person did indeed die for the faith, a metropolitan bishop had to ratify the decision before a shrine could be built or an altar set up over the martyr's tomb. For the most part, the honor paid to a martyr (called a "cult") was restricted to that diocese, although the fame of some heroes spread so much that they were celebrated elsewhere. The age of the martyrs is now, and more people died for the faith in the twentieth century than ever before, witnessing to Christ to the end. Their sacrifice remains "the seed of the Church."

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LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass..... *James Gaebelein*
 10:30 a.m. Mass..... *Lawrence Kalapos*
 Mon. No Liturgy
 Tues. 8:00 a.m. Mass..... *People of St. Joseph*
 Wed. 8:00 a.m. Mass..... *Frank & Mary Brosovich*
 Thur. 8:00 a.m. Mass..... *Fr. Tom Carapella, TOR*
 Fri. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration
 Sat. 4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
 4:20 p.m. Rosary
 5:00 p.m. Mass..... *Rudy Wojcicki*
 Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass..... *Bert O'Donnell*
 11:15 a.m. Mass..... *Camille Brady*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: 1 Cor 2:1-5; Ps 119:97-102; Lk 4:16-30
 Tues: 1 Cor 2:10b-16; Ps 145:8-14; Lk 4:31-37
 Wed: 1 Cor 3:1-9; Ps 33:12-15, 20-21; Lk 4:38-44
 Thur: 1 Cor 3:18-23; Ps 24:1bc-4ab,5-6; Lk 5:1-11
 Fri: 1 Cor 4:1-5; Ps 37:3-6,27-28,39-40; Lk 5:33-39
 Sat: Mt 5:1-4a or Rom 8:28-30; Ps 13:6;
 Mt 1:1-16,18-23 [18-23]
To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .
 Sun: Is 35:4-7a; Ps 146:7-10; Jas 2:1-5; Mk 7:31-37

HUMAN TRADITION

It would be easy to wonder why the disciples ate "with unwashed hands," especially in those times when dust and dirt were plentiful and the disciples worked with their hands as fishermen. But these scriptures are not concerned so much with physical cleanliness as with spiritual cleanliness.

The Pharisees, who were so picky about following every letter of every law, had an "aha" moment in which they saw an opportunity to accuse Jesus and the disciples of breaking the law of Moses. Jesus responds in a very sensible way. He says, "Well did Isaiah prophesy about you hypocrites, as it is written:

This people honors me with their lips,
 But their hearts are far from me;
 In vain do they worship me,
 Teaching as doctrines human precepts.
 You disregard God's commandment but cling to human tradition."

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

Bunny Fritz	Joan Kodash	Natalie Jahn
Sharon Olszak	Lily Peterson	Kyle Painley
Josephine Rizzo	Pat Smith	Seth James
Linda Litz	Marvin Litz	Ray Hosier
Ian Bokesch	Tim Holka	Bishop George Murry
Mike Alexander	Hilda Keller	Georgia Poe McIntyre
Linda Hammel	Andy Kollarik	Ron Nader



SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME PRAYER LINE: 440-279-1163

We pray for those that are sick or are in need of healing whether it be physically, mentally, emotionally, or spiritually. For prayer intentions to be placed in the bulletin, the person or an immediate family member is asked to please call the Parish Office.

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—9/8-9:

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
SERVERS	J. Olesh	J. Gerhardt	A. Schweickert L. Gedeon
LECTORS	L. Brugmann A. Brunton	M. Hyland M. Hyland	D. Engelhart L. Engelhart
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MASS SET-UP CLEANERS	Staff K. Wood, K. Boehnlein		

STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

SUNDAY COLLECTION (8/26): \$4,952.00
 ONLINE GIVING (8/26): \$ 766.69
 WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$6,125.00
 OVER/UNDER: —\$ 406.31
 # OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE: 155 (of 463)

AUGUST TOTALS	
Collections:	\$22,405.66
Donators:	595
Budget Amt:	\$24,500.00
Deficit:	\$2,094.34

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

It's easy to understand the definition of stewardship. The hard part is living it! What do you do to live God's word? Do you share your time in prayer with God? Do you use your talent to help those in need? Are you generous with your financial resources? If not, what are you waiting for?

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*"As I have Loved you,
so you also should Love one another."*

John 13:34



LAWS OF LOVE

When someone mentions laws and/or commandments, we usually think of them as burdens that we have to bear to be good citizens or church members. But if you listen carefully to the first reading from Deuteronomy, you get the sense that the laws Moses presented to the people of Israel were gift from God, something to be proud of. Moses gives two reasons for this.

Moses presents the laws as wise and just, so much so that other nations would praise and envy the Israelites for having such laws. Some of the nations around at the time had kings who used the law to keep themselves in power and make them wealthy.

The second reason was that they showed how much God cared for his people, that he would guide them in their everyday lives and hear their prayers. Though God is greater than they could comprehend, he is also nearer than we think. This brings us to Jesus, who shows us the Father and who made the law both simpler and more challenging.

Jesus simplified the laws by showing us that loving God and loving our neighbors as ourselves was the basis of all God's laws. The challenge is to do more than simply avoid hurting or cheating others. We are to love one another as Jesus loves us. That means reaching out to those in need, forgiving our enemies, caring for the sick or dying. And don't forget about loving God: How often do we even think about Him, thank Him for all we have, or take time to listen to Him? Do we love Jesus so much that we want other people to know him too? If we are willing to accept the challenge to love God and neighbor, we will not have to worry about breaking laws.

—Tom Schmidt, © J. S. Paluch Co.



CRS EMERGENCY RESPONSE KERALA, INDIA

Thank you for your continued support of Catholic Relief Services. Currently, extreme flash flooding and landslides have left hundreds of people dead and about 800,000 displaced in Kerala state in southwest India. CRS is collaborating with the government and local partners to provide emergency aid to thousands of families impacted by the disaster.

In Kerala, heavy rains from the monsoon season have caused rivers to overflow and nearly 3 dozen dams to be breached. The state government has estimated the damage caused by the floods and landslides to crops and property at more than \$1 billion. Thousands of families have lost their homes and belongings, food has become scarce, and water sources have been contaminated.

CRS is providing assistance to more than 2,000 families in Wayanad District, one of the hardest hit and isolated areas impacted by the flooding. CRS is distributing water purifying tablets for clean drinking water, buckets for safe water storage, hygiene supplies and shelter kits, including tarps and blankets.

Please pray for the people of Kerala. Donations can be sent to:

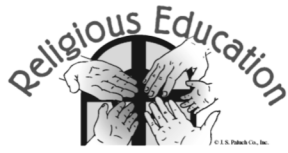
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(Kerala floods on memo line)

Thank you for your continued support and prayers.

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 & all St. Joseph parishioners to a Blue Mass to honor our safety forces on Sunday, September 23, at 11:15 a.m. The intent of this Mass is to recognize all the hard work and dedication these individuals do for our communities. A Community Picnic will be held in St. Joseph's Hughes Hall immediately following, courtesy of the Mantua K of C. They will provide hamburgers, hotdogs, and pop. Guests are asked to please bring a dish to pass. For more information, please contact Lonn Safko (330-968-8293) or Jim Fields (330-274-8938).





PSR OPENING DAY!!

St. Joseph Parish's School of Religion will reconvene on Sunday, September 9, beginning at 9:30 a.m. We will be hosting a Donut Social for all of our students and their parents. Registration and classes will follow. PSR fees for the 2018-19 school year will remain the same: \$30.00 per student, with an \$80.00 maximum per family. Students receiving sacramental instruction (First Communion, Confirmation) pay an additional \$25.00. Fees will be accepted at the social and are due by Sunday, October 7.

PSR ENROLLMENT

PSR Enrollment is in advance of registration and is for students who will be attending our program for the first time this year. You can enroll your student/s at the Parish Center during regular St. Joseph Parish office hours throughout the month of August. If your child was baptized in a parish other than St. Joseph Parish, please bring your child/ren's baptismal record/s at this time. If you have any questions or need any further information, please contact the Parish Office at 330-274-2253 or Peg Haney at 330-274-2268.

CLOW VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Our Children's Liturgy of the Word (CLOW) ministry is in need of volunteers for the 2018-19 school year. Volunteers share the weekly scripture with children ages 3-8 and supervise a group activity. Each CLOW session lasts approximately 20 minutes and occurs during our 11:15 Mass on Sunday. If you are interested or need more information, please contact Peg Haney (330- 274-2268 or phaney@stjosephmantua.com).

A PRAYER FOR OUR CHURCH

Heavenly Father,
In every age, you have been our refuge.
Yet again and still, we stand before you
asking for your protection on your holy Church.

For the victims of abuse and their families,
pour out your healing and your peace.

For the Bishops of this country,
continue to inspire their decisions,
and guide them with your Spirit.

For the thousands of good and faithful priests,
who have followed your call to serve you and your people in holiness,
sustain them by your grace.

For the faithful who are angry, confused, and searching for answers,
embrace them with your love,
restore their trust,
console them with your clear Gospel message,
and renew them with your sacraments.

We place our Church in your hands,
for without you we can do nothing.
May Jesus, our High Priest and true compass,
continue to lead her in every thought and action -
to be an instrument of justice,
a source of consolation,
a sacrament of unity,
and a manifestation of your faithful covenant.

Grant this through that same Jesus Christ, our Lord,
who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit,
one God, for ever and ever. Amen.

—From Fr. Michael Balash, St. William Parish, Champion



SINCERE SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the families and friends of *Richard Volinski* and *Joan Volinski* who both 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.

OCCUPANCY

The value of life does not depend upon the place we occupy. It depends upon the way we occupy that place. —St. Thérèse of Lisieux

NATIONAL DAY OF REMEMBRANCE

Every day, more than 3,000 children are killed in our country through abortion, and most of their bodies are discarded with medical waste. Please join Right to Life of Northeast Ohio on Saturday, September 8, as they observe the National Day of Remembrance for Aborted Children at 1:00 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery in Akron. Participants include Father Norm Douglas, St. Vincent's Akron, Rev. Daren Brake from The House of the Lord, and Ohio representative Kristina Roegner. Please visit www.rtlfofneo.com for more information and a printable map.

K OF C PIG ROAST

The Mantua Knights of Columbus #3766 is having a Pig Roast on Saturday, September 22, at the Sentinel Party Center, 11845 St. Rt. 44, 4:00-8:00 p.m. Donation is \$25.00 per person and includes dinner and an open bar. A corn hole tournament will be available for a \$10.00 entrance fee. This event raised \$950.00 for Hattie Larlham last year with hopes of doing as well or better this year. Only 100 tickets will be sold so get yours soon. Please contact Lonn Saffko @ 330-968-8293 for tickets or more info.



COLOR RUN—A FUN FAMILY EVENT

Run, walk or dance around Sunny Lake Park in Aurora with your family on Saturday, September 22, as Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church raises money for Catholic Charities of Portage County. Wear old clothes, shoes, and eye protection as you will be 'powdered' with color and love! Commemorative tee shirt and snacks provided. Individual fee is \$18.00 per person before September 10, \$25.00 per person September 11-22. Family fee is \$25.00 registration fee + \$7.00 per person before September 10 or \$30.00 registration fee + \$7.00 per person September 11-22 (registrations received September 11-22 can pick up shirts after October 10). Registration forms are available at www.olphaurora.org. Please contact Mac Clapp (maclapp@olphaurora.org) with any questions!

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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Sept. 2-9 ~

- Sun.** After Masses Produce Sharing Program (Alcove)
Mon. All Day Parish Offices Closed (Labor Day)
Tues. 6:30-8:30 p.m. Crestwood Band Boosters Mtg. (Rm. #8)
 7:00 p.m. Boy Scout Mtg. (Rowe's)
 7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Cares Mtg. (PC)
Wed. 8:00 p.m. AA Mtg. (Hall)
Thur. 6:00 p.m. Worship Committee Mtg. (PC)
 7:00 p.m. Music/Choir Rehearsal (Church)
 8:00 p.m. Son Rise Singers (Church)
Fri. 7:00-9:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (Church)
Sat. ~ **Produce Sharing Program Weekend** ~
 10:00 a.m. Volinski Funeral Luncheon (Hall)
 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m. Mantua Soccer Games (Fields)
 4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation (Church)
 4:20 p.m. Rosary (Church)
Sun. ~ **St. Joseph Cares Collection Weekend** ~
 9:40-11:00 a.m. PSR Classes (School Bldg.)
 At 11:15 a.m. Mass CLOW (Conf. Rm.)
 7:00-8:30 p.m. Venture Crew (Hall)



MASS SCHEDULE CHANGES

Between Memorial Day and Labor Day, our Sunday Mass schedule changes for the summer. That means the Sunday after Labor Day, September 9, Masses return to the usual schedule of 8:30 and 11:15 a.m. The Saturday Mass remains at 5:00 p.m. year round.

THE ORIGINAL CURRENCY

Labor was the first price, the original purchase-money that was paid for all things. It was not by gold or by silver, but by labor, that all wealth of the world was originally purchased.
 —Adam Smith

SHARING OUR ABUNDANCE CARE OF OUR COMMON HOME

St. Joseph Parish will continue it's Produce Sharing Program coordinated by St. Joseph Cares. For the weekends of August 11/12, 18/19, 25/26 & September 1/2 and 8/9, you can share your abundance with other parishioners and the 4C's. During WEEKEND MASSES ONLY, please bring clean, fresh fruits and vegetables from your garden. Place them on the table provided in the alcove outside the church entrance. Parishioners are invited to take home what they need from the sharing table. All produce left after the last Mass on Sundays will be taken to our local 4C's food cupboard.



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



The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 21, 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 2018. 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 on the required form before September 20.

DELVING INTO OUR WEBSITE

www.stjosephmantua.com

We invite you to log on to our website and browse through the pages. The parish, since its inception in 1864, has been blessed with enthusiastic, dedicated, and faith-filled people committed to the Gospel message of Jesus Christ.



St. Joseph Parish's website was established in May, 2000 with the original set-up by parishioner Mary Anne Cole. The current website administrator is Kathi Trares who maintains and updates the site almost daily.

You'll find our website is divided into six convenient tabs . . . Home Page, About Us, Liturgy & Sacraments, Faith Formation, Ministries & Organizations, News & Events.

MINISTRIES & ORGANIZATIONS

Church Cleaners

Our crew of adults, teens, and families help keep our worship space clean and welcoming throughout the year. One or two people are scheduled about once every six weeks to vacuum and straighten the church and Narthex. In years past, a major cleaning of the church before Christmas and Easter takes place on a designated Saturday morning to help make the church shine for the holidays. New recruits are always welcome. For further details, please contact Parish Office (330-274-2253).



CURRENTLY SCHEDULED MEMBERS:

Ken Boehnlein, Darlene Fedor, Bill Fetsko, Jason Garey, Kathy Hogue, Jeanne Kropp, Heidi & Frank McKinley, Toni & Dan Norden, Cookie Vanek, Kathy Wood

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

A major church cleaning is scheduled for Saturday, November 3, beginning at 8:30 a.m. The pews, kneelers, doorways, altar furniture, statue areas, and Stations of the Cross will all be wiped down, windows washed, and the entire space vacuumed. Teens needing service hours are also welcome to come lend a hand.

