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Twenty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time

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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
Saturdays 4:20 p.m.

Proud Home of the Ox Roast Fair!

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Back to work we go! Summer break is over and there is much to accomplish in school and in the workplace. It's a venerable Catholic custom to assign patron saints to the trades and occupations of life. This is largely in the realm of popular devotion, and although from time to time the Vatican declares a saint to be patron of this or that, the process is free-wheeling and just about uncontrollable. Still, there is a saint for almost any purpose, whether you are on death row (Dismas), having eye trouble (Lucy), or pursued by poisonous toads (Hubert). Medieval guilds would often associate themselves with heavenly patrons, so Saint Joseph has the carpenters, Thomas More the lawyers, and physicians get Saint Luke. If you're stuck in the airport, St. Joseph of Cupertino is on call since he was said to rise off the floor when he prayed, and if you're in a long line at the ATM, Saint Anthony Claret is for you.

In recent years, the Vatican has from time to time assigned a new patronage, as when Saint Aloysius Gonzaga was named the patron of HIV-AIDS patients, since as a young Jesuit novice he had cared for his fellow novices during a terrible plague. Anything that matters to us--nation, parish church, occupation, illness--can have a patron, and it is an aspect of Catholicism that has enormous appeal. To believe in the "communion of saints" is to know that the ties that bind us as a communion do not unravel with death, and that when we stand before life's struggles, we do not stand alone. Who is your patron saint?

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

LITURGIES FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass....*Bert O'Donnell*
11:15 a.m. Mass..*Camille Brady*
Mon. No Liturgy
Tues. 8:00 a.m. Mass....*People of St. Joseph*
Wed. 8:00 a.m. Mass....*Ron & Cindy Clark's Anniv.*
Thur. 8:00 a.m. Mass....*McNickle Family*
Fri. No Liturgy
Sat. 4:00-4:30 p.m. Reconciliation
4:20 p.m. Rosary
5:00 p.m. Mass....*Bill & Rose Sontag*
Sun. 8:30 a.m. Mass....*Paul Gatian*
11:15 a.m. Mass..*Irene O'Bryan*

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: 1 Cor 5:1-8; Ps 5:5-7, 12; Lk 6:6-11
Tues: 1 Cor 6:1-11; Ps 149:1b-6a, 9b; Lk 6:12-19
Wed: 1 Cor 7:25-31; Ps 45:11-12,14-17; Lk 6:20-26
Thur: 1 Cor 8:1b-7,11-13; Ps 139:1b-3,13-14ab, 23-24; Lk 6:27-38
Fri: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1bc-2,34-38; Phil 2:6-11; Jn 3:13-17
Sat: 1 Cor 10:14-22; Ps 116:12-13,17-18; Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .
Sun: Is 50:5-9a; Ps 116:1-6, 8-9; Jas 2:14-18; Mk 8:27-35

SHOW NO PARTIALITY

Not only do we at times show little care for the earth and its beauty, but we resist the command of God to care for each other in our need. James warns us not to give pride of place to those who are rich and obviously so. He points out the needy, those poorly dressed, and warns us to care for them and not to look down on them, for God sees their need and also their trust in God and love for others. It is such as these whom Jesus came to heal and give hope.

Similarly, in the reading from Isaiah, God's coming is accompanied by the opening of the ears of the deaf and the eyes of the blind. God comes to make the lame leap and the mute sing. (So, everybody, please sing in church. It gives glory to God!)

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

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

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	

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

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—9/15-16:

	5:00 p.m.	8:30 a.m.	11:15 a.m.
SERVERS	O. Bass	B. Ruffner	G. Schweickert C. Gross
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SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of *Leonard Roman, Jr.,* husband of Bonnie, who recently passed away following a motorcycle accident. May these families find comfort and strength as their loved one lives in the eternal presence of God in whom all find comfort and peace.

STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

SUNDAY COLLECTION (9/2):	$5,630.17
ONLINE GIVING (9/2):	$ 504.29
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:	$6,125.00
OVER/UNDER:	+$ 9.66
# OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE:	149 (of 463)

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

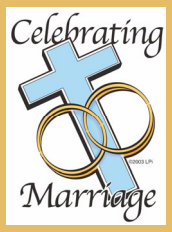
What is more important – being rich in faith or rich in possessions? Society teaches us that possessions are most important. God teaches a different lesson. When we are rich in faith, we keep God first in all things and realize that material things really don't matter and that it's more important to share with those who have less.

Visit us on the web at www.stjosephmantua.com

POTATO FESTIVAL PARADE THIS SUNDAY!

St. Joseph Parish will have an entry in the Mantua Potato Festival Parade on Sunday, September 9! All are welcome to ride/walk with our float. Please line up at 1:00 p.m. at Crestwood High School (you may wish to park at St. Joe's & walk the path to the high school). Look for our unit with a big cross and a St. Joseph sign (D'Aurelio's tractor & hay wagon). The parade starts at 2:00 p.m. and we will return to high school afterward. We'll be passing out St. Joseph bottles of water that say "Quench your thirst". This and passing out of candy is allowed by people walking alongside the float. Don't forget to wear your St. Joe's shirt! Questions? Contact Jay D'Aurelio (330-569-8156).

25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND 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 Sept. 20.

LAUDATO SÍ CONFERENCE & INTREGRAL ECOLOGY CONFERENCE

The Diocese of Cleveland's Social Action Office and its Care for God's Creation Working Group, with co-sponsors John Carroll University, Ursuline College, the Conference of Religious Leadership (CORL), Diocesan Office of Ministry to African-American Catholics, and Sisters of the Incarnate Word are hosting the diocese's first ever Laudato Sí and Integral Ecology Conference on Saturday, September 29. Taking place from 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m., the event will explore the encyclical's vision for parish outreach, life ministries, school curriculums, faith formation, lifestyles, and the poor. Cost is $20.00 before September 14 ($25.00 after) and includes a sustainable lunch. CEU's will be available. To learn more go to: www.ccdocle.org/dsao.

CAKE BAKING CONTEST & SALE AT FAITH FAMILY FESTIVAL

To highlight the 75th Anniversary of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, the Faith & Family Festival is hosting a Cake Baking Contest & Sale on Sunday, September 23. The goal is to have 75 cakes to celebrate 75 years of the diocese with the theme "With Pride in the Past and Faith in the Future." Individuals or groups are welcome to submit entries either in the Youth/Student Category (up to age 22) or Adult Category (over age 22). Prizes will be awarded for Best Decorated Cake, Most Creative Use of Theme, or People's Choice. Sponsored by Skyland Pines Banquet Center and Papa Bears/ Pizza Oven Restaurants. Entry forms must be submitted by Friday, September 14, and may be obtained at www.faithfamilyfest.org or by contacting 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

NINTH ANNUAL FAITH & FAMILY FESTIVAL

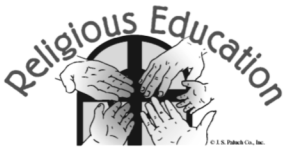
A day of fun and fulfillment for families, students and friends will be held on Sunday, September 23, on the West Quad of the campus of Walsh University at 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton. The day will begin at 11:00 a.m. with Mass, planned with Bishop Murry, and will feature local and nationally known musical acts, including, polka artist Matt Schafer, Puerto Rican ensemble Conjunto Riquena, Gospel singer Felicia Landry and Christian rock bands Remedy Drive and Stars Go Dim. In addition, there will be activities for kids and young people, vendors and affordable food by Café Augustine. For more information, please go to www.faithfamilyfest.org or contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451 ext. 272.

APPALACHIAN EXPERIENCE BAKE SALE

Next weekend, September 15/16, the Appalachian Experience group will hold a bake sale to raise funds for their trip to Clintwood, Va in June to participate in the Binns-Counts Community Center's Housing Repair Program. All bakers, our faithful bakers and anyone who would like to begin baking, may drop off their baked goods in the Narthex before the Mass they attend. Thank you!

FOUNDATIONS IN MINISTRY PROGRAM

The Office of Lay Ministry Formation will once again offer The Foundations in Ministry Program this fall. Foundations in Ministry helps believers discern and live out their baptismal call of holiness, discipleship, and ministry. This program is open to anyone who is ready to go deeper in their faith journey and further discern God's will in their life. The interactive and inspirational sessions include prayer, reflections on Scripture, theological formation, and discussions, all within the context of a community of learners. Foundations in Ministry sessions begin Monday, September 24, at the Ursuline Center in Canfield and concludes Monday, April 1, 2019. For a complete list of dates or to register online, visit www.doy.org or contact the Office of Lay Ministry Formation, at 330-744-8451 ext. 275. As one past participant said, "it's a wonderful opportunity to learn about your faith and church in an environment that is as excited and passionate as you are!"



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).

CATECHETICAL SUNDAY

On Sunday, September 16, we will be honoring all the catechists who volunteer for our PSR program. These people include:

Julie Stone	*Lonn Safko*	*Barb Colin*
Michele Green	*Debbie Safko*	*Theresa Gross*
Jason Green	*Tom Smith*	*Carrie Gyurgyik*
Shannon Lesnak	*Joe Duriak*	*Michelle Ward-Clayton*
Kathy Maretka	*Don Engelhart*	*Bob Zamrzla*
Jan Herman	*Ruth Skocdopole*	*Julie Engelhart*
Kathy Greenwald	*Dan Safko*	*Jackie Workman*

Please keep these special volunteers, our PSR children, and their parents in your prayers throughout the year ahead.

FIRST COMMUNION PARENTS MEETING

Our first gathering of all First Communion Parents is on Sunday, September 23, 9:45 a.m. (during PSR). At this time, we will be reviewing the sacrament, important dates for our program, and how we all make our children ready for the Reconciliation and Eucharist. Your attendance is expected. Questions? Please contact Peg Haney at phaney@stjosephmantua.com or 330- 274-2268.

CONFIRMATION PARENTS MEETING

All Confirmation parents are asked to attend a training session on the sacrament of Confirmation on Sunday, September 30, at 9:45 a.m. (during PSR) in Hughes Hall. We will be reviewing the sacrament, our local calendar and this year's tie in with the 75th anniversary celebration of the Diocese of Youngstown. Your attendance is expected. Questions? Please contact Peg Haney.

BE STRONG, DO NOT FEAR!

With every true vocation comes the strength and courage of the One who calls. If the Holy Spirit is prompting you to follow Christ as a priest, deacon or in the consecrated life do not be afraid to follow. For help with your discernment, please contact Fr. Chris Luoni (cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451).

PRESENTATIONS ON 'HUMANAE VITAE'

As the Church marks the 50th Anniversary of Pope Paul VI's encyclical letter Humanae Vitae the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life and Walsh University's Lifelong Learning Academy are offering the following presentations on Wednesdays from 7:00 to 8:30 p.m. in the Barrette Business and Community Center at Walsh University:

- September 12 – Dr. Donald Wallenfang – "Love Mystical and Mundane: Humanae Vitae into the 21st Century"
- September 26 – Dr. Christopher Stroud, MD (Fertility & Midwifery Care Center, Ft. Wayne, IN) – "Pro-life and Pro-contraception:
  Is there a contradiction?"

For more info. contact 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

RACHEL'S VINEYARD RETREAT

One in four women has personally been affected by abortion. There will be a Rachel's Vineyard post-abortion healing retreat weekend on September 14-16, in Columbus, OH. This confidential retreat is a small group of others who can say "me too". The retreat begins Friday afternoon at 3:00 pm and concludes on Sunday afternoon at 4:00 pm. Each woman has her own room and all meals are included. The retreat includes a time of spiritual connection and personal reflection in a lovely retreat setting. For more information, call or text Carolyn at 614-721-2100 or email CarolynK@PDHC.org. For a local connection to this retreat and possible transportation to Columbus, contact Christy at 330-206-6250 or catb@neo.rr.com.

ANNUAL CROP WALK

This fall, over 400 communities around the United States are walking to end hunger. Join friends from Mantua Center Church, Hilltop Christian Church, Hiram Christian Church, Nelson Community Methodist Church, and students from Hiram College to show your support. Their annual CROP walk will be held on Sunday, September 30. participants will walk following a joint worship service which will take place at Hiram Christian Church at 10:30 a.m. After a light lunch, the walk will start at about 12:30 p.m. beginning at the church and following a route to the Headwaters Trail and ending at Mantua's Buchert Park. Funds raised support local food banks (Nelson/Garrettsville Community Cupboard and 4C's Food Pantry) as well as other needy areas in the United States and abroad. Please plan on walking or supporting with your donations. Online donations can me made at www.crophungerwalk.org (use the name "Northern Portage CROP Hunger Walk" to show your support). For more info., please contact Nancy at dnsofhiram@gmail.com.

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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Sept. 9-16 ~

Sun. *~ St. Joseph Cares Collection Weekend ~*
9:30 a.m. ....Doughnut Social (Hall)
9:40-11:00 a.m. ....PSR Opening Day/Registration & Classes for Parents & Children (Hall/School Bldg.)
At 11:15 a.m. Mass ....CLOW (Rm. #1)
7:00-8:30 p.m. ....Venture Crew (Hall)

Mon. 11:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m...Pavilion Rental (Grounds)
6:30 p.m. ....Crestwood Band Boosters' Project (Comp. Rm.)
7:00 8:00 p.m. ....Cub Scout Den Mtgs. (Classrooms)
7:30-9:00 p.m. ....Boy Scout Committee Mtg. (APR)
7:30 p.m. ....K of C Women's Auxiliary Mtg. (K of C)

Tues. 7:00 p.m. ....Cub Scout Committee Mtg. (APR)
7:00-9:00 p.m. ....Boy Scout Mtg. (Hall)
7:00 p.m. ....ORF Core Group Mtg. (???)

Wed. 7:00 p.m. ....Garden Club Mtg. (PC)
7:30 p.m. ....K of C 4th Degree Mtg. (K of C)
8:00 p.m. ....AA Mtg. (Hall)

Thur. 7:00 p.m. ....Finance Council Mtg. (PC)
7:00 p.m. ....Music/Choir Rehearsal (Church)
8:00 p.m. ....Son Rise Singers (Church)

Fri.

Sat. 10:00 a.m.-2 p.m. ....Mantua Soccer Games (Fields)
4:00-4:30 p.m. ....Reconciliation (Church)
4:20 p.m. ....Rosary (Church)
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.)
9:45-11:00 a.m. ....RCIA (PC)
At 11:15 a.m. Mass ....CLOW (Conf. Rm.)

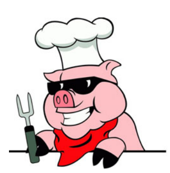
EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT SUPPORT NEEDED

Jacob Ober is working on his Boy Scout Eagle Project and is asking for some financial support. He's refurbishing St. Joe's playground equipment. Sherwin Williams Store is donating paint but he needs to purchase supplies he'll need for prepping & cleaning beforehand. If you would like to help with his endeavor, please forward your check to Joe, Candy or Jacob Ober or drop in the mail: 13041 Thrasher Rd., Hiram, OH 44234. If you have any questions, please contact Jacob at 330-569-4350.

WITH PRIDE IN THE PAST

How can we express our appreciation to those who first formed our faith? Our parents and guardians were diligent in ensuring our faith formation and practice. Additionally, a teacher, a priest, a neighbor may have been instrumental in showing us how a Catholic lives their faith through generous serving of others. Looking back, is there someone for whom we should pray, in thanksgiving for their witness, or if possible, could we phone or visit them and tell them in person? The gift of faith . . . say thank you, and pass it on.

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, Mantua, 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 Safko @ 330-968-8293 for tickets or more information.

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

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PARISH BUSINESS DIRECTORY & DIRECTORY OF TALENTS

If you are a registered parishioner, are a business owner or provide professional services and would like to promote your business, you can get a listing in the Parish Business Directory. There is absolutely no charge for this, however, if you are so inclined, we would like you to consider making a donation to the St. Joseph Church Renovation Fund for future improvements and maintenance to parish facilities. In addition, we're putting together a comprehensive list of talents and services. To provide your information, click on the appropriate Registration Form link on our website or get a hard copy from the Narthex or Parish Office. For any questions, please contact Kathi Trares at 330-274-2253 or ktrares@stjosephmantua.com.
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