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LITURGY SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 5:00 p.m.

SUNDAY 9:00 a.m.

WEEKDAY 8:00 a.m. Tues.

HOLY DAYS & SPECIAL LITURGIES
(please refer to bulletin)

RECONCILIATION (CONFESSION)
*Contact Fr. Ed. to arrange
(330-575-9105)*

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION
Cancelled until further notice

HOLY ROSARY
Cancelled until further notice

Forgive your
neighbor's injustice;
then when you pray,
your own sins
will be forgiven.

Sirach 28:2

September

13

2020

Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time



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TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil.

—Rev. James Field, © J. S. Paluch Co.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Sun. 9:00 a.m. Mass *Carl Feddor,*
Pat Fitzgerald
 Mon. No Liturgy
 Tues. 8:00 a.m. Mass *Rudy Wojtecki*
 Wed. No Liturgy
 Thur. No Liturgy
 Fri. 8:00 a.m. Mass @ St. Ambrose
 Sat. 5:00 p.m. Mass *Conversion for the*
Heart of the World
 Sun. 9:00 a.m. Mass *Ron & Cindy Clark*
(45th Anniversary)

CARILLON MEMORIAL



Sept. 17 *Chuck & Robert Norton*
(60th Anniversary)

Please call the Parish Office to schedule.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Nm 21:4b-9; Ps 78:1-2,34-38; Phil 2:6-11;
 Jn 3:13-17
 Tues: 1 Cor 12:12-14,27-31a; Ps 100:1b-5;
 Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35
 Wed: 1 Cor 12:31-13:13; Ps 33:2-5,12,22; Lk 7:31-35
 Thur: 1 Cor 15:1-11; Ps 118:1b-2,16ab-17,28;
 Lk 7:36-50
 Fri: 1 Cor 15:12-20; Ps 17:1bcd,6-8b,15; Lk 8:1-3
 Sat: 1 Cor 15:35-37,42-49; Ps 56:10c-14; Lk 8:4-15
To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .
 Sun: Is 55:6-9; Ps 145:2-3, 8-9,17-18;
 Phil 1:20c-24,27a; Mt 20:1-16a

FORGIVENESS

Nearly ten years before, a son and father had parted ways when the business they shared went bankrupt. The son blamed the father. They did not speak to each other again.

Then the father became seriously ill. The mother called the son and told him he had better come soon. The son walked sheepishly into the hospital room. The father motioned his son to him and whispered: "Did you ever think you could do anything that would keep me from loving you?"

Resentment and anger are foul things, the first reading from Sirach tells us. Remember the last things. Stop hating. Live by the commandments. As St. Paul writes to the Romans, we are to live for the Lord and die for the Lord.

Jesus' parable in today's Gospel reminds us of God's compassion. The immense sin of humanity has been forgiven and stricken from the record. We are to forgive others in the same way.

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PRAYER INTENTIONS

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



Hilda Keller	Ken Boehnlein	Phil Conti
Cindy Mason	Ronnie Kasovich	Robert Anderson
Kyle Painley	Betty Jean Stevens	Loretta Brugmann
Laurie Buxa	Tom & Pat Smith	Nancy Richards
Janice Rendina	Joyce Cavanaugh	Russ Workman
Madeline Kapote	Marianne Baroni	Michael Carlo
Paula Krebs	Terry Kulka	Cheryl Milroy
Diane Sanderson	Bunny Fritz	Bob Fritz
Pat Bruckner	Ann Grega	

SISTERS OF NOTRE DAME PRAYER LINE
 440-279-1163 OR sndchardon.org/prayer-request

DIAL-A-PRAYER LINE

The UH Portage Medical Center's Pastoral Care Dept. would like to make everyone aware that there is now a new service available to congregations. Dial-A-Prayer line (330-297-2545) - that has been in service for patients and staff for many years - is now accessible from outside the hospital. Call for an inspirational recorded message from the hospital chaplain. The message is changed once a week.

STEWARDSHIP WAY OF LIFE

SUNDAY COLLECTION (9/6): \$3,693.00
 ONLINE GIVING (9/6): \$1,659.82
 WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED: \$6,125.00
 OVER/UNDER: —\$ 772.18
 # OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE: 63 (of 394)



STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

Today's Second Reading tells us that "none of us lives for oneself." This is the life of a Christian steward! We see this type of dedication through the lives of our priests, deacons, and religious community members, but it does not stop there! We are all called to live for the Lord, and whenever we share our time, talent, and treasure with others, we not only share them with others, we also share them with the Lord.



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR DEACON

As Deacon Gerry Scopilliti celebrates the anniversary of his ordination (September 13), we offer our best wishes. Thank you for touching so many people with your holy ministry and service. May God bless you for your faithful service to the people of God and His church.

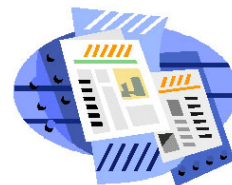
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KEEPING IN TOUCH . . .

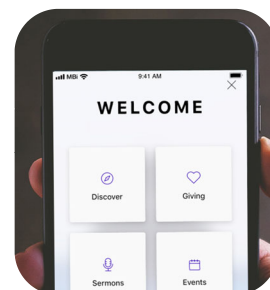
St. Joseph Church has numerous ways for you to “keep in the loop” of what’s happening. Be sure to check them out and utilize all they have to offer.

Our **Weekly Bulletin** provides lots of information about the parish’s ministries and events along with area happenings, diocesan news, and Catholic resources. The bulletin has been available on our website at for quite some time. You may also sign-up to receive the bulletin by email at <https://ebulletin.jspaluch.com/#/> or by texting the word ‘BULLETIN’ to 94090.



Be sure to log onto our parish website @ <https://stjosephmantua.com>. The user-friendly format works well for desktop as well as tablet and phone users. It is conveniently divided into six tabs: Home Page; About Us; Liturgy & Sacraments; Faith Formation; Ministries & Organizations; and News, Events & Resources. Drop down menus help organize over 125 sub pages.

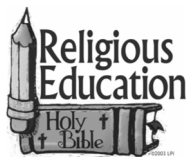
Our newest form of communicating is **St. Joseph Church’s free mobile app**. You may view events, links & sign-ups, give to the parish directly from your smartphone, contact the office, submit prayer requests, view our parish YouTube Channel videos, and receive church news and reminder messages. As the app is enhanced and improved, we’re looking forward to the development of additional features. On your mobile device, go to <https://parishsoft.ministryone.com/landing/LndL>, download the St. Joseph Church app through Google Play or Apple App Store, open it, and explore!



Our two social media pages allow us to keep connected to parishioners, friends, and communities: St. Joseph Church (<https://www.facebook.com/stjosephmantua>) and St. Joseph’s Ox Roast Fair (<https://www.facebook.com/StJosephsOxRoastFair>). Be sure to like and follow!



Our parish database portal is called **My Own Church** from which you may update your family information. Your giving history and contribution statement, ministry schedule preferences, family members' sacrament details, pictorial directory, PSR registration are also among what’s available. All you need to do is visit <https://stjosephmantua.com/my-own-church>, where you can click the blue "Update Your Info" button and create an account. Then, church office staff will approve your account, and you’ll be able to update all of your family information, including names, addresses, phone numbers, and email addresses.



PACKET PICK-UP

This year, each PSR Families will be using at-home materials for daily prayers and weekly lessons. Family packets for the 2020-21 PSR year will be available for pick-up in the school hallway after the 5:00 p.m. Mass on September 19th and after the 9:00 a.m. Mass on September 20th.

Those of you using paper registration can drop off your paperwork at that time. PSR begins October 4th.

CATECHISTS NEEDED

If you think you might like to spend a little more time reaching out, teaching and sharing our Catholic Faith with kids and their families, this could be the ministry for you. We are looking for volunteers who could be comfortable in the classroom or online. Does this idea interest you? Contact Peg Haney for more info.

FAMILIES GROWING IN FAITH

Check out our website, <https://stjosephmantua.com/families-growing-in-faith> for daily scripture readings for parents and weekly bible lessons and activities for your family. We will also have the latest information about our PSR program which will be reopening this fall.

PSR REGISTRATION & ENROLLMENT

PSR registration is for all returning PSR students. Due to health and safety considerations, this year's registration will occur online. PSR Online registration will begin Sunday, September 6, and continue through Sunday, September 20, on the parish's new app or the parish website. For info. on how to register, refer to the 9-6-20 bulletin insert or go to <https://stjosephmantua.com/parish-school-of-religion>.

PSR Enrollment is for students who will be attending our program for the **first time** this year. Enrollment forms are available online at <https://stjosephmantua.com/parish-school-of-religion> or you can enroll your student/s at the Religious Education Office during the hours of 10:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m. Monday through Thursday. 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.

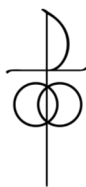
QUESTIONS? Please contact Peg Haney
(330-274-2268 or phaney@stjosephmantua.com)
or the Parish Office (330-274-2253)

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE

Monday, September 28
1:00-6:00 p.m., Hughes Hall
Schedule your appointment today!



WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION



The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, October 18, at 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2020. The celebration includes Mass with Msgr. Robert Siffrin, renewal of marriage vows, and a personalized certificate for each couple. Couples may opt to attend the Wedding Anniversary Celebration in person at St. Columba Cathedral or they may participate remotely via livestreaming on the diocesan website at www.doy.org. Limited spaces are available for couples at the cathedral. **You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting the Parish Office (330-274-2253) before September 16.** For more info., please contact 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

MARKING A MILESTONE

Irene Welling will turn 95 on September 18th. Although we will not be able to have a party this year, she would love to hear from her friends. If anybody would like to send a birthday wish, her address is P.O. Box 463, 10755 Main St., Mantua, OH 44255. She would love to hear from people so feel free to give her a call, also. Thank you.



— Irene's family

ONLINE ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The Diocese of Youngstown Office of Religious Education offers courses for online adult faith formation for teachers, catechists, and other interested adults. To register, go to <https://catechistcafe.weebly.com/catechist-courses.html>. Upcoming courses include: Catholic Belief and Tradition (9/13-12/21), Celebrating Mary Through the Year (9/14-10/5), The Letter of James: Pearls for Wise Living (9/21-11/16), Celebrating Catholic Customs & Traditions (9/21-11/9), Sowing God's Word (10/12-11/18), Living Catholic Morality (10/12-11/23), Living the Sacraments (10/12-11/23), Songs of Advent (11/23-12/21), Jesus' Birth in the Gospels (11/30-12/21). Questions? Please contact Joan at jlawson@youngstowndiocese.org for more information.

NONE OF US LIVES FOR ONESELF, AND NO ONE DIES FOR ONESELF

Is God calling you to live for others as a priest, sister or brother? Please contact Father Scott Kopp at skopp@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451.

HELPING THE HOMELESS



The Haven of Portage County will be holding a "Sleep in Your Car" Fundraising Event on Friday, November 6, during National Homeless Awareness Month. The Haven of Portage County is a rescue mission and warming center in Portage County that addresses each stage of homelessness and provides holistic healing through the power of the gospel. Funds raised will help them open their nearly finished center in Ravenna. St. Joseph Cares is sponsoring Jan Seljan who will be participating in this event. If you would like to sponsor her as well, please get in touch with her at 330-931-8087 or heaveninhiram@yahoo.com. For more information about The Haven, please visit facebook.com/HavenPortageCounty or www.portagehaven.org.

GOOD EXAMPLE

A faithful Christian, illumined by the rays of grace like a crystal, ought to illumine his neighbor with the light of good example, through word and deed.

—St. Anthony

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**Consider
Remembering
Your Parish in
Your Will.**

For further information,
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Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Sept. 13-20 ~

Sun. ~ **St. Joseph Cares Collection Weekend** ~
9:00 a.m.Mass (Church)
3:00 p.m.K of C Flag Disposal Ceremony (K of C

Hall)

Mon.

Tues. 8:00 a.m.Mass (Church)
7:00 p.m.Scouts BSA Mtgs. (Pavilion/Grounds)
7:00 p.m.Remembrance Band Rehearsal (Rm. #9)

Wed. 7:00 p.m.Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (Portico)
7:00 p.m.AA Mtg. (Pavilion)

Thur.

Fri.

Sat. ~ **4C's Collection Weekend** ~

5:00 p.m.Mass (Church)

Sun. 9:00 a.m.Mass (Church)

4:00 p.m.BSA Court of Honor (Pavilion)

K OF C FLAG BURNING CEREMONY

"The flag, when it is in such condition that it is no longer a fitting emblem for display, should be destroyed in a dignified way, preferably by burning."

Following the United States Flag Code, the Mantua Knights of Columbus will sponsor a flag disposal ceremony for all worn and weathered American flags on Sunday, September 13, at the Sentinel Party Center (aka Knights of Columbus Hall, 11845 St. Rt. 44, Mantua). Gather your worn or torn symbols of our nation's courage and bring to church for this reverent disposal (see any K of C member). All Sir Knights and family members are invited to attend this impressive ceremony at 3:00 p.m.. For more information, please contact Stan Carlisle (330-283-5609).



ARE YOU REGISTERED?

To be a registered member of a parish is to have a sense of belonging to a family. Registration is important when it comes to requesting the Sacraments or becoming involved in the life of the parish family. Please do not take for granted that you are registered just because you attend Mass here. Are you on our database? If not, you are most likely not registered as an active parishioner. Adults 18 years of age or older should register (especially if you are out of college and/or living on your own). If you would like to become an active registered member of the parish, please contact the Parish Office (330-274-2253 or parishoffice@stjosephmantua.com) and we will be happy to provide a registration folder for you. Also, if you move, change your phone number, would like to add your e-mail address to our records, or have any other family changes, please let us know. We would like everyone at St. Joseph's to feel welcome as a part of our parish community family. Your assistance in keeping our records up-to-date helps to ensure that no one becomes "just a member." Thank you.

Welcome to the following who have recently registered:

Larry & Kathleen Stapleton

Robert & Meagan Elliott, Rowan

Tom & Bev Lamb

Dylan & Cecilia Ehle, Evie, Amaris, Roxana

Keith & Donna Hejl

Haleigh Marino & Trevor Nethken

OX ROAST FAIR RAFFLE CONTINUES

The 2020 Ox Roast Fair is cancelled due to the Coronavirus Pandemic but we're still planning to continue with our Main Raffle with the same prizes and tickets. The raffle is not cancelled - the drawing has just been postponed. Ticket sales will continue through next year's scheduled Ox Roast Fair, July 16, 17, 18, 2021!



1st Prize: Honda Pioneer 1000-5 Deluxe UTV (provided by Just For Fun Honda)

2nd Prize: \$1,500.00 Cash

3rd Prize: \$500.00 Cash

Tickets: \$10 ea., 3/\$20, 10/\$50, 30/\$100

Purchase online at through webpage link:

<https://stjosephmantua.com/ox-raffles>

Pick up tickets in the Narthex, at the Parish Office during business hours & at area businesses or events (when things open up)

**Ticket sellers are reminded to continue to turn in their sold tickets & money ASAP

LOTTERY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

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8/31 pm - No Winner (#381)	9/4 pm - No Winner (#647)
9/1 am - C. Clark (#912)	9/5 am - No Winner (#463)
9/1 pm - No Winner (#094)	9/5 pm - No Winner (#045)
9/2 am - No Winner (#800)	9/6 am - No Winner (#630)
9/2 pm - No Winner (#603)	9/6 pm - No Winner (#756)
9/3 am - No Winner (#497)	
9/3 pm - No Winner (#350)	

For tickets or more info., please call or text Deb Kruis (330-221-0272) or Mary Ann Feddor (330-842-0505). If you provide your name, address, phone number and ticket # you'd like to purchase, arrangements can be made to pull those tickets for you and get them to you.

Go to our website page:

<https://stjosephmantua.com/lottery-raffle-fundraiser> for complete list of winners

Proceeds assist with church improvements.