ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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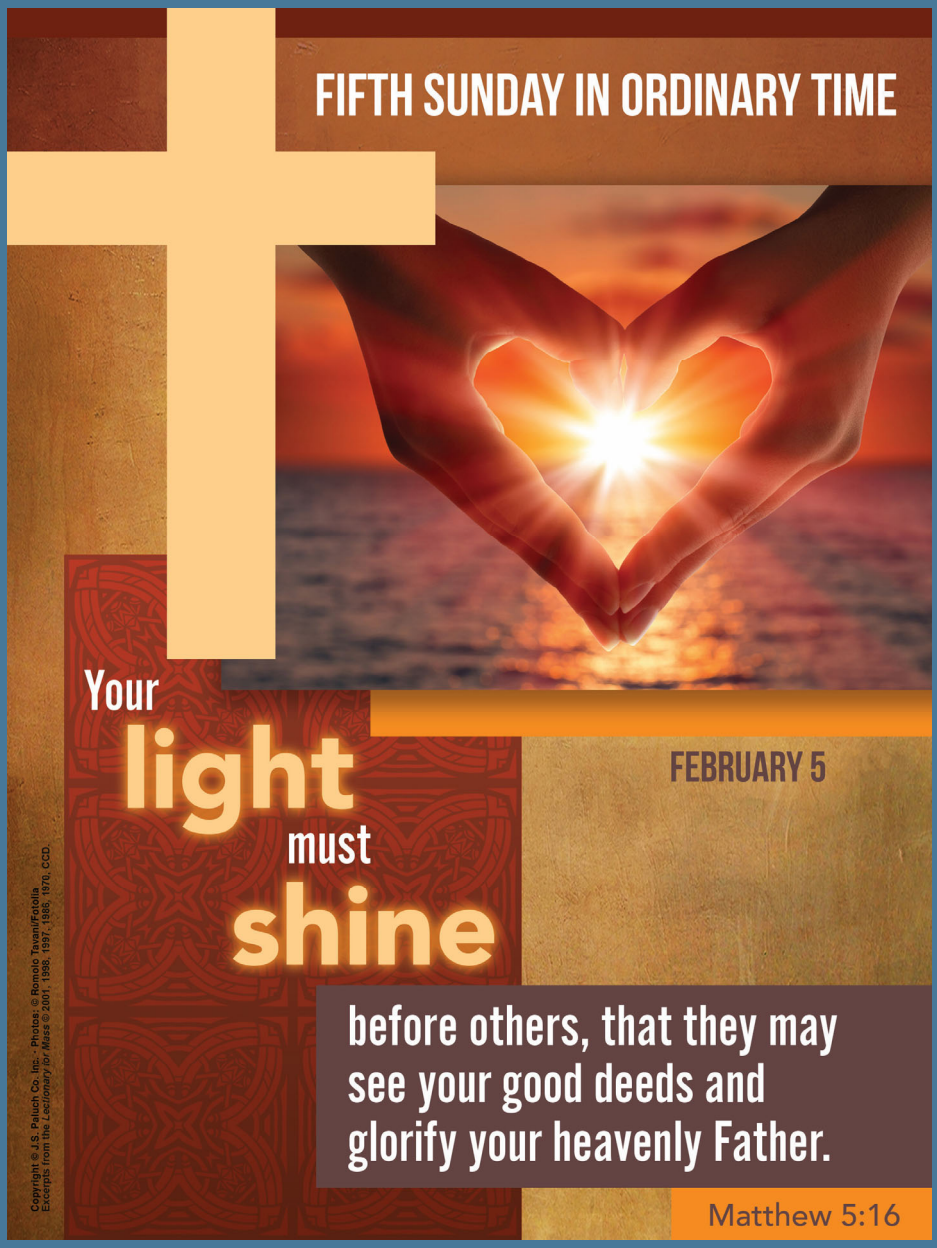

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Debbie Kruis
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St. Joseph (Mantua)

Liturgy Schedule
Sat. 5 pm Mass
Sun. 9 am Mass
Wed. 6:30 pm Mass
Thur. 8 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation - Wed. 6 pm
Rosary - Sat. 4:20 pm
Adoration - Wed. 7 - 9 pm

St. Ambrose (Garrettsville)

Liturgy Schedule
Sun. 11 am Mass
Mon. 6:30 pm Mass
Tues.. 8 a.m. Mass

Reconciliation - Mon. 6 pm
Rosary - Sun. 10:25 am

Our Lady of Perpetual Help (Aurora)

Liturgy Schedule
Mon. 9:15 am Morning Prayer
Tues. - Fri. 9 am Mass
Tues. 6:30 pm Mass
Sat. 4:30 pm Mass
Sun. 9 am & 11 am Mass

Reconciliation - Tues 6 pm, Sat. 3:30 pm
Rosary - after weekday morning Mass
Adoration - Tues. 9:30 am - 12:30 pm & 7 - 8:30 pm.

St. Joan of Arc (Streetsboro)

Liturgy Schedule
Mon. 8:30 am Communion Service
Tues. - Fri. 8:30 am Mass
Sat. 5 pm Mass
Sun. 8:30 & 11:30 am Mass

Reconciliation - Sat. 4 pm
Rosary - before weekday liturgy
Adoration - First Thur. 3 - 8 pm

PRAYER OF THE WEEK

Prayer in Time of Illness

Lord Jesus, I believe that having passed
through the gate of life in baptism,
I will always have your
protection and comfort.
Yet today the pains of my illness
Threaten to overcome me
and cause me to forget all the good things
you have given me in this life.
I pray in confidence that you would
send forth your Spirit to refresh and revive
me as you have always done in the past.
May I continue to witness to
your goodness in this life
so that I may be with you at the
heavenly banquet table in eternity.
Amen. Alleluia.

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LITURGY SCHEDULE (Feb. 4 - 12)

Sat. 5 p.m. Mass..... *Irene Welling*
Sun. 9 a.m. Mass..... *Nancy Dumont*
Mon. No Liturgy
Tues. No Liturgy
Wed. 6:30 p.m. Mass..... *Human Trafficking Survivors*
Thur. 8 a.m. Mass..... *Nancy Ortmann*
Fri. No Liturgy
Sat. 5 p.m. Mass..... *Rudy Wojtecki*
Sun. 9 a.m. Mass..... *Pat Smith*

SINCERE SYMPATHY

We extend our sympathy to the family and friends of *Cheryl Bruyere*, mother of parishioners Rich (Carol) Bruyere, Patty Bernhard, and Peggy (Mike) Rowe, who passed away January 29, 2023. May our Lord comfort this family in their time of mourning and may Cheryl experience the everlasting life which Jesus promised.

THIS WEEK'S READINGS

Mon: Gn 1:1-19; Ps 104:1-2a,5-6,10,12,24,35c; Mk 6:53-56
Tues: Gn 1:20-2:4a; Ps 8:4-9; Mk 7:1-13
Wed: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17; Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30; Mk 7:14-23
Thur: Gn 2:18-25; Ps 128:1-5; Mk 7:24-30
Fri: Gn 3:1-8; Ps 32:1-2, 5-7; Mk 7:31-37
Sat: Gn 3:9-24; Ps 90:2-6, 12-13; Mk 8:1-10

To Prepare For Next Weekend's Mass . . .

Sun: Sir 15:15-20; Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 17-18, 33-34; 1 Cor 2:6-10; Mt 5:17-37 [20-22a, 27-28, 33-34a, 37]

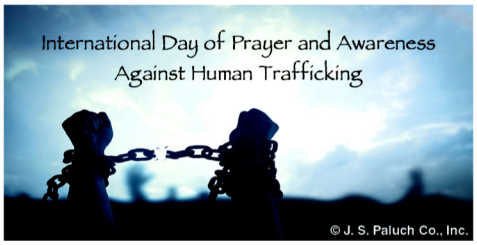
LEARNING HOW TO BE CHURCH

Following last week's passage from Matthew with the Beatitudes, today we continue Jesus' Sermon on the Mount with his images of salt, light, and a city. Jesus moves from describing the core identity of the community he has gathered to considering its impact on the world. He wanted his community not just to claim its identity, but to live it out. He wanted his community to journey with him, to fully learn what this might mean.

For us, being salt for others may mean engaging and enriching the lives of our neighbors. Being light may mean illuminating and addressing the world's systems that sustain social sins of violence, racism, and vast inequalities of wealth and opportunity. Being a city set high may mean holding to high standards of transparency, respect, and care for each other. Like Jesus' first followers, we are invited to travel the difficult and joy-filled road of learning and re-learning how to be the Church. © *J. S. Paluch Co.*

PRAYER INTENTIONS

Cecelia Woicehovich
Loretta Brugmann
Kathy Wood
Charlene Cermak
Kyle Painley
Bruce Corey
Tom Smith
Kaleb Campfield
Kathy Morris
Lucia Isone
Darren Brugmann
Tom Lamb
Mary Ann Feddor
Kevin Murphy
Vivian Chen
Ronald Jeglie
Elizabeth Render
Phil Conti
Lynn Lewis
Arlene Kurta
Jim Horley
Pam White
Leigh Anne Stamm
Kayla Kuzniakowski
Olga Pratt
Joey Szumski
Kathy Paroff
David Turk
Tim Lohr
Jan Riffle
Ron Nader
Larry Colin
Douglas Paroff
Fr. Ed Stafford
Sr. Rose Anne Krantz, CDP
Amanda Davies
Lisa Kuzniakowski
Russ Workman



The Pontifical Council for Justice and Peace and the International Union of Superiors General has designated February 8 as an annual day of prayer and awareness against human trafficking. February 8 is the feast day of St. Josephine Bakhita, who was kidnapped as a child and sold into slavery in Sudan and Italy. Once Josephine was freed, she became a Canossian nun and dedicated her life to sharing her testament of deliverance from slavery and comforting the poor and suffering. She was declared a Saint in 2000. On this day, Catholics all over the world are encouraged to host or attend prayer services to create greater awareness about this phenomenon. To learn more, please visit https://brycs.org/become-a-shepherd/.

February 11 is World Day of the Sick, an observation started by Pope John Paul II as a way for believers to offer prayers for those suffering from illnesses. The day coincides with the commemoration of Our Lady of Lourdes. People around the world take the time to pray for the sick and for those who work very hard to alleviate the sufferings of the sick on this day. Faith organizations mark this day especially to provide the sick with medicines, food, and spiritual guidance.

10 Questions for a Synodal Church, in announcing the Gospel journey together:

How is this journey happening in your local church, allowing the Church to proclaim the Gospel? What steps does the Spirit invite us to take in order to grow in our journeying together?

a. Recall our experiences: *What experience of your local Church does this question call to mind?*
b. What joy did they bring? What difficulties and obstacles have they encountered? What wounds did they reveal? What insights have they elicited?
c. Where in these experiences does the voice of the Holy Spirit resound?
d. What is the Spirit asking of us?

DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN SUMMARY REPORT
SYNOD ON SYNODALITY | DIOCESAN/LOCAL PHASE, 2021-2022
QUESTIONS 5 AND 6 (OUT OF 10)

5. Sharing Responsibility for our Common Mission – *How is every baptized person called to participate in the mission of the Church? What hinders the baptized from being active in mission? What area of mission are we neglecting? How does the community support its members who serve society in various ways? How does the Church help these members to live out their service to society in a missionary way? How is discernment about missionary choices made and by whom?*

For the most part, we can no longer effectively carry out the Church's mission by trying to isolate ourselves from society, rather there needs to be a growing awareness that the Holy Spirit's influence extends to the entire world. Synodal participants reflected on how Catholics live mission in ways that often extend beyond parish structures. For young people, especially, there needs to be humility about how missionary discipleship might be lived by generations distrustful of organizations. For all generations, the sexual abuse and financial scandals, among other factors, have diminished energy for Church life.

Still, many participants identified the potential for parishes to be better incubators for shared missionary responsibility, e.g. through ministries and small faith groups. One of the unfortunate challenges for shared missionary responsibility is the great deal of polarization that exists within the Church. This has created a mood of suspicion. There is nothing wrong with different visions of Catholicism. Such differences appeared in the New Testament. But today the struggle is more destructive then constructive.

It was observed that the extremes are often the noisiest. Those in the middle, the majority, are often the most quiet. A greater effort must be made to engage those in the middle and in the process establish a new space for dialogue which will make it possible for the Church to reach those who are alienated or disillusioned and draw them into missionary discipleship.

To engage those in the middle, a broad range of leadership must recommit themselves to the basic truths of the Catholic faith and foster renewed catechesis that inspires meaningful missionary discipleship. We must be accountable to our Catholic tradition and to the Spirit-filled, living Church that brings to us the revelation of God in Jesus. Jesus who is present in sacrament, word and community is central to all we do. We must focus constantly on him, not ourselves.

Some participants called for a realization that there is room for considerable diversity among us in the Church today, and that Pope Francis has observed that all, and not a select few, are called to live missionary discipleship in diverse ways. We must not, on the one hand, define orthodoxy too narrowly or, on the other, ignore or discard the traditions altogether. Where there is a breakdown of dialogue, trust, and tolerance, we must strive to build the unity of the one body of Christ. If we do not stand for such unity in our search for truth, the Church's shared mission and ministries will suffer and we will be the stumbling blocks. The reign of God will appear to the extent that others can say: see how these Christians love one another.

6. **Dialogue in Church and Society** – *To what extent do diverse peoples in our community come together for dialogue? What are the places and means of dialogue within our local Church? How do we promote collaboration with neighboring dioceses or religious communities in the area of lay associations and movements? How are divergences of vision or conflict and difficulties addressed? What particular issues in the Church and society do we need to pay more attention to? What experiences of dialogue and collaboration do we have with believers of other religions and with those who have no religious affiliation? How does the Church dialogue with and learn from other sectors of society, the spheres of politics, economics, culture, civil society, and the people who live in poverty?*

Many synodal participants expressed a deep desire for an invitation to be part of meaningful dialogue, and for the Church to prioritize more dialogue in society. The Church should not see the world as a danger to flee from, but as a partner to dialogue with. While many noted the absence of dialogue opportunities, others noted dialogue that happen among community action groups, ecumenically, and even in libraries – and that the Church has an opportunity to participate in these dialogue opportunities.

During synodal conversations, it was emphasized that the Church's primary mission is to proclaim Jesus Christ and the Gospel. Prior to the Second Vatican Council, the Church was rather slow to engage in dialogue with others. Some remain skeptical of the role of dialogue on the part of the Church and emphasize the Church's preservation and sharing of the *Deposit of Faith*. But many have been inspired by the Council's emphasis that dialogue is central to the Church's mission. This does not take away from the truth which the Church teaches, but it opens the Church to the possibility of discovering elements of the truth which others experience.

The world has something to contribute to the Church. In our relationship to the world, which has been touched by Jesus' saving act and the *transformational* power of the Holy Spirit, we are a teaching Church, and also a learning Church. It was observed that the Church has much to learn from human experiences of diversity and sinful realities such as racism.

Many noted that to be faithful to the Gospel, we cannot be satisfied with an uncritical acceptance of whatever the world offers. But neither should we be too quick to reject or distrust the world. Dialogue is a means by which people discover one another and discover the hopes and aspirations of others. The Church in the world offers wisdom, not technical solutions. The Church's doctrine is a formulation as a result of careful reflection on the complexity of the human race. As partners in dialogue, the Church's aim is to interpret these complex realities, evaluate them in light of the Gospel, and be a reliable guide for human behavior.

The task set before us means probing more deeply into the teaching about the dignity of the human person, the interdependence of the human family, the value of human work, the role of the Church in society. Every member of the Church has a responsibility to participate in dialogue by looking at both the Church and the world with a new heart.

This is a time of great challenge and great potential. The dialogue between the Church and the world at times becomes distorted because we view them through negative realities. But we know that Jesus, who is present among us, is still Lord of the universe. This assurance gives us hope that overcomes discouragement and calls us to greater things, even in the midst of adversity.

Additional resources for the *Synod on Synodality*:

The Vatican's official website -
* synod.va/en.html

The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops' Synod website -
* USCCB.org/synod

The Diocese of Youngstown's Synod website -
* doy.org/synod-summary/

Schedule of Events

~ For the Week of Feb. 4 - 12 ~

Sat.	8 to 10 a.m.	Women's Renewal Team Mtg. (Rm. #9)
	10 a.m. to 3 p.m.	Portage North Pastoral Councils & Parish Staffs Mtg. (St. Joan of Arc, SBO)
	4:20 p.m.	Rosary (Church)
	5 p.m.	Mass (Church)
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass (Church)
	9:45 to 11 a.m.	PSR Classes (Hall/Classrooms)
Mon.	6 to 7 p.m.	Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
	7 p.m.	Cub Den Mtgs. (Hall/Classrooms)
	7 p.m.	St. Joseph Cares Mtg. (PC)
	7 to 9 p.m.	Seeking Soul Sisters Mtg. (APR)
	7:30 p.m.	K of C Mtg. w/Presentation (Rm. #9)
Tues.	6 to 7 p.m.	G.S. Troop #91198 Mtg. (Rm. #2)
	6 to 7:30 p.m.	G.S. Troop #91392 Mtg. (Rm. #4)
	6 to 9:30 p.m.	Scouts BSA Mtgs. (Hall)
Wed.	6 p.m.	1st Reconciliation (Church)
	6:30 p.m.	Mass (Church)
	7 to 9 p.m.	Adoration (Church)
	7 p.m.	Men of St. Joseph Mtg. (Rm. #9)
	7:30 p.m.	K of C 4th Degree Mtg. (Rm. #9)
	8 p.m.	AA Mtg. (Hall)
Thur.	8 a.m.	Mass (Church)
	12 to 1 p.m.	Parish 100th Anniv. Committee Mtg. (PC)
	6 to 7 p.m.	Exercise Class (1/2 Hall)
	7 p.m.	BSA Committee Mtg. (Scout Rm.)
	7 p.m.	Choir Rehearsal (Church)
	7 p.m.	OCIA Session (PC)
Fri.	6 to 9 p.m.	Exodus 90 Mtg. (Rm. #9)
Sat.	~ *St. Joseph Cares Collection Weekend* ~	
	8 to 10 a.m.	Women's Renewal Team Mtg. (Rm. #9)
	4:20 p.m.	Rosary (Church)
	5 p.m.	Mass (Church)
	After Mass	Gifts of Jerusalem (Narthex)
Sun.	9 a.m.	Mass (Church)
	After Mass	Gifts of Jerusalem (Narthex)
	9:45 to 11 a.m.	PSR Classes (Hall/Classrooms)
	10 a.m.	Burning of Palms (Outside)
	10 a.m.	Donut Sunday (Hall)

LITURGICAL MINISTER SCHEDULE—2/11-12:

	5:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.
ALTAR SERVERS	None	None
READERS	A. Brunton, M. Clapp	T. & M. Murphy
EMHC	A. Brady J. Cymanski	C. Baumbick, D. Bukas D. O'Donnell, C. Clark

SUPPORTING FR. ED STAFFORD

Please keep Fr. Ed in your continued prayers as he returns from medical leave and is assigned as parochial vicar of Blessed Sacrament Parish and Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish in Warren. If you would like to send a card or note to him, please address it to him at Blessed Sacrament, 3020 Reeves Rd., N.E., Warren, OH 44483.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT

The generosity of being a good steward of your gifts has a positive effect on people and it is contagious! Good works encourages more good works. Generosity is a by-product of a grateful lifestyle. The more we recognize God's gifts, the more we want to share them. Good stewards recognize that God is working through them and they don't put themselves above the people they have been called to help.

SUNDAY COLLECTION (1/29):	$3,548.00
ONLINE GIVING (1/29):	$1,180.78
WEEKLY AMOUNT NEEDED:	$6,125.00
OVER/UNDER:	—$1,396.22
# OF ENVELOPES & ONLINE:	107 (of 351)

JANUARY SUNDAY COLLECTION TOTALS (5 WKS.)
$32,744.70 (536 donators)
$30,625.00 budgeted +/—: $+$2,119.70

2022 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

If you wish to receive your 2022 contribution statement, please check your name and option on the sign-up sheet in the Narthex OR contact Kathi at the Parish Office ASAP (330-274-2253 or ktrares@stjosephmantua.com).

- ***Preferred Option***—Electronically through ParishSOFT's My Own Church, our mobile directory & secure parishioner portal. Visit https://stjosephmantua.com/my-own-church for details.
- ***Option #2***—Have a pdf file emailed to you.
- ***Option #3***—Request a printed statement for Narthex pick-up.

LOTTERY RAFFLE FUNDRAISER

Follows Ohio Lottery's 3-digit daily evening drawing

Each ticket is $5.00 and good for the entire month. Only 1,000 tickets will be sold numbered #000 - #999 each month. Winning tickets are worth $50.00. Tickets may ONLY be obtained by contacting Deb Kruis (330-221-0272) or Mary Ann Feddor (330-842-0505) via text or phone call. Proceeds go toward our Parish Paving Project.

1/23 - No Winner (#541) 1/27 - No Winner (#150)
1/24 - No Winner (#571) 1/28 - No Winner (#277)
1/25 – No Winner (#356) 1/29 - No Winner (#934)
1/26 - No Winner (#331)

Complete info. & list of winners @ https://stjosephmantua.com/lottery-raffle-fundraiser

Faith Formation is not just for youth; it is part of a lifelong journey

PARISH SCHOOL OF RELIGION

FIRST RECONCILIATION

This past Wednesday evening (postponed from 1/25), seven children from the St. Joseph and St. Ambrose communities made their First Reconciliation. Please keep these children and their families in your prayers as they continue their preparation for their First Holy Communion.

Evie Ehle
Matthew Kalman
Perri Ventresco
Elley Furner
Emily Kennerknecht
Alexander Globokar
Aidan Orlowski

CONFIRMATION 2023

This past Saturday, eighty 8th graders from the Portage North region participated in their Confirmation Retreat here at St. Joseph Parish. The day, including the Sacrament of Reconciliation and the celebration of Mass, was both engaging and spirit-filled. Thanks to all who helped make the day successful, including the priests of the Portage County Deanery, Jeff Botos from Our Lady, and Kim LeFoer from St. Joan of Arc, the staffs of our respective parishes, and the volunteers who helped make the day successful.

PALMS TO ASHES

We are now collecting last year's palms for our Ash Wednesday Mass. You can bring your palms to the Narthex through February 19 and place them in the labeled baskets. We will be burning the palms on Sunday, February 19, after 9 a.m. Mass. Ash Wednesday is on February 22. Please keep your eye out for the Mass times through the Portage North Region.

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

OCIA (formerly RCIA)

The Order of Christian Initiation meets Thursdays from October through May at 7 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Center. The instruction is offered for adults who wish to join the church, complete their formation, or simply know more about their Catholic Faith. Please feel welcome to join us any time.

- Feb. 9th - Church History
- Feb. 16th - The End Times / Prophecy Fulfilled
- Feb. 23rd - Who is Jesus Christ?
- Feb. 26th - Rite of Sending / Rite of Election

For more info. about this and other adult education opportunities, contact Peg Haney at phaney@stjosephmantua.com.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

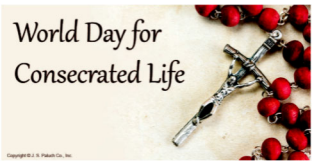
LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

Come join us during Lent as we study the *Book Of Job: A Good Man Asks Why?* Facilitated by Michalene "Mickee" Murphy, sessions will be held on Tuesdays, February 21, 28, March 7, 14, 21, 28, from 10 to 11 a.m. in the Parish Center. The fee is $8.00 for the book. To register, please contact the Parish Office by February 17 (330-274-2253 or parishoffice@stjosephmantua.com).

https://doy.org/ministries/faith-formation-and-lay-ecclesial-ministry/

VOCATIONS

"Let your light shine before others" Shine your light on those closest to you, especially your spouse and family! Contact Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.



World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on February 2, and in parishes over the weekend of February 4/5. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the consecrated life, and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

Bishop David Bonnar will celebrate the annual World Day for Consecrated Life Mass on Sunday, February 5, at St. Columba Cathedral at 10:30 a.m. Be sure to mark your calendars for this annual diocesan celebration of Consecrated Life. Light refreshments will follow.

Christian vocation includes the use of one's gifts in their profession, family life, church, and civic commitments for the sake of the greater common good.

*"There are different kinds of spiritual gifts but the same Spirit;
there are different forms of service but the same Lord;
there are different workings but the same God
who produces all of them in everyone."* *1 Corinthians 12:4-6*

OUR FASCINATING FAITH
Our Lady of Lourdes (February 11)

On February 11, 1858, fourteen-year-old Bernadette Soubirous, the oldest of nine children in a poor family from Lourdes, France, saw Our Lady in the first of eighteen apparitions. At the grotto of Massabielle, Bernadette saw "a small lady in white" who invited her to return each day. During the visions the Lady communicated a message of penance, instructed Bernadette to dig so that a spring of water began to flow, requested that a chapel be built there at the grotto, and eventually identified herself by saying "I am the Immaculate Conception." Throughout these apparitions, Our Lady addressed Bernadette in a formal way, treating the humble girl with dignity. In 1862 the authenticity of the apparitions was confirmed by Church authorities. The Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes was recognized worldwide in 1907. Lourdes became a place of pilgrimage for thousands of the faithful; their faith and the faith of many others was revitalized through the story of a simple young girl from rural France. *© J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.*

AMERICAN RED CROSS BLOOD DRIVE
St. Joseph's will host a Red Cross Blood Drive on Monday, February 20, Noon to 6 p.m. in Hughes Hall. Community members are urged to come out and roll up a sleeve. Visit www.redcrossblood.org or call 1-800-RED CROSS to learn more.

St Joseph's Men's Renewal

Brothers Unite

Let's join the fight

When: 2/18/23 - 2/19/23
Where: St Joseph's Mantua
11045 St Joseph Blvd.
Mantua, OH 44255

Behold how good and pleasant it is for brothers to gather in unity. Psalms 133:1

Take some time for yourself and join us as we enjoy fellowship, laughs and good food.

The renewal weekend is a two-day gathering of men coming together in faith to deepen our relationship with Jesus Christ and with other Christian men. We meet at 8:00 A.M. on Saturday and end with Mass on Sunday afternoon. You will be fed in mind, body and spirit. You are guaranteed to leave FULL.

This renewal is FREE for all men 18 yrs. and older.

Come for yourself, your wife, your son, your daughter.

THIS IS A WEEKEND YOU WILL NOT REGRET AND NEVER FORGET

register at: https://bit.ly/SJMR2023
OR COMPLETE THE FORM ON THE REVERSE SIDE

Questions?
Contact Don (330) 903 - 0928
Matt (330) 507 - 8467
Email: menofstjosephmantua@gmail.com

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Your church cares about you. Because they care about you, they want to communicate more easily and effectively with you (and be able to get your feedback too). Using Flocknote allows your church to easily send you the information you care about most via email and text message, and gives you the ability to give them essential feedback, too! With all the changes happening in our Portage North region, you'll want to keep "in the loop". Find more info. at visiting https://stjosephmantua.com/flocknote.

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or connect with us online at: stjosephchurch17.flocknote.com

Walking with Moms in Need

If you encounter a woman with a crisis pregnancy or a mom in need this week, will you know how to help?

Be prepared. Equip yourself with information on local resources. Visit the WWMIN information stand at the back wall of the Narthex and be sure to use the QR code to scan and save info. on your phone.

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK:
https://www.facebook.com/WWMINSTJOSEPHMANTUA

Saint Mary Seminary Fundraiser

WINTERFEST

Enjoy Eastern European cuisine with tours of the newly renovated Seminary

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 11

5:00 PM-7:30 PM

Center for Pastoral Leadership
28700 Euclid Ave Wickliffe Oh 44092
Tickets available at the door
Adults: $15 Children: $8

More information at https://www.stmarysem.edu/winterfest-february-11/

The Sisterhood of St. Joseph is hosting a

to

RIVERS CASINO IN PITTSBURGH, PA
MONDAY, FEBRUARY 20TH

Board the bus at St. Joseph Church, 11045 St. Joseph Blvd., Mantua. Leaving at 8 a.m. and returning at approximately 6 p.m.

Cost is $50.00 per person includes $20.00 in free play & $5.00 food voucher!

To sign up or for more information, contact Mary Ann Feddor @ 330-842-0505

TEXAS ROADHOUSE

STEAK DINNER SCOUT FUNDRAISER

Scouts of Troop 575 & 7575 are headed on a once in a lifetime,12-day hike, at a high adventure scout camp in the mountains of northern New Mexico!! While there they will be entertained by staff while learning new & exciting skills! This is an expensive trip costing each scout/leader $2500 each to go.

Texas Roadhouse has partnered with us to offer a Steak dinner fundraiser that will be cooked & served personally by the scouts! Please help us raise funds by supporting us & having a great meal. DINE IN OR CARRY OUT!!

3 DINNER OPTIONS:

6oz Sirloin Steak $17.00
12oz Ribeye Steak $25.00
Includes baked potato, salad, & roll

Kids Meal:
Hamburger or Hotdog & fries $7.00

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The Mantua Soccer Association is currently holding their online registration for the spring season. Participants must have been born between March 1, 2010 through March 1, 2020 (ages 3-13). Please use the QR code to direct you to the online registration. If you are unable to use the QR code, please go to https://mantua.demosphere-secure.com. Questions? Please go to https://www.facebook.com/mantuasoccerohio.

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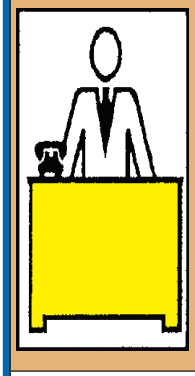

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The next diocesan-sponsored one-day marriage preparation retreat days for engaged couples will be held Saturdays, February 4 and March 4 in the social hall at St. Columba Cathedral. Reservations are required. Registration info. may be found at www.doy.org/events. You can also visit DOY.org, go to the "Ministries" drop-down menu and click "Pro-Life, Marriage & Family Life." For more information on this and other opportunities for marriage preparation formation, please contact David Schmidt at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451, ext.272.

DIVORCE CARE IN AUSTINTOWN

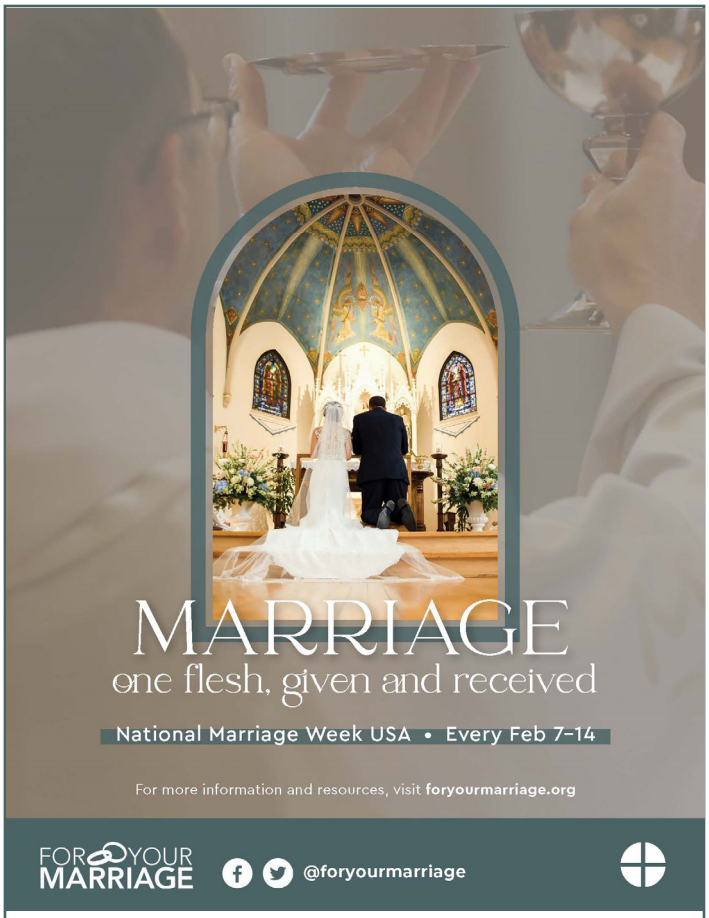
DivorceCare is a 13-week course/ discussion group for those who are going through or have gone through a separation or divorce. It addresses through education and discussion the most common issues associated with divorce/separation and promotes powerful healing so that you can move on to build a new life filled with promise and hope. The three components of DivorceCare are inspiring and educational video presentations, supportive and safe group discussions facilitated by trained facilitators who have experienced divorce, and resources for home use. DivorceCare will be offered free of charge at St. Joseph Church in Austintown for 13 consecutive Mondays, 6:30 to 8 p.m. *beginning on February 6*. You need not be a member of St. Joseph or any church to participate. The sole purpose is to assist you on your journey of healing. To reserve your spot, please contact Jim Merhaut at jmerhaut@stjosephaustintown.org or visit http://stjosephaustintown.org/divorcecare/, for more info. and to register online. You may also call 330-792-1919. Meetings will be held in the Mackin Room in the St. Joseph School building. There is no fee for participation.

PRAYER FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Almighty and eternal God,
You blessed the union of married couples
so that they might reflect the union of Christ
with his Church:
look with kindness on them.
Renew their marriage covenant,
increase your love in them,
and strengthen their bond of peace
so that, with their children,
they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing.
We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

ANNIVERSARY CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations are extended to *Bob & Pat Bruckner* on 60 years of marriage celebrated on January 26. May you two continue be a blessing to God, to others, and to each other in your marriage together.



NATIONAL MARRIAGE WEEK: FEBRUARY 7 – 14 & WORLD MARRIAGE DAY: FEBRUARY 12

This year's theme, "Marriage...one flesh, given and received" highlights the one-flesh union of husband and wife that is willed by God. It also indicates the personal self-gift of each spouse, one to the other. These concepts point to Christ who gives Himself under the appearance of bread and wine—as real flesh and blood. Look for more information including an at home marriage retreat resource at https://www.usccb.org/topics/marriage-and-family-life-ministries/national-marriage-week.

AN INVITATION

Bishop Bonnar invites couples who are married civilly but not in the Catholic Church to inquire about beginning the validation process ("having your marriage recognized by the Church"). Please contact St. Joseph's Parish Office (parishoffice@stjosephmantua.com or 330-274-2253) at your earliest convenience to inquire about beginning the necessary steps leading to the validation of your marriage.

Marriage is not just about sharing a physical life together, but calling each other on to holiness. It is not always easy to keep Christ at the center of your marriage, so pray for the grace to help your spouse to heaven.