

MASSSES for the WEEK

Monday Vigil of Christmas
Readings: Is 62:1-5; Acts 13:16-17,22-25; Mt 1:1-25
4:00 PM Saint Matthias Church
 † Richard W. Gross - Helen Hefferon
Readings: Is 9:1-6; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14
10:00 PM Sacred Heart & Rosary Society

Tuesday The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)
Readings: Is 52:7-10; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18
9:30 AM Holy Name of Jesus Church
 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Saint Matthias Church
 † John Kavulic - Andy & Peggy Benat

Wednesday Saint Stephen, The First Martyr
Readings: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Mt 10:17-22
8:00 AM Saint Matthias Church
 † George & Mary Jacobs - Daughter, Mary Lou

Friday The Holy Innocents, Martyrs
Readings: 1 Jn 1:5—2:2; Mt 2:13-18
8:00 AM Saint Matthias Church
 † Olga Krupa - Ronald Voytko

Saturday Saint Thomas Becket, Bishop & Martyr
Readings: 1 Jn 2:3-11; Lk 2:22-35
Saint Matthias Church
 † Dolores Hodos - Paul & Phyllis Bezjak

Sunday December 30, 2018
The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph
Readings: 1 Sm 1:20-22,24-28; 1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24; Lk 2:41-52
9:30 AM Holy Name of Jesus Church
 Living and Deceased Members of the Parish
11:00 AM Saint Matthias Church
 † Bernice Rusbuacky - Family

MEMORIAL FLAMES WEEK December 23, 2018:

SAINT MATTHIAS MEMORIAL FLAMES:

Blessed Sacrament: † Bill Gonda - Family
Sacred Heart: † Bo Bednar - Wife & Family
Infant Jesus: † John J. Hudak - Family
Sorrowful Mother: † Valerie Herdman - Sofranko Family
Saint Joseph: † Joseph & Margaret Demeretz - Fred & Betty Hodos

Saint Anthony: † Andy Lucansky - Wife, Norma
Saint Matthias: † Paul & Ann Krispinsky - Family

HOLY NAME OF JESUS MEMORIAL FLAMES:

Blessed Virgin: † Jack Maxgay - Mary Lou Senchak
Saint Joseph: † John Titak - Family
Sanctuary Lamp: † Frank Pennell Family - Bonnie

A very Blessed and Merry Christmas!!



Holy Name of Jesus

Christmas Day, December 25, 2018 - 9:30 AM

Lectors: T. Wakefield

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Sister Carole, R. Kosko, B. Smith

Servers: T. Hassay and L. Kent

Greeters: D. Dolak and J.A. Maxgay

Collectors: D. Dolak, M. Dolak, V. Long, J.A. Maxgay

Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 9:30 AM

Lectors: R. Kosko

Extra Ordinary Ministers: R. Kosko, D. Dolak, P. Werner

Servers: T. Hassay and L. Kent

Greeters: B. Bolha and L. Prusak

Collectors: V. Long, B. Bolha, L. Prusak, M. Calai

Saint Matthias

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018 - 4:00 PM

Lectors: L. Nelson

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Father, L. Nelson, D. Slivinski

Servers:

Christmas Eve, December 24, 2018 - 10:00 PM

Lectors: S. Jones and E. Zornjak

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Father, S. Jones, C. Duritya, E. Zornjak

Servers: M.A. Shaffer and S. Babik

Christmas Day, December 25, 2018 - 11:00 AM

Lectors: M. Baytos and L. Smith

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Father, M. Baytos, L. Smith, T. Krispinsky, T. Leonard, J. Leonard

Servers:

Saturday, December 29, 2018 - 4:00 PM

Lectors: T. Winsen and L. Nelson

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Father, L. Nelson, T. Winsen, J. Oravec, M. Oravec, K. Stilson

Servers: J. Deley and M.A. Shaffer

Sunday, December 30, 2018 - 11:00 AM

Lectors: F. Gallo and S. Jones

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Father, F. Gallo, S. Jones, C. Duritya, T. Leonard, T. Krispinsky

Servers: Servers needed

New Year's Eve, Monday, December 31, 2018 - 4:00 PM

Lectors:

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Father,

Servers:

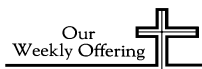
New Year's Day, Tuesday, January 1, 2019 - 10:00 AM

Lectors:

Extra Ordinary Ministers: Father,

Servers:

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: *"For behold, when the voice of your greeting come to my ears, the babe in my womb leaped for joy." (LUKE 1:44).* When you hear the scripture readings and Gospel reading each Sunday, do you "leap for joy?" If not, don't blame the lecturer or priest, rather look inside yourself. Do you prepare for Mass each week or do you just show up and expect to be entertained? We are called to be active participants, not passive by-standers.



Thank You! Ďakujem!

December 16, 2018 Collection:	Budget	Actual
Saint Matthias	\$4,500.00	- \$3,053.50
Holy Name of Jesus	\$2,500.00	- \$1,543.75
Saints Cyril & Methodius	\$1,500.00	- \$ 506.00
Total	\$8,500.00	- \$5,103.25

Envelopes Mailed Adults: 878 Children: 42
 Envelopes Returned: Adults: 213 Children: 06
 Candles: (SM) \$73.00; (HNJ) \$31.00

Additional Immaculate Conception: \$ 54.00
Additional St. Vincent de Paul: \$ 255.00



Your Prayers Are Requested For The Sick Of Our Parish In Hospitals: Saint Elizabeth-Belmont: Susan Meluch and Joseph Werner. Saint Elizabeth-Boardman:

2018 ADVENT PROJECTS



The Fourth Sunday of Advent: December 22-23 will be for the needs of Making Kids Count. Please bring to Church newborn and up diapers and unscented diaper wipes.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS NEEDED: All at Saint Matthias Church: Christmas Eve, 4 PM and 10PM; Christmas Day, 11 AM; New Year's Eve, 4 PM; New Year's Day, 10 AM. Please call Bonnie at the office.

HOLY NAME OF JESUS CLEANING AND DECORATING OF THE CHURCH: Thank you to all the parishioners and friends that came and helped clean and decorate the Church., especially the seen and unseen. Your help was greatly appreciated. *Father Jerek*

SAINT MATTHIAS DECORATING OF THE CHURCH: Thank you to all the parishioners that took part in preparing and decorating the Church for the Birth of Jesus. Your help was most appreciated. *Father Jerek*



Father Jerek and the parish staff would like to wish our parishioners and their families Merry Christmas. May God bless all of us this Christmas with Grace, Health, Happiness, and Peace. Merry Christmas!!

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Dec 24 Parish Office closed.
 Dec 25 Parish Office closed. *Merry Christmas!!*
 Dec 26 Parish Office closed.
 Dec 30 Coffee and Donuts following 9:30 AM Mass, HNJ, Founders' Hall.
 Jan 01 Parish Office closed. *Happy New Year - 2019!!*
 Jan 02 Holy Name Society Meeting 6:00 PM, FSC.
 Jan 03 Choir Practice, 6:00 PM, SM Church.
 Jan 05 Catholic Men's Fellowship, 8:30 AM, SM Church

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT: Micah 5:1-4; Hebrews 10:5-1; Luke 1:39-45. Here we are, quite close to our celebration that the Lord took flesh and became one of us. Excitement and awareness build of God's care and love for us. Micah promises that God, who is peace, shall strengthen us all. The Letter to the Hebrews repeats twice that Christ came into the world to do the will of God. And Elizabeth marvels loudly at the nearness of the Lord. **Reflect:** How do I deepen my sense of wonder at what God has brought about? How has an Advent spent in reflection on the word of God made a difference to my awareness of blessedness in my life? How can I carry God's peace with me through the coming year?



SYMBOLS OF CHRISTMAS: Holly, because of its red berries and prickly green leaves last all year round, holly is used as a Christmas decoration all over the world. The sharp edges of the holly leaf can remind us of the crown of thorns placed on the Savior's head. The red holly berry can remind us of His blood shed for all of us. Christians have long seen these symbols. In fact, in some Scandinavian languages, the word for *holly* is "Christ-thorn." **Wreaths:** Traditionally, wreaths are made of evergreens such as pine branches of holly. Their circular shape can represent eternity. Wreaths hung on doors or in windows are like a symbolic invitation for the spirit of Christmas to fill our homes with the joy of the season.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS: Please send a stamped self-addressed #10 envelope to the parish office if you are requesting a contribution statement for the year 2018. No statement totals will be given over the phone, faxed, or picked up at the door. Contribution Statements will only be available with a #10 self-addressed stamped envelope. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office 330-788-5082. Thank you.



COFFEE AND DONUTS: Will be served next Sunday, December 30, following the 9:30 AM Mass at Holy Name of Jesus in Founders' Hall.

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE BY BUD OZAR: Mary was excited about her pregnancy and rushed to tell her cousin. Sadly children are often seen as a liability, "another mouth to feed" or an "obstacle to my career." It is said "Christmas is for children." It is more accurate to say "Christmas is for adults to appreciate the gift of children." **CHRISTMAS:** Today's gospel reminds us God chose to enter human history in a family. By Divine design the salvation of the world began in a family. Family was the best God the Creator could do for His Beloved Son. Jesus was our first Christmas gift.

VOCATIONS: "Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." Mart said "yes" without hesitation and bore the child Jesus. Is God calling you to say "yes" to religious life, priesthood or the diaconate? If so, please call Father Christopher Luoni, Vocation Director at (330) 744-8451, or e-mail: cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org. **CHRISTMAS:** "All things came to be through Him and without Him nothing came to be..." It is through the child Jesus that we find all goodness and are invited to bring that goodness to the world. Could that call be in service to the Church? To find out more, call Father Christopher Luoni (330) 744-8451 or email at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

MARCH FOR THE UNBORN: Attend the March for Life in Washington, D.C. on Friday, January 18, 2019. Buses are being organized in various location throughout the Diocese of Youngstown to take pilgrims to the annual March for Life in Washington, D.C. To find a bus near you, contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage, and Family Life at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or call 330-744-8451 ext. 272.

MASS FOR LIFE: Youngstown Diocese will host Mass for Life as a prayerful reminder the we "must protect and nurture human life at every stage of it existence." The Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., will be the Celebrant at Mass Sunday, January 20, 2019, St. Columba Cathedral, 154 West Wood Street, Youngstown at 4:00 PM. Mass for Life will include a Blessing of Children in the Womb and will be followed by a Reception. All are welcome—no reservations needed.



PARISH REGISTRATION FORM Please print.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

ATTENTION MEMBERS OF THE PARISH: If you are entering an assisted living facility or a long term nursing facility, you or a family member must call the rectory at 330-788-5082, if you wish this information to appear in the bulletin under the heading Parishioners in Health Care Facilities. We do not mean to make things difficult for you, but, we must respect your privacy in this transitional time of your life.

PARISHIONERS IN HEALTH CARE FACILITIES: Your continued prayers and support are requested for the following members of our parish family who are living in area nursing facilities:

Antonine Village: Agnes Siragusa

Assumption Village: Julia Basic, Mary Klucher, and

Dorothy Lafko.

Briarfield Ashley Circle: Mary Kocurek

Continuing Healthcare of Boardman: Rosemarie Yohman

Glenellen Senior Living: Edward Hudak and Mary Meyers.

Greenbriar: Betty Kovach

Humility House Nursing Home: Mary Farkas and

Dorothy Ryznar.

Ohio Living Park Vista: Mary Jane Vranches

Omni Manor: Philomena McCaffrey

Shepherd of the Valley: Georgieann Martinko, Catherine Pearce, and Ann Topolovcak.

Windsor House Canfield: Dolores Kolar

The purpose of *The Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish* is to have a visual reminder of our beloved deceased not only on special days such as birthdays and anniversaries but also throughout the entire year. On the first weekend of each month, a Mass is celebrated for the repose of the souls of *The Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish*. In September, around the Feast of Our Lady of Sorrows, the Mass with intention for *The Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish* is celebrated and a small breakfast follows. Friends who are remembered are not necessarily parishioners of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and membership to *The Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish* is annual. Contact the parish office for further information.

HOLY FAMILY CATHOLIC SCHOOL: Join us for our Annual Open House, Sunday, January 27, 2019, 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM, 2731 Center Road, Poland, OH 44514, 330-757-3713. Come and see everything that Holy Family has to offer, tour the building, meet our faculty, and sign up to WIN a \$100 VISA Gift Card. Tuition Assistance: Many scholarship and Financial Aid, Opportunities Available! Please ask which options are best for your family. Expect greatness at Holy Family School!



Fourth Sunday in Advent



THE FRIENDS OF OUR LADY OF SORROWS PARISH

- † Reverend Bonaventure Babik - Niece, Elaine
- † Katharina Fedor Babik - Granddaughter, Elaine
- † Dorothy M. Babnic - Husband, Bob & Family
- † Dorothy B. Babnic - Cousin, Bob
- † Steve T. Basic - Julia Basic & Sons
- † Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Babnich - Son, Bob & Family
- † Helen & John Bobby - Jim & Jackie Bobby
- † Douglas A. Bott - Wife, Donna & Family
- † Edwin Buday - Wife, Mary Ann
- † Mr. & Mrs. Michael Buddie - Don & Helen Samuels
- † Josephine Bugbee - Niece, Betty Medina
- † Scott Burin - Doreen, Danielle, & Brittany
- † Janet Franko Caiazza - Family
- † Frank Casciano - Wife & Family
- † George Ceremuga - Wife, Marge & Family
- † Helen Chizmar - Family
- † Frank Cipkala - Sister, Gertie & Richard Gross
- † Lisa Currao - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Joseph R. Danko - Son, James & Denise
- † Carole Deley - Family
- † Virginia L. (Ginny) DeLuca - Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Ralph DeMichael - Family
- † Salvatore & Anna DiFrancesco - Children
- † Ervin Dodge - Louise, Children, & Grandchildren
- † Ethel Draia - Family
- † Ambrose J. & Ann M. Drapcho - Children & Grandchildren
- † William Drapcho - Wife, Gloria & Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. George L. Elias - G. Roger & Carole Elias
- † Dorothy & John Ferenchak - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Michaelena Ferenchak - Daughters, Arlene, Karen, & Lisa
- † Martha J. Ferenchak - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Edward E. Franko - Family
- † Helen & Frank Gbur - Children
- † Christina Lacni Gbur - Granddaughter, Elaine
- † Gerchak Family - Family
- † Bill Gonda - Family
- † Scott Gonda - Family
- † Carl J. Gordulic - Family
- † Frances Gordulic - Family
- † Bertha & Ed Grisdale - Granddaughters, Arlene, Karen, & Lisa
- † Tom & Mary Hamrock - Family
- † Nancy Hassay - Hassay Family
- † Thomas Hassay, Sr. - Charlotte Good & The Hassay Family
- † Valent Hlebovy Family - Cecilia Morrison
- † Mr. & Mrs. Frank Hodos - Fred & Betty Hodos
- † Steve J. Hruska - Wife, Ann & Family
- † John J. Hudak - Wife & Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Stefan A. Hudak - Daughter, Agnes
- † Mary & George Jacobs - Mary Lou
- † Jennie & Red Jason - Karen, Gav, Cody, & Jamey
- † Stephen & Edna L. Kachmar - Daughter, Agnes Kachmar
- † John E. Kavulic - Wife, Grace & Family
- † John & Mary Kavulic - Rose & John Klarich
- † Mary L. & Michael W. Klucher - Family
- † Dolores Koshan - Cousin, Betty Medina
- † Susan & Stephen Kotasek, Sr. Family - Gerald & Judy Kotasek
- † Mr. & Mrs. Paul Krispinsky - Children & Grandchildren
- † Steven Krupa - Wife, Olga
- † George E. Krusel - Wife, Betty
- † Ronald Krusel - Mom, Betty
- † John R. Kulifay - Wife, Theresa
- † Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Kulifay - Sister In-Law, Theresa
- † Christopher Lafko - Mom, Dorothy
- † George Lafko - Wife, Dorothy
- † George & Jane LaHita - Daughter, Betty Medina
- † George R. LaHita - Sister, Betty Medina
- † Judge John J. & Ethel V. Leskovyansky - Son, John & Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Mike Lisko - Family
- † Rita Petty LoGiudice - Sue Yarab
- † Andy Lucansky - Wife, Norma & Family
- † Lawrence McCaffrey Family - Wife, Philomena McCaffrey
- † Maddamma Family - Norma Lucansky
- † Martha M. Martinko - Family
- † Thomas Martinko-Wife, Children, Grandchildren & Great Grandchild
- † Frank & Mary Jane Masonic - Niece, Betty Medina
- † Jack Maxgay - Wife & Family
- † Dr. Federico Medina - Wife, Elizabeth
- † Matilde Medina - Betty Medina
- † Ann Marie Miller - Mom
- † Mr. & Mrs. William Mokrovich - Daughter, JoAnn Mokrovich
- † Julia (Jay) Morris - Daughter, Julieann Morris & Ted Kistler
- † Krista Musolino - Mom & Dad
- † Holly Nelson - Family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Steve Novak - Children
- † Martin & Dorothy Novotny Family - Dorothy Rock
- † Helen Olbrych - Husband, Joseph & Family
- † Al Pasquale - Wife, Flo & Family
- † Richard Pearce - Wife, Catherine & Family
- † Robert D. Patrick - Wife, Rita
- † Robert D. Patrick, Jr. - Mom, Rita
- † Mike & Margaret Penich - Daughter, Barbara
- † Gert & Nick Petrus - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Dave Petty - Sue Yarab
- † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen J. Phillips - Son, Larry
- † Frank & Jennie Popovich - Family
- † Marissa J. Plakosh - Mother, Jeanne
- † Joseph & Pauline Popovich - Family
- † Leonard Puhalla - Wife, Marge
- † Joseph & Eleanor Rock Family - Dorothy Rock
- † Paul S. Rovnak, Sr. - Wife, Mary Ann Rovnak
- † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Ruschak - Ted & Diane Russell
- † Mr. & Mrs. Ted Russell, Sr. - Ted & Diane Russell
- † Janice V. & Michael J. Scavina - Son & Daughter
- † Marie O. Scott - Loretta Smith
- † David Senchak - Mom, Mary Lou
- † Michael T. Senchak - Wife, Mary Lou
- † David Senvisky - Rose, Dana, David, Frankie, & Gracie
- † Emil Shevets - Wife, Eleanor & Family
- † John Sova Family - Helen Sova, Wife and Mother
- † Anna & William F. Stana - Family
- † Lucy Stanek - Husband, John & Family
- † Helen & Walter Stanyard - Judy & Gerald Kotasek
- † Edward & Emily Swierz - Son, Denis
- † Thomas Tinkler - Wife, Shirley
- † John Titak - Wife & Children
- † Rosemarie Sewell Titak - Titak Family
- † Rose & Joseph Tricolo - Daughter, Joan Cellio
- † Frances Triveri - Patti L. Kosek
- † Triveri Family - Patti L. Kosek
- † Arlene & Anthony Van - John & Ann Ferenchak
- † Beverly Varso - Mother, Ann & Brother, John
- † John Varso, Sr. - Wife, Ann & Son, John
- † Kathy Wittenauer - Mom, Betty
- † Sophia & Nick Yacovone - Jim & Jackie Bobby
- † Eugene D. Zentko - Wife, Kathryn & Family