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Saint Matthias Church**

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WEEKEND MASS TIMES

SAINT MATTHIAS CHURCH

Saturday – 4:00 pm

SAINT CHRISTINE PARISH

Saturday – 4:00 pm

Sunday – 7:00 am

9:00 – am & 11:00 am

SAINT BRENDAN

Sunday – 9:00 am

Sacrament of Penance

Saturday 9:00 am

Saint Christine Parish

PARISH STAFF

Father John M. Jerek
Pastor

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Parochial Vicar

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Deacons

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Music Director

MaryAnn Dulay
Administrative Assistant
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Parish Office Hours
By Appointment



First Sunday of Advent

PARISH MISSION STATEMENT

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish, a Roman Catholic Community immersed in its Slovak heritage, proclaims the Good News of Jesus Christ to those we encounter. Under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, we build up the Kingdom of God by our expression of Faith through our experience of culture. We share the Good News through proclamation, catechesis, ongoing conversion and service to others, especially the poor and disadvantaged.

Tuesday, December 2, 2025**8:00 —† Betty Thomas by family****Wednesday, December 3, 2025****8:00 —† George Svetlak by wife Carol Svetlak****Saturday, December 6, 2025****4:00 —† Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows and Frances Triveri by Patti & Kenny Kosek****This Week's Memorial Flames**

Blessed Sacrament — † John Killa by niece MaryAnn Dulay

Sorrowful Mother — † Randy Krispinsky by cousin MaryAnn Dulay

Infant Jesus — † Mark Pollock by MaryAnn Dulay

St. Anthony — † In Thanksgiving by MaryAnn Dulay

St. Joseph— † Joseph Dulay by niece MaryAnn Dulay

St. Matthias — † Deceased members of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish by MaryAnn Dulay

Liturgical Ministers**Saturday, December 6 ~ 4pm**

Lector: L. Smith

Eucharistic Ministers: D. Sliwinski

Servers: Wakefield girls

Greeters/Collectors: J. Schneider, R. Bakes, R. Balasko, B. Babnic



**Collection for Sunday,
November 23, 2025
\$3,021.00**

Thank you for your continued support!

MASS SCHEDULE

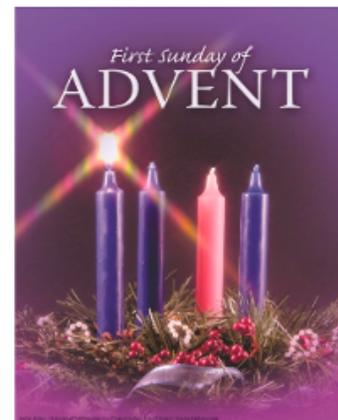
FOR ST. MARY MAGDALENE PARISH

Beginning January 1, 2026

Saturday 4:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 a.m., 11:00 a.m.

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday 8:30 a.m.

**1st Sunday of Advent**

"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." Matthew 24:42 People who

have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude each day, for all that we have been given.



The **Seniors Club** of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish will hold its monthly luncheon and meeting on **THURSDAY, DECEMBER 11TH at 12:30 P.M.** at **St. Christine's Parish Centre**. Please make your reservation by calling **KAY KALISCHAK** at **(330) 967-4467**. A meeting with a money raffle and bingo will follow the luncheon. For the month of December, we will celebrate Birthdays, Anniversaries, Christmas and New Years. **RESERVATION OR CANCELLATION DEADLINE IS MONDAY, DECEMBER 8TH.** December's menu will be Steak Salad with various Vegetables, French Fries, Rolls, Dessert, Coffee, Tea and Water. The cost of the luncheon will be **\$12.00**. No show members will be obligated to pay for their reserved luncheon. Members are reminded to bring a **\$10.00 gift card in a Christmas Card** and to wear **Christmas Attire** as we celebrate the coming of the Christmas Season. *"We wish everyone a Very Blessed Advent, a Holy and Merry Christmas and a Safe, Prosperous Happy New Year in 2026"*.

Monday, December 8th is the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a holy day of obligation. Mass will be celebrated at 5pm at Our Lady of Sorrows. Two Masses will be celebrated that day at St. Christine at 8:30am and 7pm.

The Parish Office at St. Christine Church will be closed that day.

2026 Mass Intention book for St. Mary Magdalene Parish at St. Christine Church is open. Sacred Heart Flames are also available. Please call the parish office at 330-792-3829 for information on how to schedule intentions. **SACRED HEART FLAMES** are a great way to remember deceased loved ones, and to invite others in the parish to pray for them.

To reserve a memorial flame, please call the parish office or complete the forms available near the Sacred Heart statue and turn them in to the parish office in a timely fashion. Donation for each memorial flame is \$20.00.

LITURGICAL MINISTER TRAINING SESSION: Anyone wishing to be a liturgical minister at St. Mary Magdalene Parish beginning in January is asked to attend an informational meeting at St. Christine Parish Center on Wednesday, December 3rd at 6:00 pm. Liturgical Ministers include Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Ushers and Greeters. You do NOT have to currently be a minister to attend. More ministers will be needed when the merger has been completed and we are all worshipping at one place. If you have thought about becoming a liturgical minister this is your opportunity to become a part of this ministry.

Our Lady of Sorrows Parish and the American Slovak Cultural Association of the Mahoning Valley annual Vilija Dinner will be Sunday, December 14, 4pm at St. Christine Parish Center. In addition to the traditional Slovak Christmas Eve meal, featuring fish, pirohy, and kolachi, there will be musical entertainment and much more. Tickets are \$25. **TICKETS WILL NOT BE SOLD AT THE DOOR.** For tickets and information Contact Ron Ga at 330-397-3931. Deadline to purchase tickets is December 3.

Advent Project 2025
St. Brendan, St. Christine, Our Lady of Sorrows Parishes



The First Sunday of Advent
Weekend of November 29/30
Second Collection for Christmas Dinner at Dorothy Day House

The Second Sunday of Advent
Weekend of December 6/7
Second Collection for St. Vincent DePaul Society Parish Conferences

The Third Sunday of Advent
Weekend of December 13/14
Second Collection for St. Vincent DePaul Dining Hall

If donating by check, please make checks payable to St. Christine, Our Lady of Sorrows, or St. Brendan Parish.

About Our Advent Project Beneficiaries

Dorothy Day House has served the poor and homeless in downtown Youngstown for over a dozen years. Under the sponsorship of the Humility of Mary Sisters and the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown, the House has served thousands of hot meals to those who come through its doors. It also makes available hot showers to many of the homeless in our area.

Many local parishes and organizations provide the food and serve it. Because Dorothy Day House receives no government or agency funding, it relies solely on the generosity of its benefactors. All three of our parishes have a long tradition of supporting this very important beacon of hope in our city.

The St. Vincent DePaul Society of our parish provides much essential assistance to local families in a respectful, dignified way. Our parish chapters have made a huge difference in the lives of many families as we continue this decades-long tradition of service in the name of Christ.

A message from our pastor ...



November 30, 2025

Dear parishioners,

Today we begin a new church year guided primarily by the Gospel of Matthew which reveals Jesus as a great teacher sent to us to plant the seeds of His Kingdom in our hearts. This Advent season brings that Kingdom to the forefront of our consciousness as once again we focus on making our world a better place. During these weeks, our second collections will benefit local ministries that make a huge difference in our community. I ask your generous support of them.

We also need to work on our participation in the liturgy. As Catholics, we believe that Mass is the highest form of prayer. Still many simply attend as spectators, not participants. As we begin a new church year, please do your best to respond to the prayers well and to pick up your hymnals and sing. While you may not have a great voice, it is important that you follow the hymns since they teach and reinforce what we believe. We must always remember that our liturgy is a celebration, not a show. We want our parish to be a community that celebrates well. Please do your part.

During Advent, our parish will be hosting two Advent mornings of prayer and reflection during which several of our parishioners will share their thoughts on how their family life and church involvement has influenced their faith. Our Men's gathering will be on Saturday, December 6 and the Women's gathering will occur on Saturday, December 13. Both events begin at 9 am and conclude with lunch at noon in the Parish Center. We hope for a good turnout from all adult age groups in the parish. We see this as simply a time to be together to pray, reflect and be with each other; there will be no "recruiting" for other programs involved. Both gatherings are free of charge, with free will offerings benefitting the St. Vincent DePaul dining hall on the south side of Youngstown. Please call the parish office to make your reservation as soon as possible.

As we continue our merger process, we are asking that all those planning to serve as ushers, lectors, Eucharistic ministers and adult servers attend an important meeting on Wednesday, December 3 at 6 pm in the Parish Center, which will begin with Evening Prayer in the church, followed by supper. During this meeting, we also welcome those who would like to begin serving in these ministries. If you cannot attend this meeting and plan to begin or continue in one or several of these ministries, please call the parish office.

Have a great week!

Fr. John Jerek

jjerek@youngstowndiocese.org

Christmas Raffle *Our Lady of Sorrows*

December 11 thru December 25

❖ **Mondays - Saturdays** One Ticket drawn each day for **\$50.00**

❖ **Sundays** - One Ticket Drawn for **\$100.00**

❖ **Christmas Day** - December 25th One Ticket drawn for **\$500.00**

Suggested Donation/\$10.00 per ticket • Winner need not be present

_____ I am unable to contribute at this time, please enter my name in the drawing

All proceeds will benefit Fr. Ladislav Varga, Fr. David Sklarcik and Fr. Anton Durcak

By now you should have received your Christmas Raffle mailing. As Father Jerek stated in his letter, "This will be our final Our Lady of Sorrows Raffle and will benefit three young priests from Slovakia who have been part of the life of our parish: Fr. Ladislav Varga, Fr. David Sklarcik and Fr. Antony Durcak." Due to circumstances beyond our control many have not received the mailing. Please call MaryAnn at 330-792-3829 if you did not receive your mailing and she will send you one.



CONGRATULATIONS to Tony Winterburn who recently received the Youngstown City Scape Beautification Award for the work he has done at St. Brendan Church. The award was presented to him for the landscaping at St. Brendan. Tony is not only a staff member, he is also an altar server and an active member of the Our Lady of Sorrows Holy Name Society and looks forward to being an active parishioner at St. Mary Magdalene Parish at St. Christine Church.

CONGRATULATIONS
TONY!!!

~ Friends of Our Lady of Sorrows ~

- † Linda Kramer Ariza – Family
- † Robert A. & Dorothy M. Babnic – Son, Bob & Family
- † Dorothy J. Babnic – Cousin, Bob & Family
- † Jason Babnic – Dad, Mom & Becca, Sister
- † Robert A. Babnic – Patricia Grinstead
- † Mr. & Mrs. Andrew Babnich – Grandson, Bob & Family
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- † Catullo Family – Cecelia Casciano
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- † William Drapcho – Wife, Gloria & Family
- † Edward Dulay – Daughter, MaryAnn
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- † Bernard & Lucille Kramer – Son, Glenn
- † John & Margaret Kramer – Sons, Dan & Jack
- † Danny S. Krispinsky – Aunts, Uncles & Cousins
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- † Martha M. Martinko – Mike & Jan Leskovec-Steinmaus
- † Joe Maxim – MaryAnn Dulay
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- † Pauline Popovich—family
- † Richard Premec – Sister-in-law, Mary Ann Lapinsky & family
- † Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Rushchak – Ted & Diane Russell
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- † Bill & Dorothy (Popovich) Schraider – Daughter, Geri Jacquet
- † Bill Schraider, Jr. – Sister, Geri Jacquet
- † Marie O. Scott – Loretta G. Smith
- † Mary Starr – Family & Friends
- † Frances Triveri – Patti L. & Kenny Kosek
- † Triveri Family – Patti L. & Kenny Kosek
- † Joanne Vanches — Husband, John & Family
- † Stephen R. Wash, Sr., - Wife, Marilyn Wash
- † James Wells – Valerie, Amanda & Kate
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