

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

SATURDAY, January 7th

4:30 p.m. **EDNA MILLER** by Jean Hochdoerfer

SUNDAY, January 8th ~ EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

9:30 a.m. **ROBIN NORMAN** by Norman Family

MONDAY, January 9th

NO MASS

TUESDAY, January 10th

8:30 a.m. **ANTONINO ELIA** by Granddaughter, Anna Marie Elia

WEDNESDAY, January 11th

NO MASS

THURSDAY, January 12th

8:30 a.m. **ELEANOR GEORGE** by Son, Paul

FRIDAY, January 13th

NO MASS

SATURDAY, January 14th

4:30 p.m. **DOTTI ZIEGLER** by M/M George Baker

SUNDAY, January 15th ~ SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

9:30 a.m. **JOHN HALL** by Mary Saganich

NOTE: If you would like to bring up the offertory gifts during a Mass that is scheduled for a family member or friend, please see the ushers before Mass.

PLEASE NOTE: If you need to have Communion brought to you at your seat, please notify the ushers **before Mass**.

PARISH NEWS

WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

ATTENDANCE:

Saturday, December 31st, 2016 4:30 p.m. Mass... 150
 Sunday, January 1st, 2017 9:30 a.m. Mass... 137

STEWARDSHIP:

	LAST WEEK	YTD (27 wks.)
WEEKLY BUDGETED	\$ 5,288.00	\$ 142,766.00
SUNDAYS	\$ 5,281.00	
HOLY DAY	\$ 969.00	\$ 140,093.93
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	\$ 962.00	(\$ 2,682.07)
120 Sunday/63 Holy Day Envelopes		
CHRISTMAS	\$ 400.00	

DEBT REDUCTION:

Owed to DOY as of June 30, 2016		\$ 282,448.15
Debt reduction envelopes	\$ 294.25	\$ 12,855.16
Additional paid on EXPONENT arrears		\$ 4,588.69
BALANCE OWED		\$ 265,004.30

Thank you for your continued support of your parish.

*Any time there is a Diocesan second collection, we will suspend our debt reduction second collection for that week. Of course, you may still use your debt reduction envelope at any time.

STEWARDSHIP – January 8, 2017 – Epiphany of Our Lord “Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh.” (Matthew 2:11) The image of the Magi kneeling before the infant Jesus and opening their treasure chests for Him is an image that we should all try to follow all year long. In gratitude for all that we have been given, we are called to generously share all our gifts, not just the ones we pick and choose. God wants us to be the most generous with that one thing that means the most to us.

EPIPHANY – A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar: Today’s Gospel tells us “all Jerusalem” was upset because “King Herod was deeply troubled.” A similar ripple effect happens in families; one person’s negative attitude can affect the whole family. If you want a peaceful and joyful home it must start with you. Be peaceful and joyful!

THEME: GOD LAVISHES UPON US GIFTS BEYOND OUR MERIT. Today’s readings demonstrate the gratuitous nature of God’s love for humanity. Recognizing this benevolence, we, along with the Magi, prostrate ourselves and pay homage by offering our supreme gifts – our faith, hope and love – in the service of our generous, loving God.

LITURGY OF THE WORD: In the first reading, the prophet reminds Israel that God’s glory will shine on them. They will be a people to be admired by nations and kings. Saint Paul recounts for the Ephesians that Gentiles are co-heirs and co-partners in the promise of Jesus Christ in the Gospel. The Gospel recounts the Magi’s visit to pay homage to the newborn baby Jesus.



ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS –

Week of January 8th

IN MEMORY OF MICHAEL MADIGAN by Sister & Brother

IN MEMORY OF FRANK & PAULINE SZELEST

by George & Beverly Vukovich

SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION

IN MEMORY OF THOMAS LIPPERT by Neighbors

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Serving Mass January 14th & 15th

Eucharistic Minister of Cup

January 14th – J. Yuhasz/J. Abraham

January 15th – J. Cullivan/M.J. Cullivan

Eucharistic Minister of Bread

January 14th – A. Marzullo

January 15th – A. Misel

Altar Servers

January 14th – F. Burke/A. Moore

January 15th – S. Garcar/D. McNamara

Lector

January 14th – F. Dillon

January 15th – A. M. Granny

Sacristans

January 14th – J. Whetstone

January 15th – J. Burke



CHILDREN’S ENVELOPES are available in the vestibule.

PARISH COUNCIL will meet on Monday, January 9 at 6:30 p.m. in the rectory.

LUCK OF THE IRISH PLANNING MEETING, Monday, January 9 at 7:30 p.m. in the rectory. Anyone interested in helping is welcome!

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

In Memory of Daniel Dillon, Jr. by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dillon

In Memory of Falter Family & Weida Family by Mrs. Mary Falter

Donations by: Mr. & Mrs. Stephen Garcar, Mr. & Mrs. Jim Ford & Mrs. Jennie Novak



N.C.W.C. NIGHT AT THE RACES ~ THIS COMING SATURDAY, JANUARY 14: It is not too late! While we have given Ciminero’s a preliminary count, we know with the holidays it was hard to get it together. If you have never attended a Night at the Races, please consider joining us at Ciminero’s on Saturday at 6:30. Pizza and salad will be provided. You can bring snacks to share. **If you would like to come, we ask that you call the rectory by Wednesday of this week, because we do need to get race information printed in the program.** It is a very fun evening, especially on a winter night when you are looking for some entertainment.

KEEP THE KIDS WARM CAMPAIGN: Many low -income and working poor families are unable to afford the necessities of life, including food, shelter, and heat during the cold winter months. In response to the needs of families in our community, our parish is participating in Catholic Charities' *Keep the Kids Warm* Campaign. This annual special collection provides utility assistance to families with children and will be taken up at our parish next weekend. To learn more about this campaign, visit Catholic Charities website at www.ccdoy.org.

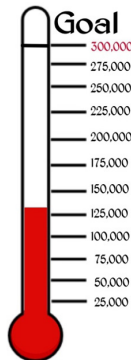


MARCH 18, 2017 – LUCK OF THE IRISH Raffle and Dinner

We ask God to show us the way as we pray for the success of "Preserving our Faith, our Heritage and our Church"

If after prayerful consideration you are ready to offer your gift, please return your pledge card in a plain white envelope either by mail or in the collection basket. Campaign envelopes are available in your envelope packets.

ONLINE GIVING is now available. Cards are available in your pews with instructions to sign up for this convenient way to support your parish. You can use it for your regular Sunday offering as well as special collections like the Restoration Fund. The names of the funds will appear in alphabetical order.



PLEASE NOTE: Parish employees have absolutely no access to your personal information such as account numbers or balances. We will receive a report from the secure site with your name and amount of donation. It will then be recorded on your annual Parish Contribution Report. If you have any questions, please call the rectory.

APPEAL UPDATE as of January 1, 2017

173 gifts/pledges totaling	\$142,010.00
Paid to date	\$ 77,387.00

Sincere thanks to those who have made their commitment to St. Stephen Parish!

COMMUNITY NEWS

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ JANUARY COLLECTION – CEREAL

HARRIET'S CUPBOARD ~ JANUARY – PAPER PRODUCTS: There is a large basket in the vestibule of the church for those who wish to help with this mission of Catholic Charities.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS ~ JANUARY ~ NILES FIRST PRESBYTERIAN: Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursdays, from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

MASSSES FOR LIFE SCHEDULED THIS JANUARY: Each year in January, we recall the infamous Supreme Court Decision *Roe v. Wade* that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. The Diocese of Youngstown hosts two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder that we "must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence." Locally, Bishop Murry will preside at the Mass for Life on Sunday, January 29, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown.

After the Mass for Life there will be a reception consisting of refreshments and an "Expo" of Respect Life information. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information, call 330-744-8451, ext. 272 or contact dshmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

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- Daycare tuition assistance through the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services
- Contact Connie, our school secretary, for further information at 330-759-7383



PATHWAYS TO SPIRITUAL LIVING OFFERED AT THE URSULINE CENTER:

The Ursuline Center is hosting the spirituality series Pathways to Spiritual Living the Wednesdays of February 8th, March 8th and April 5th, from 10:00-11:30 a.m. or 6:30-8:00 p.m. Presenter Eileen W. Novotny invites you to explore and retrieve the long-lost tradition of human spirituality and consider its primary significance in the human search for meaning and purpose in life. She'll examine Celtic, Ignatian and Franciscan paths of prayer. Participants are welcome to suggest paths of spiritual living for reflection. Religious Education certification hours have been applied for. Preregistration is appreciated. Call 330-799-4941. The donation is \$10.00 for each class or \$25.00 for all three. The Ursuline Center is located at 4280 Shields Road, Canfield, and is a ministry of the Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown. For more visit www.theursulinecenter.org.



THEOLOGY ON TAP
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THEOLOGY ON TAP – For Young Adults in the 20s and 30s: Wednesday, January 18th, 2017 at 7:00-9:30 p.m.

Featuring our guest speaker: The Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J., PH.D., at The Magic Tree Pub and Eatery ~ 7463 South Avenue, Boardman, OH 44512.



TRUMBULL COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ~ SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN: Take a Stand on the Anniversary of *Roe vs. Wade*. The ad will appear in the Warren Tribune Chronicle – Sunday, January 22, 2017.

DEADLINE: SUNDAY, JANUARY 8, 2017: PLEASE PRINT NAME CLEARLY AS IT SHOULD APPEAR IN THE AD. Make checks payable to: Trumbull County Right to Life and mail to 4507 Kincaid-E. Road N.W., Warren, OH 44481-9126. If you have any questions, please contact our Parish Right to Life representative, Anna Marie Granny at 330-652-2474.



TRUMBULL COUNTY RIGHT TO LIFE ~ SIGNATURE AD CAMPAIGN

PLEASE RETURN BY JANUARY 8:

CHECK ONE:

- Individual Name (ex. John Doe) ~ \$5.00
- Couple Name (ex. Mr. and Mrs. John Doe) ~ \$10.00
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