

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

### SATURDAY, May 6th

11:00 a.m. **CONFIRMATION** at St. Columba Cathedral  
4:30 p.m. **MARY FRITZ** by Family

### SUNDAY, May 7th – 4th SUNDAY OF EASTER WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS FIRST HOLY COMMUNION

9:30 a.m. **JAMES MADIGAN** by Cousins

### MONDAY, May 8th

NO MASS

### TUESDAY, May 9th

8:30 a.m. **MARY LUZAR & MARY FREDERICKS** by Luzar Family

### WEDNESDAY, May 10th

NO MASS

### THURSDAY, May 11th

8:30 a.m. **LORENZO SCIRROCO & WIFE** by Frances Spinella

### FRIDAY, May 12th

NO MASS

### SATURDAY, May 13th

4:30 p.m. **BETTY SULLIVAN** by Steve & Noeleen Miller

### SUNDAY, May 14th – 5th SUNDAY OF EASTER

9:30 a.m. **ROBERTA SQUIRIC** by Bob Sloan

**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

**THEME: CHRIST IS THE VERY CENTER OF OUR FAITH. HE IS OUR SHEPHERD AND WE LISTEN TO HIS VOICE; THROUGH HIM WE ENTER INTO FULLNESS OF LIFE.** We, who belong to Jesus by virtue of our baptism, now share in His mission of redemption. How we prepare for this task is important. We need to strive for repentance, lead lives of prayer and patient endurance, and desire to listen attentively to His voice.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** The first reading from Acts tells of Peter, empowered by the Holy Spirit, boldly proclaiming the risen Christ and calling all to repentance and baptism. The second reading exhorts the early Christians to imitate Christ: they are to be patient as Christ was patient in the face of His suffering. Our Gospel reminds us that we are to follow Christ as the sheep follow the shepherd: for as the shepherd cares for his sheep, so Christ cares for each of us.

**STEWARDSHIP:** "And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ...'" *Acts 2:38*

The word "repent" means to turn from sin, to change our actions. When it comes to change, do we take responsibility for change or do we think that others have to change instead? Change that is permanent comes from within; we must take control and be disciplined. Remember, though, that we are not alone. Jesus is there to help lighten the load.

**NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE TRINITY DOME:** Next week, our parish will participate in a national collection for the Trinity Dome to complete the Basilica of the National Shrine of the Immaculate Conception in Washington, D.C., before its 100th anniversary. Also known as America's Catholic Church, the National Shrine has been a century in the making, built by and for the faithful of our great nation in honor of our Blessed Mother, the patroness of the United States. Become a part of Mary's Shrine and help to bring to completion our Church! For more information, please visit [www.trinitydome.org](http://www.trinitydome.org).



**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS – Week of May 7th**  
*IN MEMORY OF BOB MARLEY* by Peggy McCaughtry  
*IN MEMORY OF JEAN TALEOS* by Mary Ann Hudzik

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION**  
*FOR AN INCREASE IN VOCATIONS TO THE PRIESTHOOD*

### WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:

#### ATTENDANCE

Saturday, April 29th, 2017 4:30 p.m. Mass...141  
Sunday, April 30th, 2017 9:30 a.m. Mass...167



STEWARDSHIP:	LAST WEEK	YTD (44 wks.)
WEEKLY BUDGETED	\$ 5,288.00	\$ 232,672.00
SUNDAYS	\$ 4,919.00	\$ 226,130.62
SURPLUS/(DEFICIT)	(\$ 369.00)	(\$ 6,541.38)
Sunday envelopes 151		
ADD'L EASTER	\$ 200.00	

#### DEBT REDUCTION:

Owed to DOY as of June 30, 2016		\$ 282,448.15
Debt reduction envelopes	\$ 478.52	\$ 21,727.76
Additional paid on EXPONENT arrears		\$ 4,588.69
BALANCE OWED		\$ 256,131.70

*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.



### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS:

Congratulations to **COLETTE FUDA, SOPHIA GEARHART, NICHOLAS PALUMBO, KHERINGTON STANFORD, and MADELYN YOST** who will receive their First Communion this Sunday at the 9:30 Mass. May God bless these children in a special way today and, through the reception of the Eucharist, keep them close to their faith all their lives.

**2017 BISHOP'S APPEAL:** Our parish is joined with parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown in making a commitment to the **2017 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church**. This year's goal is \$4 million. The Appeal is the primary funding source for Catholic Charities in our six-county diocese. Thank you in advance for your reflection and generous response to the Bishop's Appeal. **The goal set for St. Stephen this year is \$31,861.61. As of April 30th, 117 St. Stephen families have pledged a total of \$18,374.00, 58% of our goal.**



**ALTAR SERVER TRAINING:** Anyone who would like to become an altar server is asked to call the rectory and a training session will be scheduled soon. Any student who has made First Communion is eligible to serve in this ministry. Adults are also invited to participate.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULE

#### Serving Mass May 13th & 14th

##### Eucharistic Minister of Cup

May 13th – D. Schimley/J. Whetstone

May 14th – L. Burgess/F. Dillon

##### Eucharistic Minister of Bread

May 13th – A. Marzullo

May 14th – A. Misel

##### Altar Servers

May 13th – A. Moore/K. Naples

May 14th – A. Butler/S. Garcar

##### Lector

May 13th – M. McMahon

May 14th – C. Burgess

##### Sacristan

May 13th – J. Whetstone

May 14th – F. Burke



*Thank you*

**NCWC SPRING LOTTERY RAFFLE:** See any NCWC member for tickets for their Lottery Raffle based on the PA Lottery Pick 3 daytime drawing (straight only) for the month of June. The \$10.00 tickets will be sold through the month of May. Weekday prize is \$25.00, weekend prize is \$50.00 and Father's Day prize is \$500.00. Tickets will be available after Masses, beginning the weekend of May 13/14. For more information, call Jacquie Whetstone at 330-397-1427.

**FATHER'S DAY MEMORIALS:** Just as you did for the Mother's Day envelopes, please list the names of those you wish to remember or honor on the front or back of the envelope.

**Fourth Sunday of Easter – May 7, 2017 – World Day of Prayer for Vocations:** On this Good Shepherd Sunday, we celebrate the World Day of Prayer for Vocations. Pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood, diaconate, and consecrated life, especially for our diocese, that God will raise up good shepherds in our midst. If you think God is calling you to serve the Church as a priest or in the consecrated life, call Fr. Christopher Luoni (330) 744-8451, or by email at [cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org).



**THEOLOGY ON TAP – MAY 17th ~ Landis, Erwin, Fund Development Specialist for the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown ~ 7:00-9:15 p.m. at MVR-410 N. Walnut Street, Youngstown.** For young Adults in their 20s-30s. Young Adult Collaborative on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/yamahing>, Theology on Tap on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/MahoingCountyTOT> or email: [bsteines@bspcc.org](mailto:bsteines@bspcc.org).



**BASILICA AND NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LEBANON ~ FATIMA CENTENNIAL CONFERENCE** "In the end, my immaculate Heart Will Triumph" – Our Lady of Fatima 1917 – May 12th, 13th and 14th – Conference Cost: \$30.00. Register by May 9 at [www.ourladyoflebanonshrine.com](http://www.ourladyoflebanonshrine.com). 2759 North Lipkey Road, North Jackson, OH 44451. Three Guest speakers: Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, Captain Guy Gruters, Catherine Moran, Ph.D.

**25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration:** The Diocese will sponsor a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 11th, 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversary in 2017. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the Cathedral Hall. You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting your parish office before May 11.

**MEMORIAL SERVICE FOR MISCARRIED OR STILLBORN CHILDREN:** Sunday, May 21, 2017 at 2:00 p.m. in the chapel at Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown (248 Belle Vista Avenue). Parents, family, grandparents of any child lost to miscarriage or stillbirth are encouraged to attend. "Before I formed you in the womb I knew you, before you were born I dedicated you..." Jeremiah 1:5. Sponsored by the DOY – Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life and Office of Worship ~ 330-744-8451.



**NEW HOPE UM CHURCH (21 Fairview Avenue, Niles) AND KING FOODS** is accepting orders for King Foods at the church with cash, check, money order or EBT Card on Monday, May 8th, 11:00 a.m.-Noon. Orders will also be taken at Niles Community Services on Monday, May 8th, from 1:30-2:15 p.m. Boxes include meat and vegetables, kid's box, mini box, surf and turf grill box, tree of life, breaded chicken nugget box, helping hands box, and a grill box. Prices range from \$22.00 to \$45.00. There are no income restrictions or guidelines. Online credit card orders will be taken through Wednesday, May 10th at 10:00 a.m. Online address is [www.kingfoods.org](http://www.kingfoods.org). See their facebook page at [www.facebook.com/houseoffaithkingfoods](https://www.facebook.com/houseoffaithkingfoods). Distribution date is Saturday, May 20th, from 8:00-9:00 a.m. There will be a free community breakfast served from 8:00-9:30 a.m. and our clothing room will be open.



**WOMAN'S HEART DAY, MAY 11 MERCY HEALTH:** Mercy Health-Heart and Vascular Institute and Mercy Health-Lab Service presents *Woman's Heart Day* from 6:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. on Thursday, May 11, at the Covelli Centre in Youngstown. Admission, health screenings, speakers and all activities are FREE. This year, we have added several local and national speakers including, Allen Amorn, MD, Electrophysiologist – Mercy Health, Thomas Chirichella, MD, General Surgeon specializing in Hepatobiliary and Pancreatic Surgery – Mercy Health, Delia Passi CEO & Founder-Women's Choice Award, Jody Shagrin Kavensky CEO/Founder- Norma Leah Ovarian Cancer Foundation. Registration is required for the following health screens and registration opens April 1st. Mammograms from the Joanie Abdu Mobile Mammogram – 330-480-2654. Lab Screens – Hemoglobin A1C (Diabetes) and lipid profiles (Cholesterol) – Hands-only CPR Training, 330-480-2323. Other health screenings and assessments range from bone density, blood pressure readings and stroke risk assessments to skin cancer risk assessments and vision screenings. There are also fitness demonstrations, educational presentations on a variety of women's health issues, cooking demonstrations, refreshments and gift raffle, and a Blood Drive. For more information, go to [mercy.com/y-townwomansheart](http://mercy.com/y-townwomansheart). We look forward to seeing you on May 11!

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

**APPEAL UPDATE as of April 30, 2017**

189 Gifts/pledges totaling	\$ 150,497.00
Paid to date	\$ 99,799.00

Thank you to all who have already offered their gift for the benefit of the parish for years to come! Phase 2 has now started – the handicapped accessible bathroom on the main floor of the church. If you have not already done so, please consider a pledge or gift to help us with this much needed project! Any and all gifts will be gratefully received.

**NOTE:** To those who have made a quarterly pledge...please use the Restoration envelope in your packet to make your payments when convenient for your budget. We will not be mailing out statements unless specifically requested.

**A Family Perspective... by Bud Ozar:** In today's gospel, Jesus tells us HE IS THE WAY and warns anyone who offers "another way" to happiness is "a thief and a bandit." Strong words! Don't listen to the sales pitch of society for happiness. Look to yourself where God is present and "calls you by name and leads you to abundant life."

## COMMUNITY NEWS

**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES ~ MAY COLLECTION** – Macaroni and Cheese, Tuna Helper.

**COMMUNITY SUPPERS ~ MAY – NILES FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH:** Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursdays, from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

**HARRIET'S CUPBOARD ~ MAY** – Soap and Shampoo. There is a large basket in the vestibule of the church for those who wish to help with this mission of Catholic Charities.



**CATHOLIC CHARITIES REGIONAL AGENCY** will hold the 12th annual **MEN WHO COOK** event, with the Theme "All Star Grille," on Saturday, May 13, from 6:00-10:00 p.m. at the Embassy, 5030 Youngstown-Poland Road, Boardman. Event benefits the Emergency Assistant Program, which combines material and financial assistance with advocacy efforts, to people in need. This year's chefs include local celebrities as St. Christine Parish's Pastor Rev. John Keehner and Our Lady of Mount Carmel Niles Pastor Rev. John-Michael Lavelle, among other business leaders and government officials. Tickets are \$50.00 per person and include food and two drink tickets. Men Who Cook is still seeking sponsorships, donations and auction items for the event. Range from \$250.00 to \$5,000.00+, and program advertising is available for \$100.00. For more information or to purchase tickets, please visit [www.menwhocook.org](http://www.menwhocook.org) or 330-744-3320.

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