

**MASSES FOR THE WEEK****SATURDAY, JANUARY 2**4:30 p.m. **EUGENE & HELEN DRAGOS** by Family**SUNDAY, JANUARY 3 – THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD**9:30 a.m. **RON McCLOSKEY –****10th Anniversary** by Wife & Family**MONDAY, JANUARY 4**

NO MASS

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 5**8:30 a.m. **MARGARET STRAMA** by Family**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 6**

NO MASS

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 7**4:30 p.m. **KENNETH DREWIOR** by Aunt Janice Rayle**FRIDAY, JANUARY 8**9:30 a.m. **MARK FRANTZ** by Madigan & Nicholas Families**SATURDAY, JANUARY 9**4:30 p.m. **JOSEPH DUBAJ** by Carl Vath**SUNDAY, JANUARY 10 – BAPTISM OF THE LORD**9:30 a.m. **EDWARD SCOTT** by Daughter Lola

**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**.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP:****ATTENDANCE:**

Thursday, December 24, 2015	4:30 p.m.	Mass 449
Friday, December 25, 2015	9:30 a.m.	Mass 167
Saturday, December 26, 2015	4:30 p.m.	Mass 122
Sunday, December 27, 2015	9:30 a.m.	Mass 138

**STEWARDSHIP**

WEEKLY BUDGETED	\$	5,788.00
SUNDAY OFFERING	\$	4,966.01
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$	821.99)
137 Envelopes		
DEBT REDUCTION	\$	404.13
KEEP THE KIDS WARM APPEAL	\$	257.43
CHRISTMAS TO DATE	\$	11,672.95*
222 Envelopes		

\*Christmas figure includes loose collection of \$889.00 and children's envelopes \$36.00. *Thank you for your continued support of your parish.*

**THEME: WE ARE TO WALK ALWAYS IN THE LIGHT OF THE LORD.** The visit of the Magi is a dramatic event that symbolizes the universality of Christ's saving mission on earth. In effect, this event tells us that Jesus opened the kingdom of God not only to the Jews, but to all humankind. It is up to each of us to walk in the light of Christ so that we might come to share eternal life in heaven.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** Today's first reading is a prophecy about the radiance of the Lord's light shining on all nations. The second reading speaks of the Gentiles as co-heirs, along with the Jews, to the promises of Jesus. The Gospel tells of the visit of the Magi to the child Jesus, and how they were led by a star, fulfilling ancient prophecies.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE:** After meeting Jesus, the Magi returned home by "another way." What in your family needs to be done "another way?" Do you need "another way" to resolve differences, to communicate or show affection? This is a new year, time to change what isn't working. Take a tip from some wise men, there's always "another way."

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:** "...the Gentiles are co-heirs, members of the same body, and co-partners in the promise in Christ Jesus through the Gospel." (Ephesians 3:6)

Today, we celebrate that Christ came to all of us, not just the Hebrews. He made us all one body with Him. We were all given different gifts; we all have different yet equally valuable roles to play in the Body of Christ. Ask God how He wants you to use your gifts so that we may all "be one" in this Year of Mercy.

**REMINDER...SECOND COLLECTION FOR DEBT REDUCTION.** \*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.

**PARISH NEWS****"MORE THAN JUST THE CHURCH BULLETIN"**

Please be sure to visit our website: [www.ststephenchurchniles.com](http://www.ststephenchurchniles.com).

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS – Week of JANUARY 3****IN MEMORY OF RON McCLOSKEY –****10th Anniversary** by Wife & Family**IN THANKSGIVING FOR 67 YEARS OF MARRIAGE – DOROTHY & KEITH CONKLIN****SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION****IN MEMORY OF THAD THIRION, Jr.** by Joe & Mary Ann Ring

**MINISTRIES TO THE SICK/HOMEBOUND:** Do you know someone who would welcome the opportunity to receive the Eucharist at home? Please call the parish at 330-652-4396 and they will be added to our visitation list.

**PARISHIONER WITH HEALTH NEED:** Lifelong parishioner John Minnick has been placed on the National Registry for a liver transplant. John's blood type is 0+. If you are a match and you are willing to investigate the possibility of becoming a living donor, please contact Donna at the Cleveland Clinic at 1-216-445-8617. Thank you.

**NEEDED: EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS TO TAKE COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND:** Call the rectory if you are able to fulfill this Ministry once or twice a month.

**CHILDREN'S ENVELOPES** are available on the table where the children sign in for Mass behind the last pew.



**FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY:** Last weekend, our parish participated in a special collection for Catholic Charities' Keep the Kids Warm campaign. This annual effort helps to provide utility assistance to low-income and working poor families during the cold winter months. If you were unable to contribute to Keep the Kids Warm at our parish last week, you can still support this important cause. To make a donation, visit Catholic Charities' website at [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org), or mail your contribution to Catholic Charities, Keep the Kids Warm, PO Box 614, Youngstown, OH. 44501.

**THANK YOU!**

Dear Father Korda and Parishioners of St. Stephen, Thank you for participating in Catholic Charities *First Step for Change Campaign*. Your parish did a fantastic job in raising \$1,158.05. With assistance from parishes like yours, last year we raised over \$75,000.00 and served 7,714 people across the diocese. The First Step Programs work hand in hand with our emergency assistance programs to resolve multi-faceted issues. We are able to provide food, formula, diapers and other forms of material assistance to pregnant women and families with children ages 0-3. The need for assistance, regardless the type, is often just the tip of a financial iceberg for our clients. Many times, there are multiple needs that have to be considered in order to help families remain stable in these turbulent economic times. Again thank you for supporting *First Step for Change*. Parishes like yours help Catholic Charities to continue "Changing Lives...One Family at a Time," meeting needs of women, children, and families throughout the Diocese of Youngstown.

Sincerely,

Rachel A. Hrbolich, Associate Director of Social Services  
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown

**UPCOMING MEETINGS**

Parish Pastoral Council – Monday, January 11, 2016, 6:30 p.m.  
Liturgy Committee – Tuesday, January 12, 2016, 6:30 p.m.

**SAVE THE DATES**

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 5th – “ST. STEPHEN PARISH MARDI GRAS”**  
Friday, February 5th, 2016 ~ 6:30-8:30 p.m. at the Parish Center.

**MARCH 19, 2016 ~ LUCK OF THE IRISH Reverse raffle and dinner at Ciminero’s. ~ Please mark your calendar and plan to attend!**

Suggestion from the Luck of the Irish Committee – While you are doing your after Christmas bargain shopping, keep an eye out for sale items that might make a good gift basket for our Irish Auction.

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE**

Serving Mass **JANUARY 9th-10th**

**Eucharistic Minister Bread**

January 9th S. Sylvester  
January 10th T. Smaltz

**Eucharistic Ministers Cup**

January 9th D. Donnelly/N. Hlad  
January 10th L. Burgess/J. Whetstone

**Lectors**

January 9th M. Sylvester  
January 10th C. Burgess

**Altar Servers**

January 9th J. Cullivan/A. Wilson  
January 10th A. Butler/D. McNamara

**Sacristans**

January 9th P. Fuda  
January 10th L. Yuhasz

**IN THE COMMUNITY**

**ST. VINCENT de PAUL** is in need of items for their thrift store. Any items in good condition. We accept misc. household items, clothing, furniture, and appliances, large and small. Call 330-509-3128 if you have any questions. Free pick-up for large items. Please help us to help others. David Skowron, President . THANK YOU

**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES...JANUARY FOOD COLLECTION – SOUP**

**HARRIET’S CUPBOARD – JANUARY – Men’s toiletries (shaving cream, razors, deodorant) and new or gently used blankets.** There is a large basket in the vestibule of the church for those who wish to help with this mission of Catholic Charities.

**ST. ELIZABETH ANN SETON PARISH – PIROHY SALE... January 8 & January 22:** Four varieties. Cost: \$5.50 dozen. Haluski \$3.75 for 1 ½ lb. bag. Call in advance orders on Wednesday and Thursday from 12:00-4:00 p.m. at 330-393-0781. Pick-up on Friday, noon till 4:00 p.m.

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

**DEFEND THE UNBORN! JOIN THE MARCH FOR LIFE ON JANUARY 22, 2016:** Buses are being organized in various locations 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 330-744-8451 ext. 272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

**Ursuline Sisters Job Opening: Nonprofit Management Specialist**  
The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown have an immediate opening for a Nonprofit Management Specialist-AmeriCorps Service Position effective January 2016. This position is full time for six months. Applicant must complete 900 hours by July 2016. Candidates must apply as soon as possible to Sister Norma Raupple, Director of Young Adult Outreach, at 330-261-4729. To learn more about the job description, mandatory qualifications and compensation package, visit [www.theursulines.org](http://www.theursulines.org) and follow the links on the right panel under “Ready to Make a Difference”.

**WHITE MASS FOR HEALTH PROFESSIONS INCLUDING MENTAL HEALTH WORKERS:** The Annual White Mass – celebrating and recognizing the ministry of work of those in the health professions – will be held on Sunday, January 31, 2016 at 10:30 a.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba located at 154 W. Wood Street in Youngstown. Bishop George V. Murry, S.J., will preside. A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall. All are welcome. For more information, contact 330-744-8451, ext 272 or [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

**MASSES FOR LIFE:** Each year, in January, we recall the infamous Supreme Court decision, *Roe v. Wade*, that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. About this time our diocese hosts a Mass for Life as a prayerful reminder that we “must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence.” This year Bishop Murry will preside at two Masses for Life: Saturday, January 16, at 12:00 Noon at St. Paul Parish, North Canton (241 S. Main Street), and Sunday, January 24, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown (154 W. Wood Street). After each Mass for Life there will be a reception consisting of a light lunch and an “Expo” of respect life information. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information, call 330-744-8451, ext. 272 or contact [dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org).

**DIocese OF YOUNGSTOWN...PLEASE TAKE OUR SURVEY!** The Office of Lay Ministry Formation at the Diocese of Youngstown is in the process of planning Specialized Ministry Courses for the winter and spring. Please take our survey to tell us what course topics and locations would be helpful in your faith and ministry. The survey is available online. Go to [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org) and click on “Lay Ministry” under the “Diocesan Offices” tab. Then click on the “online survey” link. For more information, or to receive a paper copy of the survey by mail, contact Peter Schafer, Director of the Office of Lay Ministry Formation, at 330-744-8451, ext. 289 or [pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:pschafer@youngstowndiocese.org).

**CHAIR DANCE FITNESS CLASSES u NILES SCOPE SENIOR CENTER**  
330-544-3676 • 14 East State Street, Niles, OH 44446  
Chair Yoga with Tricia • Every Wednesday, 10:00-10:45 a.m.  
Chair Belly dance with Tricia • Every Wednesday, 10:45-11:30 a.m.  
Gentle Yoga (chair or mat) with Tricia • Every Thursday, 1:15-2:00 p.m.  
**EDISON PLACE SENIOR APARTMENTS**  
330-349-4550 • 36 West Church Street • Niles, OH 44446  
Chair Yoga with Tricia • Every 2nd and 4th Monday, 11:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m.  
NO CHARGE  
SCOPE CLASSES \$1.00, open to all age adults, friends and family welcome. No R.S.V.P. required, Call/Text Tricia at 330-503-3190.



**The Year of Mercy...Calendar of Events**

- January Instructing the People of God
- February Sheltering the Homeless and Less Fortunate
- March Forgiving Offenses and Bearing Wrongs Patiently
- April Counseling/Advising the Doubtful
- May Visiting the Homebound and Imprisoned
- June Consoling the Sinner
- July Comforting the Afflicted
- August Clothing the Naked
- September Feeding the Hungry-Giving Drink to the Thirsty
- October Visiting the Sick
- November Praying for the Living and Dead
- SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 20: Solemn Evening Prayer, 6:00 p.m., St. Columba Cathedral