

St. Stephen Church



CONFRATERNITY OF CHRISTIAN DOCTRINE (CCD):

Thursday, 6:00-8:00 p.m. at Niles Intermediate School
CCD Coordinator: Mary Ann McMahon – 330-544-4766

NEW PARISHIONERS: Welcome! Please register at once.

MOVING: Notify the Rectory.

QUESTIONS? BULLETIN NEWS: Bulletin deadline –
Tuesday before 4:00 p.m. Call the Rectory.

CHURCH SUPPORT: The weekly use of your envelopes with a donation justly related to your means, fulfills the obligation of church support. It also is one indication of your regular attendance at Mass, and an expression of your appreciation to God for what has been given to you.

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Rev. Steven Agostino,
Pastor

Deacon Michael Hanshaw

MASS SCHEDULE:

Sunday Obligation:

Saturday: 4:00 p.m. at Mount Carmel
Sunday: 9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen
Sunday: 11:00 a.m. at Mount Carmel

Holy Days: Consult Bulletin.

Weekdays: Consult Bulletin.

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:

Arrangements must be made at the Rectory and the instruction class must be attended by the parents.

SACRAMENT OF MARRIAGE:

To be arranged at the Rectory six months in advance of the wedding.

HOSPITAL CALLS:

When a member of your family is taken to the hospital, notify the Rectory.

TELEPHONE NUMBERS:

Rectory: 330-652-4396

OFFICE HOURS:

Monday-Thursday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

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MISSION STATEMENT:

We are St. Stephen Church in the Roman Catholic Diocese of Youngstown. Since 1853, we have served the community of Niles. Through our Baptism, we are called to build our lives in the image of Christ through worship and prayer, in Word and Eucharist. Together we draw others close to God through our service, charity and evangelization. In a spirit of stewardship, we share our time, talent and treasure with the faith community and for future generations.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**SUNDAY, MARCH 17th –
FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT**9:00 a.m. **ANNE MISEL**~ **1ST ANNIVERSARY** by Rick

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**MONDAY, MARCH 18th**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

TUESDAY, MARCH 19th8:30 a.m. **ALICIA LENDVAY** by Family**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 20th**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

THURSDAY, MARCH 21st8:30 a.m. **FRANK BURKE** by John Ruggiero**FRIDAY, MARCH 22nd**

3:00 p.m. STATIONS at St. Stephen

7:00 p.m. STATIONS at Mt. Carmel

**SATURDAY, MARCH 23rd**

4:00 p.m. MASS at Mt. Carmel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 24th –
PALM SUNDAY**9:00 a.m. **LIVING MEMBERS OF NILES
CATHOLIC WOMEN'S CLUB**

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**THEME: CHOOSE THE PATH OF SURRENDER IN SERVICE TO THE LORD.**

We want to serve and follow the Lord, but we also want to enjoy our lives and ensure that our children and grandchildren have a good life. In today's Gospel, Jesus challenges us to choose the Lord first, and the Father will honor whoever serves Him. Choosing the path of surrender in service to Him glorifies God and allows us to produce much fruit, including care for our own families.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

Jeremiah prophesies the Lord will one day establish a new covenant with His people whereby He will write His law *upon their hearts*. The author of Hebrews says that Jesus' *prayers and supplications* were heard because of His reverence. In the Gospel, Jesus tells His disciples that the time for Him to fulfill His purpose is upon Him.

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTION
WEEK OF MARCH 17th**

**IN MEMORY OF JEAN TALEOS
22ND ANNIVERSARY**
by Family

HEALING FOR FRIENDS
by Mary Ann Hudzik



Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament continues on Thursdays following the 8:30 a.m. Mass until 10:00 a.m. Please join us to honor and glorify God for His most perfect gift to us. The Blessed Sacrament is never to be left alone during this time, so if it is difficult for you to be

here for 8:30 a.m. Mass, please consider coming between 9:00 a.m. and 10:00 a.m. for a visit.

**REST IN PEACE**

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of **June Dudinec** (mother of Linda Marzullo) who died this week. May she rest in eternal peace.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP
MARCH 10, 2024**

Parish Goal: \$4,700 per Sunday

Attendance Sunday: 139

Envelopes: 88

SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 3,773.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 101.00
CEMETERY	\$ 283.00
HOLY LAND	\$ 60.00
DIOCESAN COMMUNICATION FUND	\$ 20.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$ 464.00
EASTER	\$ 90.00

HOLY WEEK

**All services for the Sacred Triduum
will be held at Mt. Carmel.**



Holy Thursday, March 28, 7:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

Good Friday, March 29, 3:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

Easter Vigil, March 30, 8:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

Easter Sunday, March 31

9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**MINISTRY SCHEDULE
SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH**

Sacristan	JACQUIE WHETSTONE
Lector	CHARLIE BURGESS
Eucharistic Minister of Bread	LISA BURGESS
Eucharistic Ministers of Cup	JOHN CULLIVAN/JANE CULLIVAN
Altar Server	JOHN WILSON
Greeters	HUGH KIELEY/ JEFF BURKE

ATTENTION: LAY MINISTERS

YOU ARE REMINDED TO PLEASE CHECK IN WITH THE SACRISTAN 20 MINUTES BEFORE MASS TO LET THEM KNOW YOU ARE THERE FOR YOUR ASSIGNMENT. THANK YOU.

DIOCESAN-WIDE SURVEY: St. Stephen Parish invites you to participate in a parish and Diocesan-wide survey. St. Stephen, along with other parishes in the diocese, are being asked to participate in a diocesan sponsored parish survey about discipleship conducted by the Catholic Leadership Institute. We ask that everyone in a registered parish household 18 years of age or older take a 10-15 minute online survey. The survey is available now through March 27, 2024, and will ask you to reflect on your spiritual growth and enable you to provide feedback on our parish's efforts to help you grow. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information from the diocese about the community as a whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to our parish and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. We will receive the results this coming spring/summer. Please take the time to share your feedback as it is very important to our parish and our community. The link to take the survey is <https://portal.catholicleaders.org/d/b6dc85>. Thank you for your input and support.

25TH, 40TH, 50TH AND OVER WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** on **Sunday, May 5, 2:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2024.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a light reception for the couple and their families in the cathedral hall. Couples must make reservations in advance by contacting your parish office as soon as possible, but **no later than March 27**. Limited spaces are available.



PRAYER LIST: We would like to offer everyone the opportunity to pray for our fellow parishioners and friends who are ill or in need of prayer for any reason. If you would like to add someone to the list, please call the rectory and leave a message and we will add the requested person. Please remember the following in your prayers: **Dorothy Bianco, Alida**

Lendvay, Mary Beth Havasi, Janet Kandrac, Sue Kopetsky, John Wilson, Kathy DeCristofaro, Mitzi Malvasi, Lou Lukz, Jennifer Cable, Michelle Howard, Jo Medovich, Kevin Grafton, Mary Catherine Freel, Kara Stanford, Arlene Wilson, Mary Miller, Bob Leonard, Mike Kozak, Bob Adler, Joe Smaltz, Sandy LaMonica, Karen & Richard Slanina & Family, Carri R., Pat Hines, Bill Smith, Debbie Kovell, Lois DiFrancesco, Jeff Burke, Jack DiTunno, Tammy C., Faith Harnack, Paul Lapolla, Jim Orsine, Connie Hake, Michael Edward Thompson, Pat Spisak, Chuck Durig, Tucker Paul Clark, Martha Williams, Marie Perfette, Denise Burke, Sue Mollis, Chuck & Bonnie Jorza, Connie Brandt, Rachel Tarr, Steve & Dee Cvengros, Rita Mae Dodasovich, Al Conti, Rosalie McGinnis, Dick Bedio, Gavin Lingle, Peg McGinnis, Larry Batovsky, Sr., Steven Medovich, Mary Jane Tripodi, Roberta Williams, Mary Jane Hileman, Todd Beedy, John Daubner, Father Murphy, Peter Ford, Pat Sylvester, Sr., Hudson Joseph (Janice Rayle's 4-year-old grandson), Nanette Ball, Rick Cool, Clair Darby Camp, Bridget Darby Flores, Eli Flores, Paul Saban, and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.



2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

Facing death, Jesus said in today's Gospel, "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? 'Father, save me from this hour'? But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour" (John 12:27). When was the last time you had to face something difficult? Christ's perspective sheds new light on life's trials: "If [a grain of wheat] dies, it produces much fruit" (John 12:24-25). As each of us follows

Christ, we face trials. Our parish, like Christ, desires that our trials bear much fruit. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal is a time when we ask for your help. There is a sacrifice behind each gift: a dying to the other possibilities one might have used the money, time, or resource for. As you give, you can participate in Christ's sacrifice. You honor us with your gift, and we honor you, as we honor Christ's sacrifice for us! In advance, we thank you for helping us bear fruit and for all the souls entrusted to us. God bless you! **As of March 7, 56 St. Stephen donors have pledged \$12,400.00 of our goal of \$26,900.00.**



Join us for "Brunch with the Easter Bunny" for St. Stephen and Mt. Carmel children on Sunday, March 24, 2024, (next Sunday) in Holy Family Hall (Mt. Carmel) directly after 11:00 a.m. Mass. Call St. Stephen or Mt. Carmel offices to register before Thursday.

NILES INTERFAITH BANQUET

The Niles Interfaith Committee will hold its annual scholarship award brunch on April 7 at Ciminero's. Doors will be open at 12:30 p.m. and brunch will be at 1:00 p.m. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the rectory.

OTHER NEWS

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES FOOD COLLECTION ~ CANNED FRUIT

COMMUNITY SUPPERS – MARCH – NILES FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH – 608 North Crandon, Niles. Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursdays from 4:30-6:00 p.m.



FISH DINNERS AT MOUNT CARMEL, Fridays thru March 22 from 4:00-7:00 p.m. for dine-in or carry-out. Baked or fried fish, \$13.00 for adults; Children 12 and under, \$9.00.

COCKEY CARES PINT PROGRAM From now until March 31st, 100% of the proceeds from pints of Love Thy Neighbor (fresh strawberry puree super premium ice cream with chocolate covered strawberries, brownies and dark chocolate chunks) sold at our scoop shop and restaurant (1805 Parkman Road NW, Warren) will be donated to St. Vincent de Paul to help their mission: bring hope to those in need so they may achieve stability and move toward self-sufficiency. A member of our St. Vincent de Paul Society tried it and highly recommends it! Do something sweet for yourself...and your neighbor!

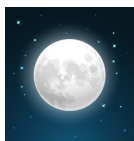


JFK "JUST FOR KICKS" AUCTION

Plans for the 34th Annual John F. Kennedy Catholic School "Just For Kicks" Live and Silent Auction are in full swing! The event will be held on Saturday, March 23, 2024 at the Eastwood Event Centre. Tickets are \$90.00 and include an open bar; doors open at 6:00 p.m. This evening features a live and silent auction,

raffles, and one-of-a-kind experiences and gift items. "Just For Kicks" is the premier fundraiser for Catholic Education in Trumbull County and all proceeds directly benefit our students, grades K-12. Please consider joining us and take a moment to view our items up for bid. Complete details are in our Giving Center: <http://bidpal.net/jfk2024> or call 330-369-1804, ext. 1105 for more information.

COME SOAR WITH US! John F. Kennedy Catholic School Lower Campus will host a Meet + Greet for families with incoming students in grades K - 5 on Friday, March 22nd at 2:15 p.m. Come and learn about our academics, environment, generous tuition assistance for all Ohio students, and more! Meet + Greets will be held at our Lower Campus, 3000 Reeves Road, Warren, Ohio 44483. Families are asked to pre-register by calling or emailing Mrs. Judi LaPolla, Director of Admissions, at 330-369-1804 or jlapolla@warrenjfk.com. We can't wait to meet you!



**NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES PRESENTS
THE FULL MOON ALL-STARS DINNER-DANCE
FRIDAY, APRIL 5TH, 2024 ~ CASUAL DRESS ~ CIMINERO'S BANQUET CENTER ~ 123 N. Main Street, Niles, OH - Doors Open & Buffet ~ 5:30 p.m. ~ Includes Pasta, Chicken, Salad, and Cash Bar. BAND PERFORMANCE: Kicks off at 6:30 p.m. featuring "THE SHADOWS," "THE HOLES IN THE ROAD," "MOM'S APPLE PIE." TICKETS \$30.00 each, available at The Record Connection, Ciminero's, or Niles Community Services. All proceeds benefit NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES. For more information, call NCS at 330-652-6412.**



Lord Jesus Christ, You are the true King of peace. In You alone is found freedom. Please free our world from conflict, especially in the Middle East and Ukraine. Bring unity to troubled nations. Let Your glorious peace reign in every heart. Dispel all darkness and evil. Protect the dignity of every human life. Replace hatred with Your love. Give wisdom to world leaders. Free them from selfish ambition. Eliminate all violence and war. Glorious Virgin Mary, Saint Michael the Archangel, every angel, and saint: Please pray for peace. Pray for unity amongst nations. Pray for unity amongst all people. Pray for the most vulnerable. Pray for those suffering. Pray for the fearful. Pray for those most in need. Pray for us all. Jesus, Son of the Living God, have mercy on us. Jesus, hear our prayers. Jesus, I trust in You! Amen.

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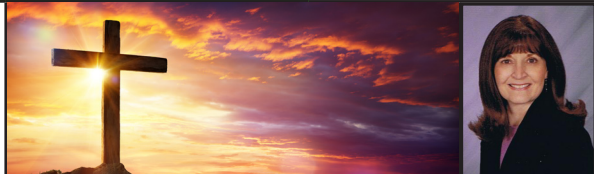
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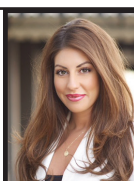
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