

# 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.

129 West Park Avenue  
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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.

**ORGANIST:**

Meg Daniluk

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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 24TH – PALM SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. **LIVING MEMBERS OF  
NILES CATHOLIC  
WOMEN'S CLUB**

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**MONDAY, MARCH 25TH**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**TUESDAY, MARCH 26TH**

8:30 a.m. **ALICIA LENDVAY** by Family

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 27TH**

8:30 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**THURSDAY, MARCH 28TH – HOLY THURSDAY MASS OF THE LORD'S SUPPER**

7:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

**FRIDAY, MARCH 29TH – GOOD FRIDAY**

3:00 p.m. PASSION SERVICE at Mt. Carmel

**SATURDAY, MARCH 30TH – EASTER VIGIL**

8:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

**SUNDAY, MARCH 31ST – EASTER SUNDAY**

9:00 a.m. **PARISHIONERS LIVING  
AND DECEASED**

11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

**THEME: CHRIST BECAME OBEDIENT TO THE POINT OF DEATH, EVEN DEATH ON A CROSS.**

During His journey to Golgotha, Jesus goes from hailed hero to crucified criminal. He surrenders out of obedience to His Father and love for us. As followers of Jesus, we, too, can face loss and sacrifice. Jesus knows what it means to sacrifice out of love. We journey together through loss, never alone, but always united with Jesus.

**LITURGY OF THE WORD**

In the Gospel for the procession, Jesus enters Jerusalem amid an enthusiastic crowd. In the first reading, Isaiah speaks for the Lord, despite opposition. In the second reading, Paul writes to the Philippians that Jesus emptied Himself, *becoming obedient to the point of death*. Mark's Gospel tells the story of Jesus' Passion and death.

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTION  
WEEK OF MARCH 24TH**

**IN MEMORY OF NANCY SNIDER**  
by Jacquie Whetstone

**IN MEMORY OF JOE BELCASTRO, SR.**  
by Paul Hogan

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION  
HEALING FOR FRIENDS**

by Mary Ann Hudzik

**REST IN PEACE**

Our sympathy and prayers for comfort are extended to the family and friends of **John Hunyady, Jr.** who died last week. May he rest in eternal peace.

**WEEKLY STEWARDSHIP**

**MARCH 17, 2024**

Parish Goal: \$4,700 per Sunday

Attendance Sunday: 144

Envelopes: 97

SUNDAY ENVELOPES	\$ 4,185.00
MAINTENANCE	\$ 20.00
CEMETERY	\$ 148.00
EASTER FLOWERS	\$ 549.00
EASTER	\$ 185.00

**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 31ST**

Sacristan  
Lector  
Eucharistic Minister of Bread  
Eucharistic Ministers of Cup

Altar Server  
Greeters

JEFF BURKE  
ANNA MARIE GRANNY  
FRANK DILLON  
JULIE ABRAHAM/  
MARY KAY NICHOLAS  
MARIA YUHASZ  
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**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, is 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 will be available from February 14th-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 Kandrak, 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 Lengle, 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, Sr., and all those who suffer any illness, especially those who have no one to pray for them.**



### 2024 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The beginning of today's Gospel reminds us to break our alabaster jar for Jesus. Whatever is precious is nothing compared to Him.

Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal this week. Like the woman broke the costliest of perfumes to anoint Christ, be not afraid to anoint

Him lavishly with your gifts. Our community needs you. When you anoint our local Church with your perfume, you anoint Christ, the Church's head! **As of March 15, 72 St. Stephen donors have pledged \$15,345 of our goal of \$26,900.**

### 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. Tickets are \$20.00 and are available at the Rectory.



Due to early publication of this bulletin, Luck of the Irish figures were not available, but we hope to have the final report next week once final bills are paid. In the meantime, **THANK YOU** to everyone who supported this great event!

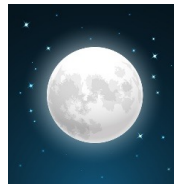
## OTHER NEWS

### 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 to 6:00 p.m.

**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: to 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!



### 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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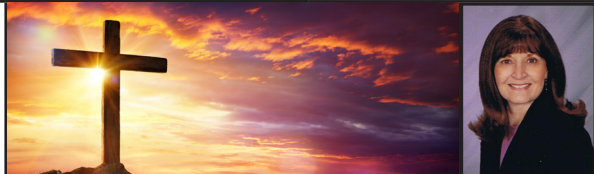
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