

Roman Catholic Church



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School: 330-644-0638 or stfparishschool.org **Parish Registration:** Please see the Priest after any of the weekend Masses.

**Parish Office Hours:** Monday through Friday, 9:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.

Masses:	Saturday Vigil: 5:00 p.m., Sunday: 7:30, 9:00, 11:00 a.m. Monday through Saturday, 8:15 a.m.; Tuesday and Thursday 6:30 p.m.
Confessions:	Thursday, 5:30-6:15 p.m.; Saturday, 9:00-9:45 a.m.; or call the office at 330-644-2225 for an appointment.
Baptisms:	Please make arrangements with the Parish Office.
Weddings:	Arrangements with the Parish Priest are to be made at least six months before the wedding date.
Anointing of the Sick:	At any time. Please call the Parish Office at 330-644-2225.

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# TWELFTH SUNDAY IN **ORDINARY TIME** JUNE 25, 2023 Masses For The Week SUNDAY, JUNE 25, TWELFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30 a.m. Delores Hoosic (Tony Stewart) 9:00 a.m. John Schafer (Vesco Family) 11:00 a.m. Pro Populo **MONDAY, JUNE 26** 8:15 a.m. Norm & Norma Edmunds (Carol Edmunds) TUESDAY, JUNE 27, ST. CYRIL OF ALEXANDRIA 8:15 a.m. Angela Fazio (Karen Grable) 6:30 p.m. Mary Franz (Dan & Jan Oravec) Richard W. Rider – Anniversary of Death WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28, ST. IRENAEUS 8:15 a.m. Betty J. Phillips (Ann Marie Phillips) THURSDAY, JUNE 29, SS. PETER & PAUL, **APOSTLES** 8:15 a.m. Bernard Katigbak (Mariza Meredith) 6:30 p.m. Mary Rossi (Anonette Zamesko) FRIDAY, JUNE 30, FIRST MARTYERS OF THE HOLY **ROMAN CHURCH** 8:15 a.m. Robert Docs (Family) SATURDAY, JULY 1, ST. JUNIPERO SERRA 8:15 a.m. June Rietz (Mimi McDonald) 3:00 p.m. Wedding: Brady & Dobbins 5:00 p.m. Jane Perge (Family) SUNDAY, JULY 2, THIRTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME 7:30 a.m. Barbara Horvath

	(Horvath & Holcomb Families)
9:00 a.m.	Delores Abbott (Jim & Sheila Abbott)
	Blessing of all High School Students
11:00 a.m.	Pro Populo

## SCRIPTURE READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Tuesday:	Gn 12:1-9; Mt 7:1-5 Gn 13:2, 5-18; Mt 7:6, 12-14
Wednesday:	Gn 15:1-12, 17-18; Mt 7:15-20
Thursday:	Acts 12:1-11; 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18;
	Mt 16:13-19
Friday:	Gn 17:1, 9-10, 15-22; Mt 8:1-4
Saturday:	Gn 18:1-15; Mt 8:5-17
Sunday:	2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a; Rom 6:3-4, 8-11;
-	Mt 10:37-42

# **Proclaim His Life!**

"Nothing is concealed that will not be revealed, nor secret that will not be known. What I say to you in the darkness, speak in the light; what you hear whispered, proclaim on the housetops."

In light of this Gospel, I wanted to share with you some news about our Pastoral Associate, Kathy Ott. As you may have heard, she has been named the Consultant for the Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry for the Diocese of Youngstown, effective in July. From the Youngstown Diocese's website: "A Consultant works with the Diocesan Director and another Consultant in serving diocesan parishes and schools in catechetical and other pastoral areas. The Office of Faith Formation and Lay Ecclesial Ministry supports the vision of Bishop David J. Bonnar in advocating for Lay Ecclesial Ministry, forming Lay Ecclesial Ministers to serve parishes and Catholic schools, and promoting quality faith formation for adults, youth, children, families, and for sacramental preparation."

While this is exciting news, we will miss Kathy as she served the parish and school here for a number of years as a teacher, youth minister, Director of Faith Formation, and Pastoral Associate and volunteered in so many ways! Thank you, Kathy for all that you have done for us! I want to thank Kathy personally for all the time she took to help me get acquainted with this wonderful parish as a pastor. When she told me the news, I was excited for her but also daunted by the reality of finding someone to do this work. Know that we are working on this. I ask you to pray for us during this time that God will continue to bless this parish with great workers in the vineyard as He has over these 75 years!



Know that you all are invited to come to the 11:00 a.m. Mass on July 2 as we pray for Kathy Ott with a Sending Forth Blessing. Even though she is still a parishioner here, we will ask God to bless her in her new endeavor. May God bless the Diocese of Youngstown in all the work God will accomplish through her.

#### Peace and prayers, Fr. Jeremy

P.S. Don't forget to go to Fr. Bearer's Installation Mass on June 28 at 6:30 p.m. at St. Edward in Parkman, Ohio. :)

# HERE'S WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISH THIS WEEK...

#### SUNDAY, JUNE 25

- Prayers for healing after the 11:00 Mass, meet by St. Anthony Statue

#### MONDAY, JUNE 26

- Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- SVdP Food Pantry open 9:00-9:30 a.m.
- Men's Basketball, 8:30 p.m. (Gym)

#### TUESDAY, JUNE 27

- Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 28

- Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- Senior Euchre Group, 1:00-4:00 p.m.
- AA/Al-Anon, 7:30 p.m. (Upper Room)

#### THURSDAY, JUNE 29

- Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- SVdP Food Pantry Open, 6:00-6:30 p.m.

#### FRIDAY, JUNE 30

- Vacation Bible School, 9:15 a.m.-12:30 p.m.
- VBS Mass, 11:45 a.m.

#### SATURDAY, JULY 1

- Men's Group, 7:00 a.m. (Holy Family Room) - First Saturday Devotions, following 8:15 a.m. Mass
- First Saturday Devotions, following 6:15 a.m. I

#### SUNDAY, JULY 2

- Donut Sunday



III Jeremy Brady & Anna Dobbins II Ben Cook & Carley Segers

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the soul of **Patrick Manion** and **Rosemary Capotosto**, sister of Anne Williams of our parish. May the Lord welcome them into the joy of heaven and console their family and friends.



#### ADORER NEEDED

We are in need of an Adorer for the following time: Wednesday 6:00-7:00 p.m. If you are able to fill this time, please call Joanne at 330-338-4810.

COLLECTION INFORMATION

June 17/18

		Offertory	
Sunday	\$	12,589.00	
Assessment	\$	30.00	
Capital	\$	300.00	
School	\$	100.00	
Ascension	<u>\$</u>	25.00	
TOTAL	\$	13,044.00	
Our parish is blessed by your generosity!			

#### **VOCATION CRUCIFIX**

"The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few; so ask the Master of the harvest to send out laborers for His harvest" (Mt. 9:37-38).

Receiving the Vocation Crucifix and praying for vocations is a beautiful and simple way to ask the Master to send out more laborers for His harvest! Please contact the parish office any time to get your name on the list; there are many slots to be filled – 330-644-2225.

**The Joseph & Shannon Hercules Family** received the Vocation Crucifix this weekend.

#### ST. FRANCIS DE SALES 75TH ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATIONS!

July 30, 11:00 a.m. – Celebrate the Present We will celebrate Mass at the Tudor House on the water. Please bring picnic items to stay and eat together.

August 20, 12:00 p.m. – Celebrate the Future Outdoor Mass at the Rubber Ducks Stadium followed by Rubber Ducks Game

#### September 10, 12:00-4:00 p.m. – Parish Festival Come celebrate the joy of our community with a day of fun and fellowship and a closing

Mass at 4:00 p.m.



Are you new to the parish? To register as a new parishioner, give our parish office a call at 330-644-2225, see the priest after Mass, or join us at Donut Sundays to meet with a fellow parishioner.

> "BE WHO YOU ARE AND BE THAT WELL." St. Francis de Sales

## **BLOOD DRIVE**

The Red Cross will hold a blood drive in St. Francis de Sales school gym on Thursday, July 6 from 1:00 to 7:00 p.m. For more information, visit Redcrossblood. org. Thank you for giving this precious gift!



A gigantic heartfelt THANK-YOU to our friends at St. Francis de Sales for making The ITE Project's annual clothing drive a huge success! 1,575 pounds of donations were collected and donated to the following ministries: Haven of Rest, Embrace Clinic and Care Center, Matthew 8:20, and some community/church clothing closets. Because of your generosity, we have served numerous communities through this work of mercy since 2015. Until next year! The ITE Project (www.TheITEProject.com).

# Summer Women's Book Study

Learn about building strong relationships from the saints in the book **The Friendship Project** by Michele Faehnle and Emily Jaminet (2017). To participate, order the book and read the chapter for each week's meeting. See the schedule below for upcoming meetings. It is never too late to join!

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July 5	Ch. 4 Practicing Prudence
July 11	Ch. 5 Growing in Gratitude
July 18	Ch. 6 Living Loyalty
July 25	Ch. 7 Giving Generosity
August 1	Ch. 8 Pondering Praverfulne

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#### HOLY CROSS CEMETERY PRE-PLANNING SEMINAR

The Catholic Cemeteries Association invites you to attend a 1-hour pre-planning seminar on Wednesday, June 28, 2023, at 5:30 p.m. at Holy Cross Cemetery 100 E. Waterloo Road, Akron. Learn about your Catholic burial options, including options for cremated remains. Attendees will receive a personal reference guide and a special savings certificate. We kindly ask that you RSVP to this event at 216-641-7575, ext. 7 or email bdejohn@clecem. org.



## Raffle Early Bird Drawing – Last Chance!

Every year we create a day of faith, family, and fun for thousands of people across our region – and beyond – because of your goodness and support. By purchasing a FEST raffle ticket, you not only make this great day possible, but you can also win over \$40,000.00 in prizes. But wait...there's more! If you purchase your ticket by July 1st, you will be entered in our Early Bird Drawing for a chance to win \$250.00 in Marc's Gift Cards! For details, a list of prizes, or to purchase your ticket, head to www. theFEST.us/raffle/.

## FR. BEARER'S INSTALLATION MASS

Join SS. Edward and Lucy Parish to celebrate the installation of Fr. Jacob Bearer as pastor with a Mass celebrated by Bishop Edward Malesic on Wednesday, June 28 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Edward Church, 16150 Center Street, Parkman, OH 44080.

# 2023 FIRST STEP PROGRAM

Continuing Education Regarding Marriage and Divorce in the Catholic Church

Attempting to pick up the pieces of one's life after the tragedy of divorce is an area that can impact a person's relationship with God and the Church.

One of the significant issues that a person faces is their place in the Church: Does the Church still care about me even though I am divorced? Am I allowed to go to Mass? Can I receive Communion? How can the Church help me heal? If I decide to marry again, what do I have to do?

The Tribunal of the Diocese of Cleveland offers its First Step Program to help individuals deal with these questions in order to renew and strengthen their relationship with God and the Church.

Attendees have a chance to:

- Deepen knowledge of the Church's teaching on marriage...
- Learn about the Church's ministry to the divorced or separated in the Diocese...
- Hear about the annulment process and how to submit a case...
- Discover a path to healing after divorce in order to strengthen or renew a relationship with God and the Church

# First Step Programs will be held:

**Thursday, 14 September 2023, at 7:00 p.m.** St. Gabriel Parish Community Room of the Fr. Fred Pausche Center 9925 Johnnycake Ridge Road, Mentor, OH 44060

Wednesday, 20 September 2023, 12:15 pm St. Bartholomew Parish Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B. 14865 E. Bagley Rd, Middleburg Hts, OH 44130

Wednesday, 20 September 2023, 7:00 pm St. Bartholomew Parish Rectory Meeting Rooms A+B 14865 E. Bagley Rd, Middleburg Hts, OH 44130

**Tuesday, September 26 at 7:00 pm** Prince of Peace Parish Parish Hall 1263 Shannon Ave., Norton, OH 44203 Note that the Diocese of Cleveland no longer requires any fees for this process.

For more information check our website: www.dioceseofcleveland.org/tribunal call the Tribunal: 216-696-6525 800-869-6525, ext. 4000



# A FREE Community Event! 19th Annual Buckeye MartinFest





SUNDAY June 25, 2023 1-4 pm North Reservoir Boat Launch Ramp 803 State Mill Road Learn all about what makes Purple Martins so special and why they are important to our Portage Lake community!

- Hold and see the birds banded
  See the baby
- See the babies in their nests
  Information on August Nimisila Twilight Boat rides
- Visit booths, play games, make crafts and more...

FOOD VENDOR

RAFFLE PRIZES

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