

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, September 12th

5:00 p.m. Deborah (Harp) Court by Scott, Pam, Paula, Mark, And Penny Harp

Sunday, September 13th

9:00 a.m. Marsha Harp by Thomas Harp

Tuesday, September 15th Mass at St. Ann

9:00 a.m. Mary Tucker by Nocera Family

Saturday, September 19th

5:00 p.m. Bob Conner by Barb Conner

Sunday, September 20th

9:00 a.m. Nancy Bell by Ruth Braidic

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: September 20th 2020

Mass	Lector	EM/Bread	EM/Cup	Servers
Saturday at 5:00 pm	Alan Barlis	Donna Miller		Andrew Latham
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Sunday at 9:00 am	Jeri Close	Deacon Ralph		Becca Szekely
	Lori Floreanini			

Parish Stewardship Weeks of Sept. 6, 2020

Collection 9/6/20	Envelopes: 45
	Attendance: 102
Sunday Offertory \$ 2689.00	Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00
E-Offering \$ 749.00	
Funeral Dinner \$ 5.00	
Capital Exp. \$ 20.00	
Needy \$ 100.00	
Candles \$ 27.00	
Total -- \$ 3590.00	

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Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: Sirach 27:30-28:7
 Second Reading: Romans 14:7-9
 Gospel: Matthew 18: 21-35

Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 55:6-9
 Second Reading: Philippians 1:20c-24, 27a
 Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- Tuesday Morning Mass at 9:00 am
- Mass and Rosary on website
- Sept. 13th, 2020 Pontifical Good Friday Collection
- Sept. 18, 2:00 – 6:00 pm Frozen Pierogi Sale
- Sept. 20th Parish Council Meeting



There will be a second collection this weekend for
2020 PONTIFICAL GOOD FRIDAY COLLECTION

DISPENSATION FROM THE OBLIGATION TO ATTEND SUNDAY MASS

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season 2020.

Birthdays

- Sept. 15 David VanDyne
- Sept. 16 Gary Withrow
- Sept. 17 Louie Citino
- Sept. 19 James Morrow, Jake Lippiatt, Bodhi Cline

Let no one mourn that he has fallen again and again for forgiveness has risen from the grave.

St. John Chrysostom

25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration: The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, Oct. 18th at 2:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2020. The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Msgr. Robert Siffrin, renewal of marriage vows and a personalized certificate for each couple. Couples may opt to attend the Wedding Anniversary Celebration Mass in person at St. Columba Cathedral or they may participate remotely via livestreaming on the diocesan website at www.doy.org. Limited spaces are available for couples at the cathedral. You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting your parish office **before September 16.**

Gospel Meditation: What right do we have to limit the amount and degree of forgiveness we show to others when we are so desperately in need of it ourselves? In not wanting someone who hurt us to downplay or forget the gravity of their wrong, we cling to anger, resentment, and wrath as a way of maintaining control. It is a way to acknowledge and express our deep hurt. We fail to realize that in doing so we hold ourselves hostage to these destructive feelings and actually become mired in the bondage of sin. All we gain is further alienation from ourselves, others, and especially God. We are no longer free but tethered to all of this unresolved negativity. Don't we really want to let it go? The fact is that we need to.

A good self-reflective posture will quickly show us that when the shoe is on the other foot and we are the ones in need of forgiveness, we desire it above anything else. This is especially true with our relationship with God. It is hypocritical to want one thing for ourselves and something else for another. Yet, many act in precisely this way.

Perhaps we think that in offering forgiveness, even for the most grievous of wrongs, somehow excuses the person of their wrong and makes it almost acceptable. This is what makes revenge, retaliation, and punishment so attractive. We see forgiveness as being an eraser that easily wipes away the offense without consequence. Or, we may believe that in offering forgiveness I must somehow forget the wrong and open myself as a victim of even greater possible hurts in the future. In fact, forgiving my sister or brother of their wrongful actions or attitudes involves none of this. It does not erase anything or position me vulnerably as a doormat to be walked on.

Forgiveness is an act of freedom that restores honest dialogue, shares true, and heartfelt feelings and acknowledges the consequences of an action. It admits that the wrong has caused a hurt that must be healed and squarely positions responsibility on the offender. The act of forgiveness recognizes our sinfulness and brokenness. It also admits that the most saintly among us is capable of doing very grave and deep harm to another person. It sees that we all can be victims of our passions and works in progress that deserve unlimited chances to get it right. With forgiveness, I release myself from the bonds of negativity and pursue a path of restoration, wholeness, and healing. I do not forget the wrong nor do I dismiss it. Sometimes, we have to stay far away from the one who hurt us. But we can still heal internally and be free.

For the one who wants to be forgiven and the one who needs offer forgiveness, the journey can be an adventure in learning what brought us to this place and what is needed to move forward. This is exactly how God treats us. Why would we not want to do the same for others? ©LPI

RCIA - We are planning our RCIA as usual despite the circumstances. Please call Parish Office if you are interested. Thanks!



Stewardship: Should I Stay, or Should I Go?

Life is not always easy on us and it can be hard to figure out the next step to take in our journey. We can even become immobilized by indecisiveness and fear about making the wrong move or choosing the incorrect path. I think of the song, Should I Stay, or Should I Go, as a mantra for many times in my life. Should I stay in this house, this job, or this car? Should I go here or there? When those times of decision surface, I usually turn to my wife, my friends, or even my children. Talking it out can help, and their perspectives give me more data to consider. When I lean on others to help me make a decision, it helps me become more confident in my choices.

Discerning the will of God is not easy either. Rarely do we understand God's calling clearly at first. God's calling is always more easily discerned within a community of faithful disciples. Our stewardship way of life can suffer greatly if we refuse to allow others to assist us in the process of discernment. What gifts or talents are needed for the task at hand? Where do I fit best into God's plan? Where is God leading me? No one should have to decide the answers to these questions alone. We need to always lean on the Body of Christ to help us see the path that God has laid before us. Without a little help along the journey, over time we might find ourselves stuck in the same place where we started. - Tracy Earl Welliver ©LPI

