

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, October 3rd
 5:00 p.m. Mary Kovach by Mr. & Mrs. Frank Cornacchione
Sunday, October 4th
 9:00 a.m. Jay & Kathleen Taylor by Ruth Braidic
Tuesday, October 6th Mass at St. Ann
 9:00 a.m. Paul Huzyak by Mark Jeanine Shivers & Children
Saturday, October 10th
 5:00 p.m. Mary Lou Lee by Rosemary Lee
Sunday, October 11th
 9:00 a.m. Michael Dyer by Doris & Bill Oyster

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: October 11th, 2020

Mass	Lector	EM/Bread	EM/Cup	Servers
Saturday at 5:00 pm	Donna Miller	Deacon Ralph		Andrew Latham
	Chrissy Dundon			
Sunday at 9:00 am	Bob McCosky	Bonnie McCosky		Becca Szekely
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Parish Stewardship Weeks of Sept. 27, 2020

Collection 9/27/20 Envelopes: 51 Attendance: 122
 Sunday Offertory \$ 2253.00
 E-Offering \$ 261.00 Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00
 Catholic school \$ 25.00
 Needy \$ 81.00
 Exponent \$ 5.00
 Candles \$ 22.10
Total -- \$2647.10

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America Needs Fatima: We're going to pray the rosary on Sat. Oct. 11th at noon. Please join us outside the Church at 12:00 (weather permitting)

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 5:1-7
 Second Reading: Philippians 4:6-9
 Gospel: Matthew 21: 33-43

Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: Isaiah 25:6-10a
 Second Reading: Philippians 4:12-14, 19-20
 Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

THIS WEEK AT THE PARISH

- **Tuesday Morning Mass at 9:00 am**
- **Mass and Rosary on website**
- **Bible Study resumes Oct. 6th at 6:30 St. Ann Hall**
- **Oct. 3rd and 4th Wood Carvings from Holy Land for Sale**
- **Oct. 6th 6:30 pm Bible Study in the Hall, All are welcome**
- **Oct. 7 Fellowship Mtg. 6:30 pm, All are welcome!!**
- **Nov. 22, 2020 at 4:00 pm The sacrament of Confirmation for adults at St. Columba Cathedral**

FELLOWSHIP MTG. Oct. 7th at 6:30 pm in hall

Missions: There is an envelope in your packet for the mission's collection this weekend.

Wood Carvings: from the Holy Land for Sale this weekend

Be a Voice for the Voiceless!

You are invited to participate in the Respect Life Committee of the Eastern Stark County Region. Meetings are held on the 4th Tuesday of each month. Our next meeting will be October 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Social Hall at St. Joseph Parish, Maximo (downstairs in the school building – 12055 Easton St. N.E.). For more information contact Dave Schmidt at 330-309-8860 or dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org.

The respect life issues that we address – when human beings are most vulnerable at the beginning and end of life – are more than just political issues. The late congressman Henry Hyde, said it well: "When the time comes, as it surely will, when we face that awesome moment, the final judgment, I've often thought, as Fulton Sheen wrote, that it is a terrible moment of loneliness. You have no advocates, you are there alone standing before God ... But I really think that those in the pro-life movement will not be alone. I think there'll be a chorus of voices that have never been heard in this world but are heard beautifully and clearly in the next world -- and they will plead for everyone who has been in this movement. They will say to God, 'Spare him, because he loved us!'" Please join us for their sakes!

Note: the Eastern Stark County Region consists of the following six parishes: St. Louis, Louisville; Sacred Heart of Mary, Harrisburg; St. Joseph, Maximo; Regina Coeli, Alliance; St. Joseph, Alliance; and St. Ann, Sebring, but parishioners from other parishes are also welcome.

Confirmation for Adults - will be celebrated at St. Columba Cathedral on Nov. 22nd at 4:00 pm. This is a special opportunity for parishioners (age 18 and older) who have not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese. If you are interested, please let Fr. Dyer know ASAP.

Birthdays

- Oct 6 Jodi Wyatt
- Oct. 7 Cabernet Mancini
- Oct. 8 Donna Emigh

Gospel Meditation: Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want? @LPI

What Are "Special" Masses?

Question: Why do Parishes Offer Special Masses like Thanksgiving and Memorial Day, even though they're not Holy Days of Obligation? Am I obligated to attend?

Answer: Out of respect for the various civil celebrations that take place during the year, many dioceses and parishes will host special Masses. However, while it's always worthwhile to come together to worship as a community, Catholics are not obligated to attend these celebrations. As the Catechism of the Catholic Church notes, the only times that we are obligated to participate in celebrations of the Eucharist are on Sundays and holy days of obligation:

The first precept ("You shall attend Mass on Sundays and holy days of obligation and rest from servile labor") requires the faithful to sanctify the day commemorating the Resurrection of the Lord as well as the principal liturgical feasts honoring the mysteries of the Lord, the Blessed Virgin Mary, and the saints; in the first place, by participating in the Eucharistic celebration, in which the Christian community is gathered, and by resting from those works and activities which could impede such a sanctification of these days. @LPI

Turkey Dinner: St. Johns Church 16017 Smith Rd. Summitville, OH Carryout Only Sunday, Oct. 18th 12 Noon – 3:00 pm or until sold out. Cost: \$12



Stewardship: Today's readings focus on vineyards. We know it takes time and dedication to produce a crop of grapes from a vineyard, but how often do we focus on the vineyards of our hearts? If we cultivate authentic Christian stewardship within our hearts, we give joyfully of our time, talent, and treasure to the Lord. If we do not connect our stewardship to doing the Lord's work, it's easy to let our heart's vineyard produce a bad crop.

Congratulations to Sean Eppler and his wife Mary Anne on the birth of their baby girl, Winnie Doreen born on August 9th weighing in at 6 lbs. 2 oz. Sean was one of our past Choir Directors. They are residing in Orville, OH. We wish them all the best!

