

Mass Schedule and Intentions

Saturday, April 17
5:00 p.m. Barbara Ann Horning by Bill Horning
Sunday, April 18
9:00 a.m. Michael Planey by Family
Tuesday, April 20
9:00 a.m. Michael Dyer by John & Dixilene Park
Saturday, April 24
5:00 p.m. Carolyn Shivers by Shivers Children
Sunday, April 25
9:00 a.m. Mary Tucker by Nocera Family

Liturgical Ministers' Schedule: April 25, 2021					
Mass	Lector	EM/Bread	EM/Cup	Servers	Camera
Saturday 5:00 pm	Donna Miller	Deacon Ralph		Becca Szekely	
	Donna Miller				
Sunday 9:00 am	Lori Floreanini	Lori Floreanini		Adam, Jude,	Theresa Hubbs
	Lori Floreanini			Amelia Corollo	
Parish Stewardship Week of April 11, 2021					

Collection 4/11/21	Envelopes: 53
Sunday Offertory \$ 1795.00	Attendance: 120
E-Offering \$ 1475.21	Weekly Budget: \$ 3,050.00
Easter \$ 662.00	
Expenditures \$ 55.00	
Candles \$ 57.00	
CFF \$ 7.00	
Rice Bowl \$ 312.52	
Exponent \$ 20.00	
Total -- \$4383.73	

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Thank You for Your Support
Perkins Family Restaurant
On Route 62
330-821-9600

Vocations: "Now by this we may be sure that we know Him, if we obey His commandments." Jesus makes Himself known to you through the vocation He chose for you. Do you hear a call to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

Bishops Appeal: Thank You to all who made a commitment to the 2021 Annual Bishops Appeal. Our parish has supported this especially important collection, to date **9,870.00**. However, we need the support of every member of our parish if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goal of **\$19,800.00**.

Keep your tax dollars from going to abortion! www.not taxpayer abortion.com.

ACTIVITIES & EVENTS

April 18th at 10:15 AM Parish Council Mtg.

Church Bus: Any of our elderly that are wanting a ride to church for 9:00 Morning Mass please give us a call at the office so we can arrange a pick-up for you. Office hours are Monday – Thursday 8:00 am - 2.00 pm.



2021 Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration

25th, 40th, 50th and over Wedding Anniversaries

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, June 13, 2:00 pm at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2021.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, 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 May 13.

2021 High School Graduates

If you have a High School student who is graduating this year, please let the office know by April 18th. We want to make sure we have everyone's correct information.

Birthdays

April 19 Lindsay Cheney, Remy Moats
April 23 Chester Dimmerling, Leo Lamparty
April 24 Brittney Smith, Stephanie Frederick

Readings for this Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13 – 15, 17-19

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24: 35-48

Readings for next Sunday

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12

Second Reading: 1 John 3: 1-2

Gospel: John 10: 11-18

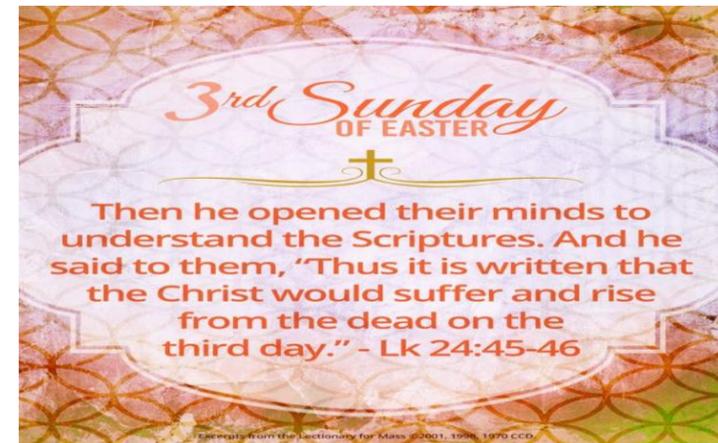
Project Rachael of Northeast Ohio is the Diocese of Youngstown's ministry to those suffering in the aftermath of abortion, directing them to resources that offer healing opportunities. A new telephone number and website have been developed for Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio. Those seeking help for themselves or someone else may text or call 330-360-0430 or they may go to <https://hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/>.

Meditation: We often act out of ignorance. Armed with the best of intentions, we think we are seeing clearly and correctly, but we are not. We don't always understand the full meaning of things and only perceive part of the truth. Hence, our judgments and actions can be impaired by myopic, incomplete or erroneous perceptions. The meaning of life, understanding of human experience, and negotiating life's challenges can all become skewed without proper understanding and vision. The resurrection of Christ is the corrective to our incomplete and limited view of life. Looking at things with the eyes of faith brings a depth of clarity and understanding to how we see God, ourselves, others, and the world.

Even the disciples struggled with their limited understanding and ignorant perceptions. It was only when Jesus opened their minds to understand the Scriptures that their eyes were opened. It was their "aha" moment when everything clicked. We all want the substance of our lives to come together, make sense, and have meaning. This is easier to achieve when things are going positively, and life is good. It is when suffering, disappointment, death, hardship, and injustice enter the picture that things can become unsettled and disoriented. Our faith in the goodness and love of God is tested. We tend to shift our focus on these difficult and challenging moments and do not see them within the greater picture of how God intends life to unfold. We can gain, from the passion and resurrection of Christ, the clear vision we need in order to move away from ignorance to enlightenment.

We need our "aha" moment when everything comes together and clicks. It can come in a fleeting instant when we feel totally connected with God, where we find ourselves, others and all of creation. It is a moment when all is right and good, regardless of how difficult our journey. Our "aha" moment assures us that God is here, right with us, in us and around us bringing us a gift and blessing we can receive nowhere else: peace. In those brief sacramental encounters when we are lifted up out of ourselves and centered, we can hear God say, "peace be with you," and we feel secure. It's all okay. The resurrected Christ has the power to bring this gift to us. Some people, as they are facing their deaths, remark about this peace. When looking into the window of eternity, they experience a depth of joy and are amazed at God's goodness and closeness. We are called to be witnesses to this Good News.

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Stewardship: "Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, 'Peace be with you.' But they were startled and frightened..." - LUKE 24:36-37

Throughout the day we have many opportunities to "see the face of Jesus" in others and to "be the face of Jesus" to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide "peace" to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a "God-centered" life and not a "self-centered" life.

Question: Do children need to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation before their First Communion?

Answer: For centuries the Catholic Church has taught that a person needs to be in a state of grace (free from mortal sins) in order to worthily receive the Eucharist. To that end, Catholics should make an effort to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation any time they recognize the need for the sacrament (and in keeping with the precept of the Church that asks that we celebrate this sacrament at least once each year).

In the case of children preparing for their First Communion, the Code of Canon Law is very clear that they should also celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving the Eucharist for the first time: "It is the responsibility, in the first place, of parents and those who take the place of parents as well as of the pastor to see that children who have reached the use of reason are correctly prepared and are nourished by the divine food as early as possible, preceded by sacramental confession" (Canon 914).

While some might question the significance of the Sacrament of Reconciliation — especially in the case of children who might not fully understand the reality of sin or the meaning of the sacrament itself — a child's "First Confession" can be a wonderful time for families to reflect together on the quality of their relationships, how they put their faith into practice, and, when it is possible, to celebrate the sacrament as a family. In the end, the celebration of these two sacraments marks important moments in the spiritual journeys of children and we hope their "First Confession" and "First Communion" help instill in them a love of the sacraments of the Church.

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