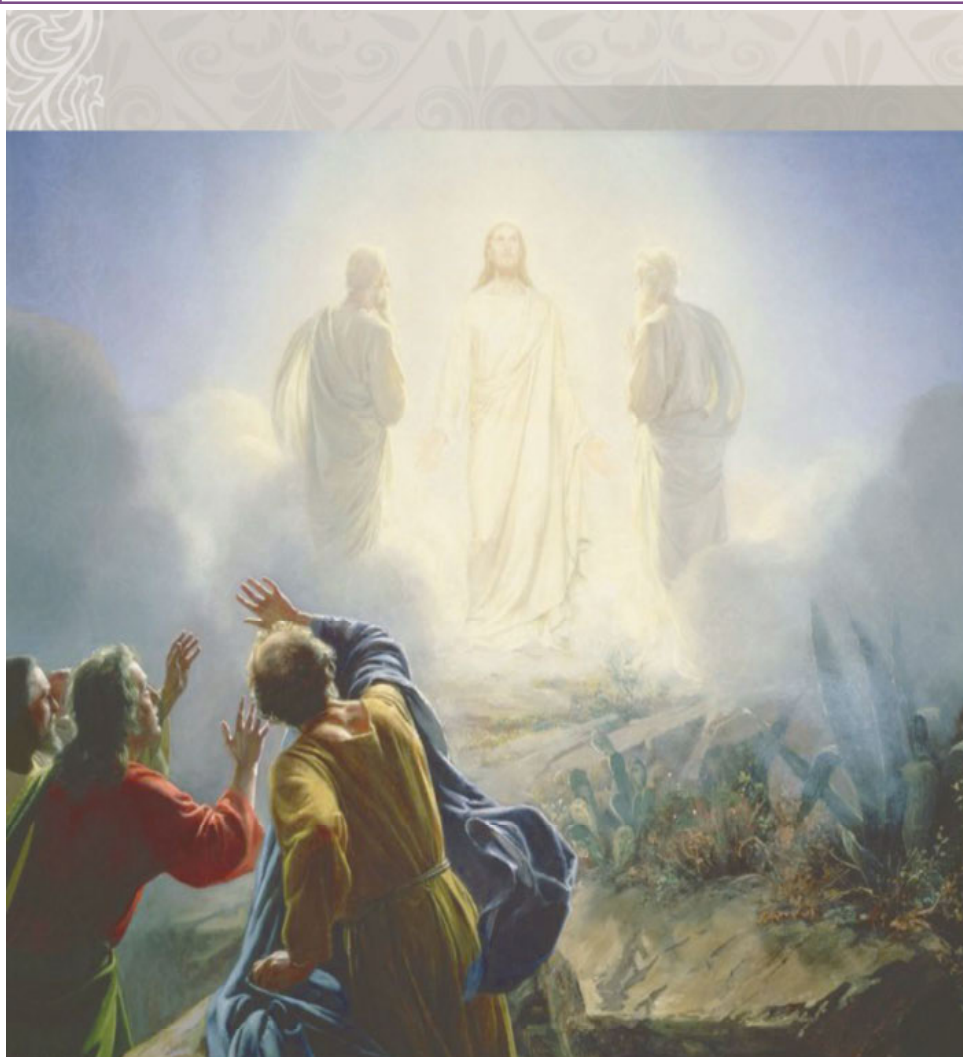
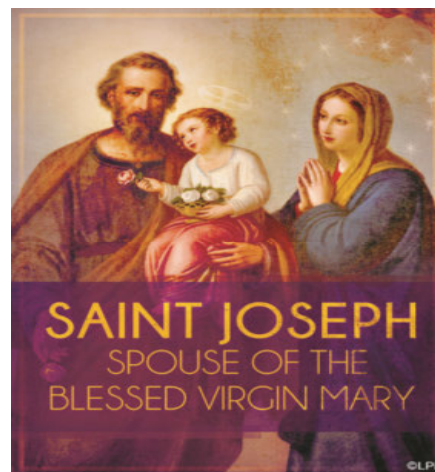


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**MARCH 13, 2022
2ND SUNDAY OF LENT**



2nd Sunday
OF LENT

While he was praying his face changed in appearance
and his clothing became dazzling white. - Lk 9:29

MASS SCHEDULE:

**Saturday Vigil 4pm;
Sunday 8:30am and 11am
Weekdays 8:30am**

Holy Days- see schedule on next page

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(*PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENT)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00pm, or by appointment

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- Fax (330) 833-3907
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(meetings in the church basement)

- Sundays 3pm
- Wednesdays 8pm

AA meets in the church basement

- Monday-Friday 8pm
- Tuesday 10am

GOSPEL MEDITATION
March 13, 2022 2nd Sunday of Lent

There is so much wisdom in the first commandment. The daily demands of life, current political ideologies and dynamics, social expectations, corporate philosophies, and even technology can easily become lesser gods. We can find ourselves beholden to and held captive by these secular constructs and systems. Even for those who profess a faith in the one true God, these lesser, attractive but false gods are a temptation. Being overly preoccupied and even obsessed with the state of our present lives, we lose sight of our real destiny and purpose.

Jesus showed his disciples a glimpse of this destiny when he was transfigured before their eyes. In fact, Peter was so caught up in the brilliance, awe, and sacredness of these fleeting moments that he wanted to extend them as long as possible. Wonderful things happen when we leave our illusions and discover something that is true. This is why creating some sacred space in our lives for reflection, prayer, renewal, refreshment, centering ourselves, and disconnecting from the noise is so important. It shows us how false and shallow our lives can be and what is really of importance. Do you create some kind of sacred space in your life? Lent is a perfect time to do so.

St. Irenaeus, one of the early fathers and martyrs of the Catholic Church, said that, "he who was the Son of God became the Son of Man that man ... might become the son of God." We mistakenly believe that life is all about us. It's not. Ours is a journey of transformation in which we become more and more one with the mind of Christ and Christ himself. St. Augustine saw this same transformation occurring when the Eucharist is received. In receiving the Eucharist, we become what we eat, the Body of Christ. Honestly acknowledging false gods that we cling to can open the door for God to show us the wholeness and holiness to which we are called. Take time to discover the sacred. When we do, we will want to stay there for a while. Then, when we return to our personal affairs, we will see more clearly.

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Sunday, March 13 2nd Sunday of Lent

- Story Time 9:45am (parish center)
- Donut Sunday (*in the school) after both morning Masses
- Youth Choir rehearsal **12pm -12:40pm** (*note time change)

Monday, March 14

Tuesday, March 15

- Bell Choir rehearsal 6pm

Wednesday, March 16

- Organ Recital 11:30am featuring Anthony Montagno, Director of Music at Trinity UCC, Canton (assisted by collaborative musicians from Trinity)
- Mass 8:30am AND 12:10pm
- St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service 7pm

Thursday, March 17

Friday, March 18

A day of abstinence

- Eucharistic Adoration begins after the 8:30am Mass. *Stations of the Cross* will be prayed at 12:30pm, followed by closing and Benediction.
- Stations of the Cross 7pm



Saturday, March 19

Sunday, March 20 3rd Sunday of Lent

- Adult Choir rehearsal 9:45am
- Pasta Dinner fundraiser 11:30am - 1pm
- Youth Choir rehearsal 6pm - 6:40pm



A REMINDER FROM THE CEMETERY COMMITTEE:

ALL fall, winter, and Christmas decorations/wreaths were to be removed from our cemetery **by March 1**. If you have not taken care of this, please do so promptly.

MISSION STATEMENT

The community of St. Joseph is a parish dedicated to the mission of the Roman Catholic Church in proclaiming the Gospel of Jesus Christ. We are centered in the Eucharist and committed to being the Body of Christ in the world around us. Under the patronage of St. Joseph, we strive to do the following: gather as a family worshiping together and supporting one another in spiritual growth; sharing our faith with others and providing continuing education in the faith to our members; be a community of love that responds with compassion to both the spiritual and corporal needs of those around us including the greater Massillon area; gather together as a family in a variety of spiritual, social, and community oriented events.

BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENTS must be submitted by email (rpaul@youngstowndioocese.org) or by calling the office by NOON ON MONDAY prior to publication.

NEW PARISHIONERS:

Welcome to St. Joseph! If you wish to join our parish family, please call the office at 330-833-4907.

CHANGE OF ADDRESS/PHONE NUMBER/STATUS:

If your address, phone number or marital status changes, please call the office so that we can update our records.

BAPTISM preparation class is mandatory prior to the sacrament. Call the office to make arrangements.

MARRIAGE: Diocesan policy directs couples to make arrangements at least 6 months prior to the intended wedding ceremony. Please call Fr. Paul to schedule an appointment.

ANOINTING OF THE SICK will be celebrated 2 times a year during the weekend Masses. Call the parish office for a home visitation. Hospitals have a pastoral care department if you want to be anointed while in the hospital.

EUCCHARISTIC MINISTRY TO THE SICK: If you know of a parishioner who is homebound or in a nursing home who would like to receive Communion, please call the parish office.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

Ash Wednesday 8:30am 79

Ash Wednesday 7:00pm 117

Weekend of March 5/6, 2022

4:00pm 110

8:30am 142

11:00am 248

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT

March 6, 2022

Sunday offering \$19,381.00

Second collection for Ukraine \$1012.00 THANK YOU!!

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2022 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

The Annual Bishop's Appeal is now the Annual Diocesan Appeal with a new theme: *One in Hope, One in Mission*. This new name will help us focus on the good work of our diocesan community, centered in the **hope** and **mission** of Jesus Christ. The causes the Appeal supports remain the same: to provide resources for Catholic Charities efforts within our diocese and to strengthen the faith of all parishioners through our many diocesan ministries.

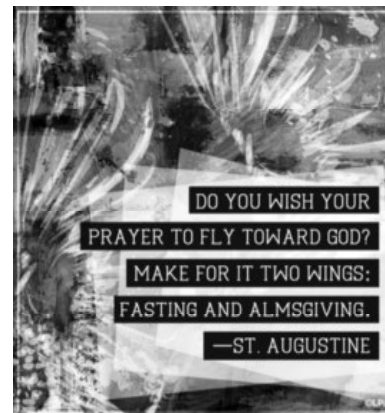
A heartfelt THANK YOU to everyone who has made a commitment to the 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal. We need the support of all members of our parish if we are to be successful in reaching **our parish goal of \$52,100**.

If you have not yet responded to the 2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal, please do so by using the commitment envelopes available in the church or by sending your commitment to the parish office. Parishioners who have not responded yet will be contacted soon about making a commitment.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES RICE BOWL PROGRAM

Q. What is Almsgiving?

A. We all want to be "good Samaritans." When we see our sister or brother suffering, we are moved by compassion. We want to help. We are inspired to give.



Almsgiving is central to how we practice Lent. Almsgiving flows from prayer and fasting. We reflect on the needs of the world and how God is calling us to meet those needs through prayer. We make room for the needs of others—and for the Holy Spirit to work within us—through fasting. Through a recognition of the world's needs and a personal commitment to act, we give alms.

What are alms? Alms are money or goods that are given to—or other acts of charity that are performed for—those in need. **Catholics look to the Catechism**, which says that almsgiving is "a witness to fraternal charity" and "a work of justice pleasing to God."



****Rice Bowls are available at each entrance to the church. Pick one up today and make almsgiving an important part of your Lent.**

ST. JOSEPH PILGRIM ICON PRAYER SERVICE

Knights of Columbus Council 554 and St. Joseph Parish will present a St. Joseph Pilgrim Icon Prayer Service on Wednesday, March 16 at 7pm. This hour-long service will include Benediction, readings from Sacred Scripture, a homily by Fr. Paul, and the recitation of the rosary. All members of St. Joseph, St. Barbara, and St. Mary parishes are encouraged to attend this service at St. Joseph Church.

The Pilgrim Icon Program is an effort to spread devotion to St. Joseph and to pray for courage to stand up and carry out our mission of protecting, defending, and raising future generations. The prayer service, flowing from the Year of St. Joseph declared by Pope Francis in 2021, and inspired by his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, is sponsored by the K of C.

CHILDREN/YOUTH MINISTRY FUNDRAISERS

Please see the flier in today's bulletin for information on the Spaghetti Dinner scheduled for March 20th. This fundraiser benefits all the children and youth ministries in our parish. The dinner will be carry out only. An order form is on the flier. Thank you in advance for your continued support!

Please mark your calendars for April 9th. Our rummage sale is BACK! You can start collecting items to donate as you get ready to spring clean. Donations will be accepted the week prior to the sale. Clean, gently used items will be much appreciated. The sale benefits our youth ministry teens who will travel to Cincinnati for their mission trip this June.

Also new this weekend in the back of the church is our "Money Wall" fundraiser to benefit the teens traveling to Cincinnati on our summer mission trip! You choose a numbered envelope and return it with the dollar amount on the outside. For example, if you choose the envelope with the number "31" on the outside, you will return it with \$31. There is a slip of paper in each envelope for you to write a prayer request. The teens will pray over these requests at their meetings during closing prayer each Sunday night from now until the mission trip in June. Please return your envelope in the collection basket or in the mail slot on the north side of the parish office building. Thank you!

CORNED BEEF AND CABBAGE DINNER

The Massillon Knights of Columbus will have a TO-GO Corned Beef and Cabbage Dinner which includes homemade bread, salad, and dessert. The cost is \$10.00 and will be available for pick-up on Tuesday, March 15, from 5 pm - 6:30 pm. The absolute last day for reservations is Monday, March 14. Call 330-837-9101 to make your reservation; you may leave a message with your name and # of dinners. Pickup will be at the front door under the canopy. Thank you for your support.

CHAPTER CHAT: On April 7, Dave Harding will lead our discussion of *An American Sunrise* by Joy Harjo. A few copies are available at the parish office.

ROGER HERRICK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

are available in the pamphlet rack in the vestibule. Applications must be postmarked by April 22, 2022.

LENTEN DAY OF DEVOTION, sponsored by K of C Council 554, takes place at St. Mary Church on Saturday, March 26 at 2:30pm. The 90-minute program will be streamed live on St. Mary's website: <https://www.stmarymassillon.com/> The program will include recitation of the Rosary and Divine Mercy Chaplet, Stations of the Cross, and a Lenten reflection by Fr. Ed Gretchko. Parishioners of St. Joseph Church are welcome to attend or view virtually online.

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

This week's Gospel story takes us up a hill to pray with Jesus and his inner circle, Peter, James, and John. In Luke's Gospel, the practice of prayer seems to be a personal discipline of Jesus. While He is praying, his face is changed, and his clothes become dazzling white.

In what we call the Transfiguration, Jesus appears in the company of the Law, in the person of Moses, and of the Prophets, in the person of Elijah. We hear the same voice from His Baptism say: ***This is my Son, whom I have chosen. Listen to him.*** Jesus' identity is given to him from above.

What of our smaller selves do we begin to let go of this Lent? What do we allow to be transformed through our prayer life? How can we wrestle with the principalities and powers of our smaller selves so they fall away, and we can claim our larger baptismal identity, our real identity, as God's daughters and sons?



LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS

Mark your calendar for the upcoming Wednesday Lenten Organ Recitals at 11:30am, followed by Mass at 12:10pm. March 16: Anthony Montagno, Director of Music at Trinity UCC, Canton, assisted by collaborative musicians from Trinity.

March 23: Phillis Staver, pianist, organist, accompanist, voice coach, and OMEA adjudicator, assisted by guest musicians. March 30: Sandy Simpson, Director of Music at Hudson United Methodist Church. April 6: Ralph Morrison, Organist/Bell Director at Zion UCC, North Canton.

Thanks

WE EXTEND OUR THANKS to

Paquetet Funeral Home for designing and donating the holy cards to honor Father Paul on his 60th Anniversary of Ordination, and to CMARC for hosting last Sunday's reception.

THE POOR CLARE NUNS OF SANCTA CLARA MONASTERY will have a curbside Pepperoni Roll, Cookie, and Soup (frozen) sale March 19th from 10am-4pm. Please pre-order through the Monastery website www.poorclares.org or call 330-492-1171 to place your order. Pay at pickup with either cash or a check written to PCPA Foundation Canton.



**Father Paul's
retirement dinner:
June 26, 5pm.**

MASS INTENTIONS



Saturday, March 12

4:00 pm +Charles Scharver and Rebecca Thompson

2nd Sunday of Lent, March 13

8:30 am +Stella and Judo Crescenze

11:00 am +Manda and Luka Vrbanic

Monday, March 14

8:30 am +Kathy Conroy

Tuesday, March 15

8:30 am +Brandon Argabright

Wednesday, March 16

8:30 am +George Campbell

12:10 pm +Vic and Thelma Sabarese

Thursday, March 17 *St. Patrick, Bishop*

8:30 am +Ronald Cazares

Friday, March 18

St. Cyril of Jerusalem, Bishop and Doctor of the Church

8:30 am Living and deceased member of our parish

Saturday, March 19

Solemnity of St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin

4:00 pm +Marge Codian

3rd Sunday of Lent, March 20

8:30 am +Mary Painter

11:00 am +Jeff Pedro



Please remember in your prayers Mr. John G. Jerek, father of Father John Jerek, who passed away on March 5.

The Holy Father's prayer intention for March:
We pray for Christians facing new bioethical challenges; may they continue to defend the dignity of all human life with prayer and action.

Please pray for the seriously ill members of our parish family; those in nursing homes or who are homebound; those who are hospitalized; and those undergoing treatments/tests.

That our priests, who bring us to the mountain of Christ at every Mass and feed us with His transforming love in the Holy Eucharist, will be strengthened in their life and vocation, we pray to the Lord.

LITURGICAL ROLES March 12/13, 2022

	4:00pm	8:30am	11:00am
E. M.:	Deacon Steve M. Mays M. Gozdan C. Hatfield	Deacon Steve M./K. Ruppert K. Ramsey	Deacon Steve S. Sarbaugh A. Palaski M. Galinec
Lector:	M. Mays	M. Ruppert	A. Palaski
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Greeters:	M. Gozdan T. Watko	E. Fichter B./D. Popa C. Pacconi	C. Whitlock D. Grim D. Wolford A. Palaski



LITURGICAL ROLES March 19/20, 2022

	4:00pm	8:30am	11:00am
E. M.:	Deacon Steve T./J. Ferrero B. Danna	R. Conaway E. Heck T./M. Cocklin	K. Catazaro-Perry S. Elliott C. Minocchi R. Cutlip
Lector:	T. Ferrero	R. Conaway	K. Catazaro-Perry
Servers:	B. Wicker I. Wicker C. Roberts	J. Hoffner S. Wise -----	F. Palaski E./A. Daugintis
Greeters:	S. Harding B. Danna	J. Zeglen D./K. Lance M. Ody M./J. Viront	K. Lega C./C. Gorkos A. Manderine

Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

Sunday: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/
Phil 3:17-4:1 or 3:20-4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/
Mt 23:1-12

Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28

Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31

Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19,
20-21/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46

Saturday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and
29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a

Next Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11
[8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9



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