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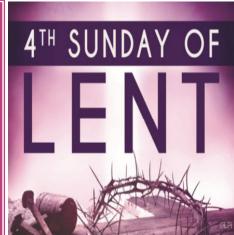
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"His son said to him, 'Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you; I no longer deserve to be called your son.' But his father ordered his servants, 'Let us celebrate with a feast, because this son of mine was dead, and has come to life again.'"

- Lk 15:21-22a, 23b-24a

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

Holy Days- see schedule on next page

<u>PASTOR</u> Father Raymond L. Paul rpaul@youngstowndiocese.org Rectory: 330-833-2607

DEACONS Steve Wyles & Don Molinari

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Cara Lipinski PCRE,DYM 330-412-1125 Igniteymohio@gmail.com

- •CCD-Sunday 9:30am-10:50am
- •Youth Ministry-Sunday 6:30pm

<u>CEMETERY</u> 330-833-4907 (*PLEASE CALL FOR APPOINTMENT)

RECONCILIATION

Saturday 3:00pm, or by appointment

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday, Tuesday, Thursday: 9am-2pm Wednesday and Friday: 9:00am-noon

- Parish Office (330) 833-4907
- Fax (330) 833-3907
- School Hall (330) 832-5858

<u>MAINTENANCE / CHURCH GROUNDS</u> 330-832-5858

SECRETARY

LeeAnn Smith 330-833-4907

SOUP KITCHEN Mondays: noon-1pm

AA/AL-ANON

(meetings in the church basement)
•Sundays 3pm
•Wednesdays 8pm

AA meets in the church basement •Monday-Friday 8pm

•Tuesday 10am

GOSPEL MEDITATION March 27, 2022 4th Sunday of Lent

God's love story reveals itself in our stories, experiences, and aspirations. We are all prodigal sons and daughters. There are many times in our lives when we would "sell our souls" in order to pursue our passions. We pursued what we wanted without regard for others or God. We have sowed our oats, thrown ourselves into careless pleasures, spent what we know we ought to have saved, turned our backs on those we love and abused gifts we have been given. We even hit bottom and realized the silliness and self-destruction of it all. We needed to come home. We knew we erred and needed a gentle presence to show us God's unconditional love. This wayward journey home changed us.

As much as we need to be welcomed, we are also the one who needs to do the welcoming and mercy giving. Those we love need our guidance, but they don't always take it. We know that what they are doing is off the mark, self-destructive and wrong. We have to let them go and let it happen, even though they might get hurt. As we wait and hope, they choose to make their way back to us. They don't need us to judge them. They have done enough of that to themselves. We immediately embrace them and are just happy they're home. God uses us to help heal them. Knowing how much we craved understanding and forgiveness ourselves, we can now freely give it away. God uses what he has taught us to teach others.

We are also the entitled ones. At least we "think" we are entitled. After all, we work hard for what we have. We cannot get our heads around the idea that someone can get something that I really deserve! If I do what I'm supposed to do, I ought to be rewarded for that, right? If I do something wrong, I ought to pay the consequences. This is justice, isn't it? This is not God's justice. God is all about love, mercy, compassion, and forgiveness. God's justice is love freely given without merit. We carry the stories of the prodigal son, the unconditional forgiving father, and the entitled angry brother with us. When we make friends with all three, humbly telling those stories to others makes us Christ's ambassadors. ©LPi

On Friday, April 1, Deacon Don will celebrate his 43rd Anniversary of Ordination to the Permanent Diaconate. Congratulations, Deacon Don, and thank you for your ministry to the parish family of St. Joseph. May God continue to bless you in your ministry to the Church.

FOURTH WEEK OF LENT

Sunday, March 27 Laetare Sunday

- •Adult Choir rehearsal 9:45am
- •NO Youth Choir rehearsal

Monday, March 28

Tuesday, March 29

•Bell Choir rehearsal 6pm

Wednesday, March 30

- •Organ Recital 11:30am featuring Sandy Simpson, Director of Music at Hudson United Methodist Church
- •Mass 8:30am AND 12:10pm

Thursday, March 31

Friday, April 1

Deacon Don's 43rd Anniversary of Ordination

A day of abstinence

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

Saturday, April 2

•Bishop Bonnar will be here to celebrate the 4pm Mass

Sunday, April 3 5th Sunday of Lent

- •Adult Choir rehearsal 9:45am
- •NO Youth Choir rehearsal



...to help decorate the church for Easter. Please consider giving some of your time on April 16. Joe Tavcar will be here at 8am to coordinate the work.

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@youngstowndiocese.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.

EUCHARISTIC 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.

NATURAL FAMILY PLANNING MINISTRY

Please contact (330) 837-9702 for more information.

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MASS ATTENDANCE

Weekend of March 19/20, 2022

4:00pm 160 8:30am 148 11:00am 200

WEEKLY OFFERING REPORT March 20, 2022

Sunday offering \$7104.00 second collection \$270.00

Look us up on Facebook at:

"St. Joseph Church, Massillon Ohio"
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http://bit.ly/stjosephsmassillon

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

Life is a journey back to God. Occasionally we get lost along the way. Sometimes we run from activity to activity and forget about spending time with him. Sometimes we don't do the right thing and that hurts our relationship with him. But God always waits for us.

During the 40 days of Lent, we're invited to slow down and focus on our journey and how we can follow Christ's will more faithfully. We do this through the three pillars of **prayer**, **fasting** and **almsgiving**.

Through **prayer** we seek and connect with the Lord and ask him to intercede for the needs of our global family. We grow in our relationship with him and unite with our sisters and brothers around the world.

When we **fast**, we experience a little bit of the hunger that many experience daily. We make room for the needs of others — and room for God's Holy Spirit to work within us.

Finally, through a recognition of the world's needs and a personal commitment to help others, we give **alms**. Visit CRS Rice Bowl 2022 to see how your contribution can help.



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



The Most Rev. Bishop David J. Bonnar will join us on Saturday, April 2, to celebrate the 4pm Mass.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY/YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Please mark your calendars for April 9th. Our rummage sale is BACK! 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 appreciated. Proceeds benefit our teens who will travel to Cincinnati for their mission trip this June.

Our "Money Wall" fundraiser is still up in the back of the church. 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 or in the mail slot on the north side of the parish office building.

CMARC AND THE HOLY NAME SOCIETY are co-sponsoring a bus trip to Northfield MGM Casino on Wednesday, May 4. Contact Eric Fichter (330-933-3322) or Barb Eggenschwiler (330-833-7839) to reserve a seat. Send a check for \$25, made payable to CHURCH OF ST. JOSEPH, to Eric Fichter (2858 Lee Ave NW, Massillon 44647) or Barb Eggenschwiler (417 26th St NW, Massillon 44647). The bus will leave the church parking lot at 10:30am and will return at 6pm. All passengers will receive \$25 free play; the buffet remains closed. **Please **do not** park in front of the parish office.



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY to these couples who will celebrate 50 or more years of marriage in April: Thomas & Margaret Hufler, David &

Leslie Lippert, Thomas & Donna Oakes, Donald & Deborah Fetters. Celebrating 60 years of marriage: Gene & Carolyn Hamilton. May God continue to bless your marriage.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY to the following parishioners who will celebrate 80 or more birthdays in April: Carolyn Morelli, Larry Spear, Joyce Schafrath, James Bryan, Mary Jo Bond, Rita Barbish, Mary

Lombardi, Judith Miller, Mary Mann, Donna Cerreta, Betty Nemeth, Judith Snyder, Paul Siffrin, Deacon Don Molinari, Paul Renier, Antoinette Garvey, Audrey Kauffman, Betty Trubisky. Celebrating her 90th birthday: Rebecca Scarpino. May God bless all of you!

UPCOMING LENTEN ORGAN RECITALS:

March 30: Sandy Simpson, Director of Music at Hudson United Methodist Church. April 6: Ralph Morrison, Organist/ Bell Director at Zion UCC, North Canton.

ROGER HERRICK SCHOLARSHIP APPLICATIONS

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

UPCOMING MEETINGS: Holy Name Society - April 4, 7pm CMARC - April 20, 7pm



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

CHAPTER CHAT: On April 7, Dave Harding will lead our discussion of An American Sunrise by Joy Harjo. May 5 will be our last meeting before we break for the summer. The book we've chosen is Someone Knows, by Lisa Scottoline.



EASTER FLOWER MEMORIALS

If you wish to make a donation towards the cost of Easter flowers, you may place it in the offering basket or drop it off at the office. Please use the form below.

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Saturday, March 26

4:00 pm +Marilyn David Looby

4th Sunday of Lent, March 27

8:30 am +Bill and Carole Holsinger 11:00 am +James William Knoles IV

Monday, March 28

8:30 am +Patricia Meinhart

Tuesday, March 29

8:30 am +Jane Converse

Wednesday, March 30

8:30 am Living and deceased members of our parish

12:10 pm +Betty Monney

Thursday, March 31

8:30 am +John and Concetta Cavileer

Friday, April 1

8:30 am +Richard and Frances Weidokal

Saturday, April 2

4:00 pm +Richard Shannon

5th Sunday of Lent, April 3

8:30 am + Mary Berbari 11:00 am +Patricia Meinhart

An important note about Mass intentions: there are NO dates open for a Mass intention between now and June 30. The office has been advised to stop taking Mass intentions beyond June 30. NO INFORMATION is available as to what will be done with Mass intentions already scheduled through December 2022.



the repose of the soul of Eleanor Kraft and of Rosann Estep. May they rest in peace.

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.

For the faithful response of all persons now being called to seek out those who are lost and bring them back to life in Christ by serving Him and His Church as priests, deacons, sisters and brothers, we pray to the Lord.

LITURGICAL ROLES March 26/27, 2022

	4:00pm	8:30am	11:00am
E. M.:	(Deacon Don) M. Gozdan J. Mysza L. Maxhimer E. Mays	(Deacon Don) R. Heck R. Mamone C. Pacconi M. Revlock	(Deacon Don) E./S. Maier M. Galinec A. Jones
Lector:	M. Gozdan	R. Heck	E. Maier
Servers:	D. Caldwell P./M. Findley	M. Hersher Ransom Els	P. Palaski D. Minocchi D. Dewald
Greeters:	J. Serra B. Starcher	R. Lackey J. Patton J. Brunner	P. Fisher M. Ford J./J. Roth M./E. Juhasz



<u>LITURGICAL ROLES April 2/3, 2022</u>				
	4:00pm	8:30am	11:00am	
E. M.:	Deacon Steve T./J. Ferrero B. Danna C. Hatfield	Deacon Steve S./E. Wise S. Strutner R. Mamone	Deacon Steve S. Meyer C. Minocchi T./C. Seesan	
Lector:	T. Sell	R. Mamone	S. Meyer	
Servers:	D. Caldwell C./B. Roberts P./M. Findley	J. Revlock S./T. Wise	S. Elliott A./E. Daugintis	
Greeters:	M. Cusma M./J. Viront	B. Ruggieri P. Mang	M. Galinec T. Shallenberger S. Sarbaugh	

Readings for the week of March 27, 2022

Sunday: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [9a]/

2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

Monday: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b/

Jn 4:43-54

Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9/Jn 5:1-16 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18/

Jn 5:17-30

Thursday: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23/Jn 5:31-47 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22/Ps 34:17-18, 19-20, 21 and 23/

Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30

Saturday: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12/Jn 7:40-53

Next Sunday: Is 43:16-21/Ps 126:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/

Phil 3:8-14/Jn 8:1-11



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