

We are the young and the old, rich and poor, men and women, saints and sinners. We are centuries old and found on every continent throughout the globe. We establish thousands of hospitals and orphanages for the poor. We are the largest charity on the planet. We educate more children than any other institution. We established the scientific method and created the university system. We defend all life Cities throughout the world are named after saints whom we revere. We have been guided for over two thousand years by sacred scripture and tradition. We Pray for and serve all people. And in a world that is often wrapped in chaos and pain, we offer hope and comfort, solace and direction. In every sense of the world, we are the Catholic Church SUNDAY LITURGIES Saturday: 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:00 AM, 9:00 AM, 11:00 AM Weekday Liturgies Monday, Tuesday, Thursday, Friday: 8:30 AM

CONFESSIONS Saturday: 9:00 AM

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday December 18th 4:00 pm⁺ Marsha Fabry-Yeager Sunday December 19th 7:00 am ⁺ Ralph & Theresa **DeMichael** 9:00 am ⁺ Carol Merdich 11:00 am⁺ Diane Anania Monday December 20th 8:30 am⁺ John Christopher Fening **Tuesday December 21st** 8:30 am ⁺ Josephine Battafrano **Thursday December 23rd** 8:30 am⁺ All Souls Daily Intention Friday December 24th 4:00pm ⁺ People of the Parish 6:00pm ⁺ People of the Parish 10:00pm ⁺ People of the Parish Saturday December 25th 9:00 am [†] People of the Parish Sunday December 26th 7:00 am ⁺ Mary Santon 9:00 am [†] Gresko & McDermott Family 11:00 am⁺ Frank & Katherine Vaccaro

Ministry Schedule

<u>Friday, December 24th</u> <u>Saturday, December 25th</u>

<u>Please check the sign-up sheet</u> <u>in the sacristy for positions</u> <u>needed for these masses</u>

Sunday December 26th

<u>7:00am Mass-</u>Altar<u>Server:</u> E. Macabobby Eucharistic Minister: J. Mazias, L. Mazias

<u>9:00am Mass</u> Altar Server: J. Houser, M. Kennedy Lector: K. Fill Eucharistic Minister: K. Kiraly, D. Pantelis

<u>11:00am Mass</u> Altar Server: E. Wilson, G. Wilson Lector: A. Stille Eucharistic Minister: C. Geise, G. McHenry

December 12th collection

Regular Offertory\$12,407.00Online Giving5,223.57

Dorothy Day 1,827.00 Thank you for your generosity!

OUR MISSION

We are a Roman Catholic Community committed to extending the mission of Jesus Christ through relationship in word , sacrament and service to the people of the southwest corner of Youngstown



"The greatness of the human spirit often shines brightest when the world is darkest."

> —Matthew Kelly Life Is Messy

HAVE YOURSELF A MESSY LITTLE CHRISTMAS

On behalf of Fr Jerek, the Parish Staff the Adult Faith Formation Team, we hope you'll stop by one of the vestibules after Mass and pick up our Christmas gift to you – a free copy of the book *"Life Is Messy"* by Matthew Kelly.

Life Is Messy is a book for everyone with a mess. A comeback story written in response to the question – *Can someone who is broken be put back together in a way that is more beautiful than ever before?* – it is ultimately a reflection on one of our deepest needs: *the need for redemption*.

Everyone loves a comeback story, hopes for second chances and yearns for new beginnings. Thankfully, our God has authored the greatest comeback story of all time, and it begins with the Christmas story we celebrate today – the story of a God who loves us so much He stepped directly into our mess – not to solve it, but to offer us redemption.

May we find the courage to face the mess together, and may God make our broken selves more beautiful than ever before!

As it is written in the book of the words of the prophet Isaiah: "Every valley shall be filled and every mountain and hill shall be made low. The winding roads shall be made straight, and the rough ways made smooth, and all flesh shall see the salvation of God." [Luke 3:4-6]

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Christmas Mass Schedule

Please check the sacristy for a sign-up sheet for Eucharistic Ministers, Lectors, Altar Servers and Ushers needed for our Christmas Mass celebrations. If you would like a print-out of your annual contributions, please contact the Parish office at 330-792-3829. Thank you.



Mass Schedule for Christmas Eve and Christmas Day:

Christmas Eve: 4:00 pm, 6:00 pm, 10:00 pm with the Choir Christmas Day: 9:00 am

ANGELA'S PLACE Our monthly collection will be taken up this weekend. Baskets are located in the vestibules. We collect new personal hygiene and household supplies. Your donations support the Ursuline sisters HIV/AIDS ministry. If you have any questions, call Cornelia at 330-793-5619.

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/

Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25

MINISTRY CORNER

<u>RENEWAL</u>

The past two years have profoundly changed each of us. We have experienced unprecedented change, loss and uncertainty. Yet...we continue to try and return to normalcy and the life we knew before Covid. In that spirit....Christ Renews His Parish will be returning to St. Christine in 2023. What this will look like is still be finalized. We know that our faith has taken a significant hit throughout Covid. Yet our church remains open and we look forward to safely gathering for a renewal weekend in 2023. Please continue to check the bulletin for further updates..

The last day to buy SCRIP before Christmas will be on Tuesday, December 21st from 5-6 in the Parish Center. Buy SCRIP for all your last minute giving needs.



St. Christine School is hiring an aftercare leader. This person works outside of school hours. This person works closely with the school and other aftercare leaders to provide an enriching and educational sound experience for the students. He/she will develop the structure of the program based on the needs and interests of the students and manage the program staff and operations. Applicants must have VIRTUS training , BCI/FBI clearance, and be certified in CPR/First Aid. Please send resumes to St. Christine Elementary School.

Attn: Cara Pribula or call 330-792-4544 stchristineelem@youngstowndiocese.org



The St Christine Cinema Festival Presents Irving Berlin's WHITE CHRISTMAS THURSDAY, December 30

6:00 – 8:30 pm in the Parish Center Please join us for an evening of fun and fellowship as we gather together to view this all-time favorite Christmas classic, filmed in 1954 and starring Bing Crosby, Danny Kaye, Rosemary Clooney and Vera-Ellen. What better way to "ring out the old and cheer in the new" than by relaxing and unwinding with friends from the Parish in front of the big screen? No need to bring a thing, as the Parish will supply the meal: Pizza, salad, chips, punch, coffee, water and dessert! Questions? Contact Marianne Yeager at 330-533-4276. Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation Team.

"May your days be merry and bright And may all your Christmases be white!"

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Distinguished Alumni Search

We are once again accepting nominations for the Saint Christine School Distinguished Alumni Award. One individual will be selected for this award and honored at our school Mass during Catholic Schools Week. Qualifications: Person must be a graduate of St. Christine School, 21 years of age or older, and exemplifies the Gospel value in his or her life. To nominate an Individual, you must submit a short essay explain the reasons why this person is deserving of this special award. Please send your nominations to : Distinguished Alumni Search Committee St. Christine School

3125 S. Schenley Ave. Youngstown, Ohio 44511 Deadline for nominations is Jan. 10, 2022

The Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God is not a Holy Day of Obligation this year. In the United States, the obligation to attend mass is abrogated when a Holy day occurs on a Monday or Saturday. Mass on Saturday, January 1, 2022 will be the Vigil of the Epiphany.



Sunday 12/19/21-Donuts with Santa in the Parish Center

Monday 12/20/21-Mass 8:30am

Tuesday 12/21/21-SCRIP sales 5-7pm

Wednesday 12/22/21-RCIA 6-8 pm in the Parish Center

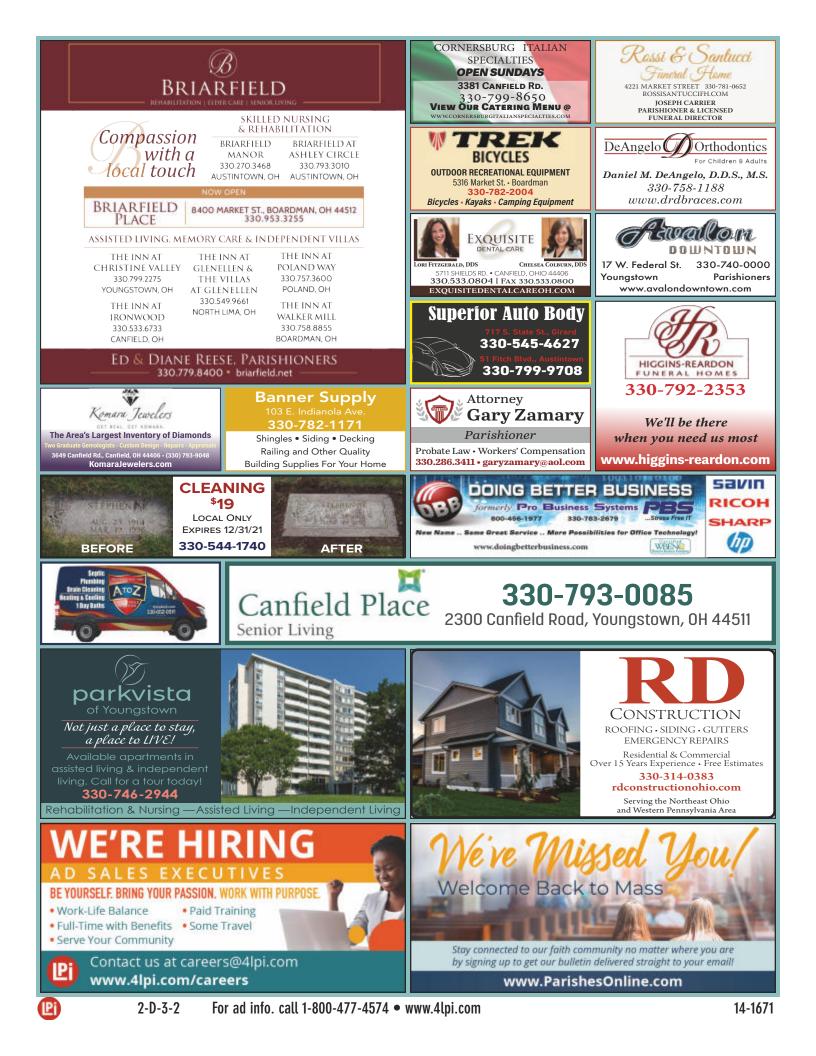
Thursday 12/23/21-Mass 8:30am

Friday 12/24/21-Christmas Eve Masses-4pm, 6pm, 10pm-with the Choir

Saturday 12/25/21-Christmas Day Mass-9am

HAVE A BLESSED WEEK







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