

ST. FRANCIS OF ASSISI PARISH

Designated Jubilee Pilgrimage Site

APRIL 26, 2026 | 4TH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Welcome!

LITURGY & WORSHIP

Weekday Mass
Tuesday | 8:30am | **St. Benedict**
Friday | 8:30am | **St. Anthony**

Weekend Mass
Saturday | 4:00pm | **St. Anthony**
Sunday | 8:00am | **St. Benedict**
Sunday | 11:00am (Spanish) | **St. Anthony**

Reconciliation
Saturday | 3:15pm - 3:45pm
St. Anthony
Sunday | 7:15am - 7:45am
St. Benedict
Sunday | 10:15am-10:45am (Spanish)
St. Anthony
Other | By Appointment

OFFICE HOURS
Monday-Friday | 8:30am-3:00pm

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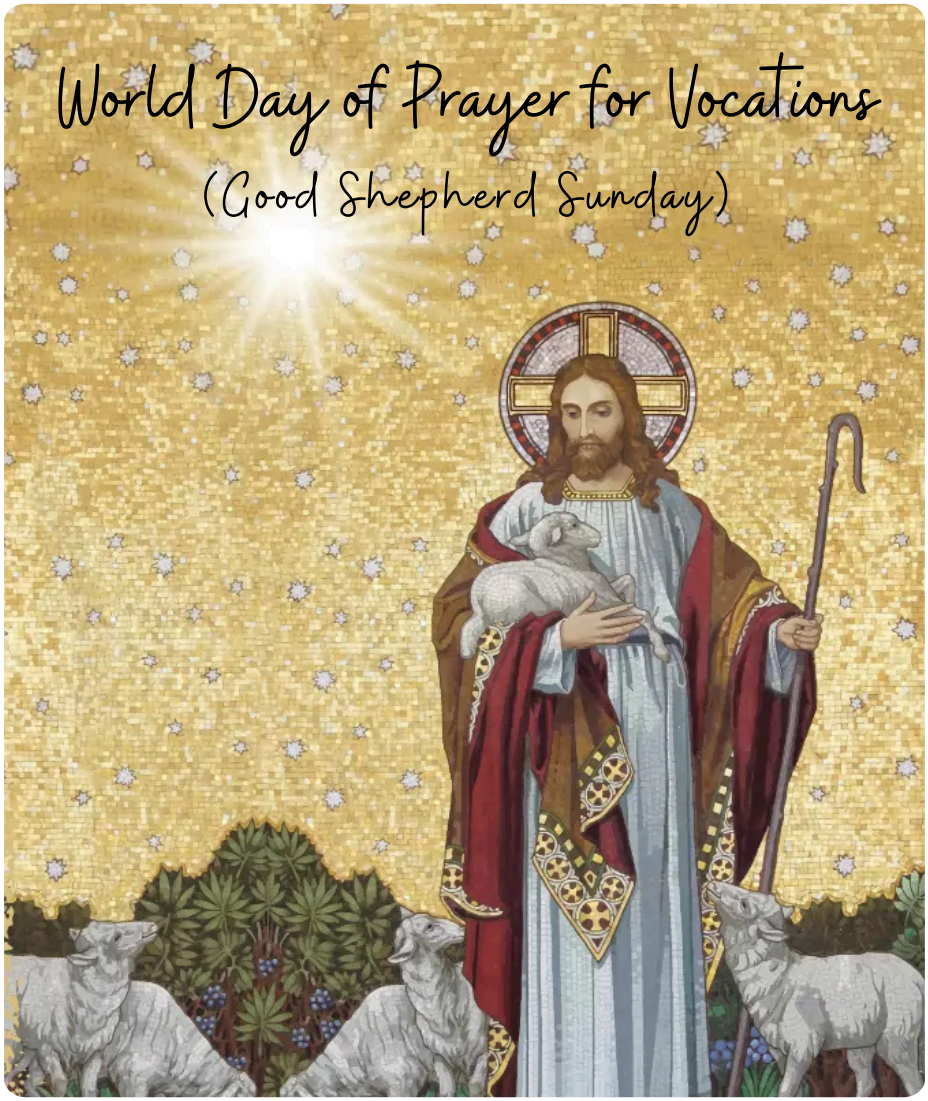

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PRAYER CHAIN

As a church community, we lift each other up in prayer. If you have a prayer request, please contact: Mary Bagnoli (330) 492-0519 or Susie Ritzert (330) 488-0721



Parish Calendar

SATURDAY, APRIL 25
SEMINARIAN SUPPORT COLLECTION
3:15pm-3:45pm | Confessions | **St. Anthony**
4:00pm | Mass | **St. Anthony**

SUNDAY, APRIL 26
SEMINARIAN SUPPORT COLLECTION
7:15am-7:45am | Confessions | **St. Benedict**
8:00am | Mass | **St. Benedict**
9:30am-11:00am | CGS | **St. Anthony**
9:30am-11:00am | Faith Sharing for Adults | St. Anthony
10:15am-10:45am | Confessions | **St. Anthony**
11:00am | Mass (Spanish) | **St. Anthony**

MONDAY, APRIL 27

TUESDAY, APRIL 28
8:30am | Mass | **St. Benedict**
9:00am-8:00pm | Adoration | **St. Benedict**

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29
1:00pm-2:30pm | GriefShare | **St. Anthony**

THURSDAY, APRIL 30
9:30am-11:30am | Seniors Euchre Club | **St. Anthony**

FRIDAY, MAY 1
8:30am | Mass| **St. Anthony**

SATURDAY, MAY 2
3:15pm-3:45pm | Confessions | **St. Anthony**
4:00pm | Mass | **St. Anthony**

SUNDAY, MAY 3
7:15am-7:45am | Confessions | **St. Benedict**
8:00am | Mass | **St. Benedict**
10:15am-10:45am | Confessions | **St. Anthony**
11:00am | Mass (Spanish) with First Communion| **St. Anthony**

MONDAY, MAY 4

TUESDAY, MAY 5
8:30am | Mass | **St. Benedict**
9:00am-8:00pm | Adoration | **St. Benedict**

WEDNESDAY, MAY 6
1:00pm-2:30pm | GriefShare | **St. Anthony**

THURSDAY, MAY 7
9:30am-11:30am | Seniors Euchre Club | **St. Anthony**

FRIDAY, MAY 8
8:30am | Mass| **St. Anthony**

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 25
4:00pm | Nancy King
by Madeline Bates

Sunday, April 26
8:00am | Bob & Ruth Smith
by Bill & Diana Smith

11:00am | Living & Deceased of St. Francis of Assisi Parish

Tuesday, April 28
8:30am | Sam Purses
by Dianne Volak Ulis

Friday, May 1
8:30am | Chris Reed
by Debbie Pfeffer

Saturday, May 2
4:00pm | Gemma D'Aurelio Thomas
by Don & Marge Boron

Sunday, May 3
8:00am | Denise Himes
by Scott Himes

11:00am |Gerardo Herrera Vazquez
by Deacon Alfredo & Paulina Aguirre

Tuesday, May 5
8:30am | Della Mockridge
by Pattie Condello

Friday, May 8
8:30am | Nick & Phil Alonzo
by Rosemarie Alonzo

We invite all who have scheduled a weekend Mass Intention to participate in the liturgy by bringing up the offertory gifts. Please arrive 10 minutes early and inform the ushers of your intention to bring up the gifts.

WEEKLY READINGS



Sunday, April 26
Acts 2:14a, 36-41/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6/1 Pt 2:20b-25/ Jn 10:1-10

Monday, April 27
Acts 11:1-18/ Ps 42:2-3; 43:3, 4/Jn 10:11-18 (second choice)

Tuesday, April 28
Acts 11:19-26/ Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7/Jn 10:22-30

Wednesday, April 29
Acts 12:24-13:5a/ Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6 and 8/Jn 12:44-50

Thursday, April 30
Acts 13:13-25/ Ps 89:2-3, 21-22, 25 and 27/Jn 13:16-20

Friday, May 1
Acts 13:26-33/ Ps 2:6-7, 8-9, 10-11ab/ Jn 14:1-6

Saturday, May 2
Acts 13:44-52/ Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/ Jn 14:7-14

JUBILEE YEAR OF
St. Francis of Assisi
Jan. 10, 2026 - Jan. 10, 2027
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STEWARDSHIP THOUGHTS

"And Peter said to them, 'Repent, and be baptized, every one of you, in the name of Jesus Christ…'" Acts 2:38

The word "repent" means to turn from sin - to change our thoughts, words and actions. Change that is permanent comes from within – a transformation or conversion of heart. This requires prayer, discipline and perseverance. Change is hard. The first step is recognizing that we are broken and that we need God's help. The good news - we are not alone in our journey. Ask Jesus daily for guidance and patiently listen for his response.

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Thank you!



STEWARDSHIP

Weekly Total for 4/19/26.... $7,699.43

Thank you for your continued generosity!

REFLECTON QUESTIONS ON SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading

The crowds believed Peter's proclamation that in raising the crucified Jesus from the dead, God made Jesus both Lord and Christ. Why do you believe that Jesus is our Lord and Savior?

Second Reading

Peter speaks of Jesus' wounds healing us. Can you think of a time when you have felt healed by God?

Gospel

Jesus speaks of himself as the gate through which his followers pass and have abundant life. How has believing in Jesus enriched your life? ©LPi

Candle Intentions

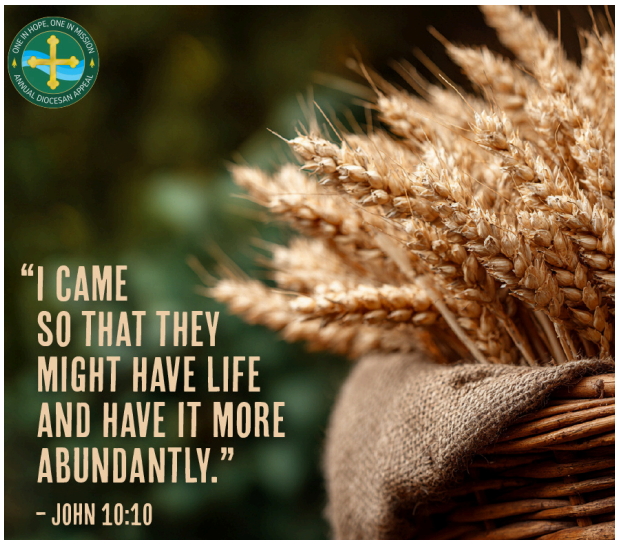
For the week of April 26

ST. ANTHONY

Blessed Sacrament
Roger Spitale, Sr.
Holy Family Shrine
Dan & Jennie DiMarzio
Holy Family Window
James & Carmel DiGiacomo
by Family
St. Catherine
Carol Mirto Wirth
Immaculate Conception
Danny Pellegrini
by Kathy Pellegrini
Blessed Virgin
Eugene & Connie Lanzo
by Kathy Pellegrini
St. Francis
Nicholas & Mary Carona
St. Nicholas
Frank Plaver
St. Rocco
Mary Perlog Miller
St. Therese
Louis & Elvira Mata
by Kathy Mata
Agony in the Garden
Angelo Peloso
Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
Joe & Rose Cusma
St. Michael
Vincenzo & Frances
Pellegrini
by Kathy Pellegrini

ST. BENEDICT

Sanctuary
Fr. Robert Kaylor
Holy Family
Ginney Stallone
St. Benedict
Seminarians of the
Diocese of Youngstown



Annual Diocesan Appeal Goal:
$46,600.00

Amount pledged:
$30,210.00

Percentage reached:
64.83%

Short of Goal:
$16,390.00



"I am the door...go in and out and find pasture." (John 10:9)

Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do.

Talk to Fr. Kevin or Fr. Fritz or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Dear Lord,
How lovely are your ways!
Guide each of us closer to your will.
Pour your courage into those you are calling to the vocations of married, religious, consecrated, and single life.
Help them to respond boldly,
and with trust in your provision.
Amen. ©LPi



ADORATION

Eucharistic Adoration is held on Tuesdays following the 8:30am Mass at St. Benedict until 8:00pm. Experience peace and spiritual renewal.

Adorers are needed! Contact: Shawn Roush at (330) 371-9449 to sign-up!



We most often hear the term "discernment" en a man or woman prayerfully considers a religious vocation. This is a helpful context in which to think of the virtue of discernment, which all Christians are called to develop, lay and religious alike.

When a person hears a "call," he cannot simply go — he must first figure out where the call is coming from. It's not enough to simply have an idea of becoming a priest, a sister, a missionary, a husband, a wife — the idea needs a good, thorough background check. This is discernment, which "unmasks the lie of temptation, whose object appears to be good…when in reality its fruit is death," says the Catechism. (CCC 2846)

We run this background check of discernment on our feelings, our intentions, and our inclinations under the guidance of the Holy Spirit and through a diligent regimen of prayer and reflection. "The Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius" is highly regarded as a useful tool for spiritual discernment.
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We celebrate Religious Brothers Day on May 1. Brothers live in religious communities. Though not ordained, they take vows and promise to use their talents to serve God wherever the community decides they are needed. Let us praise God for their courage and their generosity.

SACRAMENTS OF THE CHURCH



Sacrament of Baptism

Arrangements are made with the Coordinator of Religious Education to schedule a date for baptism and for a sacramental preparation class for parents and godparents.



Sacraments of First Communion & Confirmation

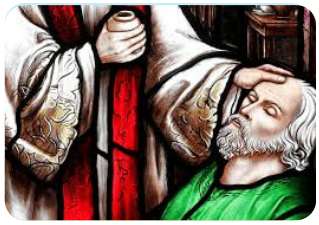
Families requesting First Communion and Confirmation for their children must have them enrolled in our CCD program or Catholic School at least two years prior to receiving the Sacrament.



Sacrament of Holy Matrimony

Arrangements are made with Fr. Kevin or Fr. Fritz six months prior to the wedding.

Marriage preparation classes are required.



Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Call the Parish Office for arrangements.

If you are hospitalized, homebound, or in a nursing facility, please let us know. Due to HIPAA laws, we are unable to inquire.



HALL RENTALS & ROOM USAGES

For hall rentals and room usages, please contact the Parish Office at (330) 452-9539 or email at: office@stfrancisofassisiparish.com.





CONGRATULATIONS

On behalf of St. Francis of Assisi Parish, we would like to congratulate this year's confirmandi, who were sealed with chrism and the Holy Spirit by Bishop David J. Bonnar on April 23, 2026.

Andres Armas
Reina Baten Hernandez
Emiliano Bisson Molina
Gabriel Cantera
Rosa Cantera
Bridgette A. Chavarria
Allan Iraheta
Sophia Spitale
Jennifer Umana
Andrea Zelaya Quintero



JOIN OUR SENIORS EUCHRE CLUB!

Thursdays, 9:30am-11:30am
St. Anthony

Looking to sharpen your skills or just enjoy some friendly competition? Whether you are as seasoned player or looking to learn, everyone is welcome!



WHAT DOES:
Peanut Butter & Jelly, Mac & Cheese, and Juice Boxes
HAVE IN COMMON?



Social Concerns Committee will be collecting these items
April 12-August 29.
They will be used to help neighborhood children enjoy their summer without going hungry when school breakfast & lunch are not available.



Let's fill the boxes by the church entrances.

Thanks for your generosity – every bit helps!!










SUPPORT COLLECTION

April 25/26

This weekend, we are invited to reflect on Christ, the Good Shepherd, who continues to call men to follow Him in service to His people. Our diocesan collection for seminarian support provides for the formation of those answering that call. Please keep our seminarians in your prayers and consider supporting them through this special collection or you may make a gift online at www.doy.org/seminarians. Together, we help foster vocations and strengthen the Church for generations to come.



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All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: doy.org/safe-environment.

REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

CONTACT INFORMATION

Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388
Email: dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org
By Mail: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn: Dominic Colucy
144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503



All who work with children or vulnerable adults need to review and sign a copy of the Sate Environment Policy & Authorization & Verification Form along with attending VIRTUS training session, and have a background check performed. ***This also includes those taking communion to the homebound.*** Please contact the office to be sure you are in compliance.
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