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PARISH MISSION

We are a faith community of Roman Catholic Christians dedicated to lovingly extending the mission and ministry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Christian service to the people of Niles and the surrounding areas, all to the Glory of God!

WEEKLY MASS SCHEDULE

MONDAY, MAY 8, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:00am – Louis and Helen Gorsick
by Ron and Carole Stanford

TUESDAY, MAY 9, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:00am – Patrick Caraway by Amy Delatorre

WEDNESDAY, MAY 10, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:00am – Jan Elliot by Gloria Theodore
8:30-9:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, MAY 11, 2023

Easter Weekday

8:00am – Stephen and Rose Theresa Caruso by family

SATURDAY, MAY 13, 2023

Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter

3:00-3:30pm – Confessions

4:00pm – Mothers' Day Intentions

SUNDAY, MAY 14, 2023

Sixth Sunday of Easter

11:00am – Mothers' Day Intentions

FROM THE PARISH ADMINISTRATOR:

We are past the midpoint of the Easter season, and the readings start to turn from the immediate aftermath of the resurrection and toward the ongoing work the church will face after Jesus's bodily presence departs earth. We see that while the work of Easter is complete in one sense –Jesus has conquered death once and for all– it will be an ongoing project to bring it to fullness. Jesus has gone ahead of us in death and has conquered it so that we might participate in his life. In today's gospel, Jesus tells us that he will go ahead of us to heaven, as well, but is not to leave us alone. He goes ahead to open the way for us and prepare our place there. He tells us, "*do not let your hearts be troubled.*" His decree comes on the heels of what anyone would call troubling times for the disciples. Jesus just told the Twelve that he is to die and that his death will be brought about in part by the betrayal of one of them. Life is about to change drastically for the disciples. Grief looms on the horizon. Jesus knows the challenges to come and still he declares, "*do not let your hearts be troubled.*" He assures the disciples and each of us that the divine dwells with us always. We need not fear. We need not hold all the answers. We need only to believe in God's great love and power to bring light into the darkest places. Jesus invites us to trust that he indeed is "*the way, the truth, and the life.*" He is inviting us to trust that all will be made well once more when the kingdom finally comes. Jesus affirms his unity with his Father; he already dwells in the Father and the Father in him, and we are called to follow him by proclaiming and announcing the praises of God. In these last weeks of Easter before Pentecost and the start of summer let us continue to rejoice in the resurrection of our Lord and carry this Good News to all we meet in this coming week!

Make it a great week! Fr. Balash



Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish community and for all who are in need especially: **Katrina Marie, Tina Breese, Merela Carrido, Joe Bottiglieri, Andrea Colitte, Diane Jamieson, Susan Villecco and Joe D'Amico.**



SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT De PAUL NORTHEAST OHIO DISTRICT COUNCIL is having their 2023 Neighbors Helping Neighbors Raffle. Tickets are \$20 per ticket or 3 for \$50.00. **Tickets are available in the parish office.** Grand Prize is \$5,000; 2nd prize is \$1,000; 3rd Prize is \$1,000 and 4th Prize is \$500. Proceeds fund St. Vincent De Paul safety net services and programs for those in need in Trumbull County. Drawing is on June 30, 2023 at 12:00pm at St. Vincent De Paul Thrift and Furniture Store. Winner need not be present.

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting assorted condiments (Ketchup, mustard, mayo, etc.) during the month of May. Please give to one of the ushers at church at the beginning of Mass or put in the clear bins in the entrance of the church.

HELP PROTECT THE DIGNITY OF LIFE IN OHIO

Protect Them Both:

Statewide Catholic Campaign to Defeat Proposed Amendment to Ohio's Constitution.

6-7 May 2023 – Official Launch of the Campaign

See Flyers and Prayer Cards

Mr. David Schmidt – Director of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life. (330) 744-8451 ext. 272

Mr. R.J. Mangan – Director of Peace and Justice

Regional Meetings:

(RSVP to Mr. David Schmidt)

7:00-8:30pm

8 May – Immaculate Conception, Ravenna (409 W. Main St.)

11 May – Blessed Sacrament, Warren (3020 Reeves Rd. NE)

16 May – St. Michael, Canton (3430 St. Michael Blvd. NW)

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ANNUAL DIOCEAN APPEAL

We are just a few weeks away from the end of Phase One of the Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission. When we celebrate the end of the Easter season on Pentecost, we hope that the fire of the Spirit will have enkindled in many of us a strong desire to offer a share of our resources to bring both help and hope to those in need, as well as extending the mission and ministry of the Church. To date, our parish family has pledged \$33,274 toward our parish goal of \$57,400. This is our share of the \$4,000,000 total goal of the Diocese of Youngstown in support of the work of Catholic Charities and the many ministries throughout our diocesan community. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, thank you to everyone who has already made a gift and to those who are prayerfully considering their gift. May these remaining days of the Easter season challenge us to offer the best of ourselves for and with each other.

MAY 6-7, 2023 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

New Mass Times Begin May 13-14, 2023

As you know, the diocese continues to deal with the shortage of priests, while also desiring to support our parishes as they live missionary discipleship in new ways. Throughout the diocese, priests are serving multiple parishes. A regional model for ministry not only helps to navigate the priest shortage, it also allows for a more vibrant experience for parish life sharing our gifts and strengths across parishes. Part of the regionalization plan calls for the collaboration of Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Stephen Parish to begin on July 1, 2023. Recently a meeting was held with Fr. Agostino to discuss a new mass schedule. It was decided for the time being that weekend Mass will be:

Saturday, 4:00 p.m. at Mt. Carmel

Sunday, 9:00 a.m. at St. Stephen

Sunday, 11:00 a.m. at Mt. Carmel

This new schedule will begin the weekend of May 13-14, 2023.

As with any change, the immediate reaction can be negative or unenthusiastic, however it is hoped that this new endeavor will be embraced with promise and hope for the future well-being of the Catholic Community of Niles. Both parishes – Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Stephen Parish – have a precious history, a strong faith, abundant gifts, an abiding dedication, and a rich commitment to the mission of Jesus Christ. As disciples of faith let us carry on this legacy in a spirit of cooperation and Christian charity.



WORKERS FOR THE SUMMER FESTIVAL

If you are available to help volunteer your time for the Summer Festival there will be sign-up sheets in the back of the church after all Masses this weekend. Please put your name, phone number, date and times available. Festival Youth volunteer forms will be available at this time.

FESTIVAL YOUTH VOLUNTEERS:

Parents / Guardians who have child / children under the age of 18 years, who are planning to volunteer time at the parish festival must complete an Emergency Medical Authorization and a Permission Form. **NO EXCEPTIONS WILL BE MADE.** Forms are available in the Parish Office Monday – Thursday, 8:30am-4:00pm. Completed forms are to be returned to the Parish Office on or before **July 11th**.

BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, May 10th at 1:00pm in Holy Family Hall.

HOSPICE OF THE VALLEY is offering a grief session on Thursday, May 11th from 3:00-4:00pm at St. Joseph in the Eastwood Mall. For more information or to register, please call Kim at 330-549-5901.

COMMUNITY SUPPERS for the month of May will be held on Thursdays from 4:45-5:30pm at Niles First Christian Church, 33 North Arlington Avenue, Niles, Ohio.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: (Acts 8:5-8, 14-17). In the reading from the Acts of the Apostles, Philip goes to Samaria, proclaiming Jesus and working signs. Peter and John go there to lay hands on the newly baptized.

Second Reading: (1 Peter 3:15-18). In the second reading, Peter urges proper Christian conduct in imitation of Christ.

Gospel: (John 14:15-21). In Jesus' farewell discourse, he promises to give the Spirit and to return soon. The disciples must keep his commandments.

Mass Count for April 29-30, 2023

4:00pm – 157

8:00am – 127

11:00am – 138

Total 422 people out of 795 registered parishioners

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(April 29-30, 2023)

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Good Friday collection:	\$	1,388.00
Easter collection:	\$	27,982.00
Seminarian collection:	\$	749.00

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FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE

Catholic Charities will hold its annual *First Step for Change* campaign from Mother's Day through Father's Day, honoring the faith, humility and love it takes to raise a child, and recognizing that many parents lack adequate financial resources for their children. Funds raised through this campaign assist low-income pregnant women and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers and other items essential to a child's health, safety and well-being. The First Step for Change packet will be in the bulletin next weekend. Take it home, learn about the program, complete the participation card and return it to our parish by June 30th. All money collected by our parish will help to meet the needs in our own community. Thank you for joining us in support of this pro-life campaign.

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