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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, JUNE 6, 2022

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church

8:00am – Elva Vargo by family

TUESDAY, JUNE 7, 2022

Weekday

8:00am – Roz and Dave Kellogg by Marianne

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 8, 2022

Weekday

8:00am – Choir of Angels

8:30-9:30am – Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

THURSDAY, JUNE 9, 2022

Weekday

8:00am – Frank Massuri and Esther Johnson
by Raymond and Pauline Raschilla

FRIDAY, JUNE 10, 2022

Weekday

8:00am – Mary Ann Tauro by Dee

SATURDAY, JUNE 11, 2022

Vigil, The Most Holy Trinity

3:00-3:30pm – Confessions

4:00pm – John and Mary Profato by children

SUNDAY, JUNE 12, 2022

The Most Holy Trinity

8:00am – Samuel Giangardella, Jr.
by Saint Vincent de Paul Society

11:00am – Achille and Antonia Musmanno by family

FROM THE PASTOR:

Dear Members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel,

On July 1, 2022 I will celebrate my first anniversary as your pastor. This past year I have spent learning from you the inner workings of the parish. I am a firm believer that it takes at least one year to discover what the parish is about and the many agendas of the parishioners. Since my arrival last year, I have been studying, listening and learning about Project 20/20 A Vision for the Future. Reading about the project I learned that the Mount Carmel Parish Family Center was designed to offer opportunities for prayer, educational services and social gatherings. The plans of 2017 described the building as having a daily mass chapel, a 400+ dining area, two bars and accessible staging. The project included a state of the art kitchen designed to accommodate festival preparation, parish dinners and a variety of other community events. Included was storage space, a series of classrooms and ample restrooms. The cost for the building alone was 4 Million dollars. A second set of drawings were presented reducing the size of the building for around 3.5 Million.

Financially parishioners paid pledges of \$1,169,784.00. A balance due on the pledges as of June 1, 2022 is \$49,555.00. Of the original pledges, \$9,400 was written off because individuals move, financial situations changes or pledging individuals died. To date the total amount banked in the project is \$1,764,436.44.

Due to Covid, what should have been built was postponed. Today, I write with important information regarding the parish center.

In consultation with Parish Council, Finance Council and the Blessed Mother Society, the building that will be built is designed for 2 Million dollars. This includes a one floor plan designed with classrooms for our religious education program, a 150 seat social hall, a bar area, a kitchen designed to accommodate festival preparation, parish fish fries and other parish related social events. Restrooms, storage space along with areas for coolers and freezers. The 2 Million cost is for the building only, no furnishings.

I realize that this has been a long and frustrating project. It is important to note that the bishop will not grant permission to build unless the parish has ½ of the money banked. Second, we need to build within our budget. I will not put the parish into financial debt where your grandchildren and great grandchildren will have to continue to pay for the building. The parish is getting older and younger families are financially strapped. Third, we need to be realistic as to what we need. There are a number of banquet halls in our area. Some operated by our parishioners for their lively hood, I will not go into competition with them. Fourth, the cost of operating a building, maintenance especially, needs to be considered. Fifth, we cannot only depend on festivals to pay for the building loan. Weather, and other disasters that we have no control of comes into play as we have experienced in recent years.

Therefore, the start of the Mount Carmel Parish Center will begin shortly after the festival.

Your patience and cooperation regarding this project is greatly appreciated. Yet, I have been told that some who have donated will be asking for their money back for a wide variety of

reasons. If you are one of those who will be asking for the return, please give me a call and your paid donation will be returned, no questions asked.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me.

Msgr. Zuraw



A PRAYER FOR UKRAINE

God of peace and justice, we pray for the people of Ukraine.

We pray for peace and the laying down of weapons.
We pray for all those who are in fear, that your Spirit of comfort would draw near to them.

We pray for those with the power over war and peace, for wisdom, discernment and compassion to guide their decisions.

Above all, we pray for all your precious children, at risk and in fear, that you would hold and protect them.

We pray in the name of Jesus, The Prince of Peace.

Amen

(Written by Archbishops of Canterbury & York)

VOCATION THOUGHT: “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” Is your gift of the Holy Spirit the discernment of a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Call Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT: “*The Advocate, the Holy Spirit whom the Father will send in my name, will teach you everything and remind you of all that I told you.*” (John 14:26)

The materialism of our society lures us to concentrate more on what we want than on what God wants for us. The relativism of our world tells us that we should be tolerant of all things, that there is no absolute truth. Pray to the Holy Spirit to transform our lives and to guide our thoughts, words and actions. What you put in your head, heart and mind affects your actions. Put good things in and good things will come out.

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Father of goodness and love, hear our prayers for the sick of our parish community and for all who are in need especially: *Debbie Bindas* and *Steve McDonnell*.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL: THANK YOU to everyone who has made a gift to the **2022 Annual Diocesan Appeal – One in Hope, One in Mission**. To date, 242 families from Our Lady of Mount Carmel have made a combined contribution to the appeal totaling \$49,638.00. Our parish portion of the \$4,000,000 diocesan goal is \$53,700.00. Please visit www.doy.org/appeal to make a gift. Again, on behalf of Bishop Bonnar and all who will be served by your generous response, I thank you, Msgr. John Zuraw.

JUNE 4-5, 2022 – PENTECOST SUNDAY

CHURCH AT HOME

This weekend parishes in our diocese will participate in the combined collection for three major **Church at Home** ministries. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development provides local diocesan and national support for groups of low-income persons to change their lives. The Catholic Communications Campaign supports the efforts of the Catholic Television Network of Youngstown (CTNY) and other national telecommunications services to help spread the Word of God. The Catholic University of America/Newman Campus Ministries continue the educational programs at the national university of our Catholic Church. Your generous support is greatly appreciated.

BLESSED MOTHER SOCIETY will meet on Wednesday, June 8th at 1:00pm in Holy Family Hall.

NILES COMMUNITY SERVICES is collecting assorted condiments during the month of June. Please give to one of the ushers at church at the beginning of Mass.



FIRST STEP FOR CHANGE

Catholic Charities' First Step program provides specific material assistance to pregnant women and families with children ages 0-3. Funds collected through *First Step for Change* are used to supplement case management services with material goods, such as food, formula, diapers and hygiene products. Please support this important pro-life, pro-family fundraiser that helps Catholic Charities provide help and create hope for people in need. For more information on Catholic Charities' services, visit www.ccdoy.org The *First Step for Change* campaign will conclude at our parish on Father's Day. Please remember to bring your completed **First Step Packet** to Mass with you on Father's Day, or return it to the parish no later than June 30th.



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STEWARDSHIP

Managing God's Gifts To Us

(May 28-29, 2022)

Sunday collection: \$ 8,348.00
We Share collection: \$ 480.00

Thank you for your generosity!



Louis M. Ronghi, Sr.

NEXT SUNDAY'S READINGS

First Reading: (Prov 8:22-31). This reading in praise of the wisdom of God can be seen as a groping towards the revelation of the mystery of the Trinity.

Second Reading: (Rom 5:1-5). Christ made possible for us a relationship of love with God. This gives us the hope and sustains us in time of suffering. The Holy Spirit helps us to recognize God's love for us.

Gospel: (Jn 16:12-15). The Holy Spirit helps the Church to grasp the full meaning of all Jesus said, especially what he said about the Father.

Mass Count for May 28-29, 2022

4:00pm – 142

8:00am – 139

11:00am – 151

Total 432 people out of 796 registered parishioners

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 12th.

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