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**Sunday Eucharistic
Celebrations:**
8 a.m.
St. Mary Worship Site

11 a.m.
St. Benedict
Worship Site

**Weekday Eucharistic
Celebration:**
8:30 a.m.
Wednesday & Friday
St. Mary Worship Site

**Liturgy of the Word
with Communion:**
8:30 a.m.
Tuesday & Thursday
St. Mary Worship Site

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St. Mary/St. Benedict Parish Family

One Parish, One Mission

MISSION STATEMENT: We are people of God, celebrating our faith as a parish. With diverse roots and unique talents, we strive to live our baptismal commitment to love and serve God and neighbor. As we gather in prayer and worship to praise our Lord, we share a communion of faith, grace and service. We endeavor to live as Christians by reaching out to our brothers and sisters, proclaiming the Word, demonstrating compassion, and by sharing our faith through evangelization in order to make our parish a community of love and service.

JANUARY 3, 2021

EPIPHANY



PROMISE FULFILLED

Isaiah reminds the people of God that the land shall be restored to their possession, they shall rejoice to see their people return from the bondage of exile, and they shall be a light to the nations. In other words, through the people of Israel, the Savior shall come to all people who seek God with a sincere heart. This brings joy and the radiance of God's glory to all the world and to all people everywhere. Through the fidelity of the people of God, and through God's fidelity to them, all people shall become God's children and rejoice in the fulfillment of God's promise to Israel.



With a full heart, we open our arms to you in friendship.
 We're honored to share this day with you as we worship God.
 We hope that the celebration of the Holy Eucharist and other events posted on our website and Facebook page will touch your heart and that you experience a sense of peace. We also hope you'll continue in the knowledge that St. Mary/St. Benedict parish is a home away from home. Deacon Randy is always available to you. You're welcome to contact him directly: 330 323 5904.

Thank you for your patience & understanding and complying with the different changes in place due to the Pandemic.

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
January 3 MASS: 8am @ St. M & 11am @ St. B. EPIPHANY! HOUSE BLESSING KIT Confessions after 8am Mass @ St. M before the 11am Mass @ St. B	January 4	January 5 Liturgy of the Word & Communion 8:30am @ St. Mary	January 6 MASS 8:30am @ St. M	January 7 Liturgy of the Word & Communion 8:30am @ St. Mary	January 8 MASS 8:30am @ St. M	January 9 FOOD DISTRIBUTION Starting 9am @ St. M
January 10 MASS: 8am @ St. M & 11am @ St. B. BAPTISM OF THE LORD	January 11	January 12 Liturgy of the Word & Communion 8:30am @ St. Mary K of C Meeting 7pm @ St. Benedict	January 13 MASS 8:30am @ St. M	January 14 Liturgy of the Word & Communion 8:30am @ St. Mary	January 15 MASS 8:30am @ St. M	January 16
January 17 2nd of Ordinary Time MASS: 8am @ St. M & 11am @ St. B. World Religion Day	January 18 Martin Luther King Jr.	January 19 Liturgy of the Word & Communion 8:30am @ St. Mary	January 20 MASS 8:30am @ St. M Pastoral Council 6pm @ St. B	January 21 Liturgy of the Word & Communion 8:30am @ St. Mary	January 22 MASS 8:30am @ St. M March for Life Day of prayer for the legal protection of the unborn children	January 23

UPCOMING!

Confessions: First Sunday of the month. (January 3rd) After the 8am Mass and before the 11am Mass

Special Year dedicated to St. Joseph, Foster Father of Jesus!



ONLINE GIVING IS COMING!
 Making donating simple, safe, and secure.
 Parishioners who make regular giving a priority say:

"Where there's no sacrifice, there 's no fruit to bear. Sometimes, it hurts to give. We live in a material world, and it's natural to want to keep that money in your bank account (to use it for the latest gadget or for a fun trip) instead of giving it to the parish. But, I find that letting for of something I want is really good for my soul. Here at my parish, I'm part of a bigger picture. I can be part of the solution." ~Evan G.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: 1 Jn 3:22 — 4:6; Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a; Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
- Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10; Ps 72:1-4, 7-8; Mk 6:34-44
- Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18; Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13; Mk 6:45-52
- Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19 — 5:4; Ps 72: 1-2, 14, 15bc, 17; Lk 4:14-22a
- Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13; Ps 147:12-15, 19-20; Lk 5:12-16
- Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21; Ps 149:1-6a, 9b; Jn 3:22-30
- Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7 or Is 55:1-11; Ps 29:1-4, 3, 9-10 or Is 12:2-3, 4bcd-6; Acts 10:34-38 or 1 Jn 5:1-9; Mk 1:7-11



RIGHT-TO-LIFE STARK COUNTY, OH

www.usccb.org/committees/pro-life-activities/secretariat-pro-life-activities

Planned Parenthood Federation of America (PPFA)

HERE ARE KEY FACTS:

9. **“Nonprofit” Planned Parenthood reaps enormous revenues, including tax revenues.** PPFA is legally a nonprofit organization but takes in enormous revenues: \$1.64 billion in the year ending June 30, 2019, netting \$110.5 million over expenses. \$616.8 million, or almost 38% of total revenue, is from taxpayers’ dollars, up from 34% the previous year. This is more than double the \$305.3 million in government funds received in the year ending June 30, 2006. This funding increase occurred while Planned Parenthood’s U.S. clientele decreased from a reported 3 million to 2.4 million people of both genders.

10. **Even as Planned Parenthood’s government funding has increased, the number of medical services it provides has decreased—but not abortions.** From 2004 to 2018, PPFA reported a dramatic decrease in the following: Pap tests (down by 78%), breast exams (71%), total cancer screenings (74%), and even contraception/sterilization by any method (25%). By contrast, abortions have increased by almost 36% since 2004. There has been a clear shift in the kinds of services PPFA provides, away from the other services it boasts of and toward abortion.

11. PPFA promotes risky “emergency contraception” to minors. PPFA distributed 593,586 kits of high-dose “emergency contraceptive” (EC) pills in 2018. It has urged approval for “over-the-counter” sale of these drugs, even to minors, although lower-dose birth control pills require a prescription due to health risks. Planned Parenthood’s claim that boosting access to ECs would reduce unintended pregnancies and abortions has been rebutted by numerous studies.



FEAST OF FAITH

The Liturgy of Emmanuel

The assembly has gathered from near and far, on foot, by bus, by car, by subway, singly and by twos and threes: single people, couples, families. Now that movement is ritualized and made visible in the liturgy’s entrance procession. We are not alone on this journey; Christ is with us. The procession is led by the cross, with the image of Christ upon it. Candles, signs of a living presence, are carried around the cross. Candles also accompany the Book of the Gospels, another sign of Emmanuel, God-with-us. The priest presider is likewise a sign of Christ’s presence in our assembly; he

will act in persona Christi, in the person of Christ, who presides at every Eucharist. As the procession begins, we stand and sing together in our first act as a community. The joining of our voices begins to turn many into one. The songs we sing range from ancient chants to contemporary hymns, but they have the same purpose, to foster our unity and turn our thoughts to the mysteries we gather to celebrate. We may feel that we can’t sing well, but **“Christ always invites us to enter into song, to rise above our own preoccupations, and to give our entire selves to the hymn of his Paschal Sacrifice”**

(USCCB, Sing to the Lord, 14).

“They offered Him gifts of gold, frankincense and myrrh.” Is God calling you to give the gold of your freedom, the incense of your prayer, and the myrrh of your love through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Contact Father Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

WARM HEARTS FOR WARM HOMES

(Formerly known as Keep the Kids Warm) Catholic Charities’ annual campaign will be held the weekends of January 23 and 24 through January 30 and 31. This important winter collection aims to provide **utility assistance** during the cold winter months families with children, working poor adults and older adults on fixed incomes. Contact Nikole Baringer nbaringer@youngstowndiocese.org.

Please keep in your prayers
the souls of
Very Rev.

**Ronald M. Klingler
and Gary L. Joseph.**

May their loved ones
find comfort in the Lord



2021 MARCH FOR LIFE AND RELATED EVENTS

Friday, January 29th. "Together Strong, Life Unites!" EWTN will be televising the March for Life including the Pre-Rally Concert, the Rally Program as well as the March itself. For more information go to <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>.

Masses for Life in the Diocese of Youngstown: Each will include the special *Blessing of Children in the Womb*.

Sunday, January 24 at 11:00 a.m. in the Barrette Center at Walsh University, 2020 E. Maple St., North Canton. (Note: COVID-19 restrictions may necessitate a change of venue. Contact the Office of Pro-Life, Marriage and Family Life at the Diocese of Youngstown.)

Friday, January 29 at 12:10 p.m. & Sunday, January 31st at 4 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, followed by a local "March for Life" at 1:00 p.m. sponsored by Right to Life of Mahoning County, which will include a prayerful vigil at the Thomas D. Lambros Federal Building at 125 Market St., Youngstown. For more information call 330-799-6160.

Sunday, January 31 at 4:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown.

MASS OF ORDINATION

On November 17, 2020 Pope Francis appointed **Reverend David J. Bonnar** the sixth Bishop of Youngstown. The Mass of Ordination and Installation will take place on **Tuesday, January 12, 2021 at 2:00 p.m.** You are invited to watch the ceremony via live stream on the diocesan website at doy.org/media/cathedral. A rebroadcast on ETC-Ecumenical Television Channel is scheduled on Thurs., Jan. 14th at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m., 8:00 p.m. and Sat., Jan. 16th at 12:30 a.m., 10:30 a.m. and 8:00 p.m.

! RECORDS UPDATE !

We are asking that all members provide their information, and return the completed form to the parish office.

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING 101

The Church's social teaching is a rich treasure of wisdom about building a just society and living lives of holiness amidst the challenges of modern society.

In the following brief reflections, we highlight several of the key themes that are at the heart of Catholic social tradition.

CARE FOR GOD'S CREATION: We show our respect for the Creator by our stewardship of creation. Care for the earth is not just an Earth Day slogan, it is a requirement of our faith. We are called to protect people and the planet, living our faith in relationship with all of God's creation. This environment challenge has fundamental moral and ethical dimensions that cannot be ignored.

Let's end the calendar year with all up-dated records! *The information provided is for internal purposes ONLY.*

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

The Church Overseas Combined Collection will be held the weekend of January 23/24, 2021. This four-in-one collection include: Catholic Relief Services, Holy Father/Peter's Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Latin America. The should be a separate envelope in your collection packet. Please consider carefully and support generously.

January is poverty awareness month.

Over 34 million Americans live in poverty. This means a heater in only one room of the house or thinking that \$10.00 an hour is a really good deal or deciding between food and prescriptions. Poverty also means asking for assistance with clothing, food, shelter and other basic needs. However, poverty is more—much more—than not having enough money. It is coping with chronic hunger. It is being sick and not being able to see a doctor. It is not knowing how to read or not having a job. Each January during Poverty Awareness month, the Catholic community takes a more visible and united stand against poverty. Here are some ways you can help:

- Pray for those who struggle with poverty;
- Visit our updated Dollar Days Wish List at <https://dollardays.com/ccdoy/wishlist.html> to purchase products that our clients need most;
- Contact a Catholic Charities Agency near you and volunteer
- Donate taxable pantry items (cleaning products, paper towels, toilet paper, hygiene items, laundry soap, facial tissues) to a Catholic Charities agency nearest you.



Pope Francis proclaims

"YEAR OF ST JOSEPH"

St. Joseph was the Spouse of Our Lady and adoptive father to Our Lord. He is known as the **Patron of the Universal Church**, as well as many causes including all laborers and families.

INTERESTING TRADITIONS

In Sicily, where Saint Joseph is regarded by many as their patron saint, and in many Italian-American communities, thanks are given to Saint Joseph (San Giuseppe in Italian) for preventing a famine in Sicily during the Middle Ages. According to legend, there was a severe drought at the time, and the people prayed for their patron saint to bring them rain. They promised that if God answered their prayers through Joseph's intercession, they would prepare a large feast to honor him. The rain did come, and the people of Sicily prepared a large banquet for their patron saint. The fava bean was the crop which saved the population from starvation and is a traditional part of Saint Joseph's Day altars. Giving food to the needy is a Saint Joseph's Day custom. In some communities it is traditional to wear red clothing and eat a Neapolitan pastry known as a zeppola (created in 1840 by Don Pasquale Pinatauro in Napoli) on Saint Joseph's Day. [68] Maccu di San Giuseppe is a traditional Sicilian dish that consists of various ingredients and maccu that is prepared on this day. [69] Maccu is a foodstuff and soup that dates to ancient times which is prepared with fava beans as a primary ingredient.

Mass or Sanctuary Candle Intentions:

A beautiful way to honor your loved ones.
Thank you for the
\$10 stipend per request.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sunday, January 3, 2021—8 am
+Souls in Purgatory
St. Mary/St. Benedict Parish Family

Sunday, January 3, 2021—11 am
+Dale & Joan Wardle
Offered by Cynthia Schiltz
&

+Robert "Bob" Yacobucci
Offered by Diane Kimble

Wednesday, January 6, 2021 —8:30 am
+ Robert Risaliti
Declaration Common Unit Owners Assoc.

Friday, January 8, 2021—8:30 am
+ Keith D. & Keith Norris
Offered by Loving Family
&

+Very Rev. Ronald M. Klingler
Offered by the parish family

Sunday, January 10, 2021—8 am
**Living & Deceased of the
Altar Rosary Society**
&
+Lucille Dubina
Offered by St. Mary's Senior Lunch Group

Sunday, January 10, 2021—11 am
+Bob Risaliti
Offered by Sam Criss
&
+Evelyn Holloway
Offered by Toni Ostapack

SANCTUARY CANDLE

January 10-17, 2021—St. Benedict
+Robert Risaliti
Offered by Declaration Common
Unit Owners Association

Originating in our Jewish roots, the "eternal flame" is meant to represent the menorah of the Temple in Jerusalem as well as the continuously burning fire on the altar of burnt offerings in front of the Temple. It also symbolizes God's eternal presence and is therefore never extinguished. It is also intended to draw parallels between God and fire, or light. These lights are never allowed to dim or go out.

REAL REASON The Diocese's Guidelines asks that everyone please wear face coverings when at Mass or at Parish Events. The wearing of face coverings by all liturgical ministers, especially during the distribution of Holy Communion is being observed. Please keep trying your best to stay six feet apart when choosing the pew to sit in. **Above all, stay focused on the real reason we are at Mass: Your relationship with Father, Son and Holy Spirit, the cross and the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist.**

Dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass (especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick) continues to be in effect until further notice. Thankfully, there are numerous digital and televised opportunities for viewing Mass and participating in Spiritual Communion.

BAPTISM: Through Baptism we are freed from sin and reborn as members of Christ. We are incorporated into the Church and made sharers in her mission. Parents (when possible Godparents as well) are asked to attend a class of preparation. Scheduled as needed.

CONFESSION: 1st Sunday of the Month or by appointment. First Sundays: directly after the 8 am Mass at St. Mary's and before the 11 am Mass at St. Benedict's.

CONFIRMATION: The reception of this Sacrament is necessary for the completion of baptismal grace and enriches one with special strength of the Holy Spirit. We combine preparation with St. Anthony/All Saints. CONFIRMATION FOR 2020-2021 IS SET FOR 7PM, TUESDAY, APRIL 27TH AT ST. JOAN OF ARC PARISH. Please contact Deacon Randy.

CRY ROOM: To maintain the sanctity of the Mass, you are asked to take advantage of this special space. Clean, well lit and you are still able to be part of the celebration.

FAITH FORMATION: is a commitment by all baptized Catholics to lifelong learning and openness to grow in knowledge of the faith. Suggestions: Youth Religious Ed, RCIA, Bible study group; books, CD's; Catholic Radio; talk with our Deacon Randy or a priest; read your Bible and the Catechism of the Catholic Church, and pray always.


HOSPITAL CALLS: Please notify the Parish office when your loved one is hospitalized. Due to HIPAA privacy laws, hospitals do not notify us. Please understand that the office message system is not connected to private cell numbers. You are also welcome to call Deacon Randy directly.

PRESENTATION OF THE GIFTS at this time, all processions have been stopped. A basket at the front of the church for Offertory donations can be found at the entrance of the church. You also have the option of mailing the envelopes.

RCIA: The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults is a formal process developed for prospective candidates to introduce aspects of Catholic beliefs and practices. Anyone seeking instruction in the Catholic faith, or who has questions about celebrating sacraments they missed, is welcome and encouraged to call Deacon Randy.

VOCATIONS: Discerning a vocation to the priesthood or religious life? Contact Fr. Scott Kopp 330-744-8451 skopp@youngstowndiocese.org or Deacon Randy Smith.

PASCHAL BANQUET: CCC 1382-1390
To receive communion is to receive Christ himself. The altar is the symbol of Christ, present in the midst of the assembly of his faithful, both as the victim offered and as food from heaven who is giving himself to us. To respond to this invitation we must prepare ourselves for so great a moment. The faithful should observe the fast required. Bodily demeanor, clothing—ought to convey the respect, solemnity and joy of this moment. We are strongly urged to examine our consciences, and if aware of grave sin, seek the Sacrament of Reconciliation before receiving communion. If in doubt, Spiritual Reception of the Eucharist is a perfectly legitimate alternative.




Thank You

December 20th:
St. Benedict: \$470.00
11 envelopes

St. Mary: \$1,947.00
29 envelopes

Mail-In: \$1790.00
34 envelopes

We wish to sincerely thank you for your support of divine worship, and Apostolic works of charity. Your help also sustains our Diocesan clergy and religious.



LET US PRAY

The intentions of the Pope:
Intention for Evangelization:
– Human Fraternity
May the Lord give us the grace to live in full fellowship with our brothers and sisters of other religions, praying for one another, open to all.

May our Bishop-elect enjoy good health of mind and body to serve the diocese faithfully.

All affected by the Pandemic

All affected by natural disasters

The end to blind hate and violence

All sick & shut-ins of our parish family

All parish family members who are, or are about to be, hospitalized

All recently departed

All our beloved enrolled in the perpetual Memorial Fund

Prayer Chain:
Please speak with Sue Ritzert 330-488-0721 or the parish office.