

Mahoning River Catholic Pastorate,
March 1, 2026
The Second Sunday of Lent

March 7-8, 2026



Lectors

4:00 p.m.

Amy McCullough

Joe Thiry

Extraordinary Minister

Lorraine Confoey

Server

Vickie Takacs

The Third Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m.

Georgia Dungan

Carol Opatken

Bob Gavalier

Baylie Sprague

11:00 a.m.

Lisa Kellner

Rachel Hrbolich

Sandy Mason

Nathan Kren

Diocesan Appeal

When the disciples drop their nets to follow Jesus to accompany him in his ministry, they first call him "teacher" and "rabbi." Gradually, their perception of him begins to change, and they see him as others see him-as a prophet. Then this understanding deepens further; they recognize Jesus as the Messiah the world has been waiting for. All along, Christ has been revealing his divinity to his disciples, teaching them that their discipleship comes with a cost, and preparing them for his coming suffering and death. For Peter, James and John, the Transfiguration is "proof positive" that Jesus is the fulfillment of what the prophets have been promising. If Jesus' face shining like the sun and his clothes becoming white as light is not telling enough, the voice of the Father clearly states, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him." Talk about a teachable moment! Light dispels darkness. The hope of the resurrection is stronger than the pain of the Passion. Initiatives like the Annual Diocesan Appeal make tangible God's light and love and give hope to those in our community who need it the most. Please prayerfully consider if this is one way you can share the promise of the resurrection by making a gift today.

**"This is my beloved Son...listen to him.."
(Matthew 17:5)**

God's voice calls us to follow His Son closely. Could priesthood be your path to proclaiming Christ's message, leading others to listen to Him? Trust His guidance. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (330) 744-8451. Or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.com.

Catholic Charities Awareness Month

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month! As the month comes to a close, we give thanks for the ways Catholic Charities serves our neighbors in need. From providing basic necessities to offering compassionate support, we share Christ's love every day. Learn more at ccdoy.org.

St. Joseph Cemetery

If you still have Christmas Wreaths, Artificial Flowers, etc., from the winter months on your loved ones graves, please remove them or they will be discarded. Firmly mounted saddles are allowed, as are limit periods around the following holidays: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day.

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Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

St. James Church and Office
50 Rosemont Rd, North Jackson, OH 44451

St. Catherine Church
1254 Grandview Rd, Lake Milton, OH 44429

St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

St. Joseph Church
131 W. Quarry St., Newton

St. Mary Office
120 Maple Dr., Newton Falls 44444

Prayers for the
Second Sunday of Lent 2026

<p>Daily Mass</p> <p>Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday 9:00 at St. Joseph Church</p> <p>Wednesday 6:30 at St. Catherine Church</p>	<p>Confession</p> <p>Saturday 8:30 at St. Joseph Church</p> <p>Wednesday 6:00 at St. Catherine Church</p>	<p>Weekend Masses</p> <p>Saturday 4:00 at St. James Church</p> <p>Sunday 9:00 at St. Catherine Church 11:00 at St. Joseph Church</p>
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Monday- Thursday
10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

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Mahoning River Catholic Pastorate,
Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Saturday, February 28

4:00 p.m. **St. James Church**

Tom DePiere -Ann DePiere

Sunday, March 1

9:00 a.m. **St. Catherine Church**

Danny Price -Richard & Mary Price

11:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**

Diane Jones -Charlene Youngross-Brandt

Monday, March 2

9:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**

Prayer Intentions for Family & Friends
-Elizabeth Yura

Tuesday, March 3

9:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**

Danny Price -Richard & Mary Price

Wednesday, March 4

6:30 p.m. **St. Catherine Church**

People of the Pastorate

Thursday, March 5

9:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**

Robert Price -Richard & Mary Price

Friday, March 6- NO MASS

Saturday, March 7

4:00 p.m. **St. James Church**

Marie & George Rucinski
-Vickie & Bill Takacs

Sunday, March 8

9:00 a.m. **St. Catherine Church**

Charles & Regina Lewis -Georgia Dungan

11:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**

Connie Reed -Marsha & Ralph DiGirolamo

Pastorate Prayer Intentions

Please call the office with your prayer intention that you would like to share with the parishes. Let us pray for:

Mary Pat Juhasz	Mike & Margaret Bajnok
Pat & Carol Quinlan	Theresa St. Julian
Barb Hilliard	Sister Celeste Noah Root
Susie Miller	Shirley Dyer David Gersper
Lucy Young	Tony Sparks Mary Ann S.
Don Keener III	Alberta Sabo Monica Holliday
Karen Matoka	Denny Hoover
Wade Johnston	Pray Amelia Johnson
Ben Melnykovich	for Laurie Kramer
Michelle Moore	us Theresa Saxton
Nancy Patnode	Betty Schilling
Oliver Perdomo	Lenny Sobetsky
Gail Sosnosky	Stephanie Szoke
Jim Upperman	Maureen Walsh
Wyatt Watson	Margaret Zeleny



Mass Attendance

4:00 p.m.....56
9:00 a.m.....52
11:00 a.m.....100

Ash Wednesday Attendance

9:00 a.m.....66
6:30 p.m.....81

Collection

Our Lady of the Lakes.....\$2,207.00
Online Giving.....\$50.00
Ash Wednesday.....\$647.00
Diocesan Communications.....\$30.00
Church Overseas.....\$50.00
St. Mary & St. Joseph.....\$2,158.00
Online Giving.....\$100.30
Candles.....\$58.00

Online Giving

Online Giving is now up and running at both parishes. The link for online donations can be found on the pastorate website.

Mahoning River Catholic Pastorate,
St. Mary & St. Joseph Parish

Family Faith Night

Our next meeting is Monday, March 2 at 6 p.m. at St. Catherine Social Hall. For More information, call the parish office.

Walking Through Exodus

Join us during this lenten season for a Biblical series on the book of Exodus with Fr. Coulter. Our next session will be on March 4th, following the 6:30 p.m. mass at St. Catherine Church, and continuing every Wednesday during Lent. Bring your Bible and dive deep into the true meaning of the book of Exodus and how it guides us still to this day.

Women's Guild Meeting

The next meeting of the Our Lady of the Lakes Women's Guild will be Wednesday, March 11th at 10:30 a.m. in the St. James Social Hall.

Thank You from the Women's Guild

To everyone who attended the Shrove Tuesday Pancake & Sausage Fellowship meal, Thank You! We had such good food! It was good to have a meal with all three churches in attendance.

Yost Food Pantry

On Saturday, February 21st, Yost Community Food Pantry served 118 families. A total of 325 adults and children visited the pantry. All in need are welcome.

"The Light is ON for You" An Evening of Reconciliation

This Wednesday - March 4, 2026

The Sacrament of Reconciliation offers to us the healing grace of God. During this Lenten Season all Catholics are reminded to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of their Lenten observance in preparation for Easter. This Wednesday, parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown will be participating in an Evening of Reconciliation, "The Light is ON for You." This opportunity provides us with an awareness of God's deep abiding love through His forgiveness and mercy. Be part of this special event on Wednesday at our parish and throughout the Diocese.

Stations of the Cross

Will be held at St. Joseph Church at 7 p.m. beginning on Friday, February 20- Friday, March 27, led by Joe Thiry. Come and pray the Stations of the Cross!

American Red Cross

The next blood drive will be held on March 4, 2026 at St. Mary's Social Hall. Notices are posted at all the church entrances for additional information.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Ladies Guild

The next Ladies Guild meeting is Wednesday, March 4 at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary & St. Joseph Social Hall. Come and join us!

May He Rest in Peace

Please remember Michael Smolak in your prayers, who passed away on February 14. Please keep his family and friends in your prayers as well. Eternal rest grant unto him, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon him. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

Pirohy & Kolachi Sales

St. Cyril Kitchen at St. James Hall (St. Teresa of Calcutta Parish) will have their next Pirohy/ Haluski sale on Friday March 6th. Also, Kolachi will be sold on March 20th (Nut, Apricot, Poppyseed & Prune). The cost is \$15.00 each. Call by prior Tuesday 330-393-0781. Pick up at 2532 Burton St. S.E. Warren at St. James White Hall from 12-4 pm on sale date. No cash accepted, only credit /debit or checks.

Women's Cursillo Weekend

Attention Women: Have you been thinking how much God has done for you and what you might do for God? A Cursillo retreat weekend will grow your faith. Want to know more? Check us out on the web at youngstowncursillo.com or come to Ultreya. Upcoming Ultreyas: Youngstown Ultreya: 2nd Thursdays at 7:00 p.m. March 12 & April 9 at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica Basement Hall. Columbiana Ultreya: 4th Tuesday, following daily mass at 6:00 p.m. on March 24 at St. Jude Church.