

Mahoning River Catholic Pastorate
 April 5, 2026
 Easter Sunday

April 11-12, 2026

Divine Mercy
 The Second Sunday of Easter

	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors	Amy McCullough	Bob Gavalier	Pat Benetis
	Lyn Sonnenlitter	Carol Opatken	Lisa Kellner
Extraordinary Minister	Joe Thiry	Nancy Cowan	Ken Huber
Server	Vickie Takacs	Gary Lippert	Logan Clonch

Calling all Catholic Women!

It's not too late. Are you looking to deepen your faith, grow closer to God, and better understand what we are called to as Catholic Christians? Or do you need to get away for a few days to realign your priorities. If you would love to change your life for the better, consider a three night weekend with The Cursillo Movement of the Youngstown Diocese who are hosting a Women's weekend from April 23-26, 2026 at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel 343 Via Mt Carmel Ave, Youngstown, OH 44505. The weekend helps you experience your Catholic faith and encourages a spiritual life that is filled with joy and enthusiasm. From Thursday evening through Sunday afternoon, a team of Catholic religious and lay people will share insights on the lay person's role within the church, the meaning of grace and the sacraments, and the importance of supporting one another in our efforts to live a Christian life. Throughout the weekend the participants will pray together, attend daily Mass and have an opportunity to receive the sacrament of reconciliation. To register or for more information, contact Peg Elston at Youngstown4thday@gmail.com.

Church softball sign ups

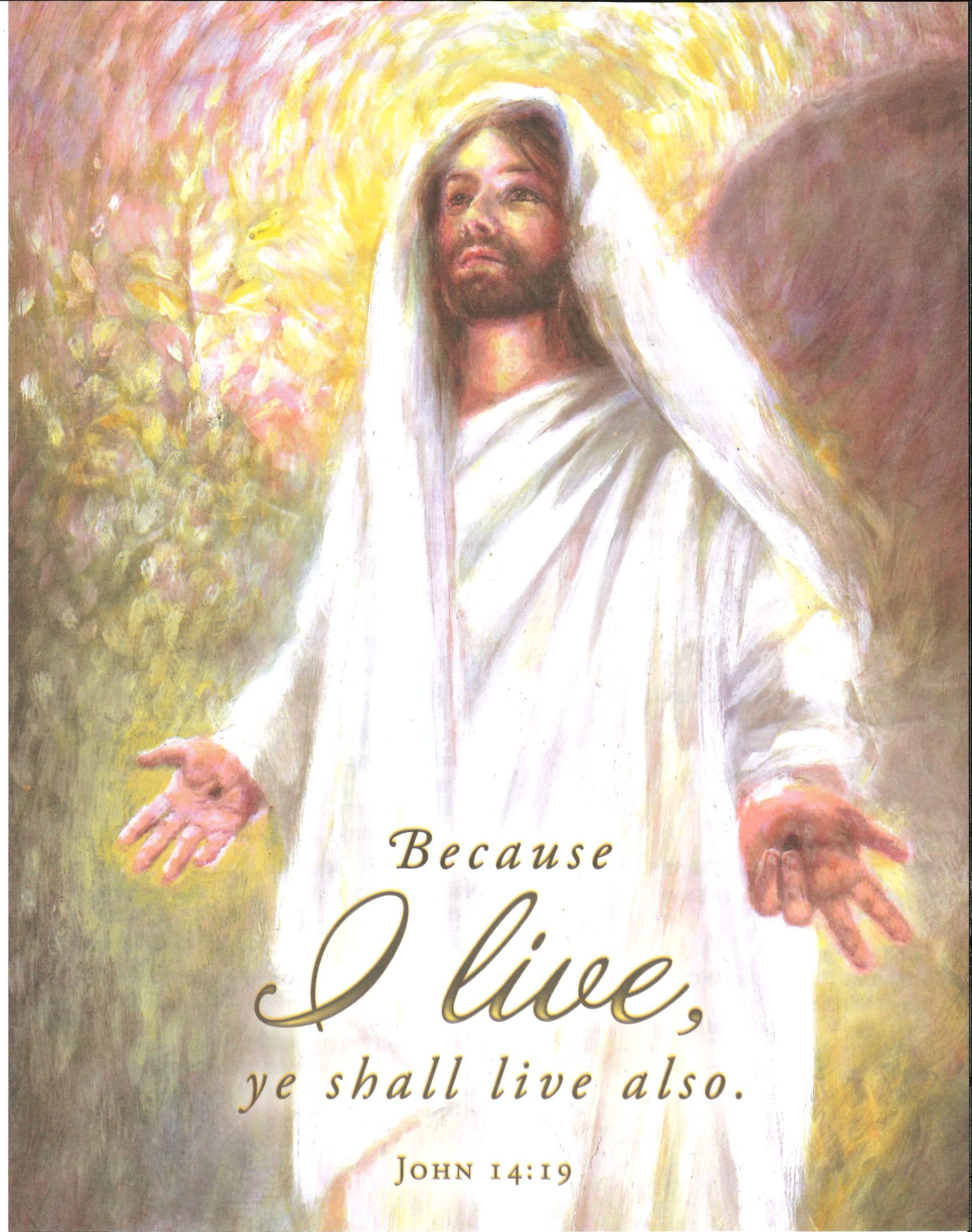
Any male or female ages twelve or older who would like to play for our churches, please PRINT your name on the clip board in main entrance of St. Joe's or contact Al Ratini at 330-872-0626 or ratini2ndal@yahoo.com. Games are on weekends, usually Sundays. Talent is helpful but certainly not required. We are not ringers. This costs you nothing. We always need more players, especially females. This is a great chance for husbands & wives, or parents & kids to play together.

Organ Concert Series

St. Columba Cathedral 154 West Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503. All concerts are at 6:30 pm. Tim Elder on April 24, Maurice Clerc (France) on May 1 and Loreto Aramendi (Spain) on June 12. A Free Will Offering will help support Cathedral Music Programs. For more information please contact rholtzhauser@youngstowndiocese.org.

St. Mary & St. Joseph Ladies Guild

The next meeting is Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary & St. Joseph Social Hall.



Because
I live,
 ye shall live also.

JOHN 14:19

Mass Schedule & Intentions

Easter Vigil, Saturday, April 4
8:00 p.m. **St. Joseph Church**
Barb Wittenauer
-Michael & Theresa Harnichar

Easter Sunday, April 5
10:00 a.m. **St. Catherine Church**
Alex Wasylychyn -Allen & Phyllis Wasylychyn

Monday, April 6
9:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**
Joe Bell -Family

Tuesday, April 7
9:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**
Prayer Intentions for Family & Friends
-Elizabeth Yura

Wednesday, April 8
6:30 p.m. **St. Catherine Church**
No Intention

Thursday, April 9
9:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**
People of the Pastorate

Friday, April 10- NO MASS

Saturday, April 11
4:00 p.m. **St. James Church**
Linda Prachick -Husband & Sons

Sunday, April 12
9:00 a.m. **St. Catherine Church**
Mary & Bill Locke Sr.
-Mary Pat & John Juhasz

11:00 a.m. **St. Joseph Church**
Paul Gano -Ron & Rosemarie Scrabis

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

Pray for us



Mass Attendance

4:00 p.m.....114
11:00 a.m.....91

Collection

Our Lady of the Lakes.....\$2,199.00
Online Giving.....\$50.00
Easter.....\$165.00
Easter Flowers.....\$70.00
Holy Thursday.....\$10.00
St. Mary & St. Joseph.....\$1,879.00
Online Giving.....\$85.30
Candles.....\$32.00
Easter.....\$100.00
Easter Flowers.....\$10.00
Holy Land/Good Friday.....\$5.00

SSMJ Food Pantry

We served 119 households in April. We are in need of Mac & Cheese. Thank you for your continued generosity!

National Child Abuse Prevention Month

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It serves as an annual reminder of the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Catholic Church remains dedicated to being at the forefront of raising awareness about the scourge of child abuse, implementing the best policies and procedures to protect children from potential abusers, and working with professionals to bring healing to those who have been abused. During the month of April, you are encouraged to visit the diocesan safe environment webpage (<https://doy.org/safe-environment/>), where you will find reporting resources and access to our free online safe environment VIRTUS training. This online training provides information about the signs and symptoms of abuse and what steps you can take to prevent and/or report it.

“Set your minds on things that are above, not on things that are on earth.”
Colossians 3:2

Do you put God first in all things? Possessions, money, power, ego, can easily become gods to many of us. Do a quick check of what is important to you. Is God at the very top of the list? If not, your priorities need to be readjusted. Don't let earthly things become a god before God. This is also the first commandment - I am the Lord your God, you shall not have any strange gods before me.

“He is not here; for He has risen.”
(Matthew 28:6)

Christ's resurrection opens the way to new life and hope for all who follow Him. Through priesthood and consecrated life, men and women share in this victory over sin and death, bringing the joy of the Risen Lord to others through prayer and service. Could God be calling you to proclaim the hope of Easter in your life and vocation? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (330) 744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

An Easter Prayer

On this day, loving and gracious God, we once again sing Alleluia. We praise You and bless You for raising Your Son, Jesus, up from the dead. We praise You for all the times You have raised us up through Your loving grace. When we are weak and unable to make good decisions, when we are stubborn and refuse to forgive others, when we are afraid or uncertain and forget that it is You who strengthens us, raise us up, loving God, raise us up. Thank you for giving us new life in Your Son and for His presence among us this Eastertime and always. Amen.

Divine Mercy Sunday

Next Sunday is Divine Mercy Sunday. On April 30th during the Jubilee Year of 2000, St John Paul II canonized Maria Faustina Kowalska and declared the second Sunday of Easter as "Divine Mercy Sunday." The Divine Mercy image revealed to St. Faustina symbolizes the Risen Christ, so, through His Passion, Death, and Resurrection, offers mercy to the world. Our Lord encourages us to place our trust in Him, and to extend mercy to others through kind words, actions, and prayers.

In Appreciation

Thank you to everyone who attended the Hot Cross Buns Event at St. James on Palm Sunday. Also, thank you to Vickie Takacs and the Women's Guild for preparing all of the delicious food. You are all amazing! A good time was had by all!

Bulletin Announcements

Please send anything for the bulletin to the parish office no later than noon on the Tuesday prior to the weekend you would like your announcement to be printed in the bulletin. You may do this by email at parishssmaryjoseph@yahoo.com, calling the office during regular office hours, M, T, W & TH from 10 am-2pm at 330-872-5742, or leave a message. You may also drop it in the Sunday collection basket. Please always include your name & phone number if anything needs to be clarified. Thank you!