

Mahoning River Catholic Pastorate  
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May 2-3, 2026

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

	FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER	4:00 p.m.	9:00 a.m.	11:00 a.m.
Lectors		Amy McCullough	Georgia Dungan	Pat Benetis
Extraordinary Minister		Pat Kichton	Carol Opatken	Sandy Mason
Server		Joe Thiry	Nancy Cowan	Lisa Kellner
		Vickie Takacs	Lynn Oblinger	Logan Clonch

**Help needed for St. Vincent De Paul Dining Hall**

Please call or text Mary Adams at 330-547-8418 if you can help serve on any of the following days from 10:15 to 12:30, May 4,5,6,7 and/or May 8. The address for the St. Vincent De Paul Dining Hall is 430 Williamson Ave, Youngstown 44507. It's in the basement of the old St. Stanislaus Church. Thank You!

**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.

**Help at the Parishes**

We are currently looking for Volunteer help at both parishes for the coming summer months. At **St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish**, we are looking for people willing to help maintain and care for our cemetery. At **St. Catherine Church**, we are looking to clean up and maintain the former rectory and church grounds. Both would involve basic lawn care and maintenance and would be based on the volunteers availability. Please sign up at the back of mass if you are interested.

**Cursillo Women's Weekend**

Please pray for the Candidates attending the Cursillo Women's Weekend Thursday, April 23-Sunday, April 26, 2026. Pray that they are living their weekend with open hearts and minds to receive the messages of the Holy Spirit. That their journey forward will be renewed and prepared to be the Hands, Heart and Feet of Jesus. Also pray for the Cursillo Team that has spent months in prayer and preparation for this weekend and especially for these women. May the Holy Spirit work through this team to touch the Hearts and Minds of the Candidates with the message of God!

**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

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**Weekend Masses**

Saturday  
 4:00 at St. James Church

Sunday  
 9:00 at St. Catherine Church  
 11:00 at St. Joseph Church

**Daily Mass**

Monday, Tuesday, & Thursday  
 9:00 at St. Joseph Church

Wednesday  
 6:30 at St. Catherine Church

**Confession**

Saturday  
 8:30 at St. Joseph Church

Wednesday  
 6:00 at St. Catherine Church

**Staff**

Fr. Zachary Coulter- Pastor  
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Tina Thompson- St. Mary & St. Joseph Secretary  
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**Office Hours**

Monday- Thursday

10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m.

Our Lady of the Lakes- 330-538-2602

St. Mary & St. Joseph- 330-872-5742

Website- [www.ourladyotl.org](http://www.ourladyotl.org)

Mahoning River Catholic Pastorate,  
Our Lady of the Lakes Parish

**Mass Schedule & Intentions**

**Saturday, April 25**

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

Bessie Pauscher -Patty Pauscher

**Sunday, April 26**

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

Danny Price -Richard & Mary Price

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

Russ Mason -Sandy Mason & Family

**Monday, April 27**

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

Rob DePiere -Elizabeth Yura

**Tuesday, April 28**

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

Beverly Scott -Ralph & Marsha DiGirolamo

**Wednesday, April 29**

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

People of the Pastorate

**Thursday, April 30**

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

Howard Price -Richard & Mary Price

**Friday, May 1- NO MASS**

**Saturday, May 2**

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

Tom DePiere & Rob DePiere -Ann DePiere

**Sunday, May 3**

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

Norma & Bill Takacs -Vickie & Bill Takacs

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

Mike & Jane Harnichar

-Michael & Theresa Harnichar

**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  
Michelle Moore

Oliver Perdmo  
Gail Sosnosky  
Tony Sparks  
Jim Upperman  
Wyatt Watson

Pray  
for  
us



Amelia Johnson  
Theresa Saxton  
Betty Schilling  
Lenny Sobetsky  
Theresa St. Julian  
Stephanie Szoke  
Maureen Walsh  
Margaret Zeleny

**Mass Attendance**

4:00 p.m.....46  
9:00 a.m.....56  
11:00 p.m.....100

**Collection**

Our Lady of the Lakes.....\$5,610.21  
Online Giving.....\$50.00  
Easter.....\$100.00  
Easter Flowers.....\$30.00  
Good Friday.....\$40.00  
Seminarian Support.....\$68.00  
St. Mary & St. Joseph.....\$2,291.00  
Online Giving.....\$100.30  
Candles.....\$51.00  
Easter.....\$10.00  
In Memory of Mike Bajnok.....\$40.00

**SSMJ Office**

The SSMJ will be closed on Monday, April 27 until noon.

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

**Family Faith Night** Our next meeting is Monday, April 27 at 6 p.m. at St. Catherine Social Hall. For More information, call the parish office.

**SSMJ Food Pantry**

We are still in need of Mac & Cheese and Bar Soap. Thank you for your continued generosity!

**Yost Food Pantry**

On Saturday, April 18th, Yost Community Food Pantry served 103 families. A total of 282 adults and children visited the pantry. All in need are welcome.

**Diocesan Appeal Pastorate Update**

Our Lady of the Lakes has pledged and gifted \$14,170.00 of their \$17,700.00 goal, which is 80.06%. St. Mary & St. Joseph has pledged and gifted \$16,643.56 of their \$13,000.00 goal which is 128.03%.

**First Friday Club**

The First Friday Club will host Matthew Schmalz, Professor of Religious Studies - College of the Holy Cross, who will present "Global Catholicism and The Pope" on Thursday, May 7th at Avion on the Lake Banquet Center, 177 W. Western Reserve Road in Canfield. This is an evening program. Registration is at 5:30 pm, Dinner at 6:00 pm and the Program begins at 6:30 pm. The cost is \$25.00. Reservations are required and must be postmarked 10 days prior to date of the event. For more information, please call 330-720-4498 or visit: [www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org)

**Donut Sunday**

The Women's Guild of OLOTL is hosting Donut Sunday after the 9am mass on April 26th in the hall at St. Catherine's. Please join us for donuts, coffee and fellowship.

**SSMJ Ladies Guild**

The Annual Mother's Day Luncheon will be held on Saturday, May 2 at 1:00 p.m. at the Chophouse.

**World Day of Prayer for Vocations (April 26th)**

"I am the door...go in and out and find pasture." (John 10:9)

Jesus invites each of us to enter through Him, the door to life and abundance. On this World Day of Prayer for Vocations, the entire Church is called to pray for more holy vocations. Offer a Rosary, asking the Lord to guide hearts to go where He wants them to go, be who He wants them to be, and do what He calls them to do.

**Seminarian Support Collection Today**

"Follow Me." These words of Christ still echo today in the hearts of men discerning the priesthood. Today, our diocese will take up the Good Shepherd Sunday Collection to support our seminarians as they prepare to answer that call. Your prayers and financial support make a lasting impact on the future of our Church. You may also give a gift online at [www.doy.org/seminarians](http://www.doy.org/seminarians). Thank you for helping to nurture vocations.

**Religious Brothers Day - May 1, 2026**

"I am the way, and the truth, and the life." (John 14:6)

Jesus is the perfect guide for those who follow Him in consecrated life. Religious brothers dedicate themselves to His way, witnessing the truth of the Gospel through prayer, service, and community. Today, we honor their faithful witness and pray that more men may be inspired to answer His call. If you feel called to live this life centered on Christ, talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (330) 744-8451 or via email at [vocations@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:vocations@youngstowndiocese.org).

**A Prayer for Vocations**

Lord God, I come before you with a willing but fragile heart. Remove every fear, doubt, and attachment that prevents me from hearing Your voice clearly. Teach me to trust Your wisdom above my own understanding. Grant me the humility to listen, the courage to respond, and the grace to follow wherever You lead. May my life be fully surrendered to Your will, bringing glory to Your holy name. Amen.

Dear Parishioners,

The new Mass schedule begins June 1st and will be as follows:

Our Lady of the Lakes Parish, at St. Catherine Church

Sunday at 9:00 am

Monday, Confession at 6:00 pm, mass at 6:30 pm

St. Mary and St. Joseph Parish at St. Joseph Church

Sunday at 11:00 am

Tuesday- Thursday 9:00 am

Saturday, Confession at 8:30

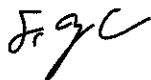
I wanted to briefly go over the reasoning for keeping both masses on Sunday. It maintains continuity with our current schedule which makes the change simpler. It also is easier to coordinate two Masses on the same day: getting ministers, getting mass coverage if I am out of town, etc. It also allows me the flexibility to help out at other parishes if they need masses covered on Saturdays. We will reevaluate at the end of the summer and adjust as necessary.

All office activities will be run out of our new combined office, 120 Maple Dr., Newton Falls, OH 44444, phone number 330-872-5742. Office hours remain the same, 10 am to 2 pm, Monday-Thursday. Both of our secretaries, Patty and Tina, will be working out of our new combined office. This will be effective June 1st. The combined office should allow us to be more effective and coordinated and be more financially efficient for both parishes.

After June 1st St. James Church will no longer be used for any regular scheduled liturgies or events. The church will still be available for funerals if requested. The hall at St. James will not be available for use.

I know change can be difficult, so I ask for your patience and prayers as we make these necessary changes. There will be a learning curve and mistakes will be made, but I will strive to be as open and straight forward as possible while making these changes. And as always my door is always open.

God Bless our parishes,



Fr. Zachary Coulter