

January 25/26, 2025
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time Ordinary Time

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

Saturday, January 25th , 2025

4:00 pm at St. James

Sunday, January 26th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Monday, January 27th

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Tuesday, January 28th

9:00 am at St. James

9:45 am at St. James

Wednesday, January 29th

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

Thursday, January 30th

9:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Friday, January 31st

Saturday, February 1st

4:00 pm at St. James

Sunday, February 2nd

9:00 am at St. Catherine

11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph

Sunday of the Word of God

Joseph Magnotta

Julie Straub

Vincent Luchison

Josephine Luchison

Nikki DeAngelis

Friend

Saint Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder

Danny Price

Richard & Mary Price

St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church

Tom DePiore

Ann DePiore

Scripture Study

Barbara Seli

Lisa Carder

Parish Families

No Mass

The Presentation of the Lord

Marie & George Rucinski

Vickie & Bill Takacs

Deceased Members of OLoL Women's Guild OLoL Women's Guild

Madeline Hoffman

Marsha & Ralph DiGirolamo

Liturgical Ministers for February 1st & 2nd The Presentation of the Lord

4:00pm St. James

9:00am St. Catherine

11:00am SSMJ

Lectors: Amy McCullough

Georgia Dungan

Pat Benetis

Joe Thiry

Rich Patnode

Sandy Mason

EM: Lorraine Confoey

Patty Melnykovich

Lisa Kellner

Server: Vickie Takacs

Gary Lippert

Nathan Kren

Readings for The Presentation of the Lord

First Reading: Malachi 3: 1-4 (524)

Response Psalm: 24: 7, 8, 9, 10

Second Reading: Hebrews 2: 14-18

Gospel: Luke 2: 22-40 or 2:22-32

Our Lady of the Lakes

Sunday of the Word of God:

“Christ Jesus is knocking at our door in the words of sacred Scripture. If we hear His voice and open the doors of our minds and hearts, then He will enter our lives and remain ever with us.” - Pope Francis (1/26/2020)

Church support record for the weekend of Jan 18/19, 2025: Offertory: \$2,699.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$20.00, Initial Offering: \$35.00, Candles: \$113.00, Church Overseas: \$25.00, Communications (Echo): \$20.00.

Offertory goal needed each week to meet operating costs: \$3,760.00

May He Rest in Peace: In your prayers, please remember Mark Molnar, who passed away Sunday, January 19, 2025. Mark was the husband of Janice Bailey, and brother-in-law of David and Marian Bailey of Our Lady of the Lakes Parish. Please keep Mark and his entire family in your prayers.

Soup and Chili Sale! The Women’s Guild will be having a soup sale the weekend of February 8th and 9th after each Mass. We will be offering many soup options including chili. A quart of homemade soup or chili will be \$10. We look forward to seeing you at our homemade soup and chili sale!

Women’s Guild Meeting: The next Women’s Guild Meeting will be on Wednesday, February 5th, at 10:30 a.m. at St. James Social Hall.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Stewardship Reflection

“Go, eat rich foods and drink sweet drinks, and allot portions to those who had nothing prepared...” NEHEMIAH 8: 10

Ezra’s instructions to the people show us that God does not forbid us from enjoying the good things in life. He wants us to be happy! However, God expects us to be grateful for all that He has given us and to generously share our blessings with those who are in need. Now here’s the hard part – to share all we have without expecting anything in return.

Make a Difference: Catholic Charities Regional Agency is excited to share an opportunity for local parishioners to make a significant impact in our community while learning valuable skills. The **Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) Program**, a partnership between the United Way of Youngstown and the Mahoning Valley Initiative, is looking for volunteers to help complete tax returns for individuals and families in need of assistance.

Why Volunteer for Vita? *No Prior Experience Needed: You receive all the training and support needed.

***Give Back:** Taxes are completed for FREE, allowing clients to keep their full refunds.

***Gain Skills:** Volunteers learn an essential skill and have the opportunity to earn **continuing education credits.**

This is a wonderful way to live out your faith by loving and serving your neighbors, especially those who are financially vulnerable. For more information, please view the flyer on the bulletin board(s) in the back of the church or call 330 746-8494.

Vocations to the Priesthood: *“The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he has anointed me to bring glad tidings to the poor.”* (Luke 4:18) Are you being called to share Christ’s message of hope through a life of service in the Church? Talk to your priest or to Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

St. Mary & St. Joseph

Prayer of St. Angela Merici (January 27th):

May the Virgin St. Angela never fail to commend us to your compassion, O Lord, we pray, that, following the lessons of her charity and prudence, we may hold fast to Your teaching and express it in what we do. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God for ever and ever. Amen.

Church Support Record: Sunday, January 19, 2025 Will be in next week's bulletin.

The next Ladies Guild Meeting is Wednesday, February 5. Regular meeting at 7:00 pm. Calling all ladies! Our Ladies Guild Meets on the first Wednesday evening of every month. With no obligation, come to a meeting and see what we are all about. We socialize and work to make our parish a wonderful place to worship. Hope to see you on February 5!

Our Food Pantry served 112 households with 265 people in December.

Thank you for your continued generosity!

May They Rest in Peace: Please remember in your prayers, **Jean Gintert**, *mother of Janice Gibson and Aunt of Chuck Brazin, all of our parish* and **Frances Spahlinger**, *Aunt of Janice Gibson and Sister-in-law of Jean Gintert*. Both Jean and Frances passed away on January 15. Also remember in your prayers, **John Chicks**, *father of Vickie Ball* of our parish who passed away on January 17th. Please keep their families and friends in your prayers as well. Eternal rest grant unto them, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon them. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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On September 30, 2019, a **Motu proprio Apostolic Letter "Aperuit illis" issued by Pope Francis established the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time as the "Sunday of the Word of God."** Recalling the importance given by the Second Vatican Council to rediscovering Sacred Scripture for the life of the Church, Pope Francis explains the celebration has *"ecumenical value, since the Scriptures point out, for those who listen, the path to authentic and firm unity."* **Bishop Bonnar says the Third Sunday in Ordinary Time is "a time for us to celebrate and study the power of God's Word which we can so easily take for granted. The Word as heard in church and meditated on at home can always be a rest stop for our soul." Parishes across the Diocese of Youngstown are invited to find ways to mark this Sunday with a certain solemnity.**