

February 8/9, 2025
Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, February 8th, 2025

4:00 pm at St. James

The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Marge Garritano

Joseph Valasca

Sunday, February 9th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Linda Palombaro

Josephine Luchison

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

Delores Prelac

Sue & Tony Sabo

Monday, February 10th

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

Saint Scholastica, Virgin

Danny Price

Richard & Mary Price

Tuesday, February 11th

9:00 am at St. James

9:45 am at St. James

Our Lady of Lourdes; World Day of the Sick

Tom DePiore

Ann DePiore

Scripture Study

Wednesday, February 12th

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

Barbara Seli

Prayer Circle

Thursday, February 13th

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

Parish Families

Friday, February 14th

No Mass

Saturday, February 15th

4:00 pm at St. James

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Joe & Alice Peroga

Joe & Nancy Mayor

Sunday, February 16th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

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

Curtis Dungan

Delores Prelac

Georgia Dungan

Friend

Liturgical Ministers for February 15th & 16th The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

	4:00pm St. James	9:00am St. Catherine	11:00am SSMJ
Lectors:	Ann DePiore	Patty Melnykovich	Maryanne Madison
	Joe Thiry	Georgia Dungan	Debbie Bjelac
EM:	Lorraine Confoey	Nancy Cowan	Marc Bjelac
Server:	Vickie Takacs	Gary Lippert	Nathan Kren

Readings for The Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Reading: Jeremiah 17: 5-8 (78C)

Response Psalm: 1: 1-2, 3, 4 & 6

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15: 12, 16-20

Gospel: Luke 6: 17, 20-26

Our Lady of the Lakes

Prayer for World Marriage Day:

Almighty and eternal God, You blessed the union of married couples so that they might reflect the union of Christ with his Church: look with kindness on them.

Renew their marriage covenant, increase your love in them, and strengthen their bond of peace so that, with their children, they may always rejoice in the gift of your blessing. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Church support record for the weekend of Feb 1/2, 2025: Offertory: \$3,317.00, Initial Offering: \$5.00, Church Overseas: \$180.00, Solemnity of Mary: \$6.00, Echo: \$20.00.

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Stewardship Reflection:

“Then I heard the voice of the Lord saying, ‘Whom should I send? Who will go for us?’ ‘Here I am,’ I said, ‘send me!’” – ISIAH 6:8

Every day, in little ways and in big ways, God asks, “Whom shall I send?” Whether it is someone to take on a new ministry, to give a friendly smile to a stranger or to say a word of encouragement to a friend, God constantly provides opportunities to help someone in need. God is always talking to us; we just need to pay more attention. When you hear God calling, have the courage to walk through the door and say “Here I am, Lord.

World Marriage Day & National Marriage Week: “They left everything and followed him.” (Luke 5:11)

As we celebrate World Marriage Day (February 9th), we honor the beauty and commitment of married couples who follow Christ together. Just as the apostles left behind their former lives to follow Jesus, couples are called to embrace their vocation of marriage with faith and trust, journeying together toward holiness. Take this opportunity to renew your marriage vows in your heart.

National Catholic Charities Awareness Month: February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown is on social media? Find us on Facebook, X, Instagram, LinkedIn and YouTube. Follow, like and share our posts to let others know how the Catholic Church is serving people in our community. To learn more, visit ccdo.org.

Living Bread Radio – Rosary of Intercession for Priests: We are praying for priests – constantly – but, on air, you can pray along with us on Saturday and Sunday mornings at 7:30 am. Dana prays with her brother, Father Kevin Scallon C.M., the Rosary of Intercession for Priests. Tune in to Living Bread Radio on AM 1060 (Northeast Ohio), 94.5 FM (Canton) and 89.5 FM (Youngstown), Alexa, our app and streaming on livingbreadradio.com. Living Bread Radio may change your life or the life of another.

St. Mary & St. Joseph

A Prayer in Honor of Saint Scholastica (Feb 10):

O God, to show us where innocence leads, you made the soul of your virgin Saint Scholastica soar to Heaven like a dove in flight. Grant through her merits and her prayers that we may so live in innocence as to attain joys everlasting. This we ask through our Lord, Jesus Christ, Your Son, who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit, One God forever and ever Amen.

Church Support Record: Sunday, February 2, 2025 Weekly: \$2044.75

Candles: \$48.00 In Memory of Jean Gintert for the Cemetery Perpetual Care: \$300.00

Catholic Echo: \$25.00 Church Overseas Combined Collection: \$145.00

In Memory of John Chicko for the Food Pantry: \$150.00 Winter Utilities: \$100.00

Our Food Pantry served 112 households with 267 people in January. We are *in need* of icing and canned corn. Thank you for your continued generosity!

Contribution Statements: If you would like to have a statement of your contributions for 2024, please fill in your name and address or email address and put the slip in the offertory basket, mail or email it to the office. Then we can send it to your email or USPS. Thank you!

Name _____ Email _____

Address _____

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Seeking an enriched relationship with God?

Looking for a Lenten Retreat that keeps on giving?

The next Women's Cursillo weekend will be held March 20-23, 2025. This Lenten three-day weekend helps you experience your Catholic faith and offers a two-part method to sustain and nurture you. Beginning Thursday evening and concluding Sunday afternoon, Cursillo focuses on the meaning of grace and the sacraments, and the importance of prayer and the study of God. If you are interested in attending, or would like more information, call: Bill Joyce at 330-540-9602 or email: YoungstownCursillo@gmail.com

The Office of Peace and Justice is seeking to expand the volunteer program for prison ministry. If you, or someone you know, is interested in ministering to the incarcerated, please contact us. Volunteer opportunities are available in all six counties. For further information contact R.J. Mangano, Director of Peace and Justice, at 330-744-8451 x 245.