

April 6/7, 2024
Second Sunday of Easter

ST. MARY & ST. JOSEPH PARISH

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

Saturday, April 6th, 2024

8:30pm at St. Catherine

John S. & Mary E. Mihalko

Family

Sunday, April 7th

Divine Mercy Sunday

9:00 am at St. James

Sam Mortaro

Josephine Luchison

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

Walter & Norma Luketic

Dave & Diane Passmore

Monday, April 8th,

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

April Marino

Tina Thompson

Tuesday, April 9th

9:00 am at St. James

Tom DePiere

Ann DePiere

9:45 am at St. James

Scripture Study

Wednesday, April 10th

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

Danny Price

Richard & Mary Price

Thursday, April 11th

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

Parish Families

Friday, April 12th

No Mass

Saturday, April 13th

4:00 pm at St. James

Ann & Andrew Semko

Lyn & Dave Sonnenlitter

Sunday, April 14th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Parish Families

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

Harry Hukari

Friend

Liturgical Ministers for April 13th & 14th The Third Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm St. James

9:00 am St. Catherine

11:00 am St. Mary & St. Joseph

Lectors: Michael Klodt

Tommy Janik

Mike Albrecht

Dave Bailey

Georgia Dungan

Deb Bjelac

EM: Lorraine Confoey

Rich Alcorn

Marc Bjelac

Server: Vickie Takacs

Lynn Oblinger

Alex Foster

Readings for Sunday, April 14, 2024

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 3:13-15, 17-19 (47B)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 4:2, 4, 7-8, 9

Second Reading: 1 John 2:1-5a

Gospel: Luke 24:35-48

Our Lady of the Lakes

Stewardship Reflection:

Divine Mercy Sunday

“The community of believers was of one heart and mind, and no one claimed that any of his possessions was his own...” – Acts 4:32

All that we are and all that we have is a gift from God! Think of your family, your friends, your life, your talents, and your money – these are all gifts from God! We aren’t really owners of anything, we are merely “stewards” of the gifts God has blessed us with. We are called to be grateful and generous with all our gifts for the benefit of others.

Church support for the weekend of March 31st, 2024: Easter: \$3,119.00, Easter Flowers: \$20.00,

Holy Land – Good Friday: \$235.00, March 31st Offertory: \$1,410.00

May She Rest in Peace: In your prayers, please remember Arlene Yochman, who passed away on Sunday, March 31st, at the age of 88. She was a long-time member of Our Lady of the Lakes. Please keep Arlene and her family in your prayers.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown Safe Environment Policy for the Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults:

Education and Screening: All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: doy.org/safe-environment/.

Reporting & Victim Assistance: If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint. Contact Information: Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388.

Email: dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org. **By Mail:** Catholic Diocese of Youngstown, Attn: Dominic Colucy, 144 W. Wood St. Youngstown, OH 44503. Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: doy.org/safe-environment/.

Seminarian Support Collection: This Collection will take place April 20/21 to help with costs of tuition, room, board, books, and with stipends for their summer ministry. During the year, they assist at diocesan events and speak at parishes and schools in their ministry assignments. Thank you for your continued prayers and support of seminarians and please continue to pray for an increase of all vocations.

PLEASE BE GENEROUS IN SUPPORT OF OUR FUTURE PRIESTS!

Annual Diocesan Appeal: The Father sent Jesus into our world to bring hope. On this Divine Mercy Sunday, God’s mercy is the greatest hope our broken world has ever known. We have been sent, and it is our job to spread the message. Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal, so that we can make more people curious about Jesus – until His kingdom comes again in glory. May He bless you and help you know Divine Mercy like never before.

St. Mary & St. Joseph

Red Bird Ministries: Red Bird Ministries serves ordinary families who have been given an extraordinary cross to carry. It is an organization that systematically guides individuals and couples through the complexity and trauma that happens with the loss of a child from pregnancy through adulthood. Red Bird Ministries is a Non-Profit Catholic Grief Support Ministry. It is Catholic because of the critical role the Church's Sacraments play in the healing process. For more information go to <https://www.redbird.love/> or contact Dave Schmidt at dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451.

Church Support Record: Sunday, March 31, 2024 Weekly: \$4,014.00

Candles: \$56.00 Cemetery Perpetual Care: \$505.00 Easter Flowers: \$25.00

Gas Refund: \$1.65 Good Friday: \$608.00 Rice Bowl: \$16.80 Reg Sunday: \$350.00

In appreciation and thanksgiving to everyone who graciously gave their talent & time to make our *celebration Mass and reception for St. Joseph Feast Day* a wonderful success!

A special thank you and appreciation to everyone who graciously gave their time & talent to make our church environment so meaningful and beautiful during *Lenten and Easter season*.

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We are now officially in the “**Growing Season**” which means that all Christmas Wreaths, Artificial Flowers, Etc. should have been removed by Palm Sunday. If not they will be removed and discarded. Artificial decorations of any kind are not permitted during **the growing season defined as March 2nd through October 31st.**, except for limited periods around the following holidays: Easter, Mother's Day, Memorial Day and Father's Day. Appropriate decorations will be allowed one week before and one week after each of these holidays. The Cemetery is not responsible for any decoration placed. Saddles (artificial flowers) are permitted on top of Monuments. Please make sure they are securely mounted.

Easter Duty: In order to emphasize that the Eucharist is the most important institution and reality of our faith, the Catholic Church actually *requires* the faithful to receive Communion during the Easter Season. This practice is called the “Easter Duty” and is considered one of the five precepts of the Church: *You shall humbly receive your creator in Holy Communion at least during the Easter Season.* (Catechism, 2041-2043) This is connected with another equally important precept: You shall confess your sins at least once a year. Thus, every year, the Church reminds each of us to keep our spiritual priorities in the proper order.