

April 13/14, 2024
Third Sunday of Easter

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, April 13th, 2024

4:00 pm at St. James

Ann & Andrew Semko

Lyn & Dave Sonnenlitter

Sunday, April 14th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Parrish Families

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

Harry Hukari

Friend

Monday, April 15th,

No Mass

Tuesday, April 16th

9:00 am at St. James

Tom DePiere

Ann DePiere

9:45 am at St. James

Scripture Study

Wednesday, April 17th

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

Danny Price

Richard & Mary Price

Thursday, April 18th

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

Jean Layshock

Pat & Sue Layshock

Friday, April 19th

No Mass

Saturday, April 20th

4:00 pm at St. James

Marge Garritano

Joseph Valasca

Sunday, April 21ST

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Emmanuel Joseph, Betty Sicurella

Patty & Tony Sparks

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

Elio Carocci

Sandy Mason & Family

Liturgical Ministers for April 20th & 21st The Fourth Sunday of Easter

4:00 pm St. James

9:00 am St. Catherine

11:00 am St. Mary & St. Joseph

Lectors: Lyn Sonnenlitter

Carol Opatken

Maryanne Madison

Pat Kichton

Georgia Dungan

Charlene Brandt

EM: Joe Thiry

Nancy Cowan

Frances Frantz

Server: Michael Klodt

Lynn Oblinger

Mark Holliday

Readings for Sunday, April 21, 2024

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 4:8-12, (50B)

Responsorial Psalm: Psalm 118:1, 8-9, 21-23, 26, 28, 29

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2

Gospel: John 10:11-18

Our Lady of the Lakes

Stewardship Reflection:

“Jesus himself stood among them and said to them, ‘Peace be with you.’ But they were startled and frightened...” – Luke 24:36-37

Throughout the day, we have many opportunities to “see the face of Jesus” in others and to “be the face of Jesus” to others. Do we take that opportunity to provide “peace” to those we encounter or are we afraid of what others will think of us and do nothing? Pray for the strength and courage to live a “God-centered” life and not a “self-centered” life.

Church support for the weekend of April 7, 2024: Offertory: \$2,237.00, Easter: \$240.00, Flowers for Easter from Women’s Guild: \$200.00, Candles: \$165.00, Communications: \$25.00, Seminarian Support: \$45.00, Holy Land – Good Friday: \$10.00.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

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.

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: In today’s Gospel, after rising from the dead, Jesus told his disciples, *“Everything written about me in the law of Moses and in the prophets and psalms must be fulfilled”* (Luke 24:44). There is not one aspect of God’s plan that *is not* fulfilled in Christ. Our job as His parish is to show the world where certainty can be found. Without Christ, life offers anything *but* certainty.

The Gospel can change everything. Jesus trusted our parish to be *“witnesses of these things”* (Luke 24:48). We need your help to do it! Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal and help us help others see the nail marks in His hands and feet with faith. Help us help people find the one place where certainty can be found and that, through Jesus’ wounds, one day all our sorrows will be transformed into new life.

St. Mary & St. Joseph

The Catholic Echo Podcast: The NEW Catholic Echo Podcast informs and entertains the faithful of the Diocese of Youngstown by discussing various topics that are relevant in the church today. Bishop David J. Bonnar begins the podcast with your host Fr. Jim Korda on the topic of the day. Various guests will continue to inform us on the same topic.

You can listen to the Catholic Echo Podcast at any time on the Catholic Echo website or by going to www.catholicecho.org/podcast/ or on Youngstown radio stations WHOT-FM 101, WYFM-FM 102.9, WQXK-FM 105.1 Sundays at 6:30 a.m. The Catholic Echo Podcast is produced by the Communications Department of the Diocese of Youngstown.

Church Support Record: Sunday, April 7, 2024 Weekly: \$1,689.00 Candles: \$21.00 Cemetery Perpetual Care: \$10.00 Easter: \$190.00 Food Pantry: \$100.00 Good Friday: \$20.00

Monday, April 15, 2024 @ 6:30 pm at the parish office. Be part of revitalizing our parish. *Do we want to be a community of faith or are we complacent to have a place to worship?* Several years ago, a priest went to his Bishop and said, *"Someone needs to go and help those people."* His Bishop said, *"You are someone."* If you are not sure that you want to commit, come and see if you are the right person to serve on parish council. Hope to see you there!

We collected \$196.00 for our **Food Pantry** on Tuesday, March 19 at the *St. Joseph Feast Day Mass*. Thank you for your generosity! **Our Food Pantry** served 133 households with 320 people in March. We are in **need** of paper products. Thank you for your continued generosity!

May She Rest in Peace: Please remember in your prayers, Mary Ann Gazda who passed away on Monday, April 8. Please keep her family and friends in your prayers as well. Eternal rest grant unto her, O Lord, and let Your perpetual light shine upon her. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace.

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The Cursillo Movement of the Youngstown Diocese is celebrating its 60th anniversary. Since 1964, over 6,000 Catholics in the Youngstown Diocese have participated in Cursillo. To celebrate locally, **Cursillistas will gather May 11th, 2024 for the 4pm Mass at St. Columba Cathedral, 159 West Rayen Avenue, Youngstown OH 44503.** Mass will be celebrated by Bishop David Bonnar. A ticketed dinner will follow in the social hall. **Tickets for the dinner are \$29 per person and can be ordered by sending your name and a check to: Youngstown Cursillo, P.O. Box 3196, Youngstown OH 44513-3196.** **The cut-off date for reservations is Friday, April 26th 2024.** Cursillo will also be having a basket raffle following dinner and is accepting prizes to be auctioned for the raffle. **For more information, please contact Gina Love at 330-717-6208, or ginalove294@yahoo.com**

NO MASS on Monday, April 15 at St. Mary & St. Joseph due to a funeral at the church.