



"Feed my sheep"
- John 21:17

May 3/4, 2025
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, May 3rd, 2025

4:00 pm at St. James

Third Sunday of Easter

Anna Braunstein

Daughter

Sunday, May 4th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Christine Gialousis

John & Mary Pat Juhasz

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

Kenny Layshock

Friends

Monday, May 5th

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

Danny Price

Richard & Mary Price

Tuesday, May 6th

9:00 am at St. James

Tom DePiere

Ann DePiere

9:45 am at St. James

Scripture Study

Wednesday, May 7th

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

No Intention

Thursday, May 8th

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

Parish Families

Friday, May 9th

No Mass

Saturday, May 10th

4:00 pm at St. James

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Johanne Edel

Rebekah Thompson & Family

Sunday, May 11th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Kevin Williams

Dorothy & Bud Williams

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

Edna Matysiak

Maryanne Madison & Roseanne Hershberger

Liturgical Ministers for May 10th & 11th the Fourth Sunday Easter

	4:00 pm at St. James	9:00 am at St. Catherine	11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph
Lectors: Albrecht	Dave Bailey	Carol Opatken	Mike
	Joe Thiry	Rich Patnode	Pat Benetis
EM:		Nancy Patnode	Ken Huber
Server:	Michael Klodt	Gary Lippert	Logan Clonch

Readings for the Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 13: 14, 43-52 (51C)

Responsorial Psalm 100: 1-2, 3, 5

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14b-17

Gospel John 10: 27-30

Our Lady of the Lakes

Stewardship Reflection: “...Peter was distressed that Jesus had said to him a third time, ‘Do you love me?’ and he said to Him, ‘Lord, you know everything; You know that I love you.’ Jesus said to him, ‘Feed my sheep.’” (JOHN 21:17)

How often do you actually say the words “I love you” to Jesus, to family members, or to friends? We are made to be in relationship with God and each other. Sincerely telling someone that you love them is the best gift you can give them because it comes from your heart. You are giving them the gift of yourself. We were all made by love and for love. Tell someone you love them every day.

Church support record for the weekend of April 26/27, 2025: Offertory: \$1,973.00, Easter Sunday: \$170.00, **Seminarian Support: \$15.00** Offertory goal needed each week to meet operating costs: \$3,760.00

Women’s Guild Meeting: The next meeting is set for Wednesday, May 7th at 10:30 am at St. James.

Women’s Guild Bake Sale: The Women’s Guild is having a bake sale the weekend of May 10th and May 11th after the Masses. Please support our Guild and take home some delicious baked goods!

Help is Needed for St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall: Please call or text Mary Adams at 330-547-8418 if you can help on any of the following days from 10:15 to 12:30: May 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and /or May 9th. Thank You!

Gum Problem: We have a gum problem at St. Catherine. Parishioners have been finding gum under their seats as they grab the seat to stand. This is unsanitary and causes unnecessary work for our custodian, as she must sit on the floor to remove it. Please be considerate and dispose of your gum before you leave your car. Thank You.

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Thank You: To everyone who enjoyed the Agape Meal on Holy Thursday. We were blessed with a bountiful table of food, desserts and more importantly fellowship. Thank you to everyone who provided food and helped clean up the hall afterward. Thank you to the Women of the Guild for the set up and preparation of the Agape Meal. We appreciate you!

Seminarian Collection: The Seminarian Support Collection will take place next Sunday, May 11, 2025 to assist with costs of their tuition, room & board, books, and with stipends for their summer ministry in parishes. During the year, they assist at diocesan events, speak at parishes and schools, and are involved in private tutoring in Spanish to help them in their ministry assignments. Your donations will also be used to cover these costs. Thank you all for your continuous prayers and support of seminarians and please continue to pray for an increase in all vocations. Please be generous in support of our future Priests! For more information visit <https://doy.org/seminarians/>.

Diocesan Appeal: Jesus is with us during trying times. When the long night of discouragement tests us, Jesus stands on the shore at dawn, bringing the hope of a new day. We can also know Jesus in our celebrations. When He invites the disciples to eat, they know Him in the shared meal. It is a feast of both food and friendship, and the bleakness of the previous night is dispelled with joy and abundance. When you support the Annual Diocesan Appeal, you share the hope Christ’s presence brings with those served by the ministries and programs supported by it. Please consider contributing to this year’s Appeal and pray for its success.

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St. Mary & St. Joseph

The Catholic Echo Podcast: Starting in May, the Catholic Echo Podcast will no longer be available on local radio stations. To continue listening, subscribe to your favorite podcasting platform or visit catholicecho.org/podcast.

That half-hour radio slot will instead air ***Our Sunday Mass from St. Columba Cathedral*** on Youngstown Radio stations WHOT-FM 101, WYFM-FM 102.9, WQXK-FM 105.1 on Sundays at 6:30 a.m. This is an audio version of *Our Sunday Mass* that premieres on Saturdays at 4:00 pm on our YouTube and Facebook channels, and Sundays at 6:00 a.m. on Youngstown TV Channel 21, WFMJ. Homebound Catholics can sign up for a free Missalette mailed to their home to pray along with the Mass in spiritual communion. Viewers can also request Mass intentions. Free will offerings and patron donations are appreciated. Please visit doy.org/film-mass for more information.

Church Support Record: Easter Sunday, April 27, 2025 Weekly: \$1,956.55 Cemetery Care: \$50.00 Candles: \$24.25 Flowers: \$5.00 Easter: \$330.00 Food Pantry: \$300.00 In Memory of Tim Macklin: \$4,000.00

Zone Keepers: Happy Spring! Time to clean our Gardens around the church and rectory. We hope all the former gardeners will tend to their zones. Bring your own tools Planting flowers would be nice or just keep your zone weed free and mulched. If you can't maintain your zone, please find someone to take your place. Thank you, gardeners! We appreciate your hard work! Mary Ann Williamson will be taking the Easter Flowers home to dry out in preparation for Fall planting.

The May Mother's Day Ladies Guild Meeting is at *Ben's Restaurant & Bar* 17729 W Akron-Canfield Rd, Berlin Center, OH 44401 **Saturday, May 10 at 2pm**

The Saint Mary & Joseph Ladies Guild is accepting applications for their scholarship award. Entries of 500 words or less must be received by June 29, 2025, outlining work experience, volunteerism/community service, honors, GPA, and goals. **Applicants must be active members of St. Mary and Joseph Parish.** *Graduating seniors only.* Please submit applications to the parish office at 120 Maple Drive, Newton Falls, OH attention Ladies Guild and include contact information.

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Catholic Charities will hold its annual *First Steps for Change* campaign from *Mother's Day through Father's Day*, honoring the faith, humility and love it takes to raise a child, and recognizing that many parents lack adequate financial resources for their children. Funds raised through this campaign assist low-income expectant parents and families with food, formula, clothing, diapers, and other items essential to a child's health, safety and well-being. Each family interested in participating is asked to pick up a **FIRST STEP PACKET** after Mass. Take the **FIRST STEP PACKET** home, learn about the program, prayerfully consider a gift, and *return your envelopes to our parish by June 30*. All money collected by our parish will help to meet the needs of our own community! Thank you for joining us in supporting this pro-life campaign.