



**“My sheep hear my voice;
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– JOHN 10:27

May 10/11, 2025
Fourth Sunday of Easter

OUR LADY OF THE LAKES PARISH

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LITURGICAL SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEK OF THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 10th, 2025

4:00 pm at St. James

Fourth Sunday of Easter

Johanne Edel

Rebekah Thompson & Family

Sunday, May 11th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

World Day of Prayer for Vocations

Kevin Williams

Dorothy & Bud Williams

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

Edna Matysiak

Maryanne Madison & Roseanne Hershberger

Monday, May 12th

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

Saints Nereus and Achilleus, Martyrs; Saint Pancras, Martyr

Georgeann George

Marsha & Ralph DiGirolamo

Tuesday, May 13th

9:00 am at St. James

Our Lady of Fatima

Tom DePiore

Ann DePiore

9:45 am at St. James

Scripture Study

Wednesday, May 14th

6:30 pm at St. Catherine

Saint Matthias, Apostle

Parish Families

Thursday, May 15th

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

Saint Isadore

Elio Carocci

Sandy Mason & Family

Friday, May 16th

No Mass

Saturday, May 17th

4:00 pm at St. James

Fifth Sunday of Easter

Vincent Luchison

Josephine Luchison

Sunday, May 18th

9:00 am at St. Catherine

Carlene Whelan

Dorothy & Bud Williams

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

Frank & Verna Ann Dando

Friend

Liturgical Ministers for May 17th & 18th the Fifth Sunday Easter

	4:00 pm at St. James	9:00 am at St. Catherine	11:00 am at St. Mary & St. Joseph
Lectors:	Lyn Sonnenlitter	Georgia Dungan	Charlene Brandt
	Pat Kichton	Carol Opatken	Debbie Bjelac
EM:	Lorraine Confoey	Patty Melnykovich	Marc Bjelac
Server:	Vickie Takacs	Bailey Sprague	Nathan Kren

Readings for the Fifth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts of the Apostles 14: 21-27 (54C)

Responsorial Psalm: 145: 8-9, 10-11, 12-13

Second Reading: Revelation 21:1-5a

Gospel: John 13: 31-33a, 34-35

Our Lady of the Lakes

Stewardship Reflection:

“The disciples were filled with joy and the Holy Spirit.” (ACTS 13:53)

The disciples heard Our Lord’s call and were able to spread the Gospel message with strength and vitality. We, too, can experience that same joy if we make room for the Holy Spirit to fill our hearts. When we use our gifts in the way that God intends, He fills us with supernatural joy. A joy that others notice and are attracted to!

Church support record for the weekend of May 3/4, 2025: Offertory: \$2,499.00, Easter Sunday: \$300.00, Seminarian Support: \$175.00 **Offertory goal needed each week to meet operating costs: \$3,760.00**

May She Rest in Peace: In your prayers, please remember Bonnie Lee, who passed away Tuesday April 22nd, at her home in Cranberry, Pennsylvania. Bonnie was a long-time member of Our Lady of the Lakes. Please keep Bonnie and her family in your prayers.

Yost Food Pantry: The food pantry served 133 households and 365 people in April.

Men’s Club: The winner of the April 50/50 drawing was Gary Lippert. Gary won \$10.00. Thank you to those who played. The very last Men’s Club drawing will be in June. So, play now while you still can!

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

ITEMS OF INTEREST TO BOTH PARISHES

Memorial Service for Miscarried or Stillborn Children: There will be a prayer service and a flower for the families that have suffered the tremendous loss of a child to miscarriage or stillbirth on **Sunday, May 18th 2025 at 2:00 p.m.** in the chapels at: Calvary Cemetery, Youngstown (248 Belle Vista Ave.) or All Souls Cemetery, Cortland (3823 Hoagland Blackstub Rd.)

Parents and other family members are encouraged to attend. Call (330) 799-1900 for any questions.

Ursuline Sisters Job Openings: Ursuline Assisted Living, 4250 Shields Rd., Canfield, has immediate openings for health care aides. Part or full time is available. Morning, afternoon and night shifts are available. Please call 330-793-7636 to schedule an interview.

Just as a shepherd loves and cares for his flock, so too, does Jesus love us, His followers, His sheep. The Father’s love for us is made visible through the actions of Christ on earth, the definitive demonstration being His death on the cross. We belong to God, and, as such, we can rely on God’s protection and love. When we stray, He gathers us back into His loving embrace. He knows each of us by name, deeply and individually. May we seek ways to bring others into the fold of God’s love and care, including support of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal.**

Happy Mother’s Day to all our Mothers, Grandmothers and other special women in our lives!

St. Mary & St. Joseph

Mother

She speaks with wisdom, and faithful instruction is on her tongue.

She watches over the affairs of her household and does not eat the bread of idleness.

Her children arise and call her blessed; Her husband also, and he praises her:

“Many women do noble things, but you surpass them all.”

Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised.

Honor her for all that her hands have done,

And let her works bring her praise at the city gate.

Proverbs 31:26-31

Church Support Record: Easter Sunday, May 4, 2025 Weekly: \$2,564.00 Candles: \$53.00
Cemetery: \$170.00 Food Pantry: \$1,000.00 In Memory of Jane Harnichar, Food Pantry: \$30.00

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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American Red Cross: The *next blood drive* will be held on **May 14, 2025 at St. Mary's Social Hall.** Notices are posted at all the church entrances for additional information.

Organ Concert Series at St. Columba Cathedral 154 West Wood St. Youngstown, Ohio 44503. All concerts are at 6:30 pm. David Balzer on May 16 and Olivier Penin on June 28. *A Free Will Offering will help support Cathedral Music Programs. For more information, please contact rholtzhauser@youngstowndiocese.org*

Cemetery: Even if you are not able to volunteer on a regular basis, the shrubs need trimming. This could be a one- or two-day event. If you have a family member here, you yourself plan to be buried at St. Joseph Cemetery or you just have a *couple hours once or twice a week to help weed whack &/or mow*, please consider helping out. **Contact the office.**

World Day of Prayer for Vocations *"My sheep hear my voice; I know them, and they follow me."* (John 10:27)
Let's unite as a Church to ask the Lord to inspire more hearts to hear His call and to follow Him in the priesthood and consecrated life. Trust that He knows each of us by name and will lead the right hearts to their vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at (330) 744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Hubbard St. Patrick, Parish Health Ministry 357 N. Main St., Hubbard, OH *"FREE" HEALTH FAIR Saturday,*

May 17, 2025 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Parish Center Mamovan (Pre-register 330-480-2763), Dental, Homecare, Cholesterol,

Blood Sugar, Hearing, Health Dept., Mental Health, Hospice, Physical Therapy, Cancer Support, Health Benefits, Skilled Nursing and Long-Term Care, and more.