

March 3, 2024

Mass Schedule Saturday 4 p.m. Sunday 11 a.m.

Holy Days (Consult Bulletin)

Weekday Masses Monday 8 a.m. Tuesday 8 a.m. Wednesday 5:15 p.m. Thursday 8 a.m.

Adoration Second Tuesday of every month 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Sacrament of Reconciliation Saturdays 3 to 3:45 p.m. or by appointment at 330-542-3466

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

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Thoughts and Prayers from Father Zwilling

Imagine you are driving home from Sunday Mass. What are the chances that you remember what the readings were that you just heard half an hour ago? Mmmm... not always good! If we're honest, sometimes we get distracted or we aren't quite paying attention during the readings. It could be because we can't hear the readers too well, or we are trying to wrangle children, or we are thinking of lunch, or any number of reasons. But we end up missing the readings.

This happened to me recently (yes me, the priest!). You see, usually I am reviewing the coming readings over and over during the week because I am preparing for my homily. But on this particular week, Deacon Bill was preaching the homily. So it was really his fault! (Haha) I failed to look at the readings before Mass, and when I was finally sitting in my seat listening, a lot of it kind of went in one ear and out the other. At that moment, I came to realize how helpful it is to look at the readings before Mass or have some kind of reinforcement besides just hearing them.

Sometimes the ears need a little help from the eyes. It can aid our comprehension to read along with what the reader is saying at Mass. So, what if we would like to follow along with the readings during Mass? I promise I'm not getting a commission out of this, but here are three alternatives:

#1 – The Midwest Theological Forum Daily Roman Missal. This is my real "brush like a dentist" recommendation because it's what I use, and it's excellent. It has every reading for every day of the year (not just Sunday), prayers and devotions, and the excellent "How to Be a Better Catholic" section.

#2 – St. Joseph Sunday Missal. If you search for this, you will find a smaller missal that just has the Sunday readings.

#3 – USCCB.org. The website of the US Catholic Bishops, it has a link with all the daily readings at the top of the front page. It's good if you are looking for something that's free.

I hope this will help if you are looking for a resource. The Word of God is a precious treasure. Let's not miss it!

Parísh Councíl

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Baptism: Parents are asked to call the rectory to arrange for a Baptism meeting with the pastor. A date for the Baptism will be arranged at your preparation meeting.

Marríage: Couples wishing to marry at the parish should contact the parish office as soon as possible to reserve a date for the wedding and to schedule a time to meet with the pastor. Contact should be made no less than six months before your intended date of marriage.

Anointing of the Sick: Individuals who are suffering from a chronic illness should receive the Anointing of the Sick. Please contact the parish office for a time to receive the sacrament.

Visitation of the Sick: Visitation, prayer, and Communion are offered to our homebound and/or sick on a regular basis. Simply call the parish office.

Hospítal Vísítatíon: If you know of a parishioner who is in a hospital, please contact the parish office to inform us of an admission as no hospital is allowed to contact us. Be sure to specify the location of the hospital.

Joining St. Paul's: Anyone who wishes to may join St. Paul's. We are proud of our parish's hospitality, warmth, and friendship. We invite you to become part of our parish family. Once you are comfortable among us, we invite you to join any of our parish organizations or programs. We encourage each single adult in a family to be registered in his or her own name. If you must leave the parish, please let us know. In your journey, we wish you well and thank you for the time you spent with us.

Parish Ministry Opportunities

Adult Bible Study Adult Faith Formation Altar Guild Altar Servers Bereavement Church Environment **Eucharistic Ministers** Evangelization Garden Angels Gifting Program Homebound Visitation Hospitality Knights of Columbus Lectors Liturgy Committee Men's Fellowship Mission Team Music Ministry Nursing Home Ministers OCIA/OCIC Parish Council Pirohy Prayer Blanket Prayer Group Prison Outreach PSR (Parish School of Religion) Respect Life Rosary Ministry St. Vincent de Paul Silas Marners Sponsor Couples STCCC Table of Plenty Welcoming Committee Women's Bible Study 50+ Group

> We encourage you to prayerfully consider joining one or more of our committees and ministries as a way of offering service to our parish and community.

Did you ever wonder about the Saints whom Father Zwilling frequently mentions during the Mass? Over the next few weeks, we will be highlighting these Saints in this article called ...

saint of the Week

Saints Cosmas and Damian

Feast Day: September 26th Patron Saint of: physicians, surgeons, pharmacists, and twins

Cosmas and Damian were Arabian twins, born of devoutly Christian parents around 270 CE. They grew up with three other brothers in Aegeae, a small town between Turkey and Syria and on the route from Antioch to Tarsus, an ancient city in south-central Turkey near the Mediterranean Sea. This region was within the expansive Roman Empire, and the twins lived during the reign of Emperor Diocletian. In this time and place, the Roman state aggressively persecuted its Christians.

Cosmas and Damian studied medicine in Antioch and then returned to Aegeae to practice and proselytize. As physicians, they reputedly never accepted payment for their services. Feats of uncommon medical prowess ascribed to Cosmas and Damian include cures from dreaded infectious diseases, return of eyesight to the blind, as well as restoring ambulation to patients with disabilities.

Cosmas and Damian, however, were mercilessly punished for their devotion, both to the practice of healing and especially to their religious commitments. On the orders of Diocletian, Cosmas and Damian were arrested. As was the custom, the brothers were given the opportunity to publicly renounce their faith and honor the Roman gods in order to spare their lives. They refused and were sentenced to torture and execution. Legend states that they were miraculously preserved from suffering during their torture, sustaining no injuries. They were martyred together, along with their three other brothers.

ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pmc/articles/PMC4925431

mycatholic.life/saints/

The Ash Wednesday Collection for February 14th: \$1,129.00 The Regular Collection for February 17th/18th: \$5,820.00 The Regular Collection for February 24th/25th: \$5,380.00

> Pirohy Sales for February 23rd 770 dozen.

Thank you for your time, talent, and treasure!



Online giving: stpaulnewmiddletown.org/online-giving/

Mass Intentions

† Denotes Deceased

SAT, MARCH 2nd Members of St. Pauls 4 p.m. Offered by St. Paul the Apostle Parish SUN, MARCH 3rd † Lucílle Evans (100th Bírthday) 11 a.m. Offered by Bonnie Mealy MON, MARCH 4th † Gerald Ohlín 8 a.m. Offered by Rita Russell TUES, MARCH 5th 8 a.m. † Joanna Luscre Offered by Rosalie D'Angelo WED, MARCH 6th *† Reverend Stephen Popovích* 5:15 p.m. Offered by Cardinal Mooney Class of '72 THURS, MARCH 7th 8 a.m. *† Deceased Members of St. Paul's* Offered by St. Paul the Apostle Parish FRI, MARCH 8th No Daily Mass on Fridays SAT, MARCH 9th †Lee and †Mary Sílhanek 4 p.m. Offered by Joyce Silhanek SUN, MARCH 10th 11 a.m. Members of St. Paul's Offered by St. Paul the Apostle Parish



Prepare for the ...

The Fourth Sunday of Lent-Saturday Vígíl

First Reading: II Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 The wrath and the mercy of the Lord are revealed in the exile and liberation of his people. Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 Though dead in your transgressions, by grace you have been

saved. Gospel: John 3:14-21 God sent His Son so that the world might be saved through Him.

The Fourth Sunday of Lent-Sunday

First Reading: I Samuel 16:1b, 6-7, 10-13a David is anointed as king of Israel. Second Reading: Ephesians 5:8-14 Arise from the dead, and Christ will give you light. Gospel: John 9:1-41 The man who was blind went off and washed himself and came back able to see.

The Week Ahead

MON, MARCH 4 th			
8 a.m.	Daily Mass		
8:30 a.m.	Coffee and Catechesis with Fr. Zwilling		
10 a.m.	Altar Guild meeting at Golden Rye		
TUES, MARCH 5 th	· ·		
8 a.m.	Daily Mass		
6 p.m.	Prayer Group in Day Chapel		
7 p.m.	Adult Choir rehearsal in Church		
WED, MARCH 6 th			
8 to 11 a.m.	Pirohy orders taken 330-542-3525		
9 a.m.	Women's Scripture in Church		
5:15 p.m.	Daily Mass		
6 p.m.	Adult Bible Study in Rectory		
THURS, MARCH 7 th			
8 to 11 a.m.	Pirohy orders taken 330-542-3525		
8 a.m.	Daily Mass		
3 p.m.	Mass at Masternick		
3:45 p.m.	Eucharist at Windsor		
6:30 p.m.	Men's Group in Rectory		
FRI, MARCH 8 th			
Noon to 2 p.m.	Pirohy pick-up		
7 p.m.	Stations of the Cross		
SAT, MARCH 9 th			
9 a.m.	Confirmation Class Retreat		
4 p.m.	Saturday Vigil Mass		
4 p.m.	8th grade PSR Mass participation		
SUN, MARCH 10 th	DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS		
9:30 a.m.	PSR - students only		
11 a.m.	Sunday Mass		
11 a.m.	RCIA Second Scrutiny-Jonathon Barth		
12 p.m.	Sunday Fellowship Café		
	in Gathering Space		
12:15 p.m.	Children's Choir rehearsal in Church		
3 to 4 p.m.	Communal Penance Service in Church		
6 p.m.	AA meeting in Lower Hall		

Mínísters' Schedule March 9th and March 10th

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If you are unable to come when scheduled, please arrange for a replacement!

	4 p.m.	11 a.m.
Lector:	Pitko	L. Jackson
Altar Servers:	Roland	Penwell
Eucharistic	Ricciardi-C	Wollet-C
Ministers:	G. Roland-C	Halligan-C
	Klinke-H	D'Apolito-H
	Corso-H	Uhrain-H
Hospitality:	Tabaka	Metzinger
	McConnell	Parry



Prayers answered from the silver box

Insert your answered prayers here. God is good!

Congratulations to Rebecca and Dustin on the occasion of the baptism of their daughter,

Reagan Elízabeth Skowron

We welcome Reagan into God's family!



Please pray for our RCIA candidate

Jonathon Barth

as he completes his preparation for his full initiation into the Catholic faith.

Lenten Pírohy Pínchers Needed

The season of Lent is upon us, when we are blessed to be busier with our awesome Pirohy Program. We are in need of extra pirohy pinchers. Please help with this amazing ministry! Arrive at 8 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays during Lent.



St. Paul's Lent and Easter Schedule

Stations of the Cross	Fridays of Lent, 7 p.m.	
Coffee and Catechesis	Mondays of Lent, 8:30 a.m.	
Communal Penance	Sun., March 10 th , 3 to 4 p.m.	
Reconciliation	Thurs., March 21 st , 5:30 p.m.	
Lenten Night of Reflection	Thurs., March 21 st , 6:30 p.m.	
Holy Thursday Mass	Thurs., March 28 th , 7 p.m.	
Eucharistic Adoration	Thurs., March 28 th , after Mass until 10 p.m.	
Good Friday Service	Fri., March 29 th , 7 p.m.	
Blessing of Easter Baskets	Sat., March 30 th , 1 p.m.	
Easter Egg Hunt	Sat., March 30 th , 1:30 p.m.	
Easter Vigil Mass	Sat., March 30th, 8 p.m.	
Easter Sunday Mass	Sun., March 31st, 11 a.m.	

This bulletin is furnished to our parish without charge, as the advertisements that appear in it completely defray its cost. Please patronize the sponsors located on the back pages of our

bulletin. Thank them for supporting our parish. This week's highlighted advertiser is:

Roof Ríte, Inc.

Flat and Metal Roof Experts

We extend our sincere sympathy and prayers to the family and friends of

Genevíeve Rock

and

Katheríne Pope

May God grant their souls eternal peace.



St. Paul the Apostle's Díscíple Maker Index Survey

The Disciple Maker Index Survey is open and we need your help! Please help us participate by completing a 10-15 minute survey as soon as possible.

Every adult in each household should fill out the survey. The survey can be accessed through the online link listed below until March 27th. All responses will be confidential and the parish will only receive information about the community as a whole. We are trying to get the highest response rate possible. This information will be invaluable to Father Zwilling and our various ministries as we plan for the future and strive to be the best disciples we can be. When results are available, we will

share what we have learned with the entire parish.



portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/b6a9cb

Paper copies of the survey may be picked up in the Gathering Space and at the Rectory.

Free Community Meals

St. Paul's/Table of Plenty:

The next meal will be Tuesday, March 12th, 5 to 6 p.m.

Petersburg Presbyterian/Calvin's Friendly Table: The next meal will be Tuesday, March 19th, 5 to 6 p.m.

Zion Lutheran/Luther's Table: The next meal will be Tuesday, March 26th, 5 to 6 p.m.

Annual Díocesan Appeal 2024

In today's Gospel, zeal for His Father's house consumes Jesus. He single-handedly drives out those who are making the Temple into a marketplace. The Jews asked, "What sign can you show us for doing this?" (John 2:18)

Jesus' reply is that He is God. He is going to rise from the dead! He holds the power over life, death, and all things. His zeal for His Father's house is one of many manifestations of who God is to the world. (God, apparently, likes a clean house!)

Zeal consumes Jesus for our parish. We are God's house. Each of us is a Temple of His Holy Spirit. The way we handle money

matters to God. Our parish needs your help for our Annual Diocesan Appeal to succeed. Help us use the gifts He gives to beautify His house, adorning it with prayer and good works, and improve the lives of those entrusted to us. Jesus is zealous

for us all to have the abundant life He offers - not a life suffocated by this world. Join us in living a better life - His life.



doy.org/appeal

Our donation during the month of March for the St. Vincent de Paul Food Pantry is: **Pancake Míx and Pancake Syrup** Please put your donations in the box located near the entrance door of Fr. Shori Hall.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store Update

We want to thank all our generous donors for the overwhelming response to our request for donated household goods, clothing, and furniture. Due to the massive response, we are going to pause accepting donated goods until we open for business, hopefully within the next six to eight weeks, in our new location next to the "old Joann's." We are, however, still accepting large appliances. (See page 6 of this bulletin for pickup information.) We will soon send out a request for more volunteers to assist with our massive move-in project. Thank you for your support and assistance in this important expansion of our mission.

Easter Memoríals

To have your loved ones remembered for our Easter Memorials, please enclose \$5 per deceased person's name in an envelope marked: Altar Guild Easter Memorials and place in the Offertory basket, or mail or bring to the Rectory by Monday, March 25th.

In Memory of: _____

Given by:

Phone:

Happeníngs Elsewhere

Communal Penance Service:

St. Paul the Apostle Parish, New Middletown, OH. March 10th, 3 to 4 p.m.

Lenten Friday Fish Fry:

Available each Friday of Lent, February 16th - March 22nd, 4 to 7 p.m. Christ Our Savior Parish - St. Nicholas Great Hall, 762 Fifth St, Struthers, OH. Dine-in or take-out. All proceeds benefit St. Nicholas School and COS Parish. \$15/each. Dinner includes fried or baked haddock, 3 sides (mac & cheese, green beans, and coleslaw), dinner roll, dessert, and drink.

Easter Kolachi:

St. Luke Church, 5235 South Ave, Boardman. Nut, poppy seed, apricot, and lekvar. \$13.00/each. Order deadline is March 4th. Call 330-782-9783 with questions. Order forms are available on the bulletin board in St. Paul's Gathering Space.

Curbside Pasta Takeout:

Wednesday, March 6th, Holy Family Parish Center, 2729 Center Road (Route 224), Poland, OH, 2:30 to 6:00 p.m. or until sold out. Drive to the side entrance of the Hall. Place your order. Remain in your car. Your dinner will be delivered to you! TAKE-OUT ONLY. Complete Dinner: \$12.00 (Cavatelli with Homemade Sauce,

2 Meatballs, Tossed Salad, Bread & Butter, Cookies) Side: \$6.00 (Cavatelli & 1 Meatball only) Fresh Homemade Pasta Fagioli: \$7.00/Quart Fresh Homemade Pasta Sauce: \$6.00/Quart.

St. Anthony Church Pizza Sale:

St. Anthony Church will once again be selling Brier Hill pizza on Saturdays. Call Ernie to pre-order on Wednesday and Thursday at 330-360-7663; 1155 Turin St. Youngstown, OH.

First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown:

Thursday, March 7th from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. at Avion on the Water Banquet Center. "Look at the Land! Sacred Experiences of Earth" with Sr. Janet Burkhart, HM presenter at VMESC. Call 330-720-4498 or visit: firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org.

Leadership, Training, and Development Workshop:

The Youngstown Diocesan Council of Catholic Women will be sponsoring a Leadership, Training, and Development workshop given by the Leadership Ladies of the National Council of Catholic Women. It promises to be amazing! The date is Saturday, April 13th from 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Fannon Center of St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Parish in Canton, 3430 St. Michael's Blvd., Canton, OH. Lunch and snacks will be provided. There is no charge. Make your reservation no later than March 23rd by calling Mary Jane Malich, at 330-833-3756. Zoom will be available. Questions, call Sophie Filigno at 330-933-8304.

Diocesan Wedding Anniversary Celebration:

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 5th, at 2 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral. Couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th (*and over!*) wedding anniversaries in 2024 will be honored at this celebration. The event will include Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple, and a light reception for the couple and their families in the Cathedral Hall. Couples must make reservations in advance by contacting your parish office at 330-542-3466 no later than March 27th. Limited spaces are available.

Call to Vocations:

"Destroy this temple, and in three days I will raise it up." Does a life dedicated to furthering the grace of reconciliation in Christ for others appeal to you? Consider answering the call to the priesthood and serve God and His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to Fr. Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or email:

cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio:

There is no sin, including abortion, which cannot be overcome by God's forgiveness. There is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help, text or call *Project Rachel of Northeast Ohio* at 330-360-0430 or visit: hopeafterabortionneo.weebly.com/.

40 Days for Life - Lent Campaign:

Pray to end abortion. Visit: 40daysforlife.com/.

St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store:

For pickup of large items for the St. Vincent de Paul Thrift Store, call Gary Winslow at 330-261-0350. Leave a detailed message.

St. Vincent de Paul Dining Hall:

St. Paul's will volunteer to work at the SVDP Dining Hall the week of May 20th-24th in addition to the week of July 22nd-26th that is regularly assigned to us. Mark your calendars. These service opportunities are open to everyone!





