

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

**February 19-20, 2011**

**MONDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 2011**

12:05PM- Communion Service

**12:30-3:00PM- Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**

**3:00PM- Divine Mercy Chaplet,**

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Devotion and Benediction**

**TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 22, 2011**

12:05 PM – Jane Yurga by Harry Salapata family

**WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 2011**

12:05PM –Vera and Anthony Wolfe

by Bill and Rita Wolfe

**THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 24, 2011**

12:05PM – Domenic Pallante

by son, Domenic Pallante, Jr.

**FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 25, 2011**

12:05PM- Irene Rusnak by Marge Iezzi and family

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 26, 2011**

5:00PM- JoAnn Davis and Anthony Infante

by Jim Davis and Annette Infante

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 27, 2011**

9:30AM- Deceased Members of Machak, Berish and Swickard families by Greg and Karen (Casey) Machak

11:30AM- Theresa, Michael A. and Michael R. Blasé

by daughter and sister, Gloria Theodore

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**SANCTUARY LIGHTS THIS WEEK**

**IN MEMORY OF:**

Phillip Butto

**REST IN PEACE**

Delphine D. Slanina-sister of Rose Labate

**BAPTISMS**

Cullen Andrew Jones

Son of Roy and Julie (Hrosar) Jones

**Niles Community Service** is collecting Cereal during the month of February. Baskets are located in the back of the church.

February 12-13 collection.....\$ 6,361.55

We really appreciate it when you give us your contribution for the weekends you missed in addition to the contributions given when you are here.

**Community Suppers** will be held on Thursdays at First Christian Church during the month of February. Serving hours are 4:45-6:00PM.

**Please note: Would you like a statement from us concerning your 2010 contributions?** If so, please call the parish office to make arrangements. Postings for 2010 have been completed and we will mail out statements to those who notify us. We are sending statements only to those who specifically request one!

**Please bring your old Palms** to the church no later than Saturday, March 5. The Burning of Palms will take place on Sunday, March 6 after the 11:30AM Mass. A box is located in the back of the church.

**Infant of Prague Guild** will meet on Wednesday, March 1 at 1:00PM in Marian Hall.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**Kathy Zuppo's email address:**

**[kathyzuppo@yahoo.com](mailto:kathyzuppo@yahoo.com)**

**Confirmation Practice for Candidates and Sponsors will be held on Saturday, February 26, immediately following the 5:00PM Mass. Candidates and Sponsors are invited to attend Mass.**

**The Sacrament of Confirmation** will be celebrated on Tuesday, March 1 at 7:00PM. Please pray for our Candidates and Sponsors. You are welcome to join Bishop Murry and us.

The Manor at Autumn Hills residents wishes to thank the Confirmation class for a wonderful Valentine's Day celebration on Sunday, February 13.

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**WEEKEND MASS ATTENDANCE 1/3/09 THROUGH 2/13/11**

This data is from 1/3/09 through 2/13/11

Our church seating capacity is listed as 374.

A crowd of **188** or more equals more than half-filled.

**5:00 PM Mass:** Here on 2/12/11 = 201 = 53.7%  
Average crowd = 198.1 (21,790 people divided by 110 Masses.)  
Average % of capacity = 53.0  
65 crowds of 110 Masses have had at least 188 people.

**9:30 AM Mass:** Here on 2/13/11 = 201 (just like last night) = 53.7%  
Average crowd = 238.8 (26,505 people divided by 111 Masses.)  
Average % of capacity = 63.8  
100 crowds of 111 Masses have had at least 188 people.

**11:30 AM Mass:** Here on 2/13/11 = 209 = 55.9%.  
Average crowd = 184.1 (20,432 people divided by 111 Masses.)  
Average % of capacity = 49.2  
34 crowds of 111 Masses have had at least 188 people.

**On February 12-13, 2011, 611 people came to Mass.**  
What a coincidence! 201 people came to the 5:00 PM & 9:30 AM Masses February 12-13!

For all three Masses, the average was 203.7 people per Mass. The church was 54.5% filled February 12-13, 2011.

**Totals of all weekend Masses 1/3/09 through 2/13/11:**

Average crowd = 207.0 (68,727 people divided by 332 Masses.)  
Average % of capacity = 55.4  
199 crowds of 332 Masses have had at least 188 people.

**Carmel Tricomi**, our dear friend and parishioner, will be celebrating her 90<sup>th</sup> birthday on February 26. If you would like to send Carmel a birthday card to let her know we are thinking of her please send to: Carmel Tricomi, Grace Woods Village Room #311, 730 Youngstown Rd., Niles, Ohio 44446. Congratulations!!

**Men's Fellowship Group** meets every other Sunday Morning at 8:00AM in Marian Hall and concluding in time for 9:30AM Mass. Our next meetings are February 20 & March 6. Open to all men! For more information contact Dave Schmidt at [dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com) or (330) 652-5825.

We gladly publish in our church bulletin the names of family members and friends who are currently serving our country in the military. We pray for their safety and for an end to conflicts in the Middle East and elsewhere. Please call the parish office with the individual's name and branch of service.

**Ryan Estes- Army; Joshua Lewis- Military Intelligence; Nicholas Perrone- Navy; David Mickey- Army; Josh Nutt; Michael Donadio- Navy; Patrick Betteridge- Army; Robert Infante- Navy; Frank Pezzano- Marines; Tim Zysk- Navy; Guy Martin Capito- Marines; Keith Sponseller- Air Force; Jonthan Augusta- Army; Ronald Ranalli- Army; Vito J. Abruzzino- Army; Danny Bennett- Marines; Curtis Coole- Army; Brad DeRubba- Army; Rob Whited- Army; Gary Lashley- Navy; Michael Loychik- Air Force; Paul Brown- Air Force; Brad Gordon- Army; Nicholas Marchese- Marines; Philip Ledbetter- Army; Mark A. Selak- Marines; Timothy Edwards- Marines**

### RCIA= Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Our RCIA program is held in collaboration with St. Stephen Parish and meets on Tuesday evenings at 7:00PM. Upcoming RCIA topics include:

~Vocations & Church Structures on February 22 in the St. Stephen Rectory Meeting Room (in the rectory basement).

~Lent & Mardi Gras on March 8 in the OLMC Parish Meeting Room (in the rectory basement).

Persons who are already Catholic are welcome to attend along with those inquiring into our faith. For more information, contact Dave Schmidt, Pastoral Associate, at [dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com) or (330) 652-5825.

### Scholarship Available to Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parishioners

Our parish is offering a scholarship to young people who meet the following requirements:

1. A fully initiated Catholic (having received Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist).
2. A Senior in High School who will be graduating.
3. Have a cumulative grade point average of at least 2.0 on a 4.0 scale.
4. A registered member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Niles. (Those eighteen or older must register in the parish in their own name; those under eighteen must be registered in the parish through their immediate family.) Note: To be a registered member, you or your family should be receiving envelopes from the parish.
5. Complete the application and essay, and submit them prior to the deadline.
6. If granted a scholarship, use the award only for educational expenses (e.g. tuition, books) and provide appropriate documentation to that effect.

To receive an application for the scholarship, contact Dave Schmidt at [dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com) or (330) 652-5825, or stop by the parish office. Completed applications are due by April 1.

Monthly Blessing of Married Couples Beginning this month, on the last Sunday of each month Fr. Larry will invited all married couples who are celebrating wedding anniversaries that month to stand for a special blessing at the end of Mass.

Evangelization Committee Meeting, Monday, February 28, 6:30PM in the Rectory Dining Room. For more information, contact Dave Schmidt at [dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com) or (330) 652-5825.

### From the Pastor:

Today's Gospel from Matthew 5:38-48 presents a challenge that takes us a lifetime to accomplish. It teaches us to love our enemies, pray for our persecutors, and avoid revenge. How different is the teaching of Jesus from the teaching of the world!

Would you like to consider another Scripture verse to tie in with the challenge of today's Gospel? Here's one. It is from Romans 12:20 and reads as follows: "... IF YOUR ENEMY IS HUNGRY, FEED HIM, AND IF HE IS THIRSTY, GIVE HIM A DRINK; FOR IN SO DOING YOU WILL HEAP BURNING COALS ON HIS HEAD."

Somebody else said: "If we truly do our job well we're bound to make enemies somewhere along the way." (I don't know who said that, but many would agree that it carries plenty of truth.)

Let's reflect on a memorable quotation from one of our most noteworthy presidents, Abe Lincoln: "The best way to destroy an enemy is to make him a friend." (Now, that is much easier said than done! Jesus tried to live that message long before Lincoln did. They both were put to death by enemies.)

While we're quoting presidents this President's Day weekend, consider what one more president, Richard M. Nixon, said about enemies: "Always remember, others may hate you. But those who hate you don't win unless you hate them. And then you destroy yourself." (How often do we have to keep re-learning this?)

All of these thoughts provide us with plenty of things to ponder and pray about this week, don't they? From your friend,  
~ Father Larry Frient

### Bowl-a-thon for Scholarship Fund

Youth and their families are invited to a Bowl-a-thon on Sunday, February 27, at 1:00PM at McKinley Lanes (2666 Robbins Ave., Niles) to help raise money for the Parish Scholarship Fund. Participants will be bowling two games and are to ask to pledge a set amount (e.g. \$5, \$10, etc.) for each game bowled. Pledges must be collected ahead of time with at least \$10 necessary to participate. Reserve your spot by contacting Dave Schmidt, Pastoral Associate, as soon as possible at (330) 652-5825 or [dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com). All youth under age 18 will need a signed parental permission form.

### Soup for the Soul

On Saturday, March 5, Catholic Men's Fellowship of the Diocese of Youngstown is hosting a luncheon for men from 12:30-2:30PM in the Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Youngstown, Social Hall. Keynote speaker is Mr. Gerry Faust, retired head coach of the University of Notre Dame, the University of Akron, and Cincinnati Moeller High School.

This free "Soup for the Soul" luncheon is for males ages 15 and older. Soup, rolls and coffee will be served at no charge. Soft drinks will be available.

To reserve a seat, contact Dave Schmidt at (330) 652-5825 or [dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtcofc@neo.rr.com) by February 27<sup>th</sup>.

**In the Wilderness...with WiFi: A Lenten Journey for Young People** High School age youth are invited to make the Season of Lent special this year! Join us on Sunday, March 6, from 10:30AM till Noon (after the 9:30AM Mass) in the Rectory Dining Room. We will have a light breakfast and some food for thought based on clips from YouTube, GodTube and other internet sources. For more information contact Dave Schmidt at [dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com) or (330) 652-5825.

### **Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage**

"Laugh Your Way to a Better Marriage" is a hilarious, practical and no-holds-barred video series for married couples. Join us in Marian Hall on Sunday, March 6, beginning with a pot-luck supper at 6:00PM and immediately followed by the video. The evening will conclude by 8:00PM.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish will provide beverages and Sloppy Joes. Participants are asked to bring a side dish, salad or dessert. Please inform us what you will be bringing for the pot-luck by contacting Dave Schmidt at [dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com) or (330) 652-5825.

### **Children's Program to Coincide with "Real Life Holiness"**

March 13, 14, 15 our parish is holding a Lenten Mission entitled "Real Life Holiness: Stories of Forgiveness, Prayer & Gratitude" (see enclosed flyer). Parishioners with children ages 3 to 10 may enroll them in a Children's Program we are offering each of those evenings. The Children's Program will consist of stories, videos, crafts and games that fit the themes that their parents will be hearing at the Lenten Mission.

Parishioners may enroll their children by contacting Dave Schmidt at [dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com) or (330) 652-5825 by March 7. There are a limited number of spaces available on a first-reserved, first-served basis. The Children's Program will be held in the Annex.

### **Men's Conference**

The Catholic Men's Fellowship of Northeast Ohio will hold their annual conference for men at the University of Akron on Saturday, April 2, in the James A. Rhodes Arena. Speakers include Deacon Ralph Poyo, who spent his career inspiring thousands of young people while working with youth groups, and Dour Barry, founder and director of RADIX: an organization devoted to spreading and defending the Catholic faith.

Last year, over 1,000 men were in attendance. This year, the goal is to especially invite young Catholic men to the conference. Fathers and grandfathers are asked to invite their sons and grandsons who are juniors and seniors in high school or college students to join the many other men expected at the conference.

For more information contact Dave Schmidt at (330) 652-5825 or [dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com](mailto:dschmidtkofc@neo.rr.com)

**Pew Plaques:** The Pastoral Council is pleased to offer an opportunity for parishioners to purchase plaques for the 55 undesignated church pews. The plaque sales will raise money for the OLMC Scholarship Fund. They will cost \$125 each and all orders must be placed in person with Sarah D'Errico and Kevin Weeks, who are members of the Pastoral Council. The plaques will be engraved with script lettering (maximum of 5 lines and 25 letters per line) with family names, etc. Checks are preferred, but cash will be accepted. All orders must be paid in full when placed. Please call Sarah at 330-652-3950 to schedule a short meeting before or after Mass, or during the week (provided the church is available). The fundraiser will run until February 27, 2011 (unless sold sooner). The plaques will be installed on the pews by Palm Sunday. Please help support the OLMC Scholarship Fund.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church**, 381 Robbins Ave., Niles is sponsoring a Cavatelli Dinner this Sunday, February 20 from 12:00-5:00PM in Marian Hall. Cost is \$7.00 for adults; \$4.00 for children under 10. Dinner includes: 2 meatballs, salad with Italian dressing, bread and butter, cake and beverage. Proceeds to benefit Our Lady of Mount Carmel Scholarship Fund.

**Our Lady of Mount Carmel Society** will hold its monthly Homemade Pizza Sale on Friday, March 4 from 11:00AM-4:00PM at the school annex. Regular, potato, spinach and combos (potato and spinach combined) pizza are available. **Please place your order by calling (330) 652-2811 the Thursday before 12:00PM of the sale date.** Orders cannot be taken after 12:00PM on Thursday, March 3. Walk-ins only between 1:00-4:00PM. Pick up time remains 11:00AM-4:00PM.

**Community Suppers** for Thursdays, March 3, 10, 17, 24 and 31 will be held at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church. Serving hours are 4:45-6:00PM. Anyone willing to help serve or donate baked goods, please come or drop off items in Marian Hall.

### **St. Stephen School Registration Information:**

Registration is open from 9:00AM-2:00PM at 45 S. Chestnut Ave., Niles. The following information must be provided to register for St. Stephen School: child's birth certificate, shot/health records, custody paper, social security number, baptism certificate (if available), and \$30.00 registration fee (non-refundable). Parents must also fill out a registration/application form at the time of registering. Child is not considered registered until all of the above information are on record. Please call the school office at (330) 652-5511 for more information.

**Salamanca Casino Trip for Relay for Life** will be held on Sunday, March 6. Cost is \$30.00 per person (each person will receive \$25 in coin; \$10 in a food voucher). Bus leaves from the Niles Wellness Center at 8:30AM and returns approximately at 9:00PM. Money is non-refundable but ticket can be transferred if unable to attend. Coffee and donuts at 7:30AM at the Well, games, refreshments and movies on the bus. Come and have a great time while supporting a great cause! Sign up at the Niles Wellness Center or Niles City Building or call (330) 349-9355 for more information or to sign up.

**Hope Works offers new series:** will conclude on Tuesday, February 22 at 6:30PM at Blessed Sacrament Parish will be hosting "The ABC's of Getting the Job You Deserve." The series will give those in attendance an action plan that will bring success, and help them stand out from other job seekers. There are professional speakers each week and success stories that will help get everyone through the winter darkness. These sessions will be held at Blessed Sacrament Parish's Regan Hall, 3020 Reeves Rd. NE, Warren. Please call the parish at (330) 372-2215 to Terry about registering and for more information. There is no charge for this session. Hope Works is sponsored by Trumbull County Catholic Parishes and with Sharing Hope in Tough Times, a project of Catholic Charities.

### **Help for Hurting Marriages**

Do you feel like you are in a hopeless marriage? Retrouvaille can help you put the pieces back together in your marriage. The next Retrouvaille program will be held on February 25 at the Holiday Inn South, Boardman, Ohio. Limited space, please call early. For more information or registration call 1-800-470-2230 or visit [www.HelpOurMarriage.com](http://www.HelpOurMarriage.com)

### **Church Overseas Combined Collection- February 20**

This weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown will hold the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** for ministries of the Church and around the globe. These ministries of **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, **Holy Father/Peter's Pence**, the **Church in Latin America** and the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe** assist the Church in serving people who are hungry, refugees, victims of natural disasters, and development projects. Please give generously to this collection which combines four collections in one. CRS and other agencies request special funds when a natural disaster occurs, like the recent earthquake in Haiti. This collection supports these Church agencies in their ongoing work in long-term development, education, leadership training and other social and pastoral ministries.

**Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center** will offer Coffee and Contemplation: Leaning Toward Lent on Tuesday, March 1 from 9:30-11:30AM. This series focuses on a variety of spiritual and holistic topics. The speaker for this month is Barbara O'Donnell HM. Cost for the program attendance is \$7.00. Participants are welcome to stay for lunch. Cost for program and lunch is \$14.00. Advanced registration is required. For information on this conference, please contact: (724) 964-8886 or [www.villaprograms.org](http://www.villaprograms.org)

### **Don't let the IRS tax your IRA**

If you have an IRA and are at an age where you are required to take distributions, you know how taxing that experience can be. As a supporter of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church you should be aware that congress recently renewed special incentives to make charitable gifts through retirement accounts. The legislation allows you to keep those IRA withdrawals up to \$100,000 from ever being taxed. For a free brochure that describes these incentives, call Mr. Pat Palumbo, Director of Development & Stewardship, at (330) 744-8451 ext. 325 or email Mr. Palumbo at [ppalumbo@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:ppalumbo@youngstowndiocese.org)

### **Attention prayerful single men!**

The famous Gethsemani Trappist Abbey in Trappist, Kentucky will be hosting several free "Live-In Experience" vocational retreats for single men 18-55. Work and pray with the monks and enjoy the vocational talks. You can stay during the weekend only or as long as a week. The Gethsemani Trappist Retreat dates are: March 4-11, March 11-18, April 1-8, April 8-15, May 2-9 and May 9-16. There is no cost but space is limited. If you take a bus or plane to Louisville, Kentucky the monks will pick you up. For additional dates and information call 1-502-549-4103 or email [abbey@monks.org](mailto:abbey@monks.org) Call in the morning from 8:00AM-12:00PM is best.

**St. Mary Church**, 3504 Main St., Rt. 46, Mineral Ridge, Ohio is having a Swiss Steak Dinner on Sunday, February 27 from 12:00-2:00PM. Dinner includes: Swiss Steak, mashed potatoes with gravy, green beans, tossed salad with roll/butter, and assorted desserts. Cost is \$6.50 for adults; children 5-12 years are \$3.00. Benefits St. Mary C.C.D. Program.

**St. Mary Church**, 3504 Main St., Rt. 46, Mineral Ridge is having a Bingo and Card Party on Sunday, March 20 from 2:00-5:00PM. Doors open at 1:30PM. Advanced ticket sales only. No tickets will be sold at the door. Tickets are \$6.00. Call the church rectory Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday from 9:00AM-3:00PM at (330) 652-7761.

### **2011 Engaged Encounter Weekend Schedule**

The next weekend opportunity for Marriage Preparation will be May 6-8 at St. Leonard's Retreat Center, Avon, Ohio. For reservations and information, call Dennis and Rita at (440) 572-8954; e-mail at [Darlings5@aol.com](mailto:Darlings5@aol.com) or [www.clevelandencounter.com/registration.htm](http://www.clevelandencounter.com/registration.htm)

### **Jump start your St. Patrick's Day celebration with Catholic Charities**

Catholic Charities First Annual Irish Comalya will be held on Saturday, March 12 from 6:00-10:00PM at St. Michael Parish Family Life Center, 300 N. Broad St., Canfield. Live performances by County Mayo and traditional Celtic Music by Colleen McNally-Harris and Harper Kirk. Hors d'oeuvres buffet, cash bar featuring Irish beer and stout, games, prizes, raffles. Enter to win our "Luck of the Irish" Dream Vacation raffle. Drawing will be at 9:30PM for a \$3,000 travel voucher to use anywhere in the world! Raffle tickets are \$20.00 each or 6 for \$100.00. Winner need not be present. Event tickets are \$20.00 each. 21 and over, please. For more information, call (330) 744-8451 ext. 328 or visit [www.ccdoy.org](http://www.ccdoy.org)

**Capuchin Franciscan Friars:** For 800 years followers of Saint Francis of Assisi have been rebuilding the Church. The Capuchin Franciscans are priests and brothers who serve Christ in the spirit of Saint Francis. Men between the ages of 16 and 40 are invited to visit a Capuchin friary. Visits to Capuchin friaries in Pennsylvania, Washington, DC and Ohio are held regularly. For more information call 1-888-263-6227 or email [frtomcap@yahoo.com](mailto:frtomcap@yahoo.com) or visit [www.capuchin.com](http://www.capuchin.com)

**On Friday, February 25** members of our parish are invited to join Emmanuel Community Church in the 30 hour fast. Participants have a simple job ~ collect pledge money from family, friends, teachers, co-workers, employers, etc. and then completely fast from food for 30 hours beginning February 25 at 12 midnight until Saturday morning at 6:00AM. All pledge forms and checks will be collected after the fast and be sent to World Vision. Participants will also have the chance to receive prizes from World Vision based on how much they raise. At 6:00PM on February 25, a multi-band concert will be hosted at Emmanuel Community Church in Canfield. Featured artists include After Z and Splendor Field. There is no charge for admission but a free will offering will be taken. If you would like to participate or have any questions, call Amanda at (330) 550-6417 or email at [WWJD1092@aol.com](mailto:WWJD1092@aol.com)

**St. Luke Church Banquet Hall**, 5225 South Ave., Boardman invites you to a Mardi Gras Beer Taste on Saturday, March 5 at 6:00PM. Tickets are \$25.00 per person. Food, music, dancing, Chinese Auction, 50/50 raffle and more! Tickets are available at St. Luke Parish Office. Call (330) 782-9783 for further information.

### **Catholic Cruise to the Exotic Western Caribbean**

Come and sail away on a 7 night Catholic Exotic Western Caribbean Cruise with Fr. Martin Jones on September 18-25, 2011 on the Carnival Valor out of Miami, FL. Ports of call: Grand Caymen Island, Isla Roatan, Belize, Cozumel (Mexico). Prices begin at \$1,112 for two passengers which includes all port fees and taxes. Daily Mass and Rosary offered. Deposits of only \$50.00 per person will reserve your cabin. Space is limited. For further information or to register, contact Doug or Eileen at 1-860-399-1785 or [dpayttc@aol.com](mailto:dpayttc@aol.com)

