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Mass:

Monday, Friday 9:00 A.M. - St. Joseph Parish
Tuesday 8:00 A.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish
Thursday 7:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish
Saturday Vigil 4:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish
Saturday 5:30 P.M. - Nativity of the BVM Parish
Sunday 8:30 A.M., 11:00 A.M., 5:00 P.M. - St. Joseph Parish

The 11:00 A.M. Mass will be livestreamed.

The link can be found on our website: www.stjosephamherst.com

Confession at St. Joseph Parish: Thursday - Individual Reconciliation 7:30 P.M. - 8:30 P.M. Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

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Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, MAY 19th Mass at St. Joseph Parish

Cheryl Sanders (Mary Anne Barnes) 9:00 A.M.

TUESDAY, MAY 20th Mass at Nativity Parish

Larry Knoble (Terry and Mark Chase) 8:00 A.M.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 22nd Mass at St. Joseph Parish

Baby Alice (Mom, Jennifer Jackson) 7:00 P.M.

Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd Mass at St. Joseph Parish

Holly Herbert (Dan Balko) 9:00 A.M.

SATURDAY, MAY 24th

11:00 A.M. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish

4:00 P.M. Carmel Chiaramonte (Daughter)

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

5:30 P.M. Sal and Ginny Pellittieri (Joe and Marriane)

Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 25th Masses at St. Joseph Parish

People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes 8:30 A.M.

John Borocz (Daughter) 11:00 A.M.

5:00 P.M. Timothy Antolik (Antolik Family)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, MAY 19th Easter Weekday

Acts 14:5-18 Jn 14:21-26

TUESDAY, MAY 20th Easter Weekday, Saint Bernardine of

Siena, Priest

Acts 14:19-28 Jn 14:27-31a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st Easter Weekday, Saint Christopher

Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs

Acts 15:1-6 Jn 15:1-8

THURSDAY, MAY 22nd Easter Weekday, Saint Rita of Cascia,

Religious

Acts 15:7-21 Jn 15:9-11

FRIDAY, MAY 23rd Easter Weekday

Acts 15:22-31 Jn 15:12-17

SATURDAY, MAY 24th Vigil: Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

SUNDAY, MAY 25th Sixth Sunday of Easter

Acts 15:1-2, 22-29 Rv 21:10-14, 22-23 Jn 14:23-29

To view our 11:00 A.M. Mass for the homebound,

visit our YouTube Channel:

https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmedia8044

Or you can use the button on our website:

https:stjosephamherst.com/

Activity Schedule

MONDAY - FRIDAY

Eucharistic Adoration 11:00 A.M.-10:00 P.M. (NBVM)

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Faithfully Fit Yoga - Tue. & Thur. 9:30 A.M. (Mill Hollow)

SUNDAY, MAY 18th

11:00 A.M. Baccalaureate Mass (SJ Church)

6:00 P.M. Holy Ground Youth Group Meeting

(SJ Social Hall Lobby). Please join us for the

5:00 P.M. Mass before our meeting

TUESDAY, MAY 20th

Spring Track Party (NBVM Parish Hall) 5:00 P.M.

7:00 P.M. Men's Group (SJ Social Hall Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 21st

6:00 P.M. Grief Recovery Program (SJ Social Hall Lobby)

Sacred Sisters Metting (O.S.E. Community Ctr.) 6:30 P.M.

THURSDAY MAY 22nd

5:30 P.M. CYO Volleyball Sign-ups (School Gym)

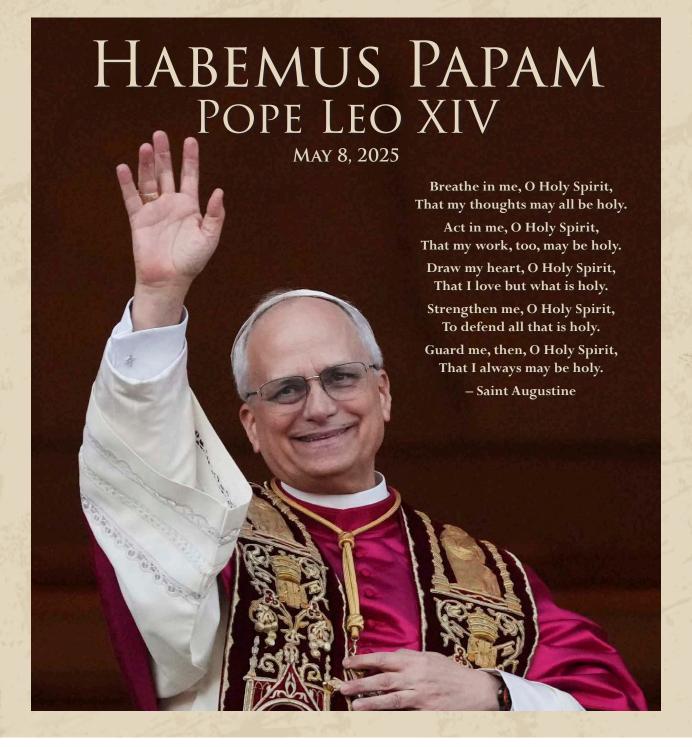
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| Total Sunday Offerings | \$ | 23,653.09 |
| Other Collections | | |
| Easter | \$ | 1,945.00 |
| Children's Envelopes | \$ | 2.00 |
| Tuition Assistance | \$ | 216.00 |
| Maintenance | \$ | 221.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ | 25.00 |
| Flowers and Decorations | \$ | 5.00 |
| Good Friday | \$ | 50.00 |
| Newman Campus Ministries | \$ | 75.00 |
| Nativity Parish | | |
| Saturday, May 3 | \$ | 1,735.00 |
| Other Collections | | |
| Landscaping | \$ | 15.00 |
| Central and Eastern Europe | \$ | 5.00 |
| Catholic Home Missions | \$ | 70.00 |
| Maintenance and Upkeep | \$ | 1,035.00 |

Marriage Banns

Hunter Price and Brianna Gendics - II

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Pope Leo XIV was born September 14, 1955, in Chicago, Illinois. He holds a bachelor's degree from the Augustinian-run Villanova University in Pennsylvania and joined the order in 1977, making his solemn vows in 1981.

He joined the Augustinian mission in Peru in 1985 and largely worked in the country until 1999 when he was elected head of the Augustinians' Chicago-based province. From 2001 to 2013, he served as prior general of the worldwide order. In 2015, Pope Francis named him bishop of Chiclayo, in northern Peru, and the pope asked him also to be apostolic administrator of Callao, Peru, from April 2020 to May 2021.

Pope Francis elevated him to Cardinal in the Consistory of September 30, 2023, when he was assigned Cardinal of St. Monica. On February 6, 2025, Pope Francis promoted him to the highest degree of Cardinals, granting him the title of the Suburbicarian Church of Albano.

On May 8, 2025, Cardinal Protodeacon Dominique Mamberti pronounced the formula, "Habemus Papam," proclaiming to the city of Rome and to the whole world the news of the election of Robert Francis Cardinal Prevost as Pope Leo XIV.

Celebrate 50 Years of Marriage!



The Diocese of Cleveland invites all couples married in 1975 to attend the Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, June 29, 2025 at 2:00 PM. Families are welcome. No registration is required. Doors open at 1:30 P.M. A photo opportunity with the Bishop will be available after Mass.

The Office of Marriage and Family Ministry is pleased to provide a letter from Bishop Malesic and a certificate for all couples married 50 years. Attendance at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass is not required to receive a certificate. The certificates and letters are compiled **once a month** and must be requested online in advance. For full details, please visit the Diocesan website at: https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/marriage-and-family-ministry/marriage/50th-wedding-anniversary-celebration.

St Joseph and Nativity BVM Men's Fellowship Group

We will be listening to a podcast from, https://heroicmen.org/ in the series, Heroic Stories.

Episode: What George Bailey and St Joseph Taught Me About Being A Man

We will be meeting on May 20th at 7:00 P.M. in St. Joseph Social Hall Lobby

Newcomers are always welcome and appreciated!

If you have any questions, contact Tony Alessandro at 440-452-3727, or via email at talessandro51@gmail.com



The Annual Baby Bottle Campaign is back at St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes! If you'd like to participate, bottles are available at both locations. Simply fill a bottle with a check (made payable to *Cornerstone Pregnancy Services*), cash, or coins, and return it **by Father's Day, June 15**. Prefer a different way to give? Flyers with donation envelopes are also available at both parishes. You can mail in your gift or use the QR code (in the above graphic) for a faster and easier way to contribute. Thank you for considering support of this worthy cause!

Fifth Sunday of Easter

VBS Registration to Open May 23



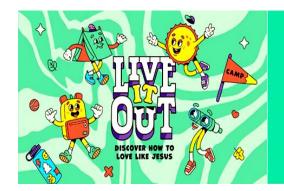
It's an exciting time for our St. Joseph and Nativity communities, as Vacation Bible School makes its return. Joy Rivera has been hard at work pulling together a team to bring VBS to our children.

VBS will take place Monday, July 28 through Friday, August 1, from 9:00 to 11:30 A.M. Children who are entering Pre-K (4 years old) through Fourth grade from St. Jospeh, Nativity and those outside our parishes are all welcome. There will be only 120 spots available, so register early!

Registration will open on Friday, May 23, and close on Monday, June 2.

You will be able to find the registration link in upcoming bulletins and on the website beginning May 23.

Paper signup forms can be found in the Gathering Area at St. Joseph,
and on the tables at NBVM **beginning May 23**.



Volunteer Sign Up

VBS Dates: Monday July 28 - Friday August 1 from 9:00-11:30 A.M.

MANY VOLUNTEERS are needed in order to have a successful VBS experience for all of our participants! ADULT, TEEN, and YOUTH volunteers are needed, and welcome! There are MANY ways to volunteer, even if you are only available for just one day! If you are not available during the week of VBS, we will also need help in the weeks leading up to it, especially the weekend before to decorate and set up!

We will need a handful of volunteers who are available for the entire week, so if you are available, please sign up!! Volunteers hours are 8:30 A.M.-12:00 P.M. There is a program on the last day, Aug. 1, that will end at 12:00 P.M., but we will need lots of hands to help clean up afterwards! **Volunteers over the age of 18 must have completed the VIRTUS Training Program for the Safety and Protection of God's Children. Joy Rivera will reach out with more information on how to complete this program prior to the start of VBS.

You can sign up on our website, or paper forms will be available in the Gathering Area at St. Joseph and on the tables at NBVM, beginning May 23.

THANK YOU TO THIS WONDERFUL TEAM FOR BRINGING VBS BACK TO ST. JOSPEH AND NBVM PARISHES!

(Back left to right - Rachel MacDonald, Elizabeth Gonzalez, Alissa Van Dress. Front left to right - Joy Rivera, Josh Gonzalez.)

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ALL ARE WELCOME! 7TH - 12TH GRADERS

HOLY GROUND YOUTH NIGHTS!

- Fellowship & faith formation in the social hall
- Snacks provided
- Closing Prayer 7:30 PM





Last Youth Night of the School Year! May 18th

Stay Tuned for a fun start of summer gathering!

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Baccalaureate Mass May 18 at 11:00 A.M.

Our Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated at the

11:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday, May 18th.

This special day provides an opportunity for all high school, vocational school, and college graduates to participate in and be celebrated at Mass.

Remember to

submit your graduate's photo and short bio to Diane Syrowski by May 23rd

so that they can be included in our Parish Newsletter.

For questions or more information, contact Diane Syrowski at 440-522-2491 or via email at dianesyrowski@gmail.com



PSR Information

As this PSR school year has come to an end, it is time to begin planning for the 2025-2026 school year. Therefore, PSR registration for the 2025-2026 school year is now open. You may sign up your child/(ren) using the link below, or it can be found on our website, www.stjosephamherst.com. Please complete the Google Form for each child you would like to enroll in the program. The deadline for registering is August 31, 2025.

If you would like to enroll an Eighth grade student for Confirmation preparation, the student must have attended PSR or participated in some other faith formation for their Seventh grade year. If this is the case, please enroll the student in Confirmation Prep Year 2. Students wishing to participate in Confirmation preparation who have not completed Year 1 must do so first before moving on to Year 2, regardless of the grade level they are enrolled in at school.

PSR will again be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30-6:45 P.M. Sessions will begin in October and end in April. Fees will be invoiced once classes have begun. If you have any questions, feel free to contact Angie Eads at angela.eads@sjs-amherst.org.

Registration Link: https://forms.gle/KQdErCzcW6JCdSzB6

Nativity News

Altar and Rosary Partners with Birthright of Lorain County for Fundraiser

Once again, the Altar and Rosary Society is honoring mothers by partnering with Birthright of Lorain County.



Birthright has provided a "wish list" of most-needed items:

- Size 5, 6, and 7 disposable diapers.
- Baby wipes in packs of 50-100

Other items always appreciated are:

- 0-6 month sleepers or sleep sacks
- Baby towels
- Burp cloths
- Baby food
- Or any baby-related item you wish to donate

If you would like to join us in this effort, please place your donation on the back table in Nativity Church, or place a monetary donation in an envelope marked "A and R Birthright / Kathy" and drop it into the collection basket. All checks should be made payable to "Altar and Rosary Society" Attn: Kathy. Donations will be accepted from May 10 through June 8. Your support is greatly appreciated!

Faithfully Fit Yoga Moves to Mill Hollow



Our yoga sessions are now held at the Amphitheater at Mill Hollow Bacon Woods, for the summer months. Join us every Tuesday and Thursday at the usual time for a peaceful practice surrounded by nature. In case of rain, we'll meet under Shelter One, located just across from the Carriage Barn. Come stretch, breathe, and find peace and God's loving grace in this beautiful setting!



St. Joseph and NBVM YouTube Channel



Our YouTube Channel offers the 11:00 A.M. Mass livestreamed, along with past videos and newly added content!

We will also be uploading weekly event videos featured during Mass on weekends, as well as new music from our music ministry. Subscribe to us on YouTube at siandnbymmedia

Rummage and Bake Sale at St. Teresa of Avila Parish

St. Teresa of Avila Parish (1878 Abbe Road, Sheffield Village) will host a Rummage and Bake Sale on Friday, May 30 from 9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.

The Rummage Sale continues on Saturday, May 31, from 9:00 A.M. until 2:00 P.M., featuring \$5 bag specials!

A wide variety of items will be available, including books, small appliances, children's items, clothing, and household goods.

Come and find some treasures while supporting the parish!

Villa Maria-thon 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk



Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center will sponsor its 15th Annual Villa Maria-thon 5K Run and 2-Mile Walk on

Saturday, June 7, 2025, at 9:00 A.M. at the Villa Maria Community Center, Villa Maria, PA.

The event includes activities for the entire family! Visit https://vmesc.org/ for registration and additional information. All proceeds from the event benefit the center's youth and adult programs.



THEOLOGY ON TAP



GOOD PILGRIMS VS BAD CATHOLICS: AN EASTER SEASON PERSPECTIVE

What is a good pilgrim and what makes for a bad Catholic? Why is this a critical distinction for young Catholics today and what are some tools to help provide clarity.



with Father Michael Gurnick

Father Gurnick serves as pastor of Saint Patrick Parish on Bridge Avenue and St. Malachi Oratory, both on Cleveland near west side. Ordained a priest in 1998, he has served as the Diocesan Vocation Director. Before returning to parish life as pastor, Fr. Gurnick served as Secretary and Vicar for Clergy & Religious for seven years.

Registration will be available at dioceseofcleveland.org/totcle. Parking is available on the street or at St. Wendelin



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Borromeo Seminary Golf Outing



Please join us at Red Tail Golf Club located at 4400 Nagel Rd. in Avon for the 22nd year of our Annual Golf Outing. Golfers will enjoy an 18-hole scramble as well as lunch and dinner at one of Ohio's top-rated courses.

Participants can qualify for several prizes, enter raffles, and take part in specialized competitions such as a putting contest and a \$10,000 hole-in-one challenge. Not a golfer? No problem! We'll have plenty for you to enjoy in the clubhouse along with a dinner-only registration option.

Held annually since 2003, the Borromeo Golf Outing has become a highly anticipated day on the links and a vital fundraiser for room and board scholarships that support our first-year Borromeo Seminary students as they discern the priesthood.

This event fills up quickly, so sign up today at https://clepriesthood.org/event/borromeo-challenge-scholarship-golf-outing-2025/

Shroud Encounter with Russ Breault



The Villa Maria Education and Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, Pa. will present a program on the Shroud of Turin on Thursday, May 22nd at 7:00 P.M.

This presentation is a fast-moving, big-screen experience, using more than 200 images to explore the profound mystery of the Shroud of Turin. The program is a production of the Shroud of Turin Education Project, Inc., and will be presented by international expert and author, Russ Breault. Mr. Breault has been featured in several national documentaries seen on CBS, EWTN, and The History and Discovery channels.

There is no charge, but preregistration is requested if attending in person. We are also hosting this program via Zoom for those who wish to join us online. Go to wmesc.org, or call 724-964-8886, for more information or to register.

Mental Health: A Journey of Hope



Did you know that May is Mental Health Awareness Month?

Mental health touches all of us. Hope can be difficult to find and sustain in these uncertain times, not knowing where to turn or what to do.

Mental Health: A Journey of Hope is a program sponsored by the Diocesan Social Action Office (DSAO) for Lorain and Western Cuyahoga County. Panelists experienced in mental health treatment and recovery will be on hand to address various topics including available resources, cultural influences, and generating HOPE. One parent will also share her family's story. Event is free of charge and all are welcome. Doors open at 6:30 P.M.

Thursday, May 22, 7:00-9:00 P.M. Elyria Catholic High School James E. Terrell Performing Arts Center 725 Gulf Road - Elyria, Ohio

Newman Campus Ministry

Every year in the Diocese of Cleveland, a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Services. This Diocesan Secretariat focuses on providing guidance and support that promotes the evangelizing mission of the Church through the catechetical efforts of all parishes and Newman Campus Ministries in the Diocese. Ministries that will benefit from this collection include faith formation for adults, teens, and children, and family-based faith formation, as well as the ongoing formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders and catechists as missionary disciples.

Newman Campus Ministries provides opportunities for the students to deepen a relationship with Christ through prayer and worship, community, Bible studies, retreats, and service. Your contribution is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages throughout the Diocese of Cleveland.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

In the charity of your prayers, we commend to God:

Charlotte Eiden

We pray for her family and the families of all our deceased relatives and friends that they may enjoy eternal peace with our Risen Christ.

Let us also remember to pray for those confined to hospitals and nursing homes, the homebound, and their caregivers, our sons and daughters in the military, those dealing with mental illness and addictions, the homeless and those who have no one to pray for them.

CYO Volleyball Sign-ups

St. Joseph CYO Fall Volleyball Sign-ups are underway!!



This young girls program is made up of teams for Grades 3-8.

In-Person sign-ups will take place on Thursday, May 22 from 4:30-6:00 P.M. in St. Joseph School Gymnasium, 175 St. Joseph Dr. Enter at door C or D.

Player fee to be paid at time of registration is \$120.00 by <u>cash or check only</u>. If a uniform is needed, there will be an additional cost of \$45.00. Online sign-ups will be open at a later date. However, if you are not purchasing a new uniform, you *MUST COME TO*IN-PERSON SIGN-UPS!



Teams fill on a First-come, first-served basis.

Contact Pat McGannon with any questions at mcgannonp069@gmail.com

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Many of you may already know about our online Sunday Offertory option, which allows you to make charitable donations without using monthly envelopes. However, did you know that you can also contribute to Holy Days and special collections through myEoffering? MyEoffering offers a quick, simple, and secure way to donate to our parish.

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