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May 25, 2025

Sixth Sunday of Easter Sunday

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Office hours are Monday - Friday 8:00 A.M. - 4:30 P.M.

NATIVITY BVM PARISH OFFICE: 440-986-7011

ST. JOSEPH PARISH WEBSITE: stjosephamherst.com

ST. JOSEPH PARISH ADDRESS: 200 St. Joseph Dr., Amherst, OH 44001

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P.O. BOX 767, Amherst, OH 44001

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OFFICE: 440-988-4244

ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL WEBSITE: www.sjsamherst.org

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

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, MAY 26th Memorial Day Mass at SJ Cemetery	
In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be at NBVM in South Amherst.	
9:00 A.M.	For those who gave their life for our country
TUESDAY, MAY 27th Mass at Nativity Parish	
8:00 A.M.	Living and deceased members of Fay, Burke, Martin, and Knoble Families (Jerry and Anne Knoble)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th No Mass	
THURSDAY, MAY 29th Mass at St. Joseph Parish	
7:00 P.M.	Marti Ralston (Ken and Patti Rehoreg) Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 P.M.
FRIDAY, MAY 30th Mass at St. Joseph Parish	
9:00 A.M.	Sister Mary Ann Burke SND (Bill and Donna Chrysler)
SATURDAY, MAY 31st	
11:00 A.M.	Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 P.M.	People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 P.M.	Vicki Russo (Tom Russo) Mass at Nativity Parish
SUNDAY, JUNE 1st Masses at St. Joseph Parish	
8:30 A.M.	For the Faithfully Departed All Souls Intentions
11:00 A.M.	Mariano Campana (Family)
5:00 P.M.	Jim Guidish (Wife)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, MAY 26th Saint Philip Neri, Priest	
Acts 16:11-15 Jn 15:26—16:4a	
TUESDAY, MAY 27th Easter Weekday, Saint Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop	
Acts 16:22-34 Jn 16:5-11	
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th Easter Weekday	
Acts 17:15, 22—18:1 Jn 16:12-15	
THURSDAY, MAY 29th Easter Weekday, Saint Paul VI, Pope	
Acts 18:1-8 Jn 16:16-20	
FRIDAY, MAY 30th Easter Weekday	
Acts 18:9-18 Jn 16:20-23	
SATURDAY, MAY 31st Vigil: The Ascension of the Lord	
Acts 1:1-11 Eph 1:17-23 or Heb 9:24-28; 10:19-23 Lk 24:46-53	
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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)	
MONDAY, MAY 26th Memorial Day	
No School/Parish Offices Closed	
TUESDAY, MAY 27th	
7:00 P.M.	Knights of Columbus Meeting (School MPR)
WEDNESDAY, MAY 28th	
4:30 P.M.	CYO Volleyball Sign-ups (School Gym)
6:00 P.M.	Grief Recovery Program (SJ Social Hall Lobby)
6:30 P.M.	Sacred Sisters Metting (O.S.E. Community Ctr.)
THURSDAY MAY 29th	
9:00 A.M.	Vincentian Meeting (Office Conference Room)
FRIDAY, MAY 30th	
10:30 A.M.	Preschool Graduation (for morning students) (SJ Church)
11:30 A.M.	Preschool Graduation (for afternoon students) (SJ Church)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, May 11	\$	11,850.92
Eoffering	\$	3,288.36
Total Sunday Offerings	\$	15,139.28
Other Collections		
Easter	\$	100.00
Children's Envelopes	\$	2.00
Tuition Assistance	\$	276.70
Maintenance	\$	170.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$	15.00
Newman Campus Ministries	\$	210.00

Nativity Parish

Saturday, May 10	\$	1,092.00
Other Collections		
Landscaping	\$	40.00
Newman Campus Ministries	\$	85.00

Marriage Banns

Hunter Price and Brianna Gendics - III

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Hospitality Movie Night - "Miracle in East Texas"

Inspired by a true story, John Sorbo directs and stars in this film, along with John Ratzenberger (Cheers' Cliff), and Louis Gossett Jr. In 1931, while the country is in a deep depression, two con men storm through Texas selling hope, romance and worthless oil stocks to naive & dreamy-eyed widows. As this humorous romance unfolds, the law finally catches up to the con men. Only a miracle could save these men from jail and the widows from bankruptcy. At this point, the men finally develop scruples and as a last resort, turn to prayer. What comes next is unbelievable. You'd have to see it to believe it.

It's FREE!! Please join us in the SCHOOL GYM on Monday, June 2nd at 6:30 P.M. (1 hr. 38 min.)



Enter through the East door with the blue awning.

If you have any questions, contact Phil Rawlings at philrawli@aol.com, or at 440-897-7437.

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Player Fee (paid at the time of registration):

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**Additional uniform fees will be assessed based
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**QUESTIONS? CONTACT PAT
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Altar Servers NEEDED

We're looking for a few more adults to join our Altar Server Ministry, and we'd love to invite *you* to consider being part of this special ministry. Serving at the altar is a simple but powerful way to support our parish and deepen your connection to the Mass. No experience is needed—we'll walk you through everything. If you've ever felt a nudge to get more involved, this could be your opportunity. If interested, reach out to Kathy Loos at 440-823-6177 or via email at jkmdmps@hotmail.com.

Our ministry welcomes YOU!

Formation Sessions for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

Below is the next training session for Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion. If you are interested in becoming an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister, please call the Parish Office at 440-988-2848, so that we can review the **qualifications and register you for the session.**

**Thursday, June 12, 2025
St. Joseph Parish, Avon Lake
7:00 - 9:00 P.M.**

Graduate Biographies

Our Baccalaureate Mass was celebrated last weekend, May 18, and it was a beautiful Mass. This special day provided an opportunity for the graduates to participate in and be celebrated at Mass.

LAST CHANCE to submit your graduate's photo and short bio via email to Diane Syrowski TODAY!
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>
Apologies for the link not working last week, it is up and working now.

Sixth Sunday of Easter

VBS Registration is NOW OPEN

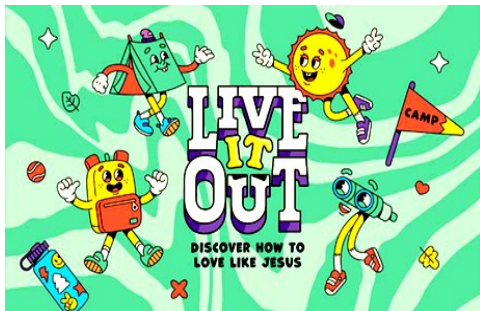


It's an exciting time for our St. Joseph and Nativity communities, as Vacation Bible School makes its return. Joy Rivera has been hard at work pulling together a team to bring VBS to our children, and now registration is OPEN!

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. Joseph, Nativity, and those outside our parishes are all welcome. There will be only 120 spots available, so register early!

Registration is open until Monday, June 2.

You can use the QR Code, go to our website (<https://www.stjosephamherst.com>), sign up this weekend with our team in St. Joseph Gathering Area, or at NBVM, use the paper forms found on the tables.



Volunteer Sign Up

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.

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

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



Nativity News

Birthright of Lorain County 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
- 0-6 month sleepers or sleep sacks
- Baby towels, burp cloths, baby food
- Or any baby-related item you wish to donate

Monetary donations also appreciated, and can be dropped in the collection basket marked "A and R Birthright." All checks should be made out to "Altar and Rosary Society," attn: Kathy.

Donations will be accepted through June 8.

Your support is greatly appreciated!

Hospitality Tuesday

NBVM in South Amherst invites all to attend our 8:00 A.M. Mass followed by fellowship in the Parish Hall on Tuesday, June 3. Please join us for Mass, refreshments and great fellowship!

Altar and Rosary Meeting

The Altar and Rosary Society will hold their monthly meeting on

Tuesday, June 3, in the Parish Hall, at 6:30 P.M.

Just a reminder, we will not be meeting in July.

First Friday Rosary



NBVM will host its First Friday Rosary on Friday, June 6, at 11:00 A.M. All from Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes are invited to attend. A light lunch will be available in the Parish Hall following our prayer time.

Thank you from Dinners On The Go

Dinners on the Go has been truly blessed this past 2024-2025 season, and we feel so fortunate to have been able to assist in the financial needs of our parish. With the help of a wonderful group of volunteers, and loyal customers, we have made the following contributions.

Thank you for all your support!

Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary \$23,612.00

Sandstone Community Church Pantry \$700.00

St. Elizabeth's Shelter Christmas Gifts \$300.00



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>.



Baby Bottle Campaign

**The Annual Baby Bottle Campaign
is underway at
St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes!**

If you'd like to participate, flyers with QR codes and/or donation envelopes are available at both parishes. If you picked up a baby bottle last week, please return it before Father's Day.

Thank you for considering support
of this worthy cause!

St. Jude Church is Looking for Crafters

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Sixth Sunday of Easter

Rummage and Bake Sale at St. Teresa of Avila Parish

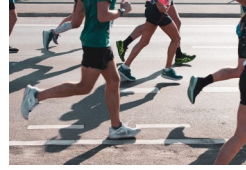
St. Teresa of Avila Parish (1878 Abbe Road, Sheffield Village) will host a **Rummage and Bake Sale** on **Friday, May 30** from **9:00 A.M. until 4:00 P.M.**

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.

Spread the Word!

Join us for the best part of the summer!

On Sunday, August 3, The FEST returns to the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe, bringing thousands together for an unforgettable day filled with faith, family, and fun— all for free!

Explore the breathtaking 56-acre campus of our Diocesan Seminary, where you'll **find moments for prayer, reflection, Confession, and Adoration**. Enjoy inspiring music from Maverick City Music, Danny Gokey, Ben Fuller, and Seph Schlueter.

There's something for everyone! Adults can explore engaging exhibits and giveaways, while kids and grandkids can delight in activities like a petting zoo, crafts, and more!

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Visit www.theFEST.us for all the details, and don't forget to invite your friends!

8.3.25

Sixth Sunday of Easter

Borromeo Seminary Golf Outing

A poster for the Borromeo Seminary Golf Outing. At the top is a logo featuring a golf ball on a tee, flanked by two crossed golf clubs. The text "BORROMEO SEMINARY" is arched above the ball, "ESTD 2003" is on either side, and "JUNE 30, 2025" is below the ball. "GOLF OUTING" is written at the bottom of the logo. Below the logo, the text reads: "Join us for the 22nd annual Borromeo Seminary 'Challenge Scholarship' Golf Outing". Underneath that is "An outing to support first year seminarians". Then "June 30, 2025" and "Red Tail Golf Club, Avon". At the bottom left is a QR code. To its right is the text: "Use the QR code for more details or to register online." and "For sponsorship opportunities or for more information call 440.943.7631". The background of the poster shows a group of people on a golf course.

**Join us for the 22nd annual
Borromeo Seminary
"Challenge Scholarship"
Golf Outing**

An outing to support first year seminarians

**June 30, 2025
Red Tail Golf Club, Avon**

Use the QR code for more details or to register online.

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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/>

**MAKE ME
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Thanks to the generosity of nearly 24,000 faithful donors, Catholic Charities has already raised over \$10 million dollars, which is extraordinary! As they continue to receive in-pew envelopes, these totals will continue to rise. Click below to see our parishes progress as of 4/30/25.

[View the Parish Statistics](#)

On May 31 and June 1, there will be a follow-up In-Pew Appeal for Catholic Charities at both of our parishes. If you missed the opportunity to give earlier this year, we invite you to consider making a gift today. All donations from this second collection will support the Help Me Grow program, which provides in-home support, education, and essential items—such as diapers and formula—to new parents throughout our diocese. In 2024, this program helped over 400 families begin their parenting journey with confidence and care. The theme of this year's appeal is *"Make Me a Channel of Your Peace."* By supporting Help Me Grow, you're helping build stronger families and healthier communities. Thank you for your generosity.

Charismatic Pentecost Mass

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a Charismatic Pentecost Mass Celebration on Sunday, June 8, at St. Julie Billiart Church, 5500 Lear Nagel Rd., North Ridgeville, OH 44039.

The celebration will begin at 2:00 P.M. with praise and worship, with Fr. Bob Franco as the celebrant. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for individual prayer for healing and a brief time for fellowship. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445.

All are invited to celebrate Pentecost as a community and join us as we pray—in power—for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

Missionary Visit – June 7 and 8

We welcome Rev. Ranees A. Rayappan, SMA Provincial, who will celebrate all Masses at **St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes** the weekend of **June 7–8**.

Fr. Rayappan represents the **Society of African Missions (SMA)**, a Catholic missionary community serving Africans and people of African origin. Please keep him and his mission in your prayers.

A second collection will be taken up that weekend to support the work of the SMA. Thank you for your generosity.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Dale Suzanne Weber

Sue Wohlever

Pat Vaccaro

Deacon Hardin M. Martin



We pray for their families 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.

ATTN: Graduates of Southview High School

Southview High School Class of 1976 — Believe it or not, our 50th Reunion is just around the corner! If you're interested in attending or helping plan this special celebration, we'd love to hear from you.

Please reach out to

Leisa Steffani Luca at leisaluca@gmail.com
or Christine Donat Morse at bjmmorse@yahoo.com.

Let's reconnect and make it a reunion to remember!

THANK YOU

Thank you to all our generous parishioners for your heartfelt support and donations toward relief efforts for those affected by Hurricanes Helene and Milton. Because of your kindness, we were able to send a total of **\$10,335.50** to aid those in need. Your compassion and willingness to help truly reflect the spirit of our parish community. May God bless you for your generosity!

Did You Know...

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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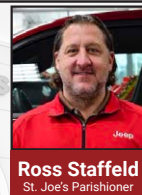
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