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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 - 8:30 P.M. Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Steve Bialko (Gregg and Cathy Fior)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th – Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 a.m. Tracey Herrada (Alberta Celaschi)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th – No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 p.m. Michelle Kossow (Terry and Gina Pool)

Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Sandra Balko (Dan Balko)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish

Domingo and Romana Amador 4:00 p.m.

(Raquel Stein)

Mass at St. Joseph Parish

Kelly Hills (Kathy, Chrissy & Jackie) 5:30 p.m.

Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. Jennifer Rainey (Family) Beulah Giacobbe (Son) 11:00 a.m.

5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Activity Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY

11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (NBVM)

TUESDAYS AND THURSDAYS

Faithfully Fit Yoga at Nativity Parish Hall 9:30 a.m.

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th

7:00 p.m. Men's Group Meeting (Social Hall Lobby)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th

Sacred Sisters Meeting 6:30 p.m.

(O.S.E. Community Center)

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th

9:00 a.m. Vincentians (Conference Room)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group (School Gym)

Will meet near the choir before Mass

at 5:00 p.m.

Daily Readings

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 15th – Our Lady of Sorrows (Twenty-fourth Week in Ordinary Time)

1 Tm 2:1-8 / Jn 19:25-27 or Lk 2:33-35

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 16th - Saints Cornelius,

Pope, and Cyprian, Bishop, Martyrs

1 Tm 3:1-13 / Lk 7:11-17

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17th - Saint Robert Bellamine, Bishop and Doctor of the Church, Saint Hildegard of Bingen, Virgin and Doctor of the Church

1 Tm 3:14-16 / Lk 7:31-35

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 18th – Weekday

1 Tm 4:12-16 / Lk 7:36-50

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 19th – Weekday

Saint Januarius, Bishop and Martyr

1 Tm 6:2c-12 / Lk 8:1-3

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 20th – Vigil,

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 21st

The Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 8:4-7 / 1 Tm 2:1-8 / Lk 16:1-13 or 16:10-13

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, August 31, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 16,783.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 82.00
Assumption	\$ 140.00

Coffering August 26-September 1, 2025	
Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,624.93
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 96.94
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering-Vincentians	\$ 302.00
Eoffering-Assumption	\$ 294.70
Eoffering-School Tuition Assistance	\$ 100.00

Nativity Parish

Saturday, August 30, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,064.00
Faith and Values	\$ 60.00
Assumption	\$ 10.00

The Exaltation of The Holy Cross

Canceled Due to Social Hall Renovation Parish Family Picnic – Sunday, September 21st 12:00-3:00 p. m. at St. Joseph Social Hall

FIRST FRIDAY FORUM OF LORAIN COUNTY

The First Friday Forum of Lorain County will hear from Mary Pat Frey at our luncheon on **Friday, October 3**. Mary Pat will be speaking about Social Ministry in our Parish. Come join us for good food, fellowship and a great speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 a.m. at **TOM'S COUNTRY PLACE, 3442 Stoney Ridge Road, Avon**. Reservations need to be received by 6:00 p.m. Monday, September 29. Call 440-320-3272, or email ffflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.00.

SECOND COLLECTION THIS WEEKEND

A Second Collection will be taken up this weekend, September 13th and 14th, to assist the Christians and other innocent victims of violence in Gaza and surrounding areas who are struggling to survive, protect their children and live with dignity in dire conditions. Monies collected will be sent to Catholic Relief Services (CRS) which is providing vital emergency humanitarian relief and medical and psychological care for the sick, malnourished and wounded. If you write a check, make it payable to St. Joseph Church or Nativity BVM Church and write "Gaza" on the memo line, and we will write a check to cover all donations.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION GRIEF SUPPORT MEETING

You are not alone. Catholic Cemeteries Association walks with you along your grief journey. We offer free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and Memorial events throughout the year.

The next Grief Support meeting is:

• September 21st – 3:00 p.m. In-person at six locations throughout the Diocese and 5:00 p.m. for a virtual meeting. For details, visit:

https://www.clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx. You can view our local Grief Resource Guide and our monthly Bereavement e-newsletter bulletin there as well. For more information or questions, call Renee at 216-930-4866.

PSR CLASSES

PSR classes are beginning on Wednesday, October 1st, from 5:30 to 6:45 p.m.. If you've been meaning to register but haven't, please do so ASAP. All PSR information can be found on the parish website at www.stjosephamherst.com.

ST. JOSEPH AND NBVM YOUTUBE CHANNEL

Our You Tube 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 You Tube sjandnbymmedia.

Nativity News

DINNERS ON THE GO

September23rd Menu

Roast Pork
Pierogi Pie
Country Green Beans
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Chicken 'n Wild Rice
All dinners are \$15.00 and include dessert.
A 16-oz. soup cup is \$5.00.
Additional desserts (if available) are \$2.00 each.

Nativity of the BVM Parish is located at 333 S. Lake Street, in South Amherst.

Driv-thru pick-up only is from 5:00-6:00 p.m.

Please call Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 to place your order(s).

Please try to place your order by the Friday BEFORE a dinner.

Thank you for our continued support!

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HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP FALL CALENDAR

$\frac{9}{7}$	10/5	$\begin{array}{c} 11/2 \\ 11/9 \end{array}$	12/7
9/7 9/14 9/21 9/28	$\frac{10/19}{10/26}$	$\frac{11}{9}$ $\frac{11}{16}$ $\frac{11}{23}$	12/14

MEETING TIMES AFTER THE 5PM MASS UNTIL 7:30

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CANDLELIGHT ROSARY SERVICE

The Nativity Altar and Rosary Society in South Amherst invites everyone to attend their Candlelight Rosary Service on **Wednesday, October 8, 2025, at 7:00 p.m.**. The Service will be comprised of the Rosary, a procession, a reading and litany as well as time for quiet reflection and song. Please come to honor Mary, our Mother, and pray for your special intentions. Dessert and fellowship will follow the service in our Social Hall.

FROM NATIVITY ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

A sincere thanks to John Kowalski for his presentation to the Nativity Altar and Rosary Society members and guests regarding St. Bridget's Devotional. Those attending made a stronger reconnection with God, emphasizing our responsibility to love and serve Him, as we as the value of all prayers. We are grateful that John chose to spend the evening with us.



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Tickets must be purchased by September 19th.

Seminarian Support paid through the Grace Martello Scholarship Fund

NBVM HOLY COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND

If you or someone you know – whether a friend, family member, or acquaintance – is a member of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in South Amherst and would like to receive Holy Communion at home, please contact Lynn Johnson at 440-752-6519 or Wendy Rosso at 440-986-0304, so that we are able to meet the needs of the homebound.

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

Mark your calendars for Saturday, October 11th at Nativity, in South Amherst. Polka Mass at 5:30 p.m. and dinner/social to follow in the Parish Hall. More details will be in next week's bulletin. **Everyone is invited** to Mass and dinner from Nativity, St. Joseph or any parish you are attending. No Cost.

To be added to St. Joseph and Nativity's weekly emails, simply text SJPA to 84576. We typically only send emails and respect your privacy; text messages will be sent only for urgent situations.

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- * Adults who were baptized Catholic but have not received the Sacrament of First Eucharist and/or Confirmation or who want to know more about their religion.

No-obligation informational reception, with yummy food, Monday, September 22, 7:00 p.m.

Nativity's Social Hall, 333 S. Lake St., So. Amherst

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Please make a note that if you would like to submit information for the bulletin, please email it to parishoffice@stjosephamherst.com, by Noon,

NO LATER than 2 Fridays prior to the Sunday you want it to appear.



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VILLA MARIA WEEKEND RETREAT

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will sponsor a special Weekend Retreat with Eric A. Clayton, September 26-28, 2025. Eric is the deputy director of communications for the Jesuit Conference of Canada and the United States and the author of multiple books on Ignatian Spirituality and everyday life.

The Retreat is entitled, "Cultivating a Spirituality of Storytelling: How Ignatian Spirituality Helps Us Uncover Our Deepest Selves."

For more information or to register, go to: https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1024

STOP FRAUD

There have been more fraudulent attempts to trick people into giving out personal information, to purchase gift cards, or a request for an "urgent matter." These scams can come as a text, email, or even a phone call. They look and sound very legitimate. Please know that no one from this parish office will ask you to make a purchase, or respond to an "urgent need." All correspondence from the office will include specific information for the correspondence.

As a best-practice, never open any links or give out private information without first checking to see that the source is legitimate.

IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTION INFORMATION

As a reminder to ensure that you get proper credit on your contribution statement, PLEASE mark the outside of your envelope with the correct amount enclosed.

If you are not using a weekly Sunday Offertory envelope, be sure to include your name and address on your envelope as well. This will ensure that when posting the contributions to your account, we have the correct amount entered.

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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. To learn more or to sign up, visit https://myeoffering.com/.

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