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September 21, 2025
The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 22nd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Johnny Srawley (Suzanne and Dylan)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd – Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members
of the Faye, Knoble and
Martin Families
(Jerry and Anne Knoble)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th – No Mass

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 p.m. Richard Kessler (Family)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Wanda Kelling (Daughter)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Jeffrey Howells (Paul Sliman Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Mary Sliman (Patty Sliman)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. Dann Haas (Mom and Dave)
11:00 a.m. Peter Sliman (Family)
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

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

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 22nd

7:00 p.m. No Obligation O.C.I.A. Information Night:
Welcome & Introduction.
EVERYONE'S INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd

5:00 p.m. Dinner on the Go – Drive-thru pick-up
(Nativity Parish)

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (School MPR)

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th

6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th

5:30 p.m. Knights of Columbus Steak Fry
(Amherst Eagles)

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28th

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 22nd – Weekday

Erz 1:1-6 / Lk 8:16-18

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 23rd –

Saint Pius of Pietrelcina, Priest

Erz 6:7-8, 12b, 14-20 / Lk 8:19-21

WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 24th – Weekday

Erz 9:5-9 / Lk 9:1-6

THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 25th – Weekday

Hg 1:1-8 / Lk 9:7-9

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 26th –

Weekday, Saints Cosmas and Damian, Martyrs

Hg 2:1-9 / Lk 9:18-22

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th –

Vigil, The Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Am 6:1a, 4-7 / 1 Tm 6:11-16 / Lk 16:19-31

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27th –

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FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, September 7, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 12,689.72
Tuition Assistance	\$ 203.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 60.00
Assumption	\$ 20.00
Cath. Communications Campaign	\$ 110.00
Vincentians	\$ 2,774.50

E-Offering – September 2-September 8, 2025

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,731.78
Eoffering – Maintenance Fund	\$ 136.94
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 19.14
Eoffering – Assumption	\$ 14.70
Eoffering – Newman Campus Collection	\$ 304.00
Eoffering – Retirement for the Religious	\$ 193.88

Nativity Parish

Saturday, September 6, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,070.00
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The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

STEWARDSHIP RENEWAL BEGINS TODAY

This week, we begin a vital part of life as a parish family – our Annual Stewardship Renewal.

Please take the time to review your commitment materials when they arrive in your mailbox and see where God is calling you to commit more deeply to Him in the year ahead! On Commitment Sunday, October 4/5, each parish family is asked to return their completed card or complete a card online at our parish website stjosephamherst.com.

JUBILEE MASS



Father Craig Hovanec, from Nativity B.V.M. in Lorain, located at 418 W. 15th Street, invites everyone from our diocese to celebrate a Jubilee Mass. Each county in our diocese has a designated pilgrimage church for the Jubilee Year of Hope, and Nativity B.V.M. of Lorain is that parish for Lorain County. A Jubilee Mass is celebrated every other Tuesday with the next one being **Tuesday, September 23rd at 6:00 p.m.** Other special events will be held at Nativity B.V.M., Lorain throughout the year. You can visit their website for information at www.nativitybvmlorain.org.



HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP FALL CALENDAR

9/7	10/5	11/2	
9/14	10/19	11/9	12/7
9/21	10/26	11/16	12/14
9/28		11/23	

MEETING TIMES AFTER THE 5PM
MASS UNTIL 7:30

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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

**If not you, then someone you
know. Invite them to come!**

For anyone thinking about beginning OCIA,
check out this alum's recommendation→→



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. She will share her insight on the ways she develops ministry activities of service and compassion, and helps to build a spirit of communion through the formation of small groups. 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 Monday, September 29. Call 440-320-3272, or email at fflorain@gmail.com. Cost is \$25.00.

A CATHOLIC CALL TO ACTION: CARING FOR CREATION

On Sunday, September 28, St. Ladislav Church (2345 Bassett Road, Westlake) will host a special panel presentation to explore the Church's call to care for God's creation. The discussion will highlight the themes of *Laudato Si'* on its 10th Anniversary, the global plastics crisis, and practical steps we can take to live more sustainably. Speakers include Brenna Davis (Director of Integral Ecology, Ignatian Solidarity Network), Heidi Paul (AP Environmental Science Teacher, Magnificat High School) and Marty Smith (Co-chair of the St. Ladislav Care for Creation Team). Discussion begins at 4:30 p.m. Light refreshments will be served.

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.

Nativity News

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.

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 to come. **Everyone is invited** to Mass and dinner from Nativity, St. Joseph or any parish you are attending. No Cost.

DINNERS ON THE GO

SEPTEMBER 23rd 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.

Drive-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!

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.

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

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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.

New Deadline For Bulletin Content

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.**

Sunday, September 28th, 2025

SAVE THE DATE

Noon – 5 p.m.

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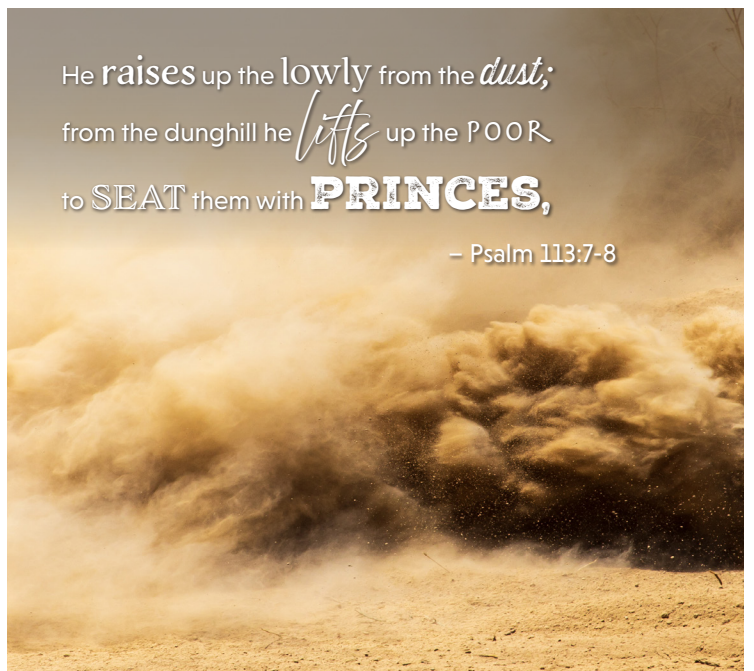


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from the dunghill he lifts up the POOR.
to SEAT them with **PRINCES**,

– Psalm 113:7-8





Through the
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Carter Marcus MacDonald
Son of Jared and Rachel MacDonald

Benjamin Allan Moss
Son of Mark and Alexis Moss

Gabriel Edward Schuster
Son of Jared and Anne Schuster

...into the fullness of our parish community and we congratulate their parents.

May the Lord walk closely with you on your journey and may He guide your parents in this very important and challenging role they play in your life.

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 [sjandnbvmmedia](https://www.youtube.com/sjandnbvmmedia).



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Donald Scharf, father of Cindy Staron,
Gerald Gatten, and Rosemary Szucs.**

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.

A promotional graphic for 'MY DAILY Prayers'. It features a large, dark cross centered against a background of a sunset or sunrise with warm orange and yellow hues. In the top left corner is the logo for the Catholic Diocese of Cleveland. The text 'MY DAILY Prayers' is written in a stylized font, with 'MY' in blue and 'DAILY Prayers' in a larger, blue script. Below this, it says 'A free emailed recording of prayers and insights led by our bishops and priests. Take 10 minutes and join us in prayer.' At the bottom, there is a dark blue banner with the text 'Sign up!' and the website 'dioceseofcleveland.org/mydailyprayers - and encourage others to join us!'. On the right side of the banner, there is a QR code and the text 'Share the Prayers!'.

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