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October 5, 2025

The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 - 8:30 P.M.

Saturday - Individual Reconciliation 11:00 A.M. - Noon

Liturgy Schedule

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th – Mass at St. Joseph
9:00 a.m. Pam Belskis (The Lunch Bunch)

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Louise Meyers
(Aunt Janice and Children)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8th – No Mass

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Edward McQuillan (Tim and Joyce Nye)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Gerry Gatten (Judi Guidish and Sons)

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Harold Anderson (Wife & Son)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Victor Celaschi (Family)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Shirley Zeh (The June Childress Family)
11:00 a.m. People of St. Joseph and
Nativity Parishes
5:00 p.m. Patricia Ann Orosz
(David Orosz, Husband)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, OCTOBER 6th – Weekday, Saint Bruno,
Priest, USA, Blessed Marie Rose Durocher, Virgin
Jon 1:1-2:2,11 / Lk 10:25-37

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th – Our Lady of the Rosary
Jon 3:1-10 / Lk 10:38-42

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 8th – Weekday
Jon 4:1-11 / Lk 11:1-4

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 9th – Saint Denis, Bishop and
Companions, Martyrs, Saint John Leonardi, Priest
Mal 3:13-20b / Lk 11:5-13

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th – Weekday
Jl 1:13-15; 2:1-2 / Lk 11:15-26

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11th – Vigil,
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17 / 2 Tm 2:8-13 / Lk 17:11-19

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th –
The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
2 Kgs 5:14-17 / 2 Tm 2:8-13 / Lk 17:11-19

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, OCTOBER 6th
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. – In our Search for God,
Knowing God and Communicating with
God in Prayer.
EVERYONE IS INVITED!
(Nativity Parish Hall)

7:00 p.m. St. Joseph Finance Council Meeting –
Parish Office Conference Room

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 7th
8:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday,
Following 8:00 a.m. Mass
(Nativity Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 8th
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

7:00 p.m. Candlelight Rosary Service,
Refreshments to follow
(Nativity Church & Parish Hall)

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 10th – No School

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12th
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group (School Gym)
will meet near the choir
before Mass at 5:00 p.m.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish

Sunday, September 21, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 13,093.85
Children's Offertory	\$ 1.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 55.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 242.00
All Souls	\$ 20.00
All Saints	\$ 20.00
Catholic Communications Campaign	\$ 48.00
World Mission	\$ 11.00
Vincentians Envelopes	\$ 906.00

E-Giving – September 16-September 22, 2025

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,084.74
Eoffering – Maintenance Fund	\$ 96.94
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 100.00
Eoffering – Retirement for the Religious	\$ 96.94

Nativity Parish

Saturday, September 20, 2025

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,532.00
Maintenance and Upkeep	\$ 1,050.00

The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

TODAY IS COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today is the day! Every parish household is asked to bring their completed Commitment Card to Mass or complete a card online at our parish website at stjosephamherst.com. We are striving to become the Stewardship Parish that God intends us to be – intentionally committed to prayer, parish ministry, and the sharing of our financial gifts. Each parishioner has a unique and vital part to play and is needed in this mission. What is your part this year? Put it in writing and turn in your Commitment Card today!

ELYRIA CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL

Elyria Catholic High School cordially invites all junior high students and their families to our **Fall Open House** which is scheduled for **Sunday, October 5th, from 10:00 a.m. until 2:00 p.m.** All are welcome, and families do not need to pre-register. Elyria Catholic is located at 725 Gulf Road in Elyria.

Elyria Catholic is administering the **High School Placement Test (HSPT)** to current 8th graders on **Saturday, October 18th, and Saturday, November 1st, from 8:30 a.m. until Noon.** There is a parent information meeting at 8:30 a.m. on the morning of both tests. The cost for the test is \$20.00, and families can register online at www.elyriacatholic.com under admissions.

Elyria Catholic is excited to invite all 8th grade students to be “Panthers for a Day.” Students can visit the school from 7:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. Lunch is provided. Please contact Elyria Catholic at 440-230-8606 to schedule a visit.

For additional information about Elyria Catholic, please contact Terry Ziegelmeyer at ziegelmeyer@elyriacatholic.com or 440-230-8606.

CONFIRMATION PARENT MEETING

There will be a Confirmation Parent Meeting on **Sunday, October 5th** following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in St. Joseph Church. It is mandatory that at least one parent or guardian attend this meeting.

HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

All 7-12th Graders are welcome to come to our October 5th session. You are welcome to join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass. We ask everyone to meet over by the choir area. The Holy Ground Youth Group meeting starts after the 5:00 p.m. Mass in the school gym and ends at 7:30 p.m.

SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL 39TH ANNUAL BLANKET SUNDAY

Beginning the weekend of October 11-12, SVDP is asking for your help. Please consider a monetary donation to help them purchase blankets, beds, and other winter essentials for those in need. All money raised stays in NE Ohio. Please visit BlanketSunday.org for more information and to donate. Thank you!

WONDERFUL WOMEN



JOIN US FOR AN
INSPIRING EVENING
WITH GUEST SPEAKER,
VANESA ALCANTARA!

Vanesa will be presenting insights from her book, *Soul Scan*.
“Soul Scan is for the woman who’s tired of feeling stuck—emotionally, mentally, and spiritually—and is ready to partner with God in doing the soul work that leads to healing, freedom, and transformation.”

WE WILL BE GATHERING IN
ST. JOE’S SCHOOL

Tuesday, October 7
from 7-8:15 pm

175 St. Joseph Dr.
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Nativity News

DINNERS ON THE GO

OCTOBER 14TH MENU

Chicken Marsala
Wild Rice
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Roll/Dessert
Soup – Minestrone

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!

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 FOR NATIVITY'S FALL DINNER

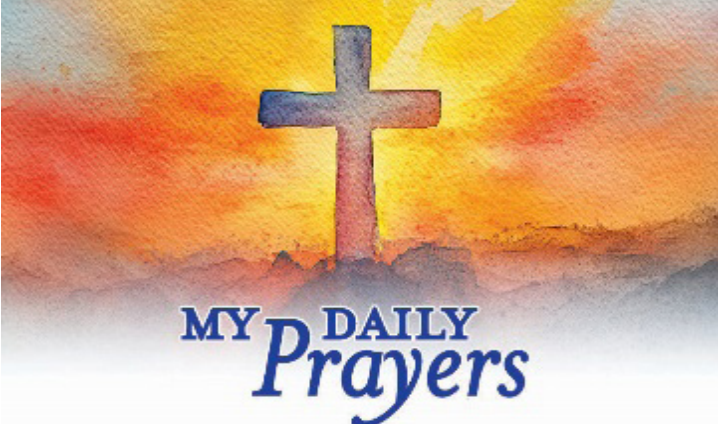
On Saturday, October 11th, following the 5:30 p.m. Polka Mass at Nativity, everyone is invited to Nativity's Parish Hall for a fall dinner. On the menu: Grilled chicken, Kielbasa and sauerkraut, pierogi pie, and green beans, along with cake and refreshments. Everyone from Nativity, St. Joseph or any church you may attend is invited. There is no charge, just a great chance to catch up with friends you have not seen or talked to in a while.

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.


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).



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– and encourage others to join us!

Share the Prayers!



The Twenty-seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

**Patricia Billick,
and Edward McQuillan,
Brother of Joyce Nye**

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.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION

The Catholic Cemeteries Association offers free, safe, and compassionate monthly Grief Support meetings and memorial events throughout the year.

Upcoming support/ gatherings:

- October 5th – Walk to Remember and online Memorial Wall. Walking Rosary or pray seated indoors. (1:00-2:00 p.m. at seven CCA locations)
- October 19th – Sunday Grief Support meetings (3:00 p.m. In-person; 5:00 p.m. Virtual)

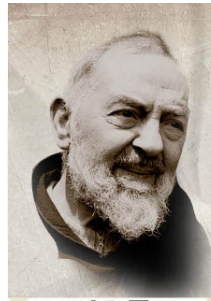
For details, visit: <https://www.clecem.org/Events/Events.aspx>

For more information or questions, call Renee at 216-930-4866.

JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE MASS AT NATIVITY BVM PARISH IN LORAIN

Jubilee of Marian Spirituality – Tuesday, October 7th. Come out for the our 5:30 p.m. Rosary and 6:00 p.m. Jubilee Mass to show your love for our Blessed Mother! During the Mass, we will have an opportunity for anyone who has made a Marian Consecration to renew their vows. Nativity is located at 418 West 15th Street, in Lorain.

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



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VENERATION FROM 12 P.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

MONDAY, OCTOBER 20, 2025

VENERATION FROM 9 A.M. TO 6:30 P.M.

MASS IN HONOR OF SAINT PIO AT 8:30 A.M.

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The Relics of Padre Pio



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JUBILEE YEAR OF HOPE 40-HOUR DEVOTION AND REFLECTION

St. Mary Parish, 731 Exchange Street, in Vermilion, invites you to join them for 40-Hour Devotion and evening reflections at 7:00 p.m. on Sunday, October 19th, Monday, October 20th and Tuesday, October 21st. Each evening, a different deacon will give the reflection. These deacons are Deacon Jim Tokarsky, Deacon Jose Zamora and Deacon Phil Dinovo. After evening prayer, the Blessed Sacrament will be taken to the Altar of Adoration in the Gathering Space until 6:50 p.m. the next day. At that time, the Blessed Sacrament will then be returned to the Church for Adoration and Reflection and closing Benediction. Any questions, please call St. Mary's Parish office at 440-967-8711.

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.**

WOMEN'S GIVING CIRCLE

Join us for our next Women's Giving Circle event at 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, October 9, 2025 at Valley Overlook, a family-run lodging and camping retreat nestled on 62 wooded acres surrounded by Cuyahoga Valley National Park. We'll hear from Dr. Andy Staron, professor at St. Mary Seminary, who will speak about the Augustinian Order and share insight into our new Holy Father, Pope Leo XIV. You'll also hear powerful stories from some of our 2025 grant recipients and celebrate the difference your generosity is making across our community. For more information and to RSVP for the October 9 event, please visit: www.catholiccommunity.org/givingcircle or contact Mary Lou Ozimek at 216-696-6525, ext. 4070.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER TRAINING SESSION

Training sessions to become an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion are listed below. Registration is required. Please call the parish office at 440-988-2848 to learn more about the qualifications for the privilege of offering the Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity to the faithful of our parish. Upcoming session are: Tuesday, October 21, 2025, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Christopher Parish, Rocky River, Ohio, or Monday, November 10, 2025, 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Teresa of Avila Parish, Sheffield.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST



For Adults 40 & Over
Join us on Monday, October 13
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Westside Irish American Club
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How can we agree to disagree in a world that seems to be centered around oneself? Join us for a transformative evening where we will explore practical strategies to withstand the challenges of today. **Our guests:** Fr. Jim Winings, Deacon Ken DeLuca, PhD, Judith Marinich, M.ED, LPCC-S, LICDC-CS, LSW and Dr. Ted Raddell, PhD will take us on a **journey to finding Peace & Joy in our Lives!**

The cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. **Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance:** www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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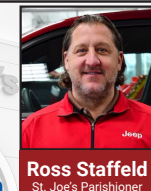
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