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January 25, 2026
The Third 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, JANUARY 26th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Tony Alessandro (Judi Guidish)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Victor Celaschi
(Melanie and George Caruso)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28th – No Mass

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Jim Guidish (Wife, Judi)
Confessions to follow until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Tom and Rose Rottel (Jeff and Sue Miller)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Michael and Kathleen Reposky
(Dan and Carolyn Lawrence)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Tracy Herrada (Family)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. For the Faithful Departed –
All Souls Intention
11:00 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
5:00 p.m. Dale Weber (Friends)

Activity Schedule

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

MONDAY, JANUARY 26th
7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. (Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27th
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Nativity Parish Hall)
5:00 p.m. Dinners on the Go –
Drive-Thru Pick-Up Only
(Nativity, South Amherst)
7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (MPR)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28th
5:30 p.m. P.S.R. for Kindergarten thru Grade 8
(St. Joseph School)
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29th
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Nativity Parish Hall)
6:00 p.m. Scripture Study (St. Joseph Church)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group (School Gym)
(We will meet near the choir for the
5:00 p.m. Mass prior to our session.)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JANUARY 26th –
St. Timothy and St. Titus, Bishops
2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5 / Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27th – Weekday
St. Angela Merici, Virgin and Religious Founder
2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19 / Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28th –
St. Thomas Aquinas, Priest and Doctor of the Church
2 Sm 7:4-17 / Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29th – Weekday
2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29 / Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30th – Weekday
2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17 / Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31st – Vigil,
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 – Mt 5:1-12a

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1st –
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zep 2:3, 3:12-13 / 1 Cor 1:26-31 / Mt 5:1-12a

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**St. Joseph Parish –
December 31, 2025 and January 1, 2026**

New Year's Eve Offertory	\$ 1,258.00
New Year's Day Offertory	\$ 1,266.00
Christmas Offertory	\$ 230.00
Sunday Offertory	\$ 641.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 45.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 10.00
Year-end Contributions	\$ 80.00

E-Giving – December 31, 2025-January 1, 2026

Eoffering-Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,402.98
Eoffering-Christmas	\$ 114.70
Eoffering-Maintenance Fund	\$ 10.00
Eoffering-Flowers and Decorations	\$ 299.00

Nativity Parish
Offertory figures will appear in a future bulletin.

ST. JOSEPH MASS LIVESTREAMED

To view our 11:00 a.m. Mass for the homebound, visit our
YouTube Channel:
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Or you can use the button on our website:
<https://stjosephamherst.com/>

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HOSPITALITY SUNDAY – JANUARY 25TH



St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry and the Knights of Columbus invite everyone to **Hospitality Sunday on January 25th** following the **8:30 and 11:00 a.m. Masses**. We will be serving coffee and donuts in **St. Joseph School Gymnasium**. We hope to see you there.

MEN'S GROUP

Our next Men's Group meeting will be on Tuesday, February 3rd at 6:30 p.m. (please note the time change) in the Gathering Area of the church. We will continue the "Fearless" series by Chris Stefanic and Real Life Catholic. We look forward to seeing you there.

A NEW SCRIPTURE STUDY

Have you wished you had a better understanding of the Sunday Scripture readings and Mass? Do you want to be more engaged in Mass?

Join us, on Thursday night at 6:00 p.m. in St. Joseph Church. We will be presenting Dr. Brant Pitre in videos explaining Mass and readings for the following Sunday.

The study will continue on Thursday evenings and end by 6:45 p.m. This is not a discussion group. Mass will follow at 7:00 p.m. We look forward to seeing you there. If you have any questions, call Bob at 919-896-5413.

LATIN AMERICA – EL SALVADOR COLLECTION | JANUARY 24-25, 2026

This weekend is the collection for the Church in Latin America. For many in Latin America and the Caribbean, a rising secular, difficult rural terrain, and a shortage of ministers all present obstacles to practicing the faith. Your support for the collection provides lay leadership training, catechesis, priestly and religious formation, and other programs to share our Catholic Faith with those who long to hear the Good News of Christ. To learn more about how your gifts make a difference, visit www.usccb.org/latin-america. To donate, please use the envelope in your monthly envelope packets.

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**TUESDAY MASSES AT NATIVITY
IN SOUTH AMHERST
DURING THE WINTER MONTHS**

Please note: During the winter months, if the weather is bad and there is NO school for either or both St. Joseph School in Amherst or Firelands Schools in South Amherst due to the weather, then there will be NO Mass at Nativity of the BVM Church on that Tuesday morning.

DINNERS ON THE GO

JANUARY 27, 2026 MENU

Cabbage Rolls
Mashed Potatoes
Cup of Applesauce
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Broccoli n Cheese

FEBRUARY 10, 2026 MENU

Breaded Pork Chops
Cabbage and Noodles
Applesauce
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Loaded Baked Potato

Dinners are \$15.00 each 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.
on the day of the dinner.

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.

Orders placed AFTER Friday cannot be guaranteed.

Thank you for our continued support!

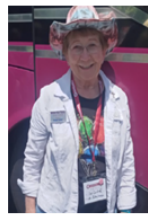


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The Cleveland Guild of the Catholic Medical Association is sponsoring a conference entitled, "Innovative Approaches to Compassionate Healthcare: The Ministry of Mercy" on Saturday, February 28, 2026, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center. Bishop Edward C. Malesic will celebrate the opening conference Mass at 8:00 a.m. Medical education credits are available for healthcare professionals, and the conference is also open to anyone interested who is not in healthcare.

Visit www.cathmed.org. For online registration assistance, please contact Debra Sudy, 216-696-6525, ext. 3670. For questions about the conference, call 216-312-4172.

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ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP DRIVE

The Altar and Rosary Society membership has begun with the Stewardship program. Our yearly dues are generally collected January through March 1st. If you would like to join the Altar and Rosary Society and did not receive an Altar and Rosary envelope with your January donation envelope, you can place your \$5.00 dues in an envelope with the following information:

- Your Name, Address, City, Zip Code
- Phone Number (include 440 or area code). Cell phone numbers enable us to contact you if a storm is cancelling our meeting.
- Email Address, Birthday, and Home Parish

Drop it in the collection basket, or give it to one of the Society officers (Nancy Ann Smith, Carol Brewer, Michaelen Udovich, or Kathy Rokasy) OR mail it to Nativity BVM – Altar and Rosary Society, P. O. Box 767, Amherst, OH 44001

We love to have you join us!

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.

THE TOUR OF NBVM, LORAIN

The Altar and Rosary Society of Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in South Amherst along with parishioners of Nativity and St. Joseph's visited Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish in Lorain on December 26th. This Parish was designated as one of the Jubilee Sites in the Diocese of Cleveland for the Jubilee Year of Hope as a place of pilgrimage where plenary indulgences may be obtained. They were able to view the Christmas decorations, learn the history of the church, and prayed the Rosary afterward. The Altar and Rosary Society appreciate Debbie Bright for arranging this tour. It was a very special and spiritual time.



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).



Attention all Men!

You are cordially invited to attend the Diocese of Cleveland Annual Men's Conference on **March 7th**, at the Holiday Inn on Rockside Road.

Join other men from around the Diocese and Northeast Ohio for a day of Faith, Food and Brotherhood. A light breakfast and lunch will be provided. This year's speakers are **Pete Burak**, columnist & podcaster; **Fr. Damian Ference**, Vicar for Evangelization; and **Bishop Edward C. Malesic**, who will also celebrate a Vigil Mass at the end of the day. **For more information & to register please visit www.cmfneo.com**

MINISTRY LEADER NEEDED FOR THE MISSION TEAM



The Mission Team is currently looking for a new Ministry Leader. After many years of service, John Sabo is relinquishing his role as Ministry Leader. Those of you who have participated in this ministry have many wonderful, heartfelt experiences of meeting and becoming friends with people both here and in El Salvador. Please pray about taking on this position so that this ministry can continue, grow and give others the Spiritual and Religious experiences that are the foundation of this ministry. John will be leaving his position by April 2026.

If you are interested or have any questions about what this position entails, call John at 440-984-4429 or email him at StJosephmissionteam@gmail.com. John is willing to help in the transition of leadership.

YEAR-END CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS

Year-end Statements will be available in late January, after we have had time to record all the contributions received in December. If you are a St. Joseph Parishioner and would like a Contribution Statement, please call the Parish Office at 440-988-2848 and your name will be added to our list. If you are a Nativity BVM parishioner and would like a Contribution Statement, please email the Parish Office at nativitysouthamherst@gmail.com and include your name, address, and envelope number. Or you can use the form below and drop it in the offertory basket or mail it in to the respective Parish Office.

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The Most Reverend Bishop Edward C. Malesic, JCL, of the Diocese of Cleveland, will offer a Lenten Reflection to help us prepare our hearts and minds for the upcoming Season of Lent. Bishop Malesic also looks forward to hearing from you and engaging in conversation. Join us for a theologically enriching evening with our Bishop as we reflect, listen and grow together in faith. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. Advance tickets highly recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com. Doors will open at 5:45 p.m. as we anticipate larger attendance.

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