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March 29, 2026

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

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ST. JOSEPH SCHOOL OFFICE: 440-988-4244

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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, MARCH 30th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Yolanda Argenti (Linda Gross)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st – Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 a.m. Arlene and Fritz Knoble
(Will and Cheryl Shaffer)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st – No Mass

HOLY THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd

Mass of the Lord's Supper at Nativity Parish

7:00 p.m. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes.
Mass with washing of feet.
Adoration and Confessions to follow
until 9:00 p.m.

GOOD FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd

Liturgy of the Passion of the Lord at St. Joseph Parish

12:00 p.m. Liturgy with Confessions to follow
until 3:00 p.m.

7:00 p.m. Taize Stations of the Cross (St. Joseph Church)

HOLY SATURDAY, APRIL 4th

10:45 a.m. Blessing of Easter Food at St. Joseph

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

Easter Vigil Mass of the Resurrection of the Lord at St. Joseph Parish

8:45 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parish

EASTER SUNDAY, APRIL 5th

Masses of the Lord's Resurrection

8:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Mass at St. Joseph

10:00 a.m. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes

Mass at Nativity

11:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Mass at St. Joseph

PLEASE NOTE:

There will be **NO** 4:00 p.m. Mass and **NO** 5:30 p.m. Mass on Holy Saturday.

There will be **NO** 5:00 p.m. Mass on Easter Sunday.

ST. JOSEPH MASS LIVESTREAMED

To view our 11:00 a.m. Mass for the homebound, visit our YouTube Channel:

<https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmmedia8044/streams>

Or you can use the button on our website:

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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.

Activity Schedule

MONDAY-FRIDAY

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

MONDAY, MARCH 30th

7:00 p.m. O.C.I.A. Seder Meal (Nativity Parish Hall)

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st

5:30 p.m. No PSR tonight

6:30 p.m. No Sacred Sisters Meeting tonight

THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd – No School; Parish Offices closed

SUNDAY, APRIL 5th

6:00 p.m. No Holy Ground Youth Group tonight

Daily Readings

MONDAY, MARCH 30th – Monday of Holy Week

Is 42:1-7 / Jn 12:1-11

TUESDAY, MARCH 31st – Tuesday of Holy Week

Is 49:1-6 / Jn 13:21-33, 36-38

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 1st – Wednesday of Holy Week

Is 50:4-9a / Mt 26:14-25

THURSDAY, APRIL 2nd – (Holy Thursday)

Ex 12:1-8, 11-14 / 1 Cor 11:23-26 / Jn 13:1-15

FRIDAY, APRIL 3rd –

Friday of the Passion of the Lord (Good Friday)

Is 52:13 – 53:12 / Heb 4:14-16, 5:7-9 / Jn 18:1 – 19:42

SATURDAY, APRIL 4th – Holy Saturday Easter Vigil

Gn 1:1-2:2 or 1:1, 26-31a / Gn 22:1-18 or 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18

Ex 14:15 – 15:1 / Is 54:5-14 / Is 55:1-11 / Bar 3:9-15, 32 – 4:4

Ex 36:16-17a, 18-28 / Rom 6:3-11 / Mt 28: 1-10

SUNDAY, APRIL 5th – Easter Sunday of the Lord's Resurrection

Acts 10:34a, 37-43 / Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8 /

Jn 20:1-9 or Mt 28:1-10

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

Not Available at time of print.

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 at [sjandnbvmmmedia](https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmmedia).

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

REMINDERS FOR FAST AND ABSTINENCE

Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fasting and abstinence for Catholics, but are not Holy Days of Obligation. Additionally, Fridays during Lent are also days of abstinence. The norms on fasting are obligatory from age 18 until 59. When fasting, a person is permitted to eat one full meal as well as two smaller meals that together are not equal to a full meal. Likewise, the norms for abstaining from meat are binding from age 14 onward. If possible, the fast on Good Friday is continued until the Easter Vigil (on Holy Saturday night) as the “paschal fast” to honor the suffering and death of the Lord Jesus and to prepare ourselves to share more fully and to celebrate more readily His Resurrection.

REGISTER YOUR CHILD TODAY



St. Joseph School is committed to integrating the Catholic faith and culture to help students develop into mature, Christian persons, whose lives are modeled on Christ and His Gospel message. Check out our St. Joseph

Parish School and register your child for the 2026-2027 academic year. Registration is now open; visit our website for details at www.stjosephamherst.com. Registration forms can be found on the admissions page of the school website.

MEN’S GROUP

The next Men’s Group meeting will be on Tuesday, April 7th in the school multi-purpose room (MPR) at 6:30 p.m. We will continue the “Fearless” series by Real Life Catholic. All men are welcome!

SCRIPTURE STUDY

The final Thursday evening scripture study for Sunday readings came to an end on Thursday, March 26th. We thank all of you who participated in this Scripture Study.

DIVINE MERCY DEVOTION

Please join us for our Divine Mercy Sunday Prayer Service, hosted by the women’s prayer group, including the sung Chaplet of Divine Mercy, on Sunday, April 12, 2026 at 3:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph Church. All are welcome.

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF “Fun”draising FOR ST. JOSEPH PARISH SCHOOL



FEATURING



FRIDAY, APRIL 17TH
6 PM TO 10 PM
DINNER WILL BE SERVED AT 6:30



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This support includes **ongoing formation** for seminarians at Borromeo and Saint Mary Seminary, as well as continued training for priests and lay leaders in theology and pastoral ministry. The campaign will also bolster the **Clergy Health and Well-Being Fund** to ensure our active and retired leaders remain vibrant throughout their lives. Important improvements will be made to **Cathedral Square**, including restoration of the Cathedral sanctuary and a new Welcome Center in the Chancery.

PARISH PRIORITIES

St. Joseph:

- Building a fund for an Athletic and Performing Arts Center

Nativity of the BVM

- Replacing the church flooring
- Installing new pew cushions

OUR PROGRESS

St. Joseph:

- Goal: \$1,225,000
- Total Raised: \$626,200 (51%)
- # Gifts: 21

Last updated 3/17/26

Nativity of the BVM

- Goal: \$185,000
- Total Raised: \$83,600 (50%)
- # Gifts: 11

SAVE THE DATE – VBS

Mark your calendars. Vacation Bible School will take place Monday, July 20th thru Friday, July 24th, from 9:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. More information to follow in upcoming bulletins.

SAVE THE DATE BACCALAUREATE MASS



Our Baccalaureate Mass will be celebrated at the 11:00 a.m. Mass on Sunday, May 10th. This special day provides an opportunity for all high school, vocational school, and college graduates to participate in and be celebrated at Mass.

We invite graduates to take part by serving as a lector for the Processional Introduction, the First and Second Readings, and the intercessions. Please encourage your graduate to participate – This is a beautiful Mass and a very special day for all to cherish.

LITTLE BOOK EASTER DEVOTIONAL

The little white books for the Easter Season are available for \$2.00 each. You can turn the money in to the parish office or drop the envelope in the offertory basket. If you followed the devotional through Lent, why not continue with prayer throughout the Easter Season?

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*Contribution can be any amount. The amount of the tax credit cannot exceed the amount of your tax liability.

3

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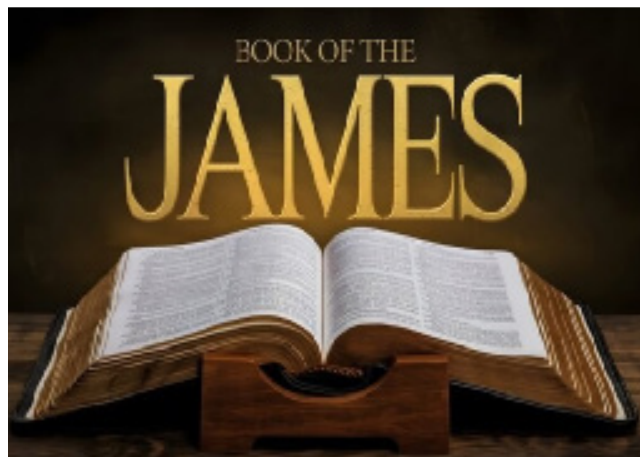


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Have you ever struggled with living your faith practically? James is one of the most practical books of the Bible. The teachings speak loudly to all those who feel torn between the competing demands of this world and our faith.

Sacred Sisters Wednesday Night Ladies Prayer Group will begin an eleven-week Bible study on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 6:30 p.m. at Old Stone Evangelical Community Center. Saint Joseph and Nativity of Blessed Virgin Mary ladies will meet every week to discuss the readings of St. James, answer questions and enjoy fellowship. For more information or to register, call Lesley at 440-371-6418.

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.

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.

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

“DINNERS ON THE GO”

April 14, 2026 Menu

Chicken Marsala
Wild Rice
Corn
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Beef Vegetable

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!



TAIZÉ PRAYER

Please join us on
Good Friday, April 3rd
7:00 p.m.
For a special Taize
Prayer service
at St. Joseph Church



CEMETERY CLEAN-UP

Our St. Joseph Cemetery grounds must be clear for the mowing and trimming season. Any obstructions to mowing or trimming will be removed and discarded. The following is our cemetery policy and it will be adhered to by the groundskeeping crew:

- Decorations must be removed by April 1st for the mowing season. If you want to keep your decorations, you must remove them before April 1st.
- No plantings of flowers, bushes, or vegetation of any kind are allowed.
- No landscaping or permanent decorations of any kind are allowed, including but not limited to stone, bricks, borders, etc.
- After April 1st, only fresh-cut flowers are allowed, in paper or foil wrapping, and these will be removed weekly by the groundskeeping crew.
- Regarding holidays during the growing season (April 1st to October 31st) – Decorations will be allowed four days before the holiday. They must be removed 2 days following the holiday. Any decorations you do not remove, will be removed and discarded by the groundskeeping crew.
- Winter decorations will be allowed from October 31st to April 1st.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Sr. Marian Coughlin, S.N.D.
(formerly Sr. Mary St. Patrick, S.N.D.)
Dennis Lavish

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.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST



For Adults 40 & Over
Join us on Monday, April 13
7:00-8:30 p.m.
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A 5-WEEK COUPLES BOOK STUDY

St. Mary's in Avon is offering a 5-week couples book study on *The Good, The Messy, and The Beautiful: The Joys and Struggles of Real Married Life* starting Wednesday, April 15th from 7:00-8:30 p.m. \$40.00 a couple includes one book. \$55.00 a couple includes two books. For more info or to buy tickets, visit tobcle.org. Questions? Email rlewis@tobcle.org.

STATIONS OF LIGHT

Stations of Light also known as Stations of the Resurrection will be on Wednesday, April 8th at 7:00 p.m. (following the 6:30 p.m. Mass) at Nativity B.V.M. Parish in Lorain. Take some time to ponder Jesus' Resurrection through the eyes of His amazed apostles. Begin your Easter journey with this powerful prayer experience at Nativity B.V.M. Parish, located at 4118 W. 15th Street, Lorain, OH 44052. For more info, go to nativitybvmlorain.org.

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4/19 (8TH GRADE ONLY)
4/26
5/3
5/17

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TO THE HEIGHTS

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Sunday, April 26th
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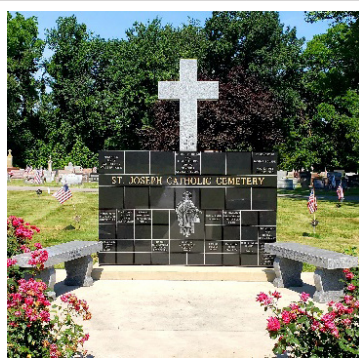
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