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April 19, 2026
The Third Sunday of Easter

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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, APRIL 20th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Rudy Kubasak (Rich and Kathy Kubasak)

TUESDAY, APRIL 21st – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd – No Mass

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Frederick Price (Judi Guidish)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Burt Vilagi (John and Cathy Sekletar)

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th
10:00 a.m. First Communion
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Jennie Ehlert (Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Lucy Costanzo (Carol Zellmer)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
11:00 a.m. George Knipp (Family)
5:00 p.m. Charles Katkic (Charlene Kalo and Bob Katkic)

Daily Readings

MONDAY, APRIL 20th – Easter Weekday
Acts 6:8-15 / Jn 6:22-29

TUESDAY, APRIL 21st – Easter Weekday
Saint Anselm, Bishop and Doctor of the Church
Acts 7:51 – 8:1a / Jn 6:30-35

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd – Easter Weekday
Acts 8:1b-8 / Jn 6:35-40

THURSDAY, APRIL 23rd – Easter Weekday
Saint George, Martyr, Saint Adalbert, Bishop and Martyr
Acts 8:26-40 / Jn 6:44-51

FRIDAY, APRIL 24th – Easter Weekday
Saint Fidelis of Sigmaringen, Priest and Martyr
Acts 9:1-20 / Jn 6:52-59

SATURDAY, APRIL 25th – Vigil Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th – Fourth Sunday of Easter
Acts 2:14a, 36-41 / 1 Pt 2:20b-25 / Jn 10:1-10

Activity Schedule

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21st
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 22nd
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, APRIL 23rd
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)

SUNDAY, APRIL 26th
6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session (School Gym)
(We will meet near the choir for the
5:00 p.m. Mass prior to our session.)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – April 3-5, 2026

Easter Offertory	\$ 27,830.76
Good Friday Collection	\$ 1,776.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 100.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 215.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 67.00
Home Mission	\$ 130.00
Flowers and Decorations	\$ 25.00
Little Books	\$ 46.00

E-Giving – March 31-April 6, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,251.32
Eoffering – Good Friday	\$ 10.00
Eoffering – Easter	\$ 649.70
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Maintenance	\$ 10.00
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 39.14

Nativity Parish – March 29, 2026 Collection

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,267.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 135.00
Landscape	\$ 15.00

Nativity Parish – April 5, 2026 Collection

Easter	\$ 2,591.00
Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,522.00
Easter Flowers	\$ 40.00
Holy Land	\$ 35.00
Home Mission	\$ 10.00

ST. JOSEPH MASS LIVESTREAMED

To view our 11:00 a.m. Mass for the homebound, visit our
YouTube Channel:
<https://www.youtube.com/@sjandnbvmmedia8044/streams>
Or you can use the button on our website:
<https://stjosephamherst.com/>

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.

The Third Sunday of Easter

A Life Celebrated *Forever* At St. Joseph & Nativity of the BVM

With God's grace and your generosity, our parishes will continue their mission and ministry for many years to come.

Including your parish in your estate plan is a thoughtful and powerful act of stewardship – a way of giving thanks to God, supporting the mission of the Church, and leaving a legacy of faith, hope, and love.

If you have already included your parish in your plans, please let us know so we can thank you and welcome into our Legacy Society.

To learn how you can leave a legacy and access helpful resources from the Catholic Community Foundation, scan the QR code or use the contact information below.



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CALLED TO FLOURISH: Campaign Update

Thanks to the generosity and commitment of our community, we have raised \$789,697 and \$103,500 of our goals for St. Joseph and Nativity of the BVM, respectively! This is a wonderful testament to our shared dedication, and we are grateful to everyone who has made a pledge. However, **we need full parish participation. As a reminder, you can return your pledge card to the office, in the mail, or make your gift online:**
www.catholiccommunity.org/calledtoflourish

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: \$789,697 (64%)
- # Gifts: 34

Last updated April 6, 2026

Nativity of the BVM

- Goal: \$185,000
- Total Raised: \$103,500 (56%)
- # Gifts: 15

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Jennifer Piwkowski and Laurence Gerlach I



CONFIRMATION REHEARSAL

There will be a Confirmation Rehearsal for those being Confirmed and their Sponsors on Sunday, April 26th, following the 5:00 p.m. Mass in St. Joseph Church. Confirmation with Bishop Woost will be on Monday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph Church.

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.

FIRST HOLY COMMUNION



Let us lift up in prayer our St. Joseph and Nativity Parish students who will be receiving their First Holy Communion on Saturday, April 25th at 10:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church, as well as those who will be receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation on

Monday, April 27th at 7:00 p.m. here at St. Joseph Church.



HOSPITALITY SUNDAY APRIL 26TH



St. Joseph Hospitality Ministry and the Knights of Columbus invite everyone to **Hospitality Sunday on April 26th, 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.

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.

For questions or more information, contact Diane Syrowski at 440-522-2491 or email her at dianesyrowski@gmail.com

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APRIL 28, 2026 MENU

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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!

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 Third Sunday of Easter



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Robert Denk, father of Rev. Michael Denk

We pray for his family 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.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMPS

The Fathers of St. Joseph, St. Leonard Youth Retreat Center, is offering a Summer Sports Camp. The week of June 15-19, from 9:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m., is for boys only, ages 10-14. The week of June 22-26, from 9:45 a.m.-3:00 p.m., is for girls only, ages 10-14. Registration fee is \$125.00 per child. Please register at www.stleonardyc.com. St. Leonard Retreat Center is located at 4076 Case Road, Avon, OH 44011. Questions: Email stleonardyc@gmail.com or call 440-934-6270.

TO THE HEIGHTS – FATHER/SON RETREAT

A Retreat in the spirit of St. Pier Giorgio Frassati for fathers and sons in Grades 7-12. There will be dynamic speakers, games, discussions, Adoration, lunch, and more. The keynote speaker will be Elvis Grabac, former NFL quarterback. Cost is \$35.00, a person. The Retreat is on Sunday, April 26th from 11:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m. at the Center for Pastoral Leadership in Wickliffe. Register at tobcle.org. Questions? Email rlewis@tobcle.org.

CELEBRATE 50 YEARS OF MARRIAGE!

The Diocese of Cleveland invites all couples married in 1976 and their families to attend the Annual 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. with Bishop Malesic. No need to RSVP. There is an opportunity for pictures at the conclusion of Mass, which does fulfill the Sunday obligation. Attendance at the 50th Wedding Anniversary Mass is not required to receive a certificate. The 50th Anniversary Certificates are available from the Marriage and Family Ministry Office by request through the diocesan website. These are created on a monthly basis and mailed directly to the home.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FORMATION SESSION

A nearby upcoming Diocesan Training Session to become an Extraordinary Eucharistic Minister of Holy Communion is coming up. 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. An upcoming nearby session is on Monday, May 18, from 7:00-9:30 p.m. at St. Jude Parish, in Elyria.

THE FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

After nearly 50 years in television news on WEWS-TV, WKYC-TV, and WOIO-TV, Paul Orlosky became one of Northeast Ohio's most trusted investigative reporters, known for covering crime, corruption, and the stories that matter most. Today, he hosts "God Calling" on The Rock Catholic Radio, where he shares powerful conversations about discovering one's vocation. At the First Friday Forum, he will reflect on his remarkable career and how his faith has shaped his journey.

Come join us for good food, fellowship, and a very informative speaker. Lunch begins at 11:30 at **TOM'S COUNTRY PLACE, 3442 Stoney Ridge Road, Avon**. Please RSVP by April 27, 2026 to fflorain@gmail.com or by calling 440-320-3272.



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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be Sunday April 19th. In-person will meet at 3:00 p.m.; virtual at 5:00 p.m. In a welcoming and supportive setting, find fellowship among others who share their experiences and understand the pain of loss. Meetings are being held on the 3rd Sunday of the month, at no charge to you. Please join us for an hour of listening, healing, and finding comfort with others who understand. For details, call Renee at 216-930-4866 or visit: www.clecem.org/Events

In-Person Locations:

- All Saints, Northfield | 480 W. Highland Road
- All Souls, Chardon | 10366 Chardon Road
- Holy Cross, Akron | 100 E. Waterloo Road
- Holy Cross, Brook Park | 14609 Brookpark Road
- St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

Virtual – Please register at

<https://clecem.org/Information/Bereavement.aspx>

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL IS APRIL 26TH

In nearly 75 dioceses in the United States and its territories, funds from Catholic Home Missions are a lifeline for churches in rural areas where small Catholic populations are unable to sustain basic pastoral ministries without outside assistance. Basic pastoral services include Mass, the sacraments, religious education, and ministry training for priests, deacons, religious sisters, and lay people.

CAMP CHRISTOPHER OPEN HOUSE

Camp Christopher is having an Open House on Sunday, April 19th from 1:00-3:00 p.m.

Come and see all that they have to offer. Camp Christopher is located at 1930 N. Hametown Road, Akron, OH 44333 or visit their website at www.campchris.org.

CAREGIVER'S DAY OF RETREAT

Are you caring for a loved one? Join us Wednesday, April 29, 2026, for a Caregiver's Day of Retreat at Loyola Retreat House. Come experience God's redeeming love to help strengthen your journey of caregiving. This specialized retreat, led by Ellen Barber and Mary Murphy, includes prayers, music, reflection, discussion, and lunch. Join us for a morning or afternoon session, or both. Cost is \$30.00 per person, per session. Loyola Retreat House is located at 700 Killinger Road, Green, OH 44216. Call 330-896-2315 to register by phone or online at loyolaretreathouse.com.

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9-26-26

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Saturday reunion, and Sunday brunch.
More details to come.
please send questions & RSVP to
EC76reunion@gmail.com



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

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