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April 26, 2026
The Fourth Sunday of Easter

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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, APRIL 27th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
 9:00 a.m. Alex Pozniak (Francis O’Brien)
 7:00 p.m. Confirmation with Bishop Michael G. Woost
- TUESDAY, APRIL 28th** – Mass at Nativity Parish
 8:00 a.m. Living and Deceased Members of the
 Fay, Burke, Martin & Knoble Families
 (Jerry & Anne Knoble)
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th** – No Mass
- THURSDAY, APRIL 30th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
 7:00 p.m. James Ohliger, Sr. (Family)
 Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, May 1st** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
 9:00 a.m. In Memory of Mike Yurmanovich (Carol)
- SATURDAY, May 2nd**
 11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
 4:00 p.m. Al and Jo Ann Orosz (Friends)
 Mass at St. Joseph Parish
 5:30 p.m. Adam and Katie Wood
 (Strader and Wood Families)
 Mass at Nativity Parish
- SUNDAY, May 3rd** – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
 8:30 a.m. Thomas and Marlene Rottel (Denise Ferrara)
 11:00 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
 5:00 p.m. For all Souls of the Faithful Departed

Daily Readings

- MONDAY, APRIL 27th** – Easter Weekday
 Acts 11:1-18 / Jn 10:11-18
- TUESDAY, APRIL 28th** – Easter Weekday
 St. Peter Chanel, Priest and Martyr, Saint Louis
 Grignon de Montfort, Priest
 Acts 11:19-26 / Jn 10:22-30
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th**
 St. Catherine of Siena, Virgin and Doctor of the Church
 Acts 12:24 – 13:5a / Jn 12:44-50
- THURSDAY, APRIL 30th** – Easter Weekday
 St. Pius the V, Pope
 Acts 13:13-25 / Jn 13:16-20
- FRIDAY, MAY 1st** – Easter Weekday
 St. Joseph the Worker
 Acts 13:26-33 / Jn 14:1-6
- SATURDAY, MAY 2nd** – Vigil Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12
- SUNDAY, May 3rd** – Fifth Sunday of Easter
 Acts 6:1-7 / 1 Pt 2:4-9 / Jn 14:1-12

Activity Schedule

- MONDAY-FRIDAY**
 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (NBVM)
- TUESDAY, APRIL 28th**
 9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)
 5:00 p.m. Dinners on the Go – Drive-thru Pickup Only
 (Nativity Parish)
 7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus Meeting (School MPR)
- WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29th**
 5:30 p.m. P.S.R. Last Session K-Gr 7 (St. Joseph School)
 6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
 (O.S.E. Community Center)
- THURSDAY, APRIL 30th**
 9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)
 9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)
- FRIDAY, MAY 1st**
 11:00 a.m. First Friday Rosary and May Crowning
 (Nativity Church)
 Luncheon to follow (Nativity Parish Hall)
 7:00 p.m. SJS Drama Club Musical “Annie JR.”
- SATURDAY, MAY 2nd**
 9:00 a.m. First Saturday Rosary (St. Joseph Church)
 7:00 p.m. SJS Drama Club Musical “Annie JR.”
- SUNDAY, MAY 3rd**
 6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session (School Gym)
 Please join us for Mass before the meeting.

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – April 12, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 10,546.30
Easter Offertory	\$ 3,707.00
Good Friday Collection	\$ 72.00
Children’s Offertory	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 65.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 210.00
Home Mission	\$ 76.00
Little Books	\$ 25.00
Vincentians	\$ 9,403.00

E-Giving – April 7-13, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,810.09
Eoffering – Tuition Assistance	\$ 59.70
Eoffering – Flowers & Decorations	\$ 298.00
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 15.00

Nativity Parish

Figures will be in upcoming bulletin

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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CALLED TO FLOURISH: WHY PLEDGE?

Gifts to the campaign can be made over a five-year period

All households within the Diocese of Cleveland are being asked to consider a campaign commitment. When prayerfully considering your pledge, remember your payments can be made over time. *Called to Flourish* encourages **pledges payable over five years**, allowing many parishioners to consider a larger pledge than would be possible with a one-time gift. This also allows families more flexibility to budget their contributions in monthly, quarterly, or annual payments. Five-year pledges help ensure we can meet our parish's campaign goal and fund our needs.

It is only through the generosity of all of us that we can be truly successful. You can make a difference by giving what is right for your household.

1. **Review the campaign materials you received/will receive in the mail**
2. **Prayerfully consider what gift is right for you**
3. **Make your best commitment and return your pledge card to the parish office**



OUR PROGRESS

St. Joseph:

- Goal: \$1,225,000
- Total Raised: \$881,757 (72%)
- # Gifts: 55

Nativity of the BVM

- Goal: \$185,000
- Total Raised: \$114,225 (62%)
- # Gifts: 21

Last updated April 21, 2026

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

READY TO GIVE?

Look for your pledge card in the mail or use the QR code to make your gift online.



Visit catholiccommunity.org/calledtoflourish

With questions, please contact the Campaign Office at (216) 902-1300 or calledtoflourish@catholiccommunity.org.

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 SATURDAY ROSARY

Please join us in praying The Rosary on Saturday, May 2nd, at 9:00 a.m. at St. Joseph Church.

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

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Jennifer Piwowski and Laurence Gerlach II



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/>

HAPPY
Anniversary

Please join us in extending our warmest wishes and heartfelt congratulations to **Clinton and Millie Reph** who celebrated their **70th Wedding Anniversary** on April 14, 2026.

Clinton and Millie's enduring love and commitment to each other over the past seven decades is a testament to their incredible partnership and dedication. What an extraordinary achievement. May God continue to Bless both of you with peace, love, and happiness.

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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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Annie JR.

St. Joseph School will present *Annie JR.* on Friday, May 1st and Saturday, May 2nd at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph School gym. Tickets are \$10.00 and \$5.00 for students and can be purchased at the door, cash only. There is no dress code, but the cast will remind you that you are “never fully dressed without a smile.”

Annie JR. follows the story of an orphan named Annie living a “hard-knock life” at The New York City Municipal Orphanage run by the cruel Miss Hannigan. Annie dreams of being reunited with her parents and takes action to find them. In adventure after fun-filled adventure, Annie foils Miss Hannigan’s evil machinations, befriends President Franklin Roosevelt and finds a new family in billionaire Oliver Warbucks, his personal secretary Grace Farrell and a lovable mutt named Sandy.

Directed by Kristin Kermes and Gabie Whiteman

Please join us to support these fabulous kids!

FINAL “DINNERS ON THE GO” UNTIL FALL OF 2026

APRIL 28, 2026 MENU

Sliced Steak
Smashed Potatoes
Country Green Beans
Roll/Dessert
Soup – Clam Chowder

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 pickup 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!

MAY CROWNING AND FIRST FRIDAY ROSARY



Nativity Altar and Rosary Society in South Amherst will be celebrating May Crowning at our First Friday Rosary on May 1st at 11:00 a.m. All are welcome to join us in prayer and celebration of our Blessed Mother. There will be a luncheon to follow in Nativity’s Parish Hall.

HAPPY Anniversary

Congratulations to Bob and Nicki Allsop
who celebrated their 50th Wedding
Anniversary on April 24th.

Wishing you both joy and peace on this
very special occasion in your lives.
You’ve built something truly precious
together over 50 years.

Your enduring commitment is a testament
to the power of Love.

May God continue blessing your marriage abundantly
for years to come and may your hearts stay forever close.

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.

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.

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. The Session is on Monday, May 18, from 7:00-9:30 p.m., at St. Jude Parish in Elyria.

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.

THE FIRST FRIDAY FORUM

After nearly 50 years in television news on WEWS-TV, WKYC-TV, and WOIO-TV, Paul Orlousky 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 a.m. 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.

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/>.

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.

THE FEST 2026

Summer is right around the corner and with it comes – The FEST. Join us on Saturday, August 15, 2026 at ForeFront Field (home of the Crushers) in Avon for an inspiring day of faith, family and fun. It's a new location and a new date with all the wonderful things thousands from across our region have come to appreciate and enjoy on FEST day. Come for the best Contemporary Christian artists, faith-based activities, an area for the kids, meaningful displays and vendors, family-friendly food, along with opportunities for Prayer, Confession, Adoration and more. The FEST, like always, will conclude with an inspiring outdoor Mass with Bishop Malesic at 8:00 p.m., followed by an incredible American Fireworks display. Check out all the details, along with band announcements, and ticket information (\$10.00 per person and children 2 and under are free). There's plenty of close-in parking, and the entire facility is handicap accessible. In its 26th year, The FEST again promises to be the perfect family day – a highlight of your summer. Please join us. For all the information and a complete schedule of the day, go to: www.theFEST.us.

SUMMER FLOWER GAME NIGHT

You are invited to the Summer Flower Game Night on May 7th at St. Mary's Parish Gym, 731 Exchange Street, Vermilion. Doors open at 5:30 p.m.; Games at 6:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Women in Grace/Confirmation Program. \$15.00 donation includes 10 rounds of games and light snacks. Tickets are available through St. Mary's Parish website.

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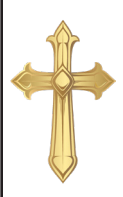
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