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May 17, 2026
The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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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, MAY 18th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Paul Wohlever (Family)

TUESDAY, MAY 19th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Tracy (Celaschi) Herrada (Alberta)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th – No Mass

THURSDAY, MAY 21st – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Len Findish (Millie Molnar)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, May 22nd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Sheila Montgomery (Diane Bruening)

SATURDAY, May 23rd
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Carmel Chiaramonte (Family)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Morgan G. Stock (Dennis and Jean Stock)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, May 24th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Sue Wohlever (Husband, Dave)
11:00 a.m. John Borocz (Family)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, MAY 18th – Easter Weekday
St. John 1, Pope and Martyr
Acts 19:1-8 / Jn 16:29-33

TUESDAY, MAY 19th – Easter Weekday
Acts 20:17-2 / Jn 17:1-11a

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th – Easter Weekday
St. Bernardine of Siena, Priest
Acts 20:28-38 / Jn 17:11b-19

THURSDAY, MAY 21st
St. Christopher Magallanes, Priest, and Companions, Martyrs
Acts 22:30; 23:6-11 / Jn 17:20-26

FRIDAY, MAY 22nd – Easter Weekday
St. Rita of Cascia, Religious
Acts 25:13b-21 / Jn 21:15-19

SATURDAY, MAY 23rd – Vigil: Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23

SUNDAY, May 24th – Pentecost Sunday
Acts 2:1-11 / 1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 / Jn 20:19-23

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:
<https://stjosephamherst.com/>

Activity Schedule

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

MONDAY, MAY 18th
7:00 p.m. Called to Flourish Gathering (St. Joseph Church)

TUESDAY, MAY 19th
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 20th
5:30 p.m. CYO Volleyball Signups (School Gym)
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

THURSDAY, MAY 21st
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – May 2, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 18,106.92
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 155.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 81.00
Home Mission	\$ 60.00
Newman Campus	\$ 22.00
Little Books	\$ 7.00

E-Giving – April 28-May 4, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,990.77
Eoffering – Easter	\$ 622.00
Eoffering – Good Friday	\$ 298.00
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 316.00
Eoffering – Home Missions	\$ 296.00
Eoffering – Maintenance Fund	\$ 10.00

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.

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.**

The Seventh Sunday of Easter

ANNOUNCEMENT OF ORDINATION TO PRIESTHOOD



With great joy and pride, we ask you to keep Deacon Nathan Frankart in your prayers as he is ordained to the priesthood at 10:00 a.m. on Saturday, May 16, 2026, at the Cathedral of Saint John the Evangelist in

Cleveland, Ohio.

Deacon Nathan will celebrate his First Mass as a priest here at St. Joseph Parish at 5:00 p.m. on Sunday, May 17, 2026, before beginning his new assignment at St. Mary Catholic Church in Hudson, Ohio.

Congratulations, Deacon Nathan! We are so proud of you and celebrate this wonderful milestone with you. May God richly bless you as you begin your priestly ministry.

HAPPY 60th WEDDING anniversary

Happy Anniversary!

Congratulations to **Richard and Patty Sherba** who will be celebrating their **60th Wedding Anniversary** on May 21st.

A **60th Wedding Anniversary** is an extraordinary blessing that few couples experience. God's faithfulness has sustained your marriage through six decades of love, laughter, challenges, and growth – what a gift. With God's Blessing, we wish you many more years of walking hand in hand, 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.

CHAIR YOGA FLOW CLASSES

The Chair Yoga Flow Classes that have been meeting on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 9:30 a.m. to 10:30 a.m. at Nativity's Social Hall are now meeting at the Vermilion River Reservation (Mill Hollow Bacon Woods) Amphitheater and will meet there all summer long. If you would like to join them, call Cindy Miller at 440-670-1300 for more information.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS

Memorial Day Mass will be held at St. Joseph Cemetery Pavilion, on Monday, May 25th, at 9:00 a.m., weather-permitting. In the event of inclement weather, Mass will be moved to Nativity Parish in South Amherst.

CYO VOLLEYBALL SIGNUPS

CYO Volleyball Signups will be on May 20th, from 5:30-7:00 p.m. and on May 28th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in the school gym.

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 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.

CALLED TO FLOURISH: CO-CHAIR SPOTLIGHT

Meet some of the Co-Chairs of St. Joseph and Nativity of the BVM

WHY SUPPORT CALLED TO FLOURISH?

"By practicing stewardship through the Called to Flourish campaign, we create a direct benefit for our parish as well as the wider community and diocese. This work is a vital extension of our daily calling as Catholics to serve and support one another, ensuring a legacy of faith for generations to come, as previous generations have cared for us." - **Dan Bullock and Carol Shinsky**

"We support the Called to Flourish campaign because we would like to see St Joseph Church and School continue to grow. We believe that for an organization to survive, it must grow." - **Bob and Rachael Hooper**

"Dereck and I were so happy to be invited as co-chairs for the Called to Flourish campaign for Nativity Parish. We both share a strong faith and commitment to the Catholic Church. What better way to extend our faith to others than by the platforms this campaign supports." - **Dereck and Lynn Johnson**

PARISH PRIORITIES

St. Joseph:

- Building a fund for an Athletic and Performing Arts Center

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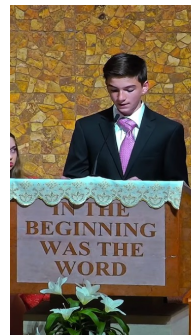
- Replacing the church flooring
- Installing new pew cushions



**CONGRATULATIONS TO THOSE WHO WERE CONFIRMED ON APRIL 27TH.
MAY THE HOLY SPIRIT GUIDE YOU IN YOUR LIFELONG JOURNEY IN FAITH.**

Caleb *St. Michael the Archangel* Bednar
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Lola Lydia Born
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Cole *Sebastian* Wilkinson



The Seventh Sunday of Easter

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VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026
LOOK AT WHAT GOD HAS DONE!
MON. JULY 20TH - FRI. JULY 24TH
9AM - 12PM • COST: \$25/CHILD
VBS IS FOR CHILDREN ENTERING 4 YEAR OLD PREK THRU 4TH GRADE.
CHILDREN MUST BE POTTY TRAINED TO ATTEND
CLOSING VBS 4PM MASS ON SATURDAY JULY 25TH
(FAMILY FUN EVENT AFTER 4PM MASS)
REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!
REGISTRATION CLOSING JUNE 3, SO SIGN UP TODAY
TO RESERVE YOUR SPOT!! SPACES MAY BE LIMITED!
VBS 2026 VOLUNTEER SIGN UP
MANY VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED IN ORDER TO HAVE A SUCCESSFUL VBS EXPERIENCE FOR ALL OF OUR PARTICIPANTS! **ADULT, TEEN & YOUTH** VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED AND ENCOURAGED TO SIGN UP! **KIDS ENTERING 5TH GRADE AND UP ARE ABLE TO VOLUNTEER!** THERE ARE MANY WAYS TO VOLUNTEER, EVEN IF YOU ARE ONLY AVAILABLE FOR JUST ONE DAY OF VBS OR IF YOU CAN JUST HELP WITH SET UP AND TEAR DOWN.
SIGN UP TO VOLUNTEER TODAY!
**Volunteers over the age of 18 must have completed the VIRTUS Training Program for the Safety and Protection of God's Children.
QUESTIONS? EMAIL JOY AT:
Joyrivera@stjosephamherst.com



O.C.I.A.

We would like to thank Joselyn Brill, Zachary Brill, Ada Carroll, Nora Carroll, Luke Decker, Alyson DeMuth, Jeff Johnson, Teresa Mismas, Michael Zinn, and Priscilla Zinn who participated in the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (O.C.I.A.) Program this year. It was a joy for the O.C.I.A. Team to get to know you and be a part of your faith journey. We congratulate everyone who received the sacraments on Holy Saturday and those who were Confirmed by Bishop Michael Woost on Monday, April 27th. Some who participated are pictured above.

THANK YOU FROM THE ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY

The Altar and Rosary Society would like to thank everyone who supported our Mother's Day Bake Sale. Your generosity is greatly appreciated. May the Blessed Mother smile on you for your kindness.



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Rev. S. Michael Franz
Rev. James P. O'Donnell

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.



Through the Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Emmett Allan Brake
son of Kyle and Brittany Brake
and

Colton Cash Johnson
son of Jeffery and Victoria Johnson

into the fullness of our parish community and we congratulate their parents.

May the Lord walk closely with you on your journey and may He guide your parents in this very important and challenging role they play in your life.

WONDERFUL WOMEN

All women are welcome to join us on Tuesday, June 16th at Nativity Parish Hall in South Amherst from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Whether you've joined us regularly or only attended once, we would love to see you. We have a special evening planned, featuring our guest speaker Della from Good Knights, a local nonprofit that provides beds for children in need. She'll be sharing how faith is at the heart of her work and mission.

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES PENTECOST MASS CELEBRATION

Catholic Renewal Ministries will host a charismatic **Pentecost Mass Celebration, Sunday, May 24th**, at St. Julie Billiart Church, 5500 Lear Nagel Road, North Ridgeville 44039. The celebration will start at 2:00 p.m. with praise and worship. Fr. Bob Franco will be the celebrant. After Mass, there will be an opportunity for individual prayer for healing, and there will also be fellowship time. For more information, please contact CRM at 440-944-9445. All are invited to celebrate Pentecost as a community and join in as we pray, in power, for a new outpouring of the Holy Spirit.

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

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.

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 with Bishop Malesic at the Cathedral of St. John the Evangelist on Sunday, June 14, at 2:00 p.m. 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 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

BE AWARE OF SCAMS

The threat of fraudulent attempts to trick people into giving out personal information, to purchase gift cards, or a request for an "urgent matter" are an ever-present reality in our digital world. These scams can come as a text, email, or even a phone call. They look and sound very real.

Please know that no one from our Parish Office will ask you to make a purchase or respond to an "urgent need." All correspondence from the office will include specific information as to the nature of the correspondence.

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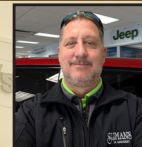
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