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**May 24, 2026**  
**Pentecost Sunday**

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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](http://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 25th** – Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery  
*In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be moved to Nativity Parish in South Amherst.*

9:00 a.m. For the Living and Deceased Veterans who have served our country.

**TUESDAY, MAY 26th** – Mass at Nativity Parish

8:00 a.m. People of Nativity and St. Joseph Parishes

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th** – No Mass

**THURSDAY, MAY 28th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

7:00 p.m. Health of Miguel Navarro  
(The Navarro Family)  
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

**FRIDAY, May 29th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish

9:00 a.m. Personal Intention

**SATURDAY, May 30th**

11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish  
4:00 p.m. James Guidish (Wife)  
Mass at St. Joseph Parish  
5:30 p.m. Dennis G. Stock (Dennis and Jean Stock)  
Mass at Nativity Parish

**SUNDAY, May 31st** – Masses at St. Joseph Parish

8:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes  
11:00 a.m. James and Louise Sowerby  
(The Selent Family)  
5:00 p.m. Rachel Deisler (Sacred Sisters)

## Daily Readings

**MONDAY, MAY 25th**

The Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church  
Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14 / Jn 19:25-34

**TUESDAY, MAY 26th** – St. Phillip Neri, Priest

1 Pt 1:10-16 / Mk 10:28-31

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th** – Weekday

St. Augustine of Canterbury, Bishop  
1 Pt 1:18-25 / Mk 10:32-45

**THURSDAY, MAY 28th** – Weekday

1 Pt 2:2-5, 9-12 / Mk 10:46-52

**FRIDAY, MAY 29th** – Weekday

St. Paul VI, Pope  
1 Pt 4:7-13 / Mk 11:11-26

**SATURDAY, MAY 30th** – Vigil: The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3:16-18

**SUNDAY, May 31st** – The Most Holy Trinity

Ex 34:4b-6, 8-9 / 2 Cor 13:11-13 / Jn 3:16-18

## Activity Schedule

**MONDAY-FRIDAY**

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

**MONDAY, MAY 25th** – No School / Offices closed

**TUESDAY, MAY 26th**

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes  
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

7:00 p.m. Knights of Columbus (School MPR)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 27th**

6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting  
(O.S.E. Community Center)

**THURSDAY, MAY 28th**

9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)

9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes  
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

5:30 p.m. Volleyball Signups (School Gym)

**SUNDAY, MAY 31st**

6:00 p.m. Holy Ground Youth Group Session (School Gym)  
Please join us for Mass before the meeting.

## FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

**St. Joseph Parish – May 9, 2026**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 12,569.05
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 137.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 195.00
Home Mission	\$ 2.00
Newman Campus	\$ 87.00
Vincentians	\$ 2,412.00

**E-Giving – May 5-11, 2026**

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,108.79
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 19.14
Eoffering – Home Missions	\$ 30.00
Eoffering – Tuition Assistance	\$ 59.70

**Nativity Parish – May 3, 2026**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,896.00
Easter	\$ 20.00
Ascension	\$ 5.00
Landscape	\$ 5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 10.00

**Nativity Parish – May 10, 2026**

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,953.00
Landscape	\$ 95.00
Newman Campus Ministry	\$ 5.00
Catholic Home Missions	\$ 20.00

## 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/>

**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.**

## Pentecost Sunday

### MEMORIAL DAY MASS



The 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.

### PRAYER FOR OUR FALLEN VETERANS

“Lord God, our Father, Your Son Jesus showed us that the greatest love is to lay down one’s life for others. Today, we remember those who fought and died for our freedom. Console their families, and grant our fallen heroes eternal peace and light in Your heavenly kingdom. Amen

### 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](http://www.stjosephamherst.com). Registration forms can be found on the admissions page of the school website.

### CYO VOLLEYBALL SIGNUPS

CYO Volleyball Signups will be on May 28th from 5:30-6:30 p.m. in St. Joseph School gym.

### WONDERFUL WOMEN

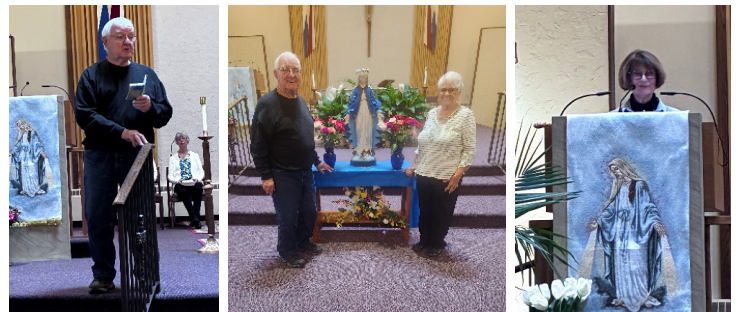
All women are welcome to join us on Tuesday, June 16th at Nativity Parish Hall in South Amherst from 7:00-8:15 p.m. Whether you’ve joined us regularly or only attended once, we would love to see you. We have a special evening planned, featuring our guest speaker Della from Good Knights, a local nonprofit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

### MEN’S GROUP

Our next meeting is on Tuesday, June 2nd in the school MPR at 6:30 p.m. We will continue the *Fearless* video series. All are welcome and we look forward to having you join us. Contact Bob Hooper at 919-896-5413 with any questions.

### MAY CROWNING AT NATIVITY B.V.M. PARISH IN SOUTH AMHERST

Jean Stock had the honor of Crowning Our Blessed Mother. Dennis Stock recited the Litany of the Blessed Mother. There were 45 that attended. It was a beautiful service and the Altar & Rosary Society are very grateful to those who came and were part of it. The luncheon that followed was a hit! Thank you all again  
God Bless you with Peace and good health.



**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 all summer long there. If you would like to join them, call Cindy Miller at 440-670-1300 for more information.

**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).

**H | G | S U M M E R**  
HOLY GROUND

**UPCOMING DATES & ACTIVITIES**

**MAY 31 – SUMMER KICK-OFF**

**JUNE 7 – ICE CREAM SOCIAL NIGHT  
& BONFIRE**

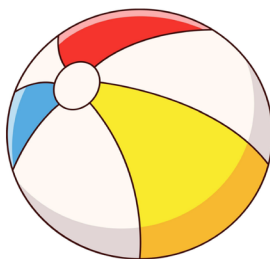
**JUNE 14 – PARK LANES BOWLING  
NIGHT**

**JUNE 21 – MESSY GAMES!**

**JUNE 28 – SLIP-N-SLIDE KICKBALL**

**MORE DATES INCLUDED**

- JULY 12
- JULY 19
- JULY 26
- AUGUST 2
- AUGUST 9
- AUGUST 15 – THE FEST!
- AUGUST 23



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**MOTHER’S DAY**  
MAY 10, 2026

**FATHER’S DAY**  
JUNE 21, 2026

“ONE GENERATION SHALL COMMEND YOUR WORKS TO ANOTHER, AND SHALL DECLARE YOUR MIGHTY ACTS.”  
PSALM 145:4

 **cornerstone**

**NEXT WEEKEND: CALLED TO FLOURISH WEEKEND**

*Bring your completed pledge card to Mass next weekend*

Next weekend is **Called to Flourish Weekend** at our parish. In addition to thanking the parish staff, volunteers, and lay leaders who have worked tirelessly over the past few months to make this campaign a success, **we ask all families to return their completed pledge card at Mass. Every gift counts!**

Total Gift	Monthly	Weekly	Daily
\$15,000	\$250	\$55	\$8
\$10,000	\$166	\$37	\$5
\$6,000	\$100	\$23	\$3
\$3,600	\$60	\$14	\$2
\$2,400	\$40	\$9	\$1

*Gifts are rounded to the nearest dollar.*

**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



## Pentecost Sunday



### **PLEASE PRAY FOR:**

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

**Donna Kuczynski and  
Maria Scharf, mother of Cindy Staron**

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

**Everleigh Rose Zinn  
and  
Hailey Rebekah Zinn  
Daughters of  
Michael and Priscilla Zinn**

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.

### **PRAYING FOR OUR ADULT CHILDREN**

What can we do for our adult children who have left the practice of our Catholic faith? If this question speaks to you and you want to learn more, join us for an evening of prayer and dialogue at St. Patrick's Church (West Park), 4427 Rocky River Drive in Cleveland, on Monday, June 1st, from 7:00-9:00 p.m. This event is open to anyone interested. No registration is needed.

### **LAST SUPPER THE CHOSEN – SEASON 5**

This Season covers the events of Holy Week, depicting the final days of Jesus' earthly ministry, beginning with His triumphant entry into Jerusalem (Palm Sunday). Join us at 6:30 p.m. in the Family Center of St. Jude Parish, 590 Poplar Street, in Elyria on Tuesdays, June 2, 16, 30 and July 14.

ST. JOSEPH AMHERST  
**VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2026**  
**LOOK AT  
WHAT GOD  
HAS DONE!**  
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**CLOSING VBS 4PM MASS ON SATURDAY JULY 25<sup>TH</sup>**  
(FAMILY FUN EVENT AFTER 4PM MASS)  
**REGISTRATION OPEN NOW!**  
REGISTRATION CLOSES 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](mailto:Joyrivera@stjosephamherst.com)



### **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.stleonardyrc.com](http://www.stleonardyrc.com). St. Leonard Retreat Center is located at 4076 Case Road, Avon, OH 44011. Question? Email [stleonardyrc@gmail.com](mailto:stleonardyrc@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 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.



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– and encourage others to join us!

Share the  
Prayers!



### 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/>.

### 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](http://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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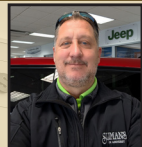
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