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May 3, 2026
The Fifth 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, MAY 4th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Patricia Orosz (Husband, David)
- TUESDAY, MAY 5th** – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Morgan Stock (Family)
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th** – No Mass
- THURSDAY, MAY 7th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Marilyn Doslak (Sarah Bartlett)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.
- FRIDAY, May 8th** – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Personal Intention
- SATURDAY, May 9th**
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Mike Anderson (Mom and Brother)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Blessings on the Altar and
Rosary Society Ladies
Mass at Nativity Parish
- SUNDAY, May 10th** – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Denise (Spanski) Andras
(Tim and Holly Rinkes)
11:00 a.m. Blessings upon the 2026 Graduates
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

- MONDAY, MAY 4th** – Easter Weekday
Acts 14:5-18 / Jn 14:21-26
- TUESDAY, MAY 5th** – Easter Weekday
Acts 14:19-28 / Jn 14:27-31a
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th** – Easter Weekday
Acts 15:1-6 / Jn 15:1-8
- THURSDAY, MAY 7th** – Easter Weekday
Acts 15:7-21 / Jn 15:9-11
- FRIDAY, MAY 8th** – Easter Weekday
Acts 15:22-31 / Jn 15:12-17
- SATURDAY, MAY 9th** – Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21
- SUNDAY, May 10th** – Sixth Sunday of Easter
Acts 8:5-8, 14-17 / 1 Pt 3:15-18 / Jn 14:15-21

Activity Schedule

- MONDAY-FRIDAY**
11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m. Eucharistic Adoration (NBVM)
- TUESDAY, MAY 5th**
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)
8:30 a.m. Hospitality Tuesday (Nativity Parish Hall)
6:30 p.m. Altar and Rosary Society Rosary followed by
Monthly Meeting (Nativity Parish Hall)
7:00 p.m. Men's Group Meeting cancelled this month –
will meet in June.
- WEDNESDAY, MAY 6th**
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)
- THURSDAY, MAY 7th**
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Nativity Parish Hall)
- FRIDAY, MAY 8th**
9:45 a.m. St. Joseph School May Devotional
(St. Joseph Church)
- SATURDAY, MAY 9th**
6:30 p.m. Nativity Altar and Rosary Society Bake Sale
following the 5:30 p.m. Mass
(Nativity Parish Hall)
- SUNDAY, MAY 10th**
11:00 a.m. Baccalaureate Mass (St. Joseph Church)
6:00 p.m. No Holy Ground Youth Group Session Tonight

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – April 19, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 13,515.05
Easter Offertory	\$ 915.00
Good Friday Collection	\$ 10.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 240.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 67.00
Home Mission	\$ 56.00
Little Books	\$ 4.25

E-Giving – April 14-20, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,899.31
Eoffering – Easter	\$ 773.80
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 75.00

Nativity Parish

Figures will be in upcoming bulletin

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.**

The Fifth Sunday of Easter

CALLED TO FLOURISH: WAYS TO GIVE

Explore the many ways you can make a campaign commitment

Our parish is blessed by the faith and generosity of our parishioners. As you prayerfully consider a gift, know there are many ways you can participate in *Called to Flourish*. When filling out your pledge card, be sure to select a start date and payment schedule.

- **Check:** Make checks payable to “Called to Flourish” and include the parish name in the memo. If you choose to pay over time, payment reminders will be mailed to your home based on the frequency you select.
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- **Stock & Securities:** To send notification of your stock transfer, please contact Madelyn Zone with any questions at mzone@catholiccommunity.org or (216) 696-6525, ext. 2940.
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WANT TO LEARN MORE?

Fr. Tim will be hosting three gatherings in May, open to all parishioners. This is a wonderful opportunity to bring your questions and learn more about St. Joseph and Nativity projects.

Mark your calendars for these dates:

- **May 11 at 7 pm at St. Joseph Church**
- **May 12, after 8:00 Mass at Nativity Church**
- **May 18 at 7 pm at St. Joseph Church**

Please contact the parish office for more information.

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

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.

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.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

Jennifer Piwkowski and Laurence Gerlach
III



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.

HOSPITALITY TUESDAY AND ALTAR AND ROSARY SOCIETY MEETING

Please join us on May 5th at Nativity Church for Mass at 8:00 a.m. followed by Hospitality Tuesday. Enjoy some refreshments and fellowship in Nativity's Parish Hall, immediately following Mass. The next Altar and Rosary Society Meeting will be held on Tuesday, May 5th at 6:30 p.m., starting with The Rosary and followed by the meeting in Nativity's Parish Hall.

ALTAR AND ROSARY MOTHER'S DAY BAKE SALE – NBVM SOUTH AMHERST



On May 9th, Nativity Altar and Rosary Society is having their Annual Mother's Day Bake Sale.

Baked goods will be available for purchase, following the 5:30 p.m. Mass in Nativity's Parish Hall. Prices for baked good items are by freewill donation. Come check out the delicious items our bakers have prepared!

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.

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/channel/UCjandnbvmmmedia).

The Fifth Sunday of Easter



Through the Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes...

Jesse Daniel Hunker and Joseph Justin Hunker
Sons of Justin and Ellen Hunker
and

Callen Giovanni Jenkins
Son of Joshua Jenkins and Lauren Gillespie

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

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



PLEASE PRAY FOR:

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

Renee Suzanne May

We pray for her 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.

EXTRAORDINARY EUCHARISTIC MINISTER FORMATION SESSION

A nearby 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.

NEWMAN CAMPUS MINISTRY

Each year in the Diocese of Cleveland, a special collection is taken up in all the parishes to support the ministries of the Office of Catechetical Formation. The ministry focuses on providing guidance and support that promotes the evangelizing mission of the Church through the catechetical efforts of all parishes and Newman Catholic Campus Ministries in the Diocese of Cleveland. Ministries that will benefit from this collection include faith formation for adults, teens and children, and family-based faith formation, as well as the ongoing formation of Parish Catechetical Leaders and catechists of missionary disciples. Newman Catholic Campus Ministries provide opportunities for students to deepen a relationship with Christ through prayer, worship, community, faith and bible studies, retreats and service. Your contribution is an investment in the faith formation of people of all ages through the Diocese of Cleveland.

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.

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.stleonardycr.com. St. Leonard Retreat Center is located at 4076 Case Road, Avon, OH 44011. Questions? Email stleonardycr@gmail.com or call 440-934-6270.

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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.

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.

As a best practice, never open any links, give out private information or respond to texts or emails without first checking to see that the source is legitimate.

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/>.

THEOLOGY ON THE ROCKS WEST



For Adults 40 & Over
Join us on Monday, May 11
7:00-8:30 p.m.
Westside Irish American Club
8559 Jennings Road, Olmsted Twp.

Join us for an evening of mystical theology, with Bryan Hall, as we reflect on Bernard of Clairvaux’s “*On Loving God*.” Though his answer to why we love God may seem simple, his passionate and beautiful language offers a powerful, inspiring glimpse into a deeper experience of faith. Bryan was introduced to Bernard while earning his Master’s in Theology at Loyola of Chicago.

Be a part of a theologically enriching evening. Cost is \$15.00 per person. Light appetizers included. Cash Bar is available. **Advance tickets recommended. Register in advance: www.theologyontherockswest.com.** Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

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

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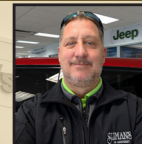
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