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June 28, 2026

The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, JUNE 29th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Health of Miguel Navarro
(The Navarro Family)

TUESDAY, JUNE 30th – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Victor Celaschi
(Dereck and Lynn Johnson)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st – No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 2nd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. Fred Zemanek (Wife)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd
Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery, weather permitting.
Otherwise, Mass will be at Nativity, in South Amherst.
9:00 a.m. Personal Intention

SATURDAY, JULY 4th
11:00 a.m. No Confessions today
4:00 p.m. Janet Mullinax (Friends)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Mark Host (Joe and Marrienne)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 5th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes
11:00 a.m. Jennie Ehlert (Family)
5:00 p.m. For the Faithful Departed –
All Souls Intention

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JUNE 29th
Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles
Acts 12:1-11 / 2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18 / Mt 16:13-19

TUESDAY, JUNE 30th – Weekday
The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church
Am 3:1-8, 4:11-12 / Mt 8: 23-27

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st – Weekday
USA: Saint Junipero Serra, Priest
Am 5:14-15, 21-24 / Mt 8: 28-34

THURSDAY, JULY 2nd – Weekday
Am 7:10-17 / Mt 9:1-8

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd
Saint Thomas, Apostle
Eph 2:19-22 / Jn 20:24-29

SATURDAY, JULY 4th
Vigil: Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

SUNDAY, JULY 5th
Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Zec 9:9-10 / Rom 8:9, 11-13 / Mt 11:25-30

Activity Schedule

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 1st
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

THURSDAY, JULY 2nd
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes (Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

FRIDAY, JULY 3rd – Parish Offices Closed

SUNDAY, JULY 5th
No Holy Ground Youth Group Session Tonight

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – June 14, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 11,487.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 56.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 73.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 6.00
Newman Campus	\$ 1.00

E-Giving – June 8-14, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 3,170.09
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 15.00
Eoffering – Maintenance Fund	\$ 9.70
Eoffering – Tuition Assistance	\$ 59.70

Nativity Parish

Figures will be in upcoming bulletin

PLEASE NOTE: CEMETERY MASS ON JULY 3RD

Friday's Mass on July 3rd will be held at St. Joseph Cemetery, in Amherst at 9:00 a.m., weather permitting. In the event of rain, Mass will be moved to Nativity Parish in South Amherst.

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/>

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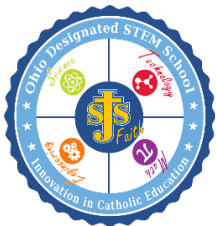


Wishing everyone a safe, happy,
and Blessed 4th of July.

HOLY GROUND YOUTH GROUP

The Holy Ground Youth Group will meet on Sunday, June 28th. All 7-12 Graders are welcome. We love to have you join us for the 5:00 p.m. Mass. Youth Group Sessions start at 6:00 p.m. For more information or questions, contact Josh at 440-650-7554 or email him at charles.j.gonzo@gmail.com. We will not meet on Sunday, July 5th.

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. If you would like to tour the school, call the school office at 440-988-4244. They will be checking the voicemail periodically during the summer break.

SACRED SISTERS WEDNESDAY NIGHT LADIES PRAYER GROUP

The group began an eight-week study of *The Chosen* Season 4 on Wednesday, June 24, 2026. Even if you missed last week's session you are still welcome to join us this Wednesday at 6:30 p.m. at Old Stone Evangelical Community Center. Ladies from Saint Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary will meet weekly to discuss Season 4 of *The Chosen*, answer questions, and enjoy fellowship. For more information or to register, call Lesley at 440-371-6418.

BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN PLEASE RETURN BOTTLES

The Annual Baby Bottle Campaign for Cornerstone ended on June 21st. If you took a baby bottle and have not returned it yet, please return the baby bottle even if you were unable to donate. We thank all of you who were able to support this worthy cause.

BANNS OF MARRIAGE

II Helen Lewis and Brady Grove



MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group will meet on Tuesday, July 7th at 6:30 p.m. in the school Multipurpose Room (MPR). Men from both parishes are welcomed.

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Ages: 4-12

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Closed: Friday, July 3, 2026

Registration Fee

\$40.00 per family

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\$10.00 per hour or \$300 per week (1 child)

\$15.00 per hour or \$450 per week (2 children)

\$20.00 per hour or \$600 per week (3 children)

(Late pick-up will be charged an additional \$5.00 every
ten minutes after 5:30pm.)

Various fun, educational and entertaining activities
scheduled everyday, including Field Trips around
Downtown Amherst!

HOSPITALITY TUESDAY

All are welcome to join us for Mass on Tuesday, July 7th at Nativity Parish in South Amherst at 8:00 a.m. and for donuts and refreshments after Mass in Nativity's Parish Hall.

PLEASE NOTE

There will be **no** First Friday Rosary on Friday, July 3rd, at Nativity Parish in South Amherst. Also, there will be **no** Altar and Rosary Society meeting in July at Nativity Parish in South Amherst.

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

During the summer months, The Chair Yoga Flow Classes are meeting at the Vermilion River Reservation (Mill Hollow Bacon Woods) Amphitheater. If you would like to join them, call Cindy Miller at 440-670-1300 for more information.

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.

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.

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).



*The promises of the Lord
I will sing forever,
through all generations
my mouth shall proclaim
your faithfulness.*

— Psalm 89:2

THANK YOU

We could not have reached our goal without your support!

We have recently concluded the *Called to Flourish: Our Church for the Future* campaign. St. Joseph and Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary successfully met their goals and even surpassed them! Join us this weekend to celebrate and learn about our current progress. We look forward to keeping our parishioners updated on campaign news and projects over the next five years. Thank you for your commitment to the future of our Church!

In the coming weeks, we will be sending a final email and mailing to those who may not yet have had the opportunity to participate. Please know there is still an opportunity to be part of this important moment in the life of our parish, and we invite you to prayerfully consider how you might participate in this shared mission.

At Our Parishes:

St. Joseph:

- Building a fund for an Athletic and Performing Arts Center

Nativity of the BVM:

- Replacing the church flooring
- Installing new pew cushions

Across Our Diocese:

- Parishes
- Worship
- Evangelization
- Service

If you need to adjust your pledge or have any questions, please reach out to the campaign office at (216) 902-1300 or calledtoflourish@catholiccommunity.org.

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Through the Sacrament of Baptism
St. Joseph Parish welcomes

Cooper Hodges Pritchard
Son of Joseph and Alyssa Pritchard
and
Madeline Rose Sadowski
Daughter of Douglas and Hope Sadowski

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:

Patricia Griffiths, wife of Jim Griffiths

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.

QUALIFIED CHARITABLE DISTRIBUTIONS

If you are 70 ½ or older, you may be able to make a gift of a Qualified Charitable Distribution from your IRA that will help us in our ministry and reduce your taxable income. Talk to your advisors or IRA administrator for more information and to be sure that your IRA Qualified Charitable Distribution gift is made directly from an IRA to a qualified charity such as our parishes. Questions? St. Joseph Parishioners contact Sharon Angell in our parish office at 440-988-2848, ext. 206. Nativity B.V. M. Parish parishioners contact Ed Klimczak at 440-320-3508 or parishioners from both parishes are welcome to contact Moira Wopershall of the Catholic Community Foundation at 216-696-6525, ext. 8070 or visit www.catholiccommunity.org/ira.

PETER PENCE COLLECTION

Each year, the annual Peter's Pence Collection is taken up in support of the works of the Holy Father. The proceeds from this collection fund emergency financial assistance to those throughout the world who suffer from war, oppression, and natural disasters. Please be generous. Envelopes were included in the monthly June envelope packets.

CATHOLIC CEMETERIES ASSOCIATION SUNDAY GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

The Catholic Cemeteries Association's next Sunday Grief Support Group will be on **Sunday, June 28th**. The Topic will be **"When You Couldn't Say Goodbye" and "Loss of a Spouse."** **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 will be held on the 4th Sunday this 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 Suzi 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 Brook Park Road
- St. Joseph, Avon | 32789 Detroit Road

Virtual – Please register at

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

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/>.

WORLD YOUTH DAY 2027 – SEOUL, SOUTH KOREA

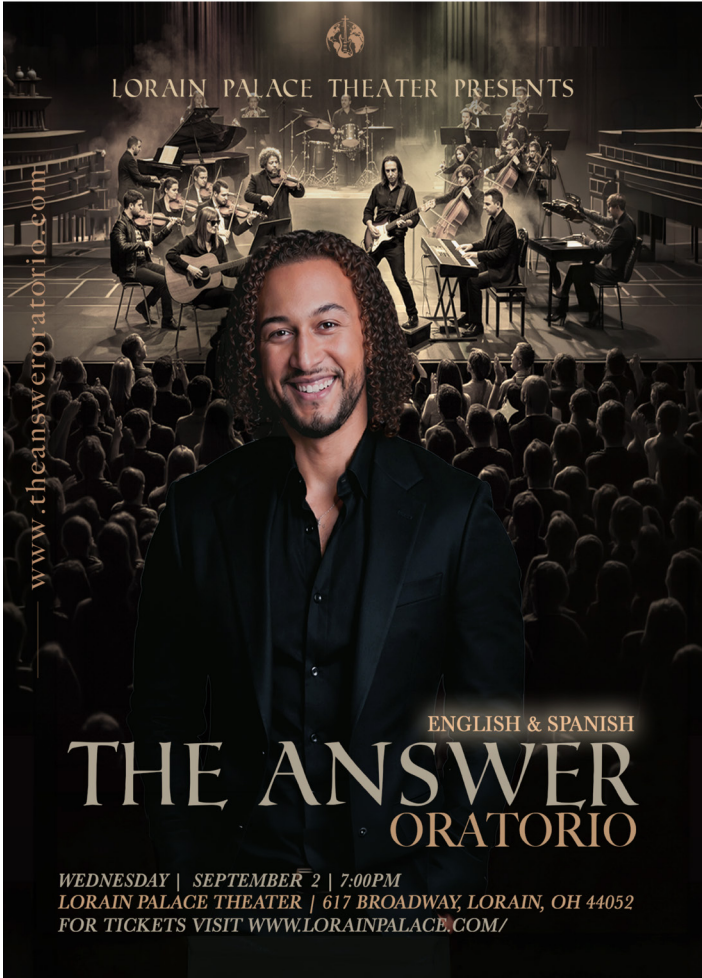
Young adults (18 years or older) are invited to join the Diocese of Cleveland pilgrimage to World Youth Day (WYD) 2027 in Seoul, South Korea, August 3-8, 2027. Experience prayer, catechesis, fellowship, and celebration with the Holy Father alongside millions of Catholics from around the world in this once-in-a-lifetime event. The pilgrimage, coordinated through Verso Ministries, includes participation in WYD events, lodging, transportation, spiritual preparation resources, and visits to important Catholic holy sites in Korea. Registration deadline is June 30, 2026. For more information and to register, visit dioceseofcleveland.org/wyd2027

CATHOLIC RENEWAL MINISTRIES ANNUAL CHARISMATIC CONFERENCE

All are invited to attend **Catholic Renewal Ministries' 43rd Annual Charismatic Conference** to be held on **Saturday, July 25, 2026**, at St. Albert the Great Parish Life Center, 6667 Wallings Road, North Royalton 44133. This year's theme is "Be Renewed in the Power of the Holy Spirit." Guest speakers will be Dr. Monica Richards, a missionary with Damascus in Columbus, who has developed a love for presenting the Gospel of freedom and dignity in an engaging and entertaining way; Fr. John Gordon, a dynamic preacher and evangelist and a priest of the Archdiocese of Newark, who is a council member of Pentecost Today USA; and Fr. Bob Franco, the Bishop's Liaison for Charismatic Renewal in the Cleveland Diocese and pastor of St. Peter and St. Julie Billiart Parishes in North Ridgeville. Auxiliary Bishop Michael G. Woost will be the celebrant for the Vigil Mass, and Matt Fafraf will lead us in contemporary praise music throughout the day and evening.

Visit the CRM website: www.crmweb.org or call 440-944-9445 for more information. Advance registration postmarked by Wednesday, July 15th, is \$40.00, and at the door \$50.00.

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Join us as we welcome Riely Clemmons, Matt Maher and CAIN to the main stage. Their music helps us all remember how 'blessed' we are by God. There will also be inspiring activities and crafts for the kids, along with opportunities for Prayer, Adoration and Confession.

Bishop Malesic will preside at the Mass at 8:00 p.m. This year, national Catholic artist and composer, Steve Angrisano, will lead the music for this beautiful outdoor Mass followed by an amazing American Fireworks Display.

Invite your family and friends to join you on Saturday, August 15, 2026. Tickets for The FEST are \$10.00. There's plenty of FREE parking, along with parking passes for sale for close parking. Check out all the details by going to: www.theFEST.us.

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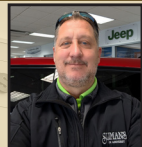
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