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July 19, 2026
The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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, JULY 20th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Peter Sliman (Family)

TUESDAY, JULY 21st – Mass at Nativity Parish
8:00 a.m. Personal Intention

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd – No Mass

THURSDAY, JULY 23rd – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
7:00 p.m. George Knipp (Family)
Confessions to follow Mass until 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 24th – Mass at St. Joseph Parish
9:00 a.m. Nick and Martha Abraham
(Nick and Patti Abraham)

SATURDAY, JULY 25th
11:00 a.m. Confessions at St. Joseph Parish
4:00 p.m. Thelma, Andrew, and John Gersak
(Ben and Sue Naelitz)
Mass at St. Joseph Parish
5:30 p.m. Tracy Herrada (Alberta)
Mass at Nativity Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 26th – Masses at St. Joseph Parish
8:30 a.m. Janet Murphy (Son, Tim, and Denise)
11:00 a.m. James Berthold (Family)
5:00 p.m. People of St. Joseph and Nativity Parishes

Daily Readings

MONDAY, JULY 20th – Weekday
Saint Apollinaris, Bishop and Martyr
Mi 6:1-4, 6-8 / Mt 12:38-42

TUESDAY, JULY 21st – Weekday
Saint Lawrence of Brindisi, Priest and Doctor of the Church
Mi 7:14-15, 18-20 / Mt 12:46-50

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd
Saint Mary Magdalene
Sg 3:1-4b or 2 Cor 5:14-17 / Jn 20:1-2, 11-18

THURSDAY, JULY 23rd – Weekday
Saint Bridget, Religious
Jer 2:1-3, 7-8, 12-13 / Mt 13:10-17

FRIDAY, JULY 24th – Weekday
Saint Sharbel Makhlof, Priest
Jer 3:14-17 / Mt 13:18-23

SATURDAY, JULY 25th
Vigil: Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

SUNDAY, JULY 26th
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12 / Rom 8:28-30 / Mt 13:44-52 or Mt 13:44-46

Activity Schedule

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

MONDAY, JULY 20th – FRIDAY, JULY 24th
9:00 a.m. Vacation Bible School (St. Joseph School Gym)

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

WEDNESDAY, JULY 22nd
6:30 p.m. Sacred Sisters Meeting
(O.S.E. Community Center)

THURSDAY, JULY 23rd
9:00 a.m. Vincentians Meeting (Conference Room)
9:30 a.m. Chair Yoga Flow Classes
(Mill Hollow Amphitheater)

SUNDAY, JULY 26th
No Holy Ground Youth Group Session tonight

FINANCIAL STEWARDSHIP

St. Joseph Parish – July 5, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 13,142.00
Children's Offertory	\$ 2.00
Maintenance Fund	\$ 146.00
Tuition Assistance	\$ 181.00
Peter's Pence	\$ 15.00
Vincentians	\$ 5,087.84

E-Giving – June 30-July 6, 2026

Eoffering – Sunday Offertory	\$ 2,769.77
Eoffering – Maintenance Fund	\$ 10.00
Eoffering – Christmas	\$ 24.70
Eoffering – Vincentians	\$ 19.14
Eoffering – Newman Campus	\$ 305.00
Eoffering – Peter's Pence	\$ 304.00

Nativity Parish – July 4, 2026

Sunday Offertory	\$ 1,095.00
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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/>

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 Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

St. Joseph Summer Care

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Closed: Friday, July 3, 2026

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\$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!

THE MEN'S GROUP

The Men's Group that normally meets on the first Tuesday of the month will be moving their August meeting to Tuesday, August 11th at 7:00 p.m. in the school multipurpose room. This is a one-time change to the second Tuesday of the month. All are welcome and we look forward to having you join us. Contact Bob Hooper at 919-896-5413 with any questions.

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. 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.

VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL PAJAMA AND SLEEPWEAR CLOTHING DRIVE

This year for our VBS mission, we will be helping supply safe sleepwear for the children in our community through The Amherst Kid's Closet. The Amherst Kids Closet is a public charity 501(c)(3) that supports growing families in our community by providing essential clothing resources for infants through teens, at no cost. We are going to help them with their Pajama and Sleepwear Drive by collecting NEW pajamas, NEW socks, NEW underwear and NEW sleep sacks for children, sizes infant through teen. Please bring your donation to the church by SATURDAY, JULY 25th before the 4:00 p.m. Mass. We will present our donation to Lori Betchker, from The Amherst Kids Closet, at the VBS Family Fun Fest taking place after the 4:00 p.m. Mass on Saturday, July 25th. Thank you in advance for your help!!

COMMUNION TO THE HOMEBOUND FOR NATIVITY PARISH

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.

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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:

Rev. Robert Kropac

We pray for his 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 70½ 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.

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.

Holy Ground Youth Group

Summer Meeting Dates

July 12th
July 19th
August 2nd
August 9th
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WEST-SIDE WEDNESDAYS YOUNG ADULT SUMMER SERIES

This summer, *Theology on Tap West* is taking a brief break from its regular monthly gatherings – but the mission continues! Join young adults across Cleveland’s west side for West-Side Wednesdays. Each evening begins with Mass at a different parish, followed by dinner at a local restaurant. It’s a simple way to stay connected, meet new people, and continue growing in faith throughout the summer months. All young adults are welcome.

- July 29, 6:00 p.m. – Mass at Our Lady of Angels (Kamms Corner) followed by dinner at PJ McIntyre’s
- August 26, 6:00 p.m. – Mass at St. John Cantius (Tremont) followed by dinner at Barrio

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 Rd., 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 Fafrak 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. Come, as we praise and exalt Jesus in the power of the Holy Spirit.

SAINT CARLO INSTITUTE SUMMER SESSION

This session is for all who work with youth in grades 6-12. The session will be from **Monday, August 3-Thursday, August 6** at the Center for Pastoral Leadership, Wickliffe.

This four-day, three-night experience of formation includes classes, ministry workshops, off-campus excursions, daily Mass, and more. To find class and workshop details and to register, visit <https://www.dioceseofcleveland.org/offices/parish-life/youth-ministry/saint-carlo-institute>.

VILLA MARIA EDUCATION & SPIRITUALITY CENTER – “GOOD GRIEF”

Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center in Villa Maria, PA will host **“GOOD GRIEF” – The Gift of Grief** with **Susan Schorsten, HM** from Sunday, August 2 to Wednesday, August 5, 2026.

“Good Grief” – many of us are familiar with the statement “Good Grief” from the Peanuts comic strip. But what is “GOOD GRIEF” and how is grief a gift which needs to be received and opened. Together we will explore what is grief, why and how we grieve as well as the need for personal and communal grieving. We will look at the difference between grieving, mourning and lamenting and why we need to do them – all necessary for healing, and are healthy and holy for each of us and all of us.

For more information, go to the VMESC website at <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1075>.

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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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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/>.



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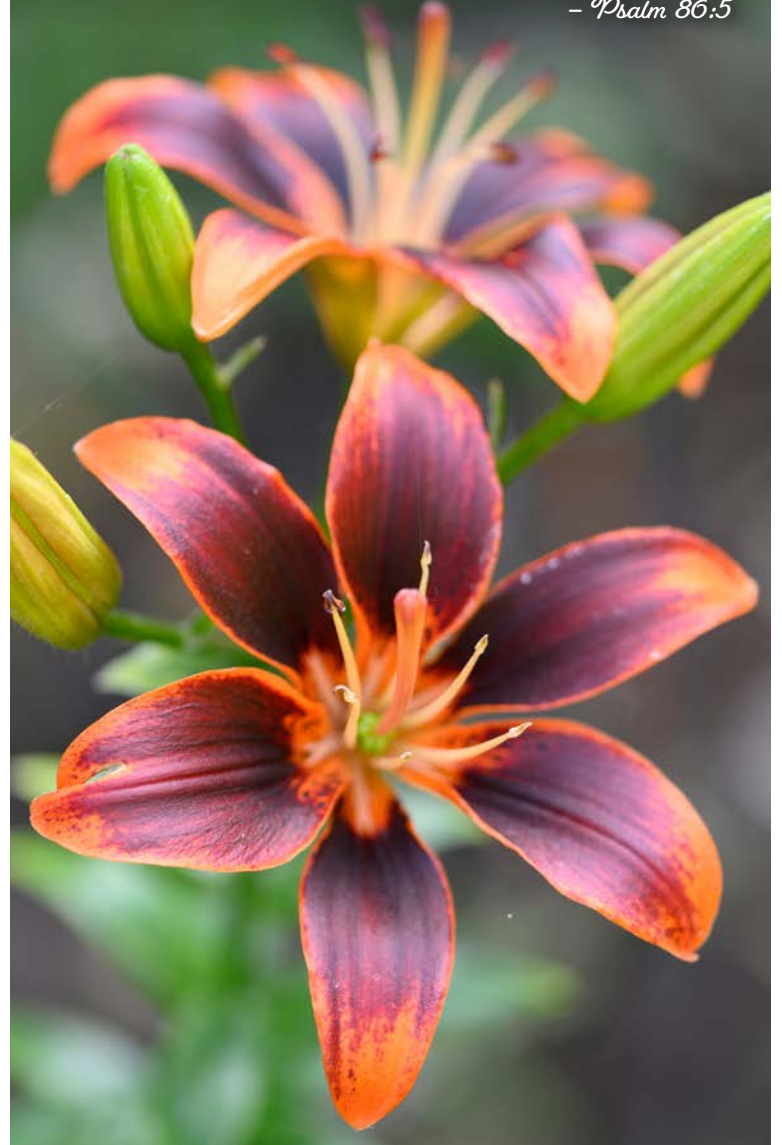
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*You, O Lord,
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to all who call upon you.*

– Psalm 86:5



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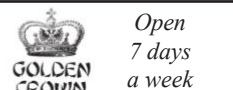
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