**MASS FOR THE WEEK**

**SATURDAY, MARCH 26TH ~ HOLY SATURDAY ~ EASTER VIGIL**
7:00 p.m. PARISHIONERS – LIVING AND DECEASED

**SUNDAY, MARCH 27TH ~ EASTER SUNDAY**
9:30 a.m. PARISHIONERS – LIVING AND DECEASED

**MONDAY, MARCH 28TH**
NO MASS

**TUESDAY, MARCH 29TH**
8:30 a.m. KATHRYN GILLESPIE by Husband

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 30TH**
NO MASS

**THURSDAY, MARCH 31ST**
8:30 a.m. Eileen DeCamp by M/M William Sullivan

**FRIDAY, APRIL 1ST**
NO MASS

**SATURDAY, APRIL 2ND**
4:30 p.m. ELLEN DeCAMP by M/M William Sullivan

**SUNDAY, APRIL 3RD ~**
SECOND SUNDAY OF EASTER ~ DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY
9:30 a.m. JOHN & MINNIE DURIG by Grandson, John Minnick

**NOTE:** If you would like to bring up the offertory gifts during a Mass that is scheduled for a family member or friend, please see the ushers before Mass.

**PLEASE NOTE:** If you need to have communion brought to you at your seat, please notify the ushers before Mass.

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**THEME: ALLELUIA, HE IS RISEN! TRULY, HE IS RISEN!**

The significance of the empty tomb was seemingly beyond the comprehension of Peter and Mary Magdalene. It was the beloved apostle, John, who understood the implication. He saw and believed. When we trust wholeheartedly in Christ, we witness things that seemingly defy human comprehension. Easter is evidence of that. The love of the cross triumphs over sin and death. From humiliation, brutality and pain come redemption and salvation. Alleluia indeed!

**LITURGY OF THE WORD:** In the first reading, Peter preaches about the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus. The second reading encourages believers of Christ to think of what is above, not what is on earth. In the Gospel, Mary Magdalene, Peter and the beloved disciple witness the empty tomb. Peter is confused, but the beloved disciple sees the empty tomb and believes.

**FAMILY PERSPECTIVE by Bud Ozar** – Millions of Christians around the world celebrate the Resurrection today. It all began simply on the first Easter with one person telling another, “Mary told Peter” and “they believed.” Faith is passed on one person to another: it is caught, not taught, and parents are the most effective persons to pass faith to their children.

**STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT ~ Easter Sunday:** “He went about doing good and healing all those oppressed by the devil, for God was with him.” (Acts 10:38) On this Easter Sunday, allow Jesus to fill your mind, body and soul. Pray for guidance on how to live your life, open your heart to those in need and give thanks to God for all that He has given you.

**REMINDER...SECOND COLLECTION FOR DEBT REDUCTION.**
*Any time there is a Diocesan second collection, we will suspend our debt reduction second collection for that week. Of course, you may still use your debt reduction envelope at any time.*

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**PARISH NEWS**

“MORE THAN JUST THE CHURCH BULLETIN”
Please be sure to visit our website: www.ststephenchurchniles.com.

**ETERNAL FLAME INTENTIONS** – Week of MARCH 27

**IN MEMORY OF NORMAN STANCHER** by Mary and Daughters
**IN MEMORY OF MARK TOMINEY** by Mary Beth Stancher

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION**
**IN MEMORY OF WILMA KASIEWICZ** by Family

**MINISTRIES TO THE SICK/HOMEBOUND:**
Do you know someone who would welcome the opportunity to receive the Eucharist at home? Please call the parish at 330-652-4396 and they will be added to our visitation list.

**VOCATIONS Easter Sunday – March 27, 2016:** “The Lord is truly risen!” Are you being called to proclaim the truth of the Lord’s resurrection as a priest, deacon, religious sister or brother? If so, contact Fr. Christopher Luoni at (330) 744-8451, or by email at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org.

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**ON BEHALF OF MYSELF AND THE STAFF**

**HERE AT ST. STEPHEN, WE WANT TO**

**EXTEND TO YOU AND YOUR LOVED ONES**

**A BLESSED EASTER SUNDAY AND MAY THE GRACE OF THE RISEN LORD JESUS BE ALWAYS IN YOUR HEARTS AND YOUR HOMES.**

– Fr. Korda

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**REMINDER – THE PARISH OFFICE WILL BE CLOSED ON EASTER MONDAY.**

**THANK YOU, NILES CATHOLIC WOMEN’S CLUB:**
For all your hard work in putting on the Palm Sunday Pancake Breakfast. It is always such a nice opportunity to visit with our fellow parishioners and strengthen our bonds with each other.

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**The Thomas Murphy Scholarship will be given to a deserving high school senior for commitment and service to their church, school and community.**

**PARISH CENSUS UPDATE:** Beginning in April, Parish Council will be contacting those persons who have not returned their census forms. If you have not done so yet, please get yours in before April 1 to save a call.

Thank you!
COMMUNITY SUPPERS...APRIL ~ ST. STEPHEN CHURCH: Suppers are free and open to the public on Thursdays from 4:45 to 6:00 p.m.

THE FAMILY OF JOHN R. ROZZO Announcing the 1st ANNUAL JOHN R. ROZZO MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP BENEFIT: Friday, April 15th, 2016, 6:30 p.m. at Antone’s Banquet Centre, Youngstown. Buffet Dinner, Chinese Auction, DJ... $35.00 per person. To purchase tickets or make a donation, please call, text or email John A. Rozzo ~ 330-531-2325 or Jrozz11@aol.com or jrozzomemorialscholarship.weebly.com.

FESTA! Celebrating cuisines of the heart of Venice, in northern Italy... Antipasto, pastas, greens, seafood, polenta and featuring homemade Italian desserts. Saturday, April 9, 2016 at Trumbull Country Club, 600 Golf Drive, Warren, from 5:00-11:00 p.m. Dancing to the music of Franco Simone. Festa Dinner and Dance ticket $50.00 per person or $95.00/couple. Full cash bar including Italian wines. Fabulous drawings! Proceeds benefit Blessed Sacrament Parish Catholic Community Ministries. For tickets or more information, call the parish at 330-372-2215.

DIVINE MERCY SCREENING: St. Dominic's Parish, 77 E. Lucius Ave., Youngstown, will show the new documentary film “The Original Image of Divine Mercy” on Sunday, April 3rd (Divine Mercy Sunday), at 3:00 p.m. in the Parish Center. The independent film was shot across the U.S. and Europe and features never before seen close up images of the original painting in Vilnius, Lithuania, the permanent home of the original image. This film has been endorsed by the Pontifical Council for Promoting New Evangelization at the Vatican. Prior to the screening, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be prayed. Admission is free. For more information, please call St. Dominic’s at 330-783-1900.

ST. CYRIL AND METHODIUS, YOUNGSTOWN 120TH ANNIVERSARY: St. Cyril and Methodius Church, now part of Our Lady of Sorrows Parish in Youngstown, will be celebrating its 120th anniversary on Saturday, April 16. The Mass will be held in the historic church at 252 East Wood Street, Youngstown, at 4:00 p.m., with Bishop George Murry presiding. The reception will follow at Father Snock Center on the campus of St. Matthias Church, 915 Cornell Street. All former parishioners, as well as past students and their families and friends, are invited to attend. The dinner will include chicken Marsala, roast beef, halusky, green beans almondine, a cookie table and desserts. Adults, $10.00; Children ages 3-10, $5.00; under age 3, free. Call Pauline Patrick at 330-757-9224 or Kay Kalischak at 330-793-2958 by April 11 to purchase tickets for the dinner.

BISHOP’S APPEAL UPDATE: The 2016 Bishop’s Appeal continues as we strive to meet our parish goal of $33,368.00. As of March 17, 98 St. Stephen parishioners have pledged $17,285.00. Remember that anything given above and beyond our goal will be rebated back to our parish for our own use. If you have not yet made your gift or pledge, please prayerfully consider doing so and place your envelope in the Sunday collection basket or mail directly to the diocese.

Please return pledge cards to: Annual Bishop’s Appeal, Diocese of Youngstown, PO Box 659, Youngstown, Ohio 44501

2016 Annual Bishop’s Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church

Dear Bishop Murry,

Please accept my gift in support of Catholic Charities and the Diocesan Ministries supported by the Annual Bishop’s Appeal.

☐ $1,000.00 (100.00/month) ☐ $500.00 (50.00/month)
☐ $300.00 (30.00/month) ☐ $250.00 (25.00/month)
☐ $200.00 (20.00/month)

Your Primary Parish _________________________________

Name: _________________________________

Address: _________________________________

Make checks payable to Bishop’s Appeal

My Commitment: $ ___________ Paid Now: $ ___________

☒ Bill Monthly ☐ Bill Quarterly

☐ Cash ☐ Check Number

* payment reminders will be sent through December 31, 2016.

Use your credit card, debit card or checking account to safely give online by visiting www.doy.org or call 330-744-8451, ext. 316 to make a gift by phone.

**End-of-year statements will be provided upon request only.**