



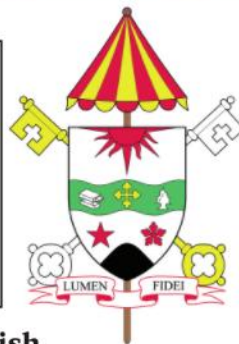
V: Pray for us, O holy Mother of God.

R: That we may be made worthy of the promises of Christ.

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ANGELUS

OUR LADY OF MOUNT CARMEL BASILICA



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Sat., Dec. 19:
 12:00 noon Michael Castronova (WA) by wife, Anita
 5:00 p.m. Edward DeBartolo by Denise DeBartolo York

Sun., Dec. 20:
 9:00 a.m. *Fourth Sunday of Advent*
 Francisco Ocasio by Ocasio Family
 11:00 a.m. Mauro Scali by Aunt & Uncle Bob & Jenny Weimer

Mon., Dec. 21:
 12:00 noon *St. Peter Camisius*
 Edwin Muccillo by Children

Tues., Dec. 22:
 12:00 noon Bambina Silvestri by Daughter, Lisa & Tony

Weds., Dec. 23:
 12:00 noon *St. John of Kanty*
 Gary Toth by Cheryl Ciulei

Thurs., Dec. 24:
 5:00 p.m. *Christmas Eve*
 D'Amico & Palamara Families by D'Amico Family
 10:30 p.m. Marlene Beene, by Husband, John

Fri., Dec. 25:
 10:00 a.m. The Nativity of The Lord
 12:00 noon Joseph F. Ricciuti by Wife, Mary Ann
 Baca & Fiore Family by Norma & Mike

Sat., Dec. 26:
 12:00 noon *St. Stephen*
 Callie Panozzo (Living) by Mother-in-law
 5:00 p.m. Antonio J. Orlando (B) by wife, Nancy & Family

Sun., Dec. 27:
 9:00 a.m. *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph*
 11:00 a.m. Jennie Kanos by Nieces, Karen, Kathy, Sandy Charles Starr by John & Carol Amicone



Sunday, December 13 (215 envelopes)	\$9,447.00
St. Anthony Shrine	\$ 248.00
Immaculate Conception	\$1,009.00



OSTIA: is again available this Christmas season in the Rectory. There is no need to call ahead, just stop at the rectory between 9:00 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. to purchase at \$6.00 per box of fifty (50).

HOST:

1 cup lukewarm water
 1 cup flour
 1 tsp. + few drops of oil
 Dash of salt
 Beat mixture for 5 minutes. Let stand 5 hours, stirring every half hour. (This recipe is for use with an Ostia maker and if none is available, you may purchase the Ostia at the rectory.)

FILLING:

1 Bag of Hershey kisses or 1 large Hershey bar
 1/2-3/4 lb. skinned almonds
 1 pint of honey

OPTIONAL:

Orange extract, grated orange rind or vanilla.
 Melt chocolate in double boiler or microwave. Add honey at the same time. When all is melted, add chopped almonds and flavoring. Remove from heat and fill host.

WEEKEND ASSIGNMENTS—Dec. 26/27

Ordinary-Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist
 5:00 p.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Gary DiTullio
 9:00 a.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Ramona DiShiavo
 11:00 a.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Stephanie Chimento

LECTORS

5:00 p.m. Atty. Matthew Giannini
 9:00 a.m. Jenna Anness
 11:00 a.m. Antianna Caggiano

ALTAR SERVERS

5:00 p.m. Anthony Micco, Alex Micco
 9:00 a.m. Francisco Rivera-Ocasio, Santino Rivera-Ocasio
 11:00 a.m. Luke Pipala, Zachary Pipala, John Paul Pipala

Christmas Schedule for Extraordinary Eucharistic Ministers

Christmas Eve

5:00 p.m. Deacon Mark Izzo, Fran Klanica, Debbie DiTullio, Gary DiTullio
 10:30 p.m. Deacon Anthony Falasca Jr., Deacon Mark Izzo, Nannette Jacobs, Phillip Pillin, Jr.

Christmas Day

10:30 p.m. Deacon Mark Izzo, Kirk Kruezweiser, James Harrison
 12:00 noon Deacon Anthony Falasca, Jr., Deacon Mark Izzo, Tiffany Chimento, Stephanie



Apostolate of Perpetual Adoration

Being in the SONLIGHT at Eucharistic Adoration helps reveal to us our sins!

Eucharistic Adoration helps you to examine your conscience. The longer you remain in the presence of God, the more you will reflect upon your failings--your sins. Sin is a "virus" that corrodes and damages your soul. Without the proper medicine, the "virus of sin" attacks you and cripples you spiritually.

Remember, being in the SONLIGHT, it is Jesus himself who will make your sins more recognizable. Eucharistic Adoration is a beautiful precursor to confession. St. Clare of Assisi said, "Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him." It will always prepare you for the worthy reception of the healing Sacrament of Confession. Call to schedule an hour of absorbing true SONLIGHT Maria Panozzo @ 330-372-5141.



Be vigilant at all times

LUKE 21:36

FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



Earl Ducay, Martha Aliberti, Regina Altiero, Melinda Amon, Peter Angelides, Karen Banic, Sandy Battaglia, John Beene, Madelyn Brudis, Tina Bury, Zayne Bryce, Eugene Calcagni, Isabelle Corradi, Kim Bowser, Marko Calko, Dominic Calko, Janice Marinelli Campbell, Lori Capone, Michael (Cal) Calipare, Carl J. Carbon, Roseann Cencia, Joseph Cencia, Anthony, Cathy Chimento, Joseph Chimento, Stephanie Chimento, Christopher Centofanti, Damian Chordas, Joseph R. Cioffi, Mary Rose Colucci, Johnny D., Ed Derek, Anna DeLuco, Kurt Dilisio, Michelina DiVito, Greg Diorio, Grace Ducay, Angela Elmo, JoAnn Elmo, Roberta Elmo, Dolores Elston, Deacon Anthony Falasca, Gina Fecko, Jason, Monroe, Mara Frease, Ilona Gerson, Sebastian Green, Margie, Joseph Haus, John, Reese, Lisa, Joshua, David, Carl Jr., Kaylee, JoAnn George, Emily Gerome, Rose Giampetro, Donald "Duke" Girardi, Dante Greco, Dominic Greco, Josie Greco, Jennifer Greco, Michael & Carol Gromada, Claudia Hernandez, Sean Holden, Gail Hubbert, George Iati, Loretta Julian, Mark Julian, Peter Julian, Kerri, Glory & Family, Jeff Knorr, Dennis Kopnisky, Jackie Golden, Gerard Kopnisky, Hillary, William & Melinda Kopnisky, Agnes Kowis, Rocco Kovacs, Leann P., Lenny & Cheryl, Lavonne, Lucille, Linda Maiorana, Baby Dominic Malachi, Cheryl Maniccia, Allan Maniccia, Mary Louise Mancini, Bill Marcavish, Missy Marrie, John Mascardine, Jennifer McCon, Paul and Greg Medina, Jean Medina, Livia Marinelli, Ellen Monroe, George Panno, Beverly Poidmore Pariza, Kristen Pepperney, Mary Pesa, Ronald Pesa, Phil Pillin, Sr. Brielle, Vincent, Paul III, Giovanna Pace, Isabel Pupino, Joseph Pizzola, Nicholas Poccia, Barbara Poghen, James Poghen, Charles Richards, Joseph Richards, Joseph Ridel, Chris Ritter, Marti Runyan, Mark Roberts, Bob Rushwin, Ben Russo, Chuck Saulino, Mark Stilson, Carmel Scocca, Ellie Sullenger, Chris Sultan, Betty & Dennis VanSuch, Greg VanSuch, Paula VanNest, Rita Varacali, Jodi Walters, Kathleen Wienand, Anna Mae Williams, Lilah Dovie, Todd Zamary, Skevos Zimbillas, **Mary, Help of the sick, pray for us! Please let us know when the person is well. Thanks be to God.**

DAILY MORNING OFFERING PRAYER

Jesus, though the Immaculate Heart of Mary, I offer you my prayers, works, joys, and sufferings of this day in union with the Holy Sacrifice of the Mass throughout the world. I offer them for all the intentions of your Sacred Heart: the salvation of souls, reparation for sin, and the reunion of all Christians. I offer them for the intentions of our bishops and of all Apostles of Prayer, and in particular for those recommended by our Holy Father this month.

FOR A LIFE OF PRAYER. We pray that our personal relationship with Jesus Christ be nourished by the Word of God and a life of prayer..

The Extraordinary Sacrificial Offering

To date we have received 293 extraordinary envelope offerings from members of Our Lady of Mount Carmel to help with the anticipated \$98,150 deficit of income due to lack of fundraisers on account of Covid 19, The offerings to date are in the amount of \$76,345.00 dollars. The offering is a tremendous help for our stewardship in this time of need. If you are able to participate, please do so at your earliest convenience. It will be very helpful. God's choicest Blessings —Msgr. Cariglio - RECTOR

St. Anthony Shrine and Novena

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In memory of ROSEANN BACA by Mom
In memory of ROSE MARIE FIORE by Norma

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In loving memory of Father, Paul Crowley (A) by Daughter, Patty Tiratto
In memory of DECEASED USHERS by Phil Pillin
Ms. Helen Furnish
Ms. Janice Jasinski
Mr. Scott R. Schulick


URGENT NEED!

Make a Holy Hour before the Most Blessed Sacrament at Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in asking our Lord to deliver us from COVID-19. Rosary and Missalettes are in the vestibule for you to keep; or bring your own Bible or Prayer Book. Call the rectory -**330-743-4144, Monday-Friday** during office hours, 8:30-3:00 p.m. to receive the Code Number to enter the Basilica. Keep code CONFIDENTIAL. Sign in and sign out. Sanitize before & after your pew space with the materials near the Holy Water Fount. Every Holy Hour will help this sick world. Thank you and with love and prayers.

"A Christmas Gift?"

Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Traditions Cookbooks are in the rectory for \$18.00 These make nice Christmas gifts!! Call the rectory at 330-743-4144.

CHRISTMAS SCHEDULE

Christmas Eve:	5:00 p.m. 10:30 p.m.	
Christmas Day:	10:00 a.m. 12:00 noon	
New Year's Eve:	5:00 p.m.	
New Year's Day:	12:00 noon	

Fourth Sunday of Advent

"Be it done unto me according to your word." Obedience to the Lord's will is the fruit of humble prayer. If you think God is inviting you to a deeper consecration as a priest, deacon, brother or sister, contact Fr. Scott Kopp at 330-744-8451 or email: skopp@youngstowndiocese.org.

Birthdays for the week of December 20-26

Karen DeVicchio, Taryn Rizer, Victor Beraducci, Jacqueline Haus, Ryan Antonucci, Ali Aladean Hammond, Rosetta Aliberti, Joanne Thomas, Shirley DePietro, Cathy Mastropietro, Steve Cuccieri, Patricia Trell, Barbara Leone, Chelana Maggs, Joseph Fusillo, Carmella Crump, Wendy Sefcik, John Gresko, III, Michael Schiraldi, Marco Mediate, III, Angelina Sorice, Mary Ziobert, Holly Testa, Matthew Saborse, Rose Pugliese, Daniel Campana, Wilfred Reyes.

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT: December 20-26

In memory of Quintiano & Jennie Fiore (B) by Norma & Mike

SACRED HEART LIGHT: December 20-26

In memory of FRANK MARINELLI FAMILY (A) by Norma and Mike

BLESSED SACRAMENT LIGHT: December 20-26

In memory of CISCON & DESIMONE FAMILIES by Ann Desimone

GUARDIAN ANGEL LIGHT: December 20-26

In memory of SAM BERONJA by daughters, Debbie, Terry, Sandy

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL LIGHT: December 20-26

In memory of PAUL DETUNNO by wife, Angie & Family

INFANT JESUS LIGHT: December 20-26

In memory of JAMES A. & GRACE F. ORLANDO by Family

SANCTUARY LIGHT: December 20-26

In memory of SAM A. & ROSE M. DIBACCO by Family

ST. THERESA OF THE LITTLE FLOWER LIGHT: December 20-26

In memory of OLIVER MONACO & SON, BRIAN by Wife & Family

HOLY CROSS LIGHTS: December 25

In memory of AMANDA MARIE FERRARO by Grandparents and Family

ETERNAL FLAME: December 20

In memory of MRS. BETTY KEEHNER by Very Rev. Msgr. Michael J. Cariglio, Jr.

ETERNAL FLAME: December 21

In memory of DIANE RUSSO by Parish Family

ETERNAL FLAME: December 22

In memory of MARY MAZZOCCA by Parish Family

ETERNAL FLAME: December 25

In memory of FRANK & HELEN PUGLIESE by Bonnie, Nicole, Zak, Dina, Matt, Caleb & Cindy

NEW BISHOP OF DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

His Holiness, Pope Francis, has announced the appointment of the new Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, **Father David Bonnar** of the Diocese of Pittsburgh. His Episcopal ordination and installation as new Bishop will take place on **January 12, 2021 at St. Columba Cathedral.**

Let us pray in grateful appreciation and for his success

Craig's Corner

A note from our Music Director

The first two verses of the hymn, "Lo, How a Rose e'er Blooming," go like this:

*Lo, how a Rose e'er blooming From tender stem hath sprung!
Of Jesse's lineage coming, As those of old have sung.
It came, a flower bright, Amid the cold of winter, When half spent was the night.*

*Isaiah 'twas foretold it, This Rose I have in mind,
With Mary we behold it, The Virgin Mother kind.
To show God's love aright, She bore to us a Savior, When half spent was the night.*

Jesse was father to David, whom we heard about in the first reading from the second book of Samuel this weekend. In this passage we hear how David's line will endure forever. This line includes Jesus, so this makes much sense. God chose Mary to bear the world's Savior, as we see in the second verse of the hymn above. This weekend's postlude is a chorale prelude often used as an interlude during this hymn when sung for major concerts or other events. This weekend we focus on the dwelling place. As we see in the Gospel, Mary was the dwelling place for Christ, just as David established a dwelling place for the Lord in the Old Testament. Our music this weekend focuses on the dwelling place of Jesus within Mary's self. As we hear in the Gospel, Mary's response to God's will for her allowed all of us to be saved. Our opening hymn, Emmanuel, speaks directly of this Gospel account. Our offertory anthem, *Ave dulcissima Maria*, translated, *Hail Mary, sweetest Mary. True hope and life* intermixed with the text of the annunciation. As we prepare to celebrate Christmas 2020, albeit much more different than usual, as I eluded to last week, it is still a joyful celebration of our faith. Because of Mary's yes, we have this event to celebrate. As we go forward from Mass today onward to Christmas, I hope that the light of the four candles now lit on the Advent wreath lighten your lives as we enter the Christmas season we begin this week. Merry Christmas! Buon Natale!

Fourth Sunday of Advent:

Postlude: Chorale Prelude on *Es ist ein Ros entsprungen* (Lo How a Rose)– Johannes Brahms

Dispensation From The Obligation To Attend Sunday Mass

The Catholic faithful who reside in the Diocese of Youngstown and all other Catholics in the diocese and especially those who are sick, or at high risk of becoming sick continue to be dispensed from their Sunday obligation until further notice. The Easter Duty obligation is extended for a period of one year from the end of the Easter Season.2020.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

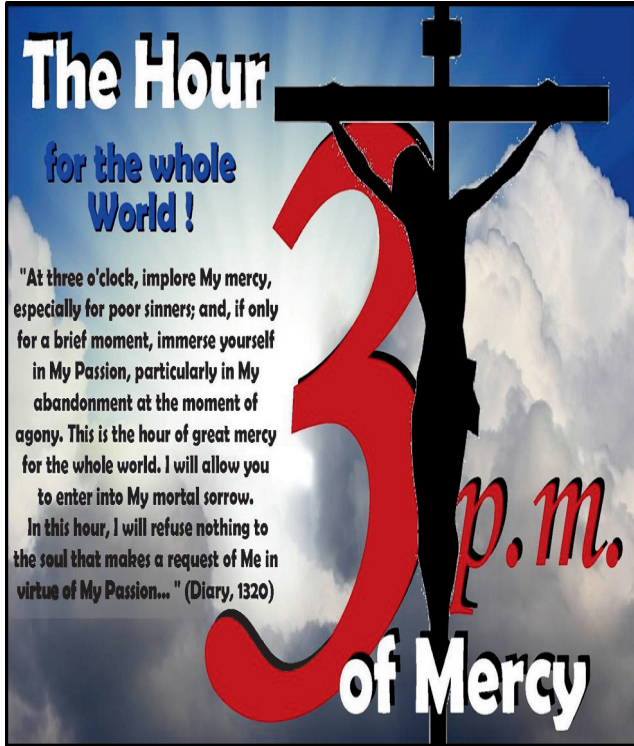
Friday The Day Christ died for us

Every Friday the Basilica will broadcast for the home-bound the following spiritual exercises on Face Book:

12 noon Daily Mass

3:00 p.m.. The Hour of Divine Mercy with
The Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament.

Basilica is open for in person worship during the above times.
Welcome!



EVERY SUNDAY Mass at 11am on Facebook for the home-bound and persons in nursing home and assistant living.

To access to Face Book: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica -Youngstown

STEWARDSHIP THOUGHT:

We are about to receive one of the most mysterious gifts: the gift of God's Son in the form of a baby. God could have come to us in any other way, but he chose to become human. Recalling the struggles in Jesus' life as a human, he could have easily stopped preaching and setting an example of the Father's will, but he persisted. He did this for us simply because he loves us. Jesus is the ultimate steward because he recognized the gifts from his Father and shared them freely with others. How do we live our lives in this way?

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PRAYER DURING CORONAVIRUS PANDEMIC

O clement, O loving, O sweet Mother Mary,
We, your children of every nation,
Turn to you in this pandemic.
Our troubles are numerous; our fears are great.
Grant that we might deposit them at your feet,
Take refuge in your Immaculate Heart,
And obtain peace, healing, rescue,
And timely help in all our needs.
You are our Mother.
Pray for us to your Son.
Amen.

PRAYER TO ST. ROCCO

O Great St. Rocco, deliver us,
We beseech thee, from the
Scourges of God; through thy
Intercession, preserve our
Bodies from contagious
Diseases, and our souls from
The contagion of sin.

Obtain for us salubrious air;
But, above all, purity of heart.

Assist us to make good use
of health, to bear sufferings
with patience; and, after thy
example, to live in the practice
of penance and charity, charity, that
we may one day enjoy the
happiness which thou has
merited by thy virtues.
St. Rocco, pray for us—3 times



IN YOUR CHARITY, please pray for repose of soul,
BARBARA CARUSO, age 83, DAVID NERONE, age 66,
ROCCO MEDIATI, age 85, May their souls and all the
souls of the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest
in peace. Amen



REGISTRATION: Members of the parish should be formally registered. If you are not receiving Our Lady of Mt. Carmel envelopes, please call the rectory Monday through Friday, 8:30 a.m.—2:00 p.m. For a change of address or telephone number, please call the rectory at 330-743-4144.

Dwelling Place



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*By wearing a mask it shows,
"We love, care and respect one another."
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together while being safe.
Give 6 Feet of Love to those around you.*



*Distance and masks are
temporary...
But Love is forever.*

Thank you for your cooperation.

Vocations Cross

Something for you and/or your family to do during Advent. Say, "YES, our family will take the Vocation Cross home for a week." Every day we will pray that someone will hear, feel and respond to the calling of God to the Priesthood as a vocation to serve Him."

Call the office and schedule a date.



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Preparation for Reconciliation

Please pray for our young parishioners who have begun to prepare for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. May they come to a deeper understanding of how wonderful it is to be forgiven and to forgive others.

Love and mercy are great to give to one another and ourselves.



CONTINUING through the month of December

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God Bless you.



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

Good News

INSPIRATION FOR DAILY LIFE

4th Sunday of Advent, Cycle B

2 Sm 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29
Romans 16:25-27
Luke 1:26-38

Monday December 21
Song of Songs 2:8-14
or Zephania 3:14-18a
Ps 33:2-3,11-12,20-21
Luke 1:39-45

Tuesday December 22
1 Samuel 1:24-28
1 Sm 2:1,4-8
Luke 1:46-56

Wednesday December 23
Malachi 3:1-4,23-24
Ps 25:4-5ab,8-10,14
Luke 1:57-66

Thursday December 24
2 Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16
Ps 89:2-5,27,29
Luke 1:67-79

Friday December 25
Christmas Day
Isaiah 52:7-10
Ps 98:1-6
Hebrews 1:1-6
John 1:1-18

Saturday December 26
Saint Stephen
Acts 6:8-10;7:54-59
Ps 31:3cd-4,6,8ab,16bc,17
Matthew 10:17-22

Today's Gospel shows us how the mission of Christ affected the Virgin Mary even before Jesus became human through her.

However, that is not when his salvation plan began. Jesus is God; he has always existed. His salvation plan impacted Mary in the moment of her own conception.

In the Nicene Creed we say that God "came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man." In other words, his Spirit bathed Mary in his pure, holy presence. Even though she could not understand how the Messiah could possibly be conceived within her, by the grace of God's Spirit she could know that God was the one who was asking for it and God was the one who was doing it.

All of us are called by God to carry the presence of Christ and birth him more fully into the world. What are you doing about it? How much are you fulfilling your divine destiny? Remember, he always empowers us to accomplish whatever he asks us to do. God knows what he's doing when he calls us to continue what Mary began, and he is always trustworthy and dependable. There is nothing to fear, no reason to hold back from fulfilling our true destiny.



Everything that God does is always good, even when his plan for our mission requires a journey through the cross. If we follow Christ, sooner or later we hang with him on the cross, persecuted for our faith.

With this in mind, when he asks us to do something for his kingdom, of course our answer is yes, right?

Why wouldn't it be? Of course we want to cooperate with his plan. Mary shows us that we can yes

to his plan even when we don't understand it nor see how God could possibly do what he says he'll do.

It's normal to feel inadequate, like he cannot fulfill his plan *through us*, because we know we are weak, sinful, and unqualified. Don't trust your feelings about it; trust God!

Reflect & Discuss:

1. When was the last time you said to God, "But how can this be? You want me to do WHAT? I don't understand why!" What were you afraid of?
2. How strong was your trust in God?
3. When God chooses you for a task or responsibility, what helps you move from uncertainty or confusion or reluctance into saying "yes"?
4. When the plans of God don't make sense or they seem unpleasant, how do you overcome your reluctance?

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