

Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel - St. Anthony of Padua Parish

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SUNDAY, JANUARY 25, 2026



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Word of God

The Word of Christ dwells among you. (Col 3:16)



Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

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St. Anthony of Padua Church

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OFFICE HOURS at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

Monday to Friday, 8:30 AM - 3:00 PM

Occasionally the office is open after hours. Please call ahead to confirm.

BULLETIN SUBMISSIONS

Announcement requests for the bulletin MUST be submitted two weeks prior to the date of the bulletin you would like it in. Our bulletins are sent to the printer early. Please send information and pictures from past events to office@olmcsta.com or drop off at the parish office.

WEEKEND MASSES - Youngstown City Collaborative

Saturday 4:00 PM: St. Anthony of Padua Church
St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W Wood St.

Sunday 9:00 AM: St. Edward Church, 240 Tod Lane
St. Angela Merici Parish, 397 S Jackson St.

Sunday 10:30 AM: Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica
St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W Wood St.

Sunday 11:00 AM: St. Patrick Parish, 1420 Oak Hill Ave
Sunday 5:00 PM: St. Columba Cathedral, 154 W Wood St.

WEEKDAY MASSES at the Basilica

WEEKDAY MASSES: Tuesday & Friday 8:30 AM; 1st Sat 9:00 AM
HOLY DAYS OF OBLIGATION: Check bulletin for Mass times

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION at the Basilica

Sundays 4:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Wednesdays 1:00 PM - 8:00 PM
Mondays 2:00 PM - 8:00 PM	Thursdays 8:00 AM - 8:00 PM
Tuesdays 8:00 AM - 7:00 PM	Fridays 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM

Eucharistic Adoration Coordinators:

Maria Panozzo 330-372-5141 Jean Talley 330-758-3335

With the exception of Fridays, the doors of the Basilica remain locked during the day for the safety and security of our Adorers.

VISITS TO THE SICK AND HOMEBOUND

If a member of your family would like to receive visits and have Holy Communion brought to them, please call the Parish Office at 330-743-4144 to make arrangements. Please let us know if you or a family member is in the hospital as hospitals no longer inform us.

SAFE ENVIRONMENT POLICY

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

Confidential Response Line: **Email:** dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org
Mail: Diocese of Youngstown; Attn: Dominic Colucy
330-718-1388 144 W. Wood St., Youngstown, OH 44503

NEW TO OUR PARISH?

Welcome! We invite you to register with our parish. Forms are available in the Vestibule and online at:
olmcsta.com/our-parish/become-a-parishioner/





They are three of the most heartbreaking words we hear – Where is God? A massive hurricane or tornado kills and destroys - Where is God? School shootings or terrorist attacks claim innocent lives – Where is God? A loved one or ourselves learn that he or she has a terrible disease – Where is God? A young child dies – Where is God?

Intense suffering naturally causes us to wonder why God doesn't do anything to stop it. Why does he allow evil, pain, and suffering to flourish? People have been asking these questions for thousands of years. In fact, the oldest book of the Bible, the book of Job focuses precisely on this problem. Job is the blameless and upright man who was rich in family, land and animals until his life was turned upside down. He, who had recognized that he had once been the recipient of God's many blessings, now sees life with different eyes.

Always trusting God despite his setbacks, Job's suffering reveals one partial answer to why there is suffering: good can come from it. Job admits that God's ways are mysterious and that ultimately, we can't understand them. It takes humility and trust to admit that we can never completely understand the mystery of innocent suffering and evil in the world. But we can understand some things about evil and suffering. Consider these points:

- **God's created world is on a journey to perfection.** The world is in a process of becoming. It is not yet perfect. With good there also exists evil, creation has not yet reached perfection.
- **The misuse of freedom is the cause of much evil.** Out of divine goodness, God created humans as intelligent and free creatures. But these two gifts require responsibility. We must freely choose to love God and others on our journey. When we refuse to love, we sin. And sin brings about evil and suffering. The sin of Adam and Eve, known as original sin, was an abuse of freedom. God does not cause evil. We, by misusing our freedom, are its cause. God permits it, however because God loves and respects the gift of freedom given to us.
- **The Christian faith announces the good news of Jesus Christ, who conquered the forces of evil.** The worst evil in the world was for human beings to put to death an innocent man. Jesus even asked his father to protect him from it. But Jesus freely embraced the suffering that unjustly came his way by submitting to his father. The Father heard the prayer of Jesus not by saving him from death, but by saving him out of death. Jesus' suffering, death and resurrection have conquered the worst evil, death and separation from God. Jesus teaches us to join our suffering to his.

Sometimes we are so bombarded with distractions that we don't hear God speaking to us. God in times of distress, can be the farthest thing from our minds. But remember, God loves each of us greatly. Life has meaning. Even in the moments we find most confusing, God is involved in our lives.

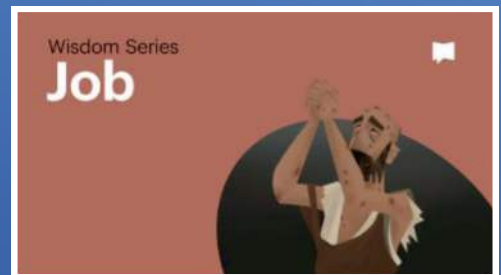
Msgr. Zeman

Available today on [Formed.org](https://www.formed.org):

Job | The Bible Project

How do you trust God even when life isn't fair and you suffer for no good reason? Job's story invites us to consider what it means that God runs the world by wisdom, and how this truth can bring peace in dark times.

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This Week's Daily Mass Readings

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Is 8:23—9:3

1 Cor 1:10-13, 17

Mt 4:12-23

MONDAY, JANUARY 26

Sts. Timothy & Titus

2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5

Mk 3:22-30

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

St. Angela Merici

2 Sm 6:12b-15, 17-19

Mk 3:31-35

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 28

St. Thomas Aquinas

2 Sm 7:4-17

Mk 4:1-20

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29

2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29

Mk 4:21-25

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17

Mk 4:26-34

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

St. John Bosco

2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17

Mk 4:35-41

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

4th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zep 2:3; 3:12-13

1 Cor 1:26-31

Mt 5:1-12a

INTENTIONS OF POPE LEO XIV FOR THE MONTH OF JANUARY

For prayer with the Word of God. Let us pray that praying with the Word of God be nourishment for our lives and a source of hope in our communities, helping us build a more fraternal and missionary Church.

INTERCESSION FOR VOCATIONS

We pray for our parish, that we may help our young people recognize God's call and support them and their families through discernment programs.

Mass Intentions

Please be attentive to the dates and times when Mass will be celebrated

SATURDAY, JANUARY 24

4:00 PM St. Anthony Marie Mazzocco by DiRenzo Family

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25 - WORD OF GOD SUNDAY

10:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Mary Tufaro (B) by Dena & Mark Caughey


TUESDAY, JANUARY 27

8:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Harold Meyer by Maria Meyer

FRIDAY, JANUARY 30

8:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Helen Chupa by Christine Novicky

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

11:00 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Sacrament of Confession

4:00 PM St. Anthony Paglia Family by Diane Laudo

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

10:30 AM Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Frank Pasqualino & Pearl Rizzo by Chris, Lori & Christopher Litrenta


Confession Schedule

1st Saturdays

8am - 8:45am - OLMC

2nd & 4th Saturdays

3pm - 3:45pm - St. Anthony

3rd & 5th Saturdays

11am - 11:45am - OLMC

and by appointment.

Call 330-743-4144 to schedule a time to meet with Msgr. Zuraw.

Daily Mass Schedule for the Youngstown City Collaborative

Mondays	8:30 AM	St. Patrick Parish
	12:10 PM	St. Columba Cathedral
Tuesdays	8:30 AM	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Basilica
	12:10 PM	St. Columba Cathedral
Wednesdays	8:30 AM	St. Angela Merici Parish
	12:10 PM	St. Columba Cathedral
Thursdays	8:30 AM	St. Edward Church
	12:10 PM	St. Columba Cathedral
Fridays	8:30 AM	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Basilica
	12:10 PM	St. Columba Cathedral
Saturdays	8:30 AM	St. Edward Church
1st Saturdays	9:00 AM	Our Lady of Mt Carmel Basilica

Liturgical Ministers & Volunteers - January 31 & February 1

MASS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS	LECTORS	ALTAR SERVERS	FINANCIAL CLERKS
4:00 PM	Lori Litrenta Christopher Litrenta	Nancy Rubino (1) Kimberly Howe (2)	Frank Anthony Christopher Anthony Nicholas Keish	Mari Ann Cann Mark Chine
10:30 AM	David Bisignani Tiffany Chimento Debra DiTullio Gary DiTullio Alfonso Pecchia Phillip Pillin Alexis Weber	Tom Smith (1) Jordan Weber (2)	Bennett Smith Dominico Tocco Gianni Tocco Logan Tsarnas Patrick Weber Allison Wrataric Jake Wrataric	Mike & Norma Baca Frank Mazzocca Troy & Christine Rhoades Phil Pillin

Candles, Lights and Eternal Flames for the Week of Jan. 25 OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL BASILICA

SACRED HEART LIGHT

In memory of John Ziemianski
by Godmother, Aunt Marie

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL LIGHT

In memory of John & Antoinette DeLuca
by Goddaughter, Cathy Agresta

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT

In memory of Francis & Virginia Bellino
by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph LaRocca & Family

ST. ANTHONY OF PADUA CHURCH

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT

In memory of Lucille Meso
by Jerry & Jessica Meso

ST. ANTHONY LIGHT

In memory of John & Amelia DiRenzo
by DiRenzo Family

Garden of St. Anthony Shrine

JANUARY 18, 2026

In loving memory of Joseph Nuzzo
by Mr. & Mrs. Vincent F. Julian

For the Flask & Pesa Families
by Mr. & Mrs. Christopher Pesa

In memory of cousin John Ziamianski by Mr.
Phillip Pillin

Mr. & Mrs. Thomas Struble

For Barbara Carissimo
by Michael & Denise Villanueva

Donations of \$10 or more made to the Garden of St.
Anthony Shrine are printed in the bulletin, along
with any intentions written on the envelope.



ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO

Fr. Nicholas Mancini
JoAnn Swierz

**Please remember in your
prayers our parishioners
who are ill, homebound, or
in nursing homes:**

- Sandra Ambrose
- Justine Antol
- Arlene Avdey
- Stephen Bada
- Tina Batcha
- Lorenzo Bianco
- Virginia "Gigi" Cannone
- Giovanna Cipriano
- Phil Conti
- Patricia Dawson
- Anthony DeAscentis
- Phyllis DeChurch
- Anna DeLuca
- Michelina DiVito
- Bill Duffy
- Roberta Elmo
- Dolores Fusillo
- Bob Giampetro
- Anna Marie Gresko
- Frank Heri
- John Janacone
- Robert Julius
- Joann Knuth
- John Kopnisky
- Jacob LaLama
- Jennie Marinelli
- John Mascardine
- A. J. Napoli
- Tony Parish
- Bonnie Pesce
- Edward Pesce
- Ronald Pesa
- Frank Righetti
- Bob Rimedio
- Maria Valley
- Robert Wallis
- Priscilla Weaver
- Rose Wydick
- Eleanor Ziobert

**Names will be listed in the
bulletin for three months unless
otherwise requested.**

Vatican Approved Eucharistic Miracles of the World Exhibit

Jan 31 - Feb 1, Saturday and Sunday, 9 a.m. to 6 p.m.

*Our Lady of Mount Carmel Minor Basilica
343 Via Mount Carmel, Youngstown, Ohio*



St. Anthony Novena

The Unfailing Novena to St. Anthony of Padua will begin on St. Patrick's Day - Tuesday, March 17. The Novena prayers will be prayed following the **12pm Noon Mass** at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica, and following a **5:30pm Mass** at St. Anthony of Padua Church.

Connecting Young Adults

If you are a young adult, between the ages of 18-30, and would like to connect with other young adults in our parish, phone or text Alex Micco at 330-397-8979. Through Alex's leadership, over twenty young adults have connected, sharing opportunities for prayer, service, and fellowship through text messages.

Vocation Cross & Vocation Prayers

Our parish will begin praying a Prayer for Vocations at the beginning of Mass on the weekend of February 28 and March 1, the Second Sunday of Lent. Until then, we will continue to invite families to take the Vocation Cross home each week.

2025 Contribution Statements

Statements are available by request only. If you would like to receive your statement, please email the parish office at office@olmcsta.com or phone the parish office at 330-743-4144.

Stewardship Reflection

“He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him.” (Matthew 4:22)

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

Faithful Stewardship

JANUARY 17 & 18, 2026

Attendance 4pm: 130 | 10:30am: 295

Total Sunday Collection \$5,721.00

St. Anthony Shrine \$82.00

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

Live-streaming Mass

Each Sunday, Mass at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica is live-streamed on our Youtube channel: **Basilica of Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Youngstown**. Two volunteers are needed who can commit to streaming Masses two Sundays a month. We are also looking for two backup volunteers who can serve monthly. If you are interested in serving our homebound parishioners in this way, and are familiar with computers, contact the parish office: office@olmcsta.com or 330-743-4144. Training will be provided.

Safety Committee

Our parish is committed to ensuring the safety of all individuals within the premises of both Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica and St. Anthony of Padua Church. The parish is looking for volunteers to serve on our Safety Committee. If you are passionate about safety-related issues, such as First Aid/CPR, fire, personal safety, coordinating quick and effective evacuations, etc., and are able to commit to a monthly evening meeting, we invite you to put your name forward by contacting the parish office at 330-743-4144 or office@olmcsta.com.

Funeral Altar Servers

Our parish is looking for disciples willing to serve Christ at the Altar, especially for Funeral Masses. As Catholic-Christians we are called to regularly pray for the dead and assist in the burying of the dead. If you feel called to serve in this ministry, and are able to commit one or two mornings a month, please contact the parish office at 330-743-4144 or email office@olmcsta.com. Both men and women can serve and past experience is not necessary. Training will be provided.

BUON COMPLEANNO!

Philip Beshara, Rosemary Cappellino, Paul Crowe, Jennifer Greco, Gerard Meso, Ashley Minniti, Dorothy Procick, Sante Valentini, Paul Antol Sr., Mary Jo Bitonte, Andrew Bodzak, Emilio Catalano, Andrew Faunda, Michelle Malkovits, Allan Maniccia, Grace Basista, JoAnne Celano, Anna Eggleston, Linda Frattaroli, Elaina Hernandez, Jaelyn Jones, Kristi Martin, Kristi Martin, Anthony Pecchia, Carmine Carrabbia, Angelo Polis, Nicolette Zordich, John Carano, Edith DiBacco, Kristen Gennaro, Philip Jr. Minniti, Brianna Pilloli, Louise Sarno, Danilo Sebastiani, Brianna Wise, Mackenzie Herdzik, Lucas Hull, Dominic Lipari, Leah Schiavi, Louis Ciccone, Robert Giampetro, Lynne Marie Mazzoleni, Tracy Randall, Marissa Swantek, Dan Wearsch

THE SAINT JOHN'S BIBLE

To celebrate the **Sunday of the Word of God** all seven volumes of *The Saint John's Bible* are on display in the St. Joseph Hall at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica. These volumes were gifted by the Knights of Columbus Reagan Council 1890, Our Lady of Lourdes Church, East Palestine, Ohio to the Diocese of Youngstown in 2023 and are part of the Diocesan Library, which is open to everyone. The library is located at 225 Elm Street and is open from 8am-4pm, Monday to Friday.

The pictures and information contained on this page have been adapted from the official website: saintjohnsbible.org. Parishioners are encouraged to visit the website to learn more.



A Masterpiece of Biblical Proportions

The Saint John's Bible is the first handwritten Bible commissioned by a Benedictine monastery in over 500 years. Created to mark the Millennium, the Benedictine Monks of Saint John's Abbey in Collegeville, Minnesota commissioned David Jackson, former Senior Scribe and Illuminator at the Crown Office in the House of Lords. This Bible is comprised of 1,100 gorgeous handwritten pages. It took 15 years to complete this project.

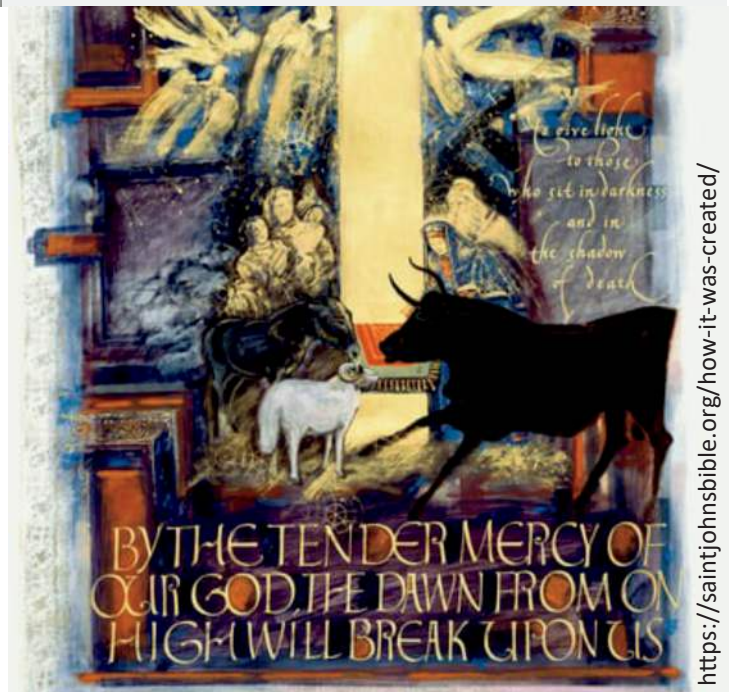
Not since the advent of the printing press in the fifteenth century has anyone dared to produce such a Bible.

The Illuminated Page

"The illuminations are not illustrations. They are spiritual meditations on a text. It is a very Benedictine approach to Scriptures." - Fr. Michael Patella, OSB

Over 160 works of art grace the pages of the Bible and serve as an invitation into the Scriptures. A Biblical illumination takes the Word of God and glorifies it by transforming the Word into a complementary art form employing illustration, color and design.

Since every word is handwritten, the signature style of each calligrapher is infused into every letter and symbol, transforming the text into a work of art: animating the language, exciting the reader's eye, and stirring emotion.





THE WORD OF GOD IS FOR EVERYONE

Excerpts from the Homily of His Holiness Pope Francis, 22 January 2023¹

Jesus leaves the quiet and hidden life of Nazareth and moves to Capernaum, a port city located along the Sea of Galilee, at the crossroads of different peoples and cultures. The urgency that impels him is the proclamation of the Word of God, which must be brought to everyone. Indeed, we see in the Gospel that the Lord invites all to conversion and calls the first disciples so that they may also spread the light of the Word to others (cf. Mt 4:12-23). Let us appreciate this dynamism, which will help us live out the Sunday of the Word of God: *the Word is for everyone, the Word calls everyone to conversion, the Word makes us heralds.*

The Word of God is for everyone. The Gospel presents us with Jesus always on the move, on his way to others. ... [W]e see him as an itinerant, we see him as a pilgrim, travelling through towns and villages, encountering faces and their stories. ... [T]he Word of God, which heals and raises up, is not only destined for the righteous of Israel, but for all; he wants to reach those far away, he wants to heal the sick, he wants to save sinners, he wants to gather the lost sheep and lift up

of heaven is at hand” (Mt 4:17). ... [H]is Word shakes us, disturbs us, incites us to change, to conversion...

Here is Jesus’ invitation: God has come close to you; recognize his presence, make room for his Word, and you will change your outlook on life. I can also put it like this: *place your life under the Word of God.* This is the path the Church shows us. All of us, even the pastors of the Church, are under the authority of the Word of God. ... So, brothers and sisters, we can ask ourselves: Where does my life find direction, from where does it draw its orientation? From the many “words” I hear, from ideologies, or from the Word of God that guides and purifies me? What are the aspects in me that require change and conversion?

Finally – the third step – the Word of God, which is addressed to everyone and calls us to conversion, *makes us heralds.* Indeed, Jesus walks along the shore of the Sea of Galilee and calls Simon and Andrew, two brothers who were fishermen...

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those whose hearts are weary and oppressed. In short, Jesus ‘reaches out’ to tell us that God’s mercy is for everyone. Let us not forget this: God’s mercy is for everyone, for each one of us. Each person can say, “God’s mercy is for me”.

This aspect is fundamental also for us. ... [I]f salvation is destined for all, even the most distant and lost, then the proclamation of the Word must become the main priority of the ecclesial community, as it was for Jesus. ... Let us learn from Jesus to put the Word at the centre, to enlarge our boundaries, to open ourselves up to people, and to foster experiences of encounter with the Lord, realizing that the Word of God “is not encased in abstract or static formulas, but has a dynamic power in history which is made up of persons and events, words and actions, developments and tensions”.²

Let us now come to the second aspect: the Word of God, which is addressed to all, *calls everyone to conversion.* In fact, Jesus repeats in his preaching: “Repent, for the kingdom

Today let us also hear the invitation to be fishers of men: let us feel that we are called by Jesus in person to proclaim his Word, to bear witness to it in everyday life, to live it in justice and charity, called to “give it flesh” by tenderly caring for those who suffer. This is our mission: to become seekers of the lost, oppressed and discouraged, not to bring them ourselves, but the consolation of the Word, the disruptive proclamation of God that transforms life, to bring the joy of knowing that He is our Father and addresses each one of us, to bring the beauty of saying, “Brother, sister, God has come close to you, listen and you will find in his Word an amazing gift!” ...

¹Pope Francis. “Holy Mass on the Occasion of the Sunday of the Word of God (22 January 2023).” Vatican, www.vatican.va/content/francesco/en/homilies/2023/documents/20230122-domenicadella-paroladidio.html#_ftn1. Accessed 20 January 2026.

²The Word of God in the Life and Mission of the Church, *Instrumentum laboris* for the XII Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops, 2008, n. 10.



Lent is approaching fast!

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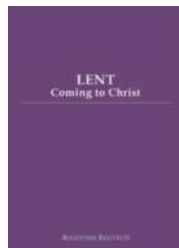


Start your Lenten preparation with *How to Lent*, where you'll learn from priests, religious, and theologians about the true meaning of Lent; why we are called to fasting, prayer and almsgiving; how to prepare well; and what makes a fruitful Lent. watch.formed.org/how-to-lent



Continue your journey with *Foretold: Finding Hope in God's Providence*, a video series that explores stories from both the Old and New Testaments, showing that the biblical history is really your history. Just as the prophecies of the Old Testament were fulfilled in Christ, you can trust that Jesus will care for you and your story. watch.formed.org/foretold

In addition to these series, the Augustine Institute has created a beautiful journal, *Lent: Coming to Christ*, with reflection questions and space to write as you work through the videos. Only \$5, with free shipping. catholic.market/booklets/lent-coming-to-christ/



Learn *How* to Surrender to God This Lent

Starting Ash Wednesday, join Fr. Columba Jordan, CFR as he teaches you *how to surrender your life to God*. *Crux* is a Lenten system for doing Lent well. It's built on four core daily disciplines:

1. Daily physical exercise
2. A dietary fast
3. Daily reading of Scripture
4. A nightly Examen

Each discipline is intentionally self-determined, allowing Catholics of all ages, stages of life, and physical ability to adapt the program to their circumstances while remaining faithful to the spirit of Lent.

You can participate in *Crux* in several complementary ways:

Individually, through daily surrender reflections in the Ascension App. Follow along with daily video reflections with Fr. Columba, weekly encouragement and accountability from *Crux* Ambassadors, and an online community of fellow Catholics participating in the challenge. The series is included for paid Ascension app subscribers but new members can take advantage of special Lenten pricing: Just \$4.99 for 90-days to join!



Form a small group by inviting a friend or family member to journey with you this Lent. Using the stand alone devotional *Crux: Daily Lenten Meditations* participants will pray through the Gospel of Mark and daily written reflections. A link is provided for participants to access free *Crux* weekly videos from Fr. Columba. Order your copy through the parish office for \$6.00/book. Orders must be received by February 1 by emailing office@olmستا.com or phoning 330-743-4144.

We are here to help!

If you need help accessing any of the materials on this page, please reach out to the parish office. Mary and Michele would be happy to assist you.





SNAPSHOT WHAT'S COMING UP

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25

Coffee & Donuts

OLMC, St. Joseph Hall
After Mass

St. Monica Guild

OLMC, Social Hall
11:30 AM

FRIDAY, JANUARY 28

Divine Mercy Holy Hour

OLMC Basilica
3 PM - 4 PM

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31

Brier Hill Pizza pick up

St. Anthony Church
9 AM - 12 PM

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit

OLMC, Social Hall
9 AM - 6 PM

Sacrament of Confession

OLMC Basilica
11 AM

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1

Eucharistic Miracle Exhibit

OLMC, Social Hall
9 AM - 6 PM

Catholic AMA

OLMC, Social Hall
9 AM - 10:15 AM

Mothers of the Crucifix

OLMC, St. Joseph Hall
11:30 AM

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 3

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes Info Meeting

OLMC, St. Joseph Hall
6:30 PM

Vestibule Club

OLMC, St. Joseph Hall
6:00 PM

Knights of Columbus Council

OLMC, St. Joseph Hall
7:00 PM

Eucharistic Miracles Exhibit

January 31 & February 1 | 9:00am to 6:00pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall

The Vatican-approved display of Eucharistic Miracles features 150 placards describing Eucharistic Miracles throughout the world, all catalogued by St. Carlo Acutis. Please plan on taking advantage of this one-of-a-kind opportunity the weekend of January 31 and February 1.

Catholic Ask Me Anything - Eucharistic Miracles

Sunday, February 1 | 9:00am to 10:15am

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall

Join Chris Berardi, Rich Mattiussi, and guest Tim McAndrew as they gather to discuss all things related to the Eucharist. Contact Michele Berardi for more information: 330-743-4144

Pilgrimage to Fatima & Lourdes Information Meeting

Tuesday, February 3 | 6:30pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, St. Joseph Hall (Lower Church Hall)

Join spiritual guide Msgr. Michael Cariglio on a pilgrimage to Fatima and Lourdes, October 25-November 3, 2026. For more information contact Leanna Pipala, Leanna's World Travel, 330-758-4828.

Our Lady of Mount Carmel's Monthly Spaghetti Dinner

Sunday, February 8 | 11:00am to 4:00pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Social Hall

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For more information or to volunteer contact Tony at 330-718-7237.

Anchored to the Two Pillars: Setting into Deep Waters

A Parish Encounter with the Sisters of the Children of Mary

Sunday, February 22 - Wednesday, February 25 | 6pm-8pm

Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica

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Ursuline High School Open House - Feb 1

The annual Open House will be held from 1pm to 3:30pm in the cafeteria. For more information and to RSVP, visit www.ursuline.com/rsvp. Contact Maggie Damore with any questions: mdamore@youngstowndiocese.org.

Eagle of the Cross Nominations

The Eagle of the Cross award is given annually to outstanding juniors and seniors in high school within the diocese must be Catholic and must exemplify the qualities of moral integrity, prayer, good works, and Catholic-Christian leadership. Visit doy.org/eagle-of-the-cross-2026 to access the nomination packet. Pages 7 & 8 must be turned in to the Parish Office by March 1. The Awards ceremony will take place April 28 at 6pm at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Basilica.

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