



Catholic Diocese of Youngstown 2026 Annual Diocesan Appeal



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As We Journey Together, May Christ Light Our Way.

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,



In the Gospel today, Jesus calls his disciples to understand the depth and meaning of following the law. With the season of Lent beginning this Wednesday, this time of prayer, fasting and works of mercy is an ideal time to grow in our understanding of God's Word and to be open to the Lord's mercy and strength.

Please note the calendar for events on Ash Wednesday and set time aside to join us in prayer and worship.

The focus in today's readings on the law of God is very important because the Lord is inviting us into his life and love. Mercy, forgiveness, care for each other, and a desire to grow in the Lord's grace and holiness are the foundation themes of God's Law. Our repentance and turning our hearts back to him is the very heart of this season of Lent.

Our more seasoned parishioners can remember a time, as I do, when Lent was full of laws about fasting and abstinence. Those laws were meant to call us to a time of prayer, fasting and works of charity. But the Church sensed that we focused too much on the details of the laws and not enough on their spirit. Thus, we have a simplification of the norms and an emphasis on their spirit.

1. Our prayer material and our times for devotions can help us find more specific times for prayer and reflection. Join us for daily Mass when possible (certainly every Sunday), weekly devotions, special Lenten prayers and devotions, participating on Reconciliation, visiting our Churches and shrines for private prayer and reflection.
2. Fasting can be for us a time to consciously choose to avoid what we don't need, to refrain from our bad habits and consciously choose to do what is right and good – give up gossip, criticism, bigotry and judgement, short temperedness, eating and drinking too much or giving up what is not healthy. The choices are many.
3. Choosing works of mercy: contributing to the "rice bowl", the annual appeal, supporting the efforts to feed the hungry and help the poor. We can visit the sick and suffering. Remember to reach out to the lonely and forgotten. Supporting the general work of the Church through better stewardship of time, talent and treasure.

Thank you to parishioners who are helping us to know about family or friends who are in nursing homes or are confined to their home.

With my daily prayers for you and your families as we journey through Lent.

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin

STEWARDSHIP:

The mid-year finance report to the Diocese of Youngstown is posted in today's bulletin. This is basically a good report. Our expenses were greater than our income. This is because of two very important projects that were completed last Fall. The roof of the rectory was replaced and the chimney's repaired. Also, the exterior windows on the South Side of the Church were repaired. These were very important improvement projects. The two projects are included in the building expenditure line in the amount of \$243,760. They were funded through the church preservation fund. The finance council and I will be asking for your support of the preservation fund this year as we celebrate the 100th anniversary of our beautiful Church.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Join us on Thursdays at Noon for Stations of the Cross beginning this Thursday, February 19. Following Stations, a light lunch will be served in the social hall.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

"The Perpetual Appeal of Fundamentalism."
Join facilitator Jim Johnston on Wednesday, February 25, March 4, March 11 and March 18 from 11:30am – 12:45pm in the rectory. (Bring a bag lunch.)
To register, call the rectory at 330-743-1109.

MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday, February 15

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

11:00am Leo & Margaret Arnaut

Monday, February 16

8:30am Frank & Gloria Wielbruda

Wednesday, February 18

Ash Wednesday

5:00pm Living & Deceased

Members of St. Patrick Church

Sunday, February 22

First Sunday of Lent

11:00am Daniel Sondheimer

Monday, February 23

8:30am Stan Mussler

**The Sanctuary Candle
burns**

**February 14 thru February 20
in memory of
Ralph Roberts
by Roberta & John Manzoian.**



LUCK OF THE IRISH

We are just 28 days away from our biggest annual parish fundraiser, our **Luck of the Irish Raffle!** Beside the collection, it is the second largest source of income for our parish. First prize is \$10,000. Tickets are \$100, and only 500 are sold.

The next monthly drawing of \$100 will be Wednesday, February 25.

Don't have your ticket yet? Tickets are available after Mass or by calling the rectory at 330-743-1109.

If you'd like to split a ticket, call the rectory, and we'll find someone to split with you!

Stewardship at St. Patrick

Regular (51 envelopes)	\$3,724.00
Visitor	194.00
Electronic Giving (26)	1,108.00
Weekly Budget Amount	8,700.00
Difference	- 3,674.00
Novena	44.00
Preservation	277.00

Attendance at Mass: 154

Thank you for your continued generosity!

ASH WEDNESDAY SCHEDULE

Ash Wednesday is February 18. We invite you to join us as we begin the Lenten season.

The following are the many opportunities for you to receive Ashes at our Collaborative City Parishes:

- 7:00am - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 7:30am - St. Columba (Service)
- 8:30am - St. Angela Merici
- 9:00am - St. Edward
- Noon - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel
- 12:10 - St. Columba
- 4:00pm - St. Columba
- 4:30pm - St. Anthony
- **5:00pm - St. Patrick**
- 6:00pm - Our Lady of Mt. Carmel



CATHOLIC CHARITIES

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! As we celebrate Valentine's Day, we are reminded that love is more than words—it is action. Did you know that the word "charity" comes from the Latin caritas, meaning "Christian love." Catholic Charities puts that love into action by serving people in our community who are poor, vulnerable, or facing difficult times. To learn more, visit ccdoy.org.

FOR LENT FOR LIFE

Ending Hunger With CRS Rice Bowl This Lent, our community will participate in CRS Rice Bowl - connecting our prayers, fasting



and almsgiving to encounter God through our global family. We'll meet, pray for and learn from families in Ghana, Guatemala and Timor-Leste who are rising above the challenges of

hunger and malnutrition.

Your CRS Rice Bowl is in today's bulletin. Visit crsricebowl.org/ join to share your Lenten prayer intentions.