

UPCOMING EVENTS

October Vines

Enjoy an evening of community impact, wine and beer tastings, dinner, live music featuring The Cugines, a cash bar, raffles and a wine pull-all in support of the Ursuline Sisters Mission and its programs, including Beatitude House. Cheers to making a difference!

*Friday, October 17, 2025, 6-10 p.m. St. Mary's Assumption Social Center 356 S. Belle Vista Ave
Youngstown, Oh*

*Tickets \$75 per person Please RSVP by October 1st Contact Sheila at 330-793-0434 ext. 358
www.givebutter.com/OctoberVines*

PLEASE VOTE FOR OUR BINGO, VINDI READERS CHOICE

**Go to vindy.com...click on Readers' Choice LOGO in the entertainment category and
VOTE for St. Mary's Bingo!**

**You can Vote Sat, Sun and Monday. Let's make St. Mary's "The Best of the Best"
THANK YOU!!**

Limitless Company Annual Benefit Dinner

*Welcome to Candy Land! Join us for a Candy Land-theme night of great food, Chinese
Auction, 50/50 and entertainment by the Limitless Company and Torrie's Academy of Dance!
Sunday November 2nd, 2025, 1:00pm – 5:00pm*

*Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Basilica – Social Hall 343 Via Mr. Carmel Ave. Youngstown, Oh
Tickets: \$60 for adults \$30 for students (12 and under or participating dancers)
Please call Sarah at 330-301-4966*

Schedule of Divine Services: October 5th, 2025

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST Oct 5th. 2025

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Sat 4:30 p.m. + Fr. John Ycoback by Fr. John and Pani

Sun 10:30 a.m. + Jonny Sandor by Sister, Kathy

Mon. 10:30 a.m. Fr. John on Clergy Retreat/Conference

Tue. 10:30 a.m. Fr. John on Clergy Retreat/Conference

Wed. 10:30 a.m. Fr. John on Clergy Retreat/Conference

Thu. 10:30 a.m. Fr. John on Clergy Retreat/Conference

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SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE 7TH

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Sat 4:30 p.m. Health and Blessing of Parishioners

Sun 10:30 a.m. + Don Danko by Dr. & Mrs. Tom Sopkovich

***You descended from on High, O Merciful One. You accepted
burial for three days to free us from our passions. O Lord, our
Resurrection and our Life, Glory to You!***



The Apostles were about to be sent out to preach and many persecutors and plotters awaited them. If the Apostles were fearful and dismayed by persecution, they might want to protect themselves from their persecutors by keeping silent and not teaching. If that happened, the radiant sun of the Gospel would be extinguished. In anticipation of this, the Lord exhorts the Apostles not to give way to defensive measures against their enemies, but instead bravely to endure all things, even insults and murderous plots. This is what He Himself did on the Cross, saying, "Father, forgive them, for they know not what they do" (Lk.23:34). To prove to the Apostles that this commandment to love ones enemies is possible to keep, He then says, "What you want to be done to you, do the same to others; and be to others that kind of person you want others to be to you." If you want your enemies to be hard, unfeeling, and angry towards you, then be the same yourself to them. But if you want them to be kind and compassionate towards you, and not to remember wrongs, do not think that it is impossible for you yourself to be the same towards them. Do you see this natural law which is written in our hearts? That is why the Lord also said, "In those days I will surely put My laws into their mind, and write them on their hearts" (Jer. 38:33). Then He adds another compelling reason to keep this commandment: if you love those who love you, you are like the sinners and the Gentiles; but if you love those who do evil to you, you are like God, Who is kind unto the unthankful and to the evil. Which do you desire — to be like sinners or to be like God? Do you see the divine teaching? First He persuaded you by means of the natural law: what you want to be done to you, do to others. Then He persuades you with the result and the reward — He promises that you will become like God.

2025 GCU Holiday Food Bank Donations

In keeping with a key point of the GCU Mission Statement—"Strengthening Communities", GCU will once again be sponsoring our Holiday Food Bank Donation Program. In an effort to increase the amount donated to your local Food Bank and to get your parish more involved, we are asking parishes that participate to have a collection in their church during the month of October.(Envelopes will be in the back and side of the church) Money collected by your parish will be matched up to \$500. The GCU check, made payable to the Food Bank, will be sent to you to make an in-person presentation to your local food bank along with the parish's collection, in time for the upcoming holiday season.

Let us Bless those that are in need. God Bless all our parishioners for their alms giving.

PILGRIM VOCATION ICON PROGRAM

This program will begin in two weeks! The seeds of God's grace are planted in our hearts hoping to find fertile fields that will bear the fruits of the Holy Spirit and, in particular, ministerial service in the Church. Prayer is integral in the process of nurturing Church vocations. On Sunday, October 5th, the entire Byzantine Catholic Church in America is beginning a Pilgrim Vocation Icon Program. Each week the icon is taken by a household in the parish. Those who accept the icon agree to pray during that time for religious and priestly vocations. Everyone in the parish is invited and encouraged to have this icon in their home for one week. Prayer booklets are provided. Please sign up on the sheet that is located in the back and side entrance of the church. For more information or to volunteer to help, please contact Father John.

Special Thank you

To all our generous benefactors of St. Mary's, thank you so much for the donations to our church. Your kindness and generosity have been such a blessing as we complete many projects at St. Mary's.

Projects Update

Just a few updates on some of the work being completed around the church. Our cemetery trees along the southside of the cemetery are scheduled for removal the end of October (soonest they could make it) The security cameras with flood lights at our cemetery are being installed mid-October, this is for the safety of our parishioners as well as a deterrent to non-parishioners. We are working on the drainage issue at the cemetery to alleviate the constant flooding on the grounds.

The Pavillion is being painted and electrical work completed with new ceiling fans (target date of Nov) The sewage line is being run for a new bathroom in the Pavillion (target date Dec). We are renovating the entire area with a kitchen, bathroom and bar area. We are redoing the grounds around the Pavillion with a Prayer Garden and memorial benches to also include a recreational area.

(We are hoping to have the Pavillion open by spring for everyone's enjoyment)

New facial signs are being installed on both sides of the Shrine with new lighting. They will have the church name and Liturgy times posted. (Install date is Oct 13th)

New digital sign will be installed in the front of our Social Hall (target December)

Stay tuned. More exciting updates to come!

May God Bless all our St. Mary's Parishioners