



## 21<sup>ST</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



Jesus then said to the Twelve, "Do you also want to leave?" Simon Peter answered him, "Master, to whom shall we go? You have the words of eternal life. We have come to believe and are convinced that you are the Holy One of God." - Jn 6:67-69

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**MASS:**

**Wednesday 9:00 a.m.**

**Sunday 9:00 a.m.**

**Parish Pastoral Council:**

**Chris Bonacci; Shawna Bonacci; Andrea Neff; Eddie Odom; Amy Pollice; Joe Vivacqua; Tony Winterburn**

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## *Distant Early Warning*

It is a humbling thing when some of your body parts start to give out on you. There's the normal wear and tear of attrition as you age, of course, but now and then your body lets you know changes are coming and they're not all welcome.

Still, it was something of a surprise a few months ago when I noticed that my left hand was starting to have a mind of its own. It had, after all, helped me earn a living for almost four decades in concert with my right hand, typing hundreds of articles without much more than an occasional twinge or complaint. I did have a finger operated on some years ago when I woke up every day with my ring finger bent backwards. But when the problem resurfaced despite the operation, I just resigned myself to bending it back straight every morning. Life went on.

But this was different. I started to notice that, after I typed for even a short period of time, my left hand would start trembling. As someone who used to make a living at a keyboard, this was quite unsettling. It seemed to be random, too; some days I could type several hundred words with no tremor; other days I'd type a paragraph and my left hand let me know that was it for the day.

Where this particular saga will lead is anyone's guess. At this stage I see it as something of a Distant Early Warning Signal that I'll either have to type with one hand or, inevitably, abandon life at the keyboard. That would be hard for someone who has been writing pretty much daily since I was in eighth grade. It's in my DNA.

Here's what I have learned: If you cannot even control your left hand when you type, you surely cannot control every aspect of your life. It seems God is asking me, and perhaps all of us as well, to look at life in a new way....His will be done. Ready or not, this will take some getting used to.

— Lou Jacquet

### *Office hours*

**Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.**

**Call Jackie Niznik with questions at 330-792-3875**

## *Wedding Event set 10/27*

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary celebration Sunday Oct. 27 at 2 p.m. at the Basilica of St. John the Baptist in Canton. The event honors couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2024.

The celebration will include Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations by contacting St. Brendan's parish office (Jackie, 330-792-3875) and obtaining Father Jerek's signature before Sept. 23.

## *Celebrate 150 Years With Ursulines*

The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown invite the public to celebrate their 150th anniversary of Gospel service in the Mahoning Valley on Sept. 22 with 4 p.m. Mass in St. Columba Cathedral and 5:30 p.m. dinner at Waypoint 4180. Tickets are \$150 per person at <https://givebutter.com/FulnessofLifeFutureofHope>. Information: 330-793-0434, ext. 358.

## *Ministry Schedule: September*

### **Eucharistic Ministers**

Fred Merlo

Amy Pollice

### **Lector**

Deborah Zalovcik

### **Sunday, August 25**

**9:00 a.m.** Angie Phillipone by Karen Brown

### **Wednesday, August 28**

**9:00 a.m.** Charlotte Ellis by Marzano Family

### **Sunday, September 1**

**9:00 a.m.** Margaret Stephens by Carole Martin

### **Please Pray For Our Sick**

Tiffany Joy, Mary Pavlak, Beverly Detate, Sr. Marjorie Haidet, Frank Lightner, Michelle Smith, Ken Mains, David Deihl, Barbara Bonninsegna, Mary Beth Celio, Fr. Richard Brobst, Charles Slivkoff, Harold and Debra Brown, Rita Thomas

### **Pray for the Faithful Departed**

Lisa Tacsik Hartman



# *Altar Servers' Sacristy Gets Rejuvenated*

Anyone who has been a longtime St. Brendan parishioner can vouch for the fact that the Altar Servers' Sacristy (to the right of the sanctuary) has been something of a jumbled reception area through the decades for everything from outdated liturgical materials to old furniture, battered candles, chipped statues and more.

But that was then. Thanks to the recent efforts of Custodian Tony Winterburn and his assistant Pete Michaels, that area has at last become an orderly, useful space for current and future uses.

It now features three pews/benches around the perimeter, statues on stands, an organized processional cross and candles, a clean floor, orderly closets for servers' cassocks, and three prominent artworks on the walls: The Last Supper, Jesus Blessing the Little Children, and Noah's Ark.

Good work, Tony and Pete. The parish thanks you!



Polish Youngstown and St. Columba Cathedral are excited to honor the feast day of Eastern Europe's most beloved Marion icons with a special event today, Sunday, August 25, 2024 at 10:30 a.m. at St. Columba Cathedral, 159 W. Rayen Ave, Youngstown OH 44503. The Very Rev. Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin will serve as celebrant, and other Diocesan Slavic priests will be invited. Traditional Polish hymns will be part of the English-language Mass.

A reception will follow in the Cathedral Hall featuring a talk, musical entertainment, and a Polish-inspired breakfast. RSVP for catering at 330-744-5233. Free will offering of \$15/person is suggested. YSU students free with their YSU ID. The public is invited. Free parking available in all lots surrounding the facility.

## *Sunday's Scriptures: Pivotal Turning Points*

Today our readings are from Joshua 24:1-2, 15-17; Ephesians 5: 21-32; Gospel of John 6: 60-69.

Today both the first reading and the Gospel should be read as pivotal turning points in the lives of the Israelite people and the followers of Jesus. These Scripture passages command the listeners to make a significant decision that will determine the future direction of their lives.

In the first reading, Joshua gathers the tribes of Israel at Shechem and asks them to choose between the Lord and the gods of the Amorites. Two completely different ways of life are placed before them. They are not allowed the option of straddling the fence and dabbling in the ways of God and the ways of the world.

Likewise, Jesus has told His followers that He is "the bread of life" and they must "eat his flesh and drink his blood if they are to have life within

them." They reply, "this saying is hard; who can accept it?" Jesus does not back down. He does not compromise the stark reality of the Eucharist. It is His Body and Blood, not a mere symbol.

His followers must make a choice. Will they give their lives to Him, or to their former traditions and the ways of the world? Sadly, "as a result of this, many of His disciples returned to their former way of life and no longer accompanied Him." Simon Peter and the other apostles choose Jesus, and with the life of Christ working within them, change the world.

Today we too are called to make a decision who we will follow, the Lord Jesus or the ways of the world. We must choose carefully; our life depends on it.

— Geri Jacquet

## ***“CHEFS FOR CHARITY” EVENT***

Catholic Charities Regional Agency announces an exciting new event for the Mahoning Valley community: “CHEFS FOR CHARITY.” This event will bring together 23 local restaurants, each showcasing a specialty dish. In addition to various culinary treats, the evening will feature live entertainment by Backbeat, assorted raffles, a cash bar and other activities.

This event, hosted by The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, takes place on Sept. 26, 2024 at Eastwood Event Center in Niles from 5 -9 p.m. Ticket price is \$75/ person.

All proceeds from this event will go toward supporting programs that help stabilize housing and fight homelessness in Trumbull, Mahoning and Columbiana counties. For more info, contact Nancy Voitius at 330-744-3320.

## ***Prayer to St. Monica***



"O God, who console the sorrowful and who mercifully accepted the motherly tears of St. Monica for the conversion of her son Augustine, grant us, through the intercession of them both, that we may bitterly regret our sins and find the grace of your pardon. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with You in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, forever and ever."

Feast Day: Aug. 27; died 387 A.D.

## **Your Sacrificial Offering**

Amount needed monthly to meet expenses

For August 2024 **\$29,440.00**

### **Week of August 18, 2024**

Sunday Collection	\$3,266.00
Increased Operating Exp.	\$15.00
Major Repairs	\$00.00
Rentals	\$1,050.00
Maint. Support	\$1,110.00
Total	\$5,441.00

**3 week total \$15,276 .00 toward the goal of \$29,440.00**

**\$13,164.00 short**

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**Mass 9 a.m.**

**8/18– 98**



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### *MISSION STATEMENT*

*We are called to be  
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We are committed to building the kingdom of  
God by living the Gospel,  
celebrating the sacraments  
and loving our neighbor as ourselves.*

### *PARISH STAFF*

#### **Pastor**

Father John Jerek

#### **Parochial Vicar**

Father Stephen Zeigler

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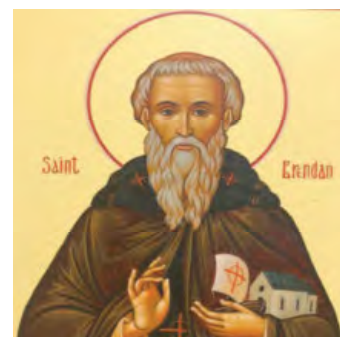
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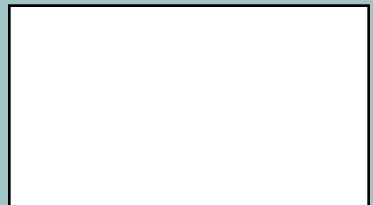
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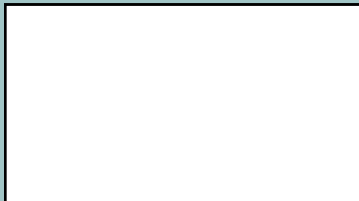
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