



## EASTER SUNDAY



The women who had come from Galilee with Jesus took the spices they had prepared and went to the tomb. They found the stone rolled away from the tomb; but when they entered, they did not find the body of the Lord Jesus. - Lk 24:1b-3

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### ***MASS:***

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

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

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## *Two Anthony's, One Shrine*

Even though it was 30 degrees with a light frost on the lawn and rooftops in the backyard this morning, the calendar tells me Spring has arrived and it's time to bring out the statue of St. Anthony which serves as the centerpiece of our backyard shrine. Soon my spouse will plant flowers around the perimeter inside the stones and, in no time, we'll have a colorful outdoor space to stop and pray.

How I became enamored of the life and ministry of St. Anthony of Padua (died 1231) is interesting, since I am neither Italian nor Portuguese, the two nations that claim him to this day. I had already been a longtime devotee of St. Anthony of Egypt (251-356), that third century hermit so instrumental in the foundation of monasticism with his amazing life of desert solitude that, so ironically, attracted numerous followers.

It was on a diocesan pilgrimage about 25 years ago that we happened to stop for an unplanned visit to Padua's historic cathedral. Relics of the saint are prominently displayed there. At the time, my spiritual life had hit a new low, and the last thing I expected was to have any kind of religious experience.

But as we followed the pilgrimage guide through the structure, we passed by a special section highlighting St. Anthony. Suddenly I felt a sense of awe and wonder deep inside, almost as if the saint had been expecting me and wanted me to remain there a while for some serious discussion of my spiritual state.

The tour schedule did not permit that, but I felt changed for the rest of the week as we visited various holy sites. Ever since, I have felt a kinship with Anthony and often take a few moments, on days much warmer than this, to share a prayer or two by the statue in our own backyard and seek the real saint's intercession. Ditto for his desert counterpart.

There is much to admire about both of these men, much to emulate in studying their biographies. But for me, having these saints as unexpected role models speaks volumes about how God uses the events of our everyday lives to remind us of His daily interest in our well-being, and how He provides the avenues for us to see and experience them in our backyards and beyond.

— Lou Jacquet

Office hours are Monday through Thursday from 8:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.

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

## *Wedding Anniversaries Honored*

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday May 18 at 2 p.m. at the Cathedral of St. Columba in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th or over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office (330-792-3875) and obtaining Father Jerek's signature before April 25, 2025.

## *Paschal Candle is Perry Gift*

The new Paschal Candle burning during Holy Week and the Easter Season — and for funerals for the next year — is a gift to St. Brendan's from the estate of the late parishioner Barbara Perry, a longtime member whose generous financial contributions helped sustain the parish for many years. While her health permitted, Barb drove in from her home in Niles to attend Sunday and daily morning Mass here for years. She and her late husband Ralph were also participants in many parish activities.

### **Sunday, April 20**

**9:00 a.m.** Easter Blessings for Parishioners

### **Wednesday, April 23**

**9:00 a.m.** Dom Lucarell by Family

### **Sunday, April 27**

**9:00 a.m.** John and Lucy Prosenjak  
by Rosie Marich

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

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



## *Ursuline Nuns Seek Yarn*

The Ursuline Sisters Mission Prayer Shawl Ministry is in need of yarn donations. Our volunteers knit or crochet shawls that represent the embrace of God's love and are available for free to anyone in need, especially people in area hospices, hospitals and healthcare facilities. No wool, please. Yarn can be left at USM, [4280 Shields Road, entrance A](#), during business hours. Contact Michel Gatts, 330-793-3004 for information or [mgatts@ursulinesistersmission.org](mailto:mgatts@ursulinesistersmission.org)



## *Diocesan Appeal Reminder*

There is still time to donate to the Annual Diocesan Appeal which funds the work of Diocesan Catholic Charities and a variety of Central Services offices and ministries. Envelopes for the Appeal can still be found at the ends of our pews.

## *The Easter Story...*



**" Why do you look among the dead for the living?"**

**—Gospel of Luke 24:15**

## *Sunday's Scriptures: He is Risen, He is Alive*

Today's readings for Easter Sunday are from Acts 10:34-43; Colossians 3:1-4; Gospel of John 20:1-9.

"Jesus Christ is risen, today. Alleluia. Our triumphant holy day. Alleluia!" Today is Easter, let the trumpets blast and the alleluias be sung with passion and love. He is risen.

On such a great feast, we will examine part of the Easter story as reflected upon by the late Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen in his book, "Life of Christ."

"It was to a virgin woman (Mary) that the birth of the Son of God was announced. It was to a fallen woman (Mary Magdalen) that His resurrection was announced....On coming to the tomb to anoint Jesus body, she finds the tomb empty. She broke again into a fountain of tears. With her eyes downcast from the brightness of the early sunrise, she vaguely perceived someone near her who asked, 'Woman, why are you weeping?' (John 20:13)

"She thought He was the gardener and, believing this man might know where the Lost One could be found, Mary Magdalen went down on her knees and asked, 'If it is you, sir, who has carried Him off, tell me where you have put Him and I will take Him away.' (John 20:15)

"Poor Magdalen! Worn from Good Friday, weary by Holy Saturday, weakened to a thread, she would take Him away. The force of her love would give her the strength.

"Jesus said to her, 'Mary.' (Jn 20:15) That voice was more startling than a clap of thunder. She had once heard Jesus say that He called his sheep by name. The Master now calls her by name. She turned, seeing the red marks on his hands and feet, and utters but one word: 'Rabboni!' (Jn 20:16) Christ had uttered 'Mary' and all heaven was in it. It was only one word she uttered, and all earth was in it.

"Only purity and sinlessness could welcome the all-holy Son of God into the world; hence Mary Immaculate met Him at the door of earth in the city of Bethlehem. But only a repentant sinner, who had herself risen from the grave of sin to the newness of life in God, could fittingly understand the triumph over sin. To the honor of womanhood, it must forever be said: 'A woman was closest to the Cross on Good Friday, and first at the tomb on Easter morn.'"

He is risen, He is alive!

— Geri Jacquet

## ***Safe Environment Policy***

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown Safe Environment Policy For The Protection of Children and Vulnerable Adults Education & Screening:

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## ***Festival Orchestra Concert***

The Youngstown Symphony Orchestra and Greenville Symphony Orchestra have teamed up for the first St. Columba Festival Orchestra performance on May 31 at 6:30 p.m. in St. Columba Cathedral. Features organists David Blazer and Ralph Holtzhauser playing the Poulenc Concerto and the Guilmant Symphony, respectively. Free and open to the public. Please mark your calendar. Freewill offerings much appreciated.

## ***Bishop's Cup Golf Event Set***

The third annual Bishop's Cup Golf Classic, supporting diocesan seminarians and the diocesan Vocations Office, will be held Monday June 30 at the Lake Club, [1140 Paulin Road](#), Poland. 11 a.m. registration; buffet lunch; 1:30 shotgun start. \$200 donation per golfer. \$800 per foursome/team. 18-hole golf scramble with cart; hole-in-one contest and team prizes/raffles. Register online at [doy.org/golf](http://doy.org/golf).. Checks payable to the Diocese of Youngstown c/o Father Chad Johnson, [144 W. Wood St., Youngstown OH 44503](#); information, Father William Wainio, 330-678-0240. Last year's event raised more than \$60,000.



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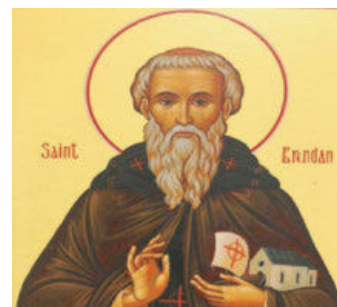
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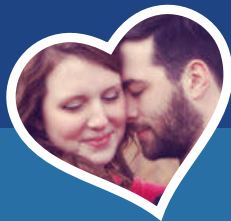
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