

Welcome to the Catholic Community of

Saint Ambrose



ONE IN HOPE,
ONE IN MISSION

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL



**Help us reach our goal of \$4 million
for the work of Charity and the Church**

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK**Saturday, Feb. 18, Sunday Liturgy**

5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, Feb. 19, Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

11:00 a.m. (SA) George Gauthier, Ortrun Gauthier,
Jean Marvin (Jeanette Halterman)**Monday, Feb. 20, Weekday**

6:30 p.m. (SA) John Hyden (Family)

Tuesday, Feb. 21, Weekday8:00 a.m. (SA) Jack DeSalvo
(John & Debbie Kostrub)**Wednesday, Feb. 22, Ash Wednesday**St. Ambrose: 8:00 a.m. Mass - Parishioners
7:00 p.m. service

Hiram College: 12:00 p.m. service

St. Joan of Arc: 8:30 a.m. Mass, 12:15 p.m. service, and
7:00 p.m. MassOur Lady of Perpetual Help: Masses at 9:00 a.m.,
12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.

St. Joseph: 6:30 p.m. Mass

Thursday, Feb. 23, Thursday after Ash Wednesday

8:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Friday, Feb. 24, Friday after Ash Wednesday

No Mass

Saturday, Feb. 25, Sunday Liturgy

5:00 p.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

Sunday, Feb. 26, First Sunday of Lent

9:00 a.m. (SJ) Mass at St. Joseph

11:00 a.m. (SA) Sick & Suffering (A. & R. Society)
Jack DeSalvo (Dave & Kathy DeSalvo)**Church Key: (SA) - St. Ambrose (SJ) - St. Joseph****Today's Readings****First Reading** — Take no revenge and cherish no grudge; love your neighbor as yourself. (Leviticus 19:1-2, 17-18).**Second Reading** — You are the temple of God, and holy (1 Corinthians 3:16-23).**Gospel** — Offer no resistance; love your enemies (Matthew 5:38-48).**Readings for the Week**

Monday: Sir 1:1-10; Ps 93:1-2, 5; Mk 9:14-29

Tuesday: Sir 2:1-11; Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40; Mk 9:30-37Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2
Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18

Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25

Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19;
Mt 9:14-15

Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32

Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17;
Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11**Weekly Amount Needed: \$4,196.00****Sunday's (02/12/23) Collection: \$2,174.00****On-Line Giving (02/12/23): \$ 665.00****Maintenance Fund: \$ 538.00****Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Feb. 26****Sunday, February 26, 11:00 a.m.**

Reader:	C. Milko
Usher/Greeter:	C. Gravatt, G. Kuhn
Altar Server:	M. Smerkar, I. Holleran
Extraordinary Ministers:	D. Ashachik, C. Bailey, B. White (choir)

Responsorial PsalmThe Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
(Psalm 103)**The Lord is kind and merciful.
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Ash

Wednesday

Ash Wednesday

This Wednesday, February 22, we begin the Church's holy season of Lent. Ashes will be distributed at the following times and places:

- + St. Ambrose: 8:00 a.m. Mass, 7:00 p.m. service
- + Hiram College: 12:00 p.m. service
- + St. Joan of Arc: 8:30 a.m. Mass, 12:15 p.m. service, and 7:00 p.m. Mass
- + Our Lady of Perpetual Help: Masses at 9:00 a.m., 12:10 p.m. and 6:30 p.m.
- + St. Joseph: 6:30 p.m. Mass

Liturgical Ministers are not scheduled for the 8:00 a.m. Mass at St. Ambrose so please call the rectory at 330-527-4105, if you can help. Thank You!

**Annual Diocesan Appeal
One in Hope, One in Mission**

In the Gospel today, we hear "if you love (only) those who love you, what recompense will you have?". In responding to God's invitation to be missionary disciples in the world, we are called to recognize God's blessings at work in our lives and, united in his love, share those blessings with all our brothers and sisters. One of the great ways we can share that love is by prayerfully reflecting on our support of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission**. Sixty percent of every dollar raised goes directly to the support of our Catholic Charities ministry across the six counties of the diocese. Last year, approximately 35,000 individuals and families were served with love and compassion. Forty percent of all monies raised support for the continued ministries of the diocese, which assists the 60,000+ households in our parishes across the diocese. This year, the combined goal of all parishes is \$4,000,000, of which our parish share is **\$15,000.00**, which is based on our portion of total diocesan offertory collections received last year. If you have already received an Appeal brochure and invitation from Bishop Bonnar in the mail, please make a prayerful response today! If you have not, please take an Appeal brochure from Church today and take some time to reflect on your gift. Beginning next weekend, we will have three "commitment weekends". Please mail your pledge card back to the diocese in the included return envelope or drop it in the offertory basket sometime over these three weeks. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit www.doy.org. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, and all who will be ministered to by your generosity – thank you. Through this great expression of love, we pray, "That all may be one!"

PSR AND JOURNEY NEWS**Palm Burning and Social**

Join JOURNEY and PSR students immediately following Mass today, February 19, in the St. Ambrose courtyard for burning of palms. The ashes will be our ashes for upcoming Ash Wednesday services. Palm burning will be followed immediately by a social lunch in the church hall. **ALL ARE WELCOME!** Lunch and beverages will be provided. Parishioners are encouraged to bring a dessert to share.

Mission Statement

Through our baptism, we, the family of Saint Ambrose Roman Catholic Church, are chosen and called to be the body of Christ. As a community of faith, we gather to give thanks and praise to God through prayer, worship, and the celebration of the sacraments. Gifted by God and guided by the Holy Spirit, we continue the mission of Jesus by sharing our faith and reaching out to others in justice, mercy, and love. Together, we strive to grow stronger in our love for God and one another.

The Order of Christian Initiation

The OCIA meets Thursdays from October through May at 7:00 p.m. in the St. Joseph Parish Center. The instruction is offered for adults who wish to join the church, complete their formation, or simply know more about their Catholic Faith. Please feel welcome to join us at any time:

Feb. 23 - Who is Jesus Christ?

Feb. 26 - Rite of Sending at parish/Rite of Election at Cathedral

Mar. 2 - Sin, Guilt, Redemption

Mar. 9 - Nicene Creed OCIA (formerly RCIA)

For more information about this and other adult education opportunities, please contact Peg Haney at phaney@stjosephmantua.com.

Eat, Pray and Give: Lenten Fridays

The Worship Committee will be having a meatless, light meal on each Friday during the Lenten Season here at St. Ambrose. The meal will be at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall with either the Stations of the Cross or the Divine Mercy Chaplet following at 7:00 p.m. Donations will be accepted to go to various charitable organizations. This Friday, February 24, is the Stations of the Cross.

“Give Ups” for Lent

GIVE UP COMPLAINING - FOCUS ON GRATITUDE *Philippians 2:14-15* – Do everything without complaining or arguing, so that you may become blameless and pure. *1 Thessalonians 5:18* – Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Jesus Christ.

GIVE UP BITTERNESS - TURN TO FORGIVENESS *Ephesians 4:31* – Get rid of all bitterness, rage and anger, brawling and slander, along with every form of malice. *Ephesians 4:32* – Be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.

GIVE UP WORRY - TRUST IN GOD *Matthew 6:25* – “Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, who by worrying can add a single hour to his life?” *Matthew 6:33* – But seek first His Kingdom and His righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.

GIVE UP DISCOURAGEMENT - BE FULL OF HOPE *Deuteronomy 31:8* – The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you: he will never leave you or forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged. *Isaiah 40:31* – But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary, they will walk and not be faint.

GIVE UP HATRED - RETURN GOOD FOR EVIL *1 John 2:9* – Anyone who claims to be in the light but hates his brother is still in the darkness. *Luke 6:27* – “But I tell you who hear me; Love your enemies, do good to those who hate you.”

GIVE UP ANGER - BE MORE PATIENT *Matthew 5:22* – But I tell you that anyone who is angry with his brother will be subject to judgment. *Proverbs 15:18* – A hot tempered man stirs up dissension, but a patient man calms a quarrel.

GIVE UP GOSSIPING - CONTROL YOUR TONGUE *Psalms 34:13* – Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from speaking lies. *Proverbs 21:23* – He who guards his mouth and his tongue keeps himself from calamity.

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, February 19

9:30 a.m. PSR (JAG Elem. School)
9:30 a.m. Journey (hall)
10:25 a.m. Rosary (church)
12:00 p.m. Palm Burning and Social (courtyard/hall)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Tuesday, February 21

6:45 p.m. Bingo (hall)

Wednesday, February 22

8:00 a.m. Ash Wednesday Mass (church)
7:00 p.m. Service/Ashes (church)
7:30 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)

Thursday, February 23

6:00 p.m. Altar & Rosary Society Meeting (hall)

Friday, February 24

6:00 p.m. Eat, Pray, & Give (hall/church)

Sunday, February 26

9:30 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
9:30 a.m. Journey (hall)
10:25 a.m. Praying the Rosary (church)
12:00 p.m. Baptism - Ellie Dekome (church)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Eucharistic Adoration

St. Joseph (Mantua) is in need of volunteers for Eucharistic Adoration on Wednesday evening, 7:00 p.m. - 9:00 p.m. Please call the parish office at 330-274-2253, if you can help.



CRS Rice Bowls

Each Lent, Catholic families across the country unite to put their faith into action through prayer, fasting and almsgiving. Through CRS Rice Bowl, families learn about how our sisters and brothers across the globe overcome hardships like hunger and malnutrition, and how through Lenten alms, we have the power to make the world a better place for all. If you have not picked up your Rice Bowl, please be sure to do so before leaving Mass today. They are in the vestibule.

Virtual Reverse Raffle

St. Ambrose Church’s Reverse Raffle Committee invites you to their St. Patrick’s Day Virtual Raffle on Saturday, March 18, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Watch live on FB (<http://www.Facebook.com/StAmbroseCatholicChurch>) as numbers are pulled. Only 100 tickets will be sold at \$50.00 each and one time buy backs available for an additional \$20.00. Gift baskets given away for every 20th number pulled. Grand prize for the final number is \$1,000.00. A lottery tree prize will be given to the runner up (new this year). Winner need not be present. Tickets available to purchase after Mass at St. Ambrose or by calling Marlene Szabaga 330-858-0458, Jackie Rinearson 216-375-0709 and Jen Barcikowski 440-635-6967. Cash, check, Zelle or Venmo accepted.

Bingo at St. Ambrose

Doors open on Tuesday, February 21, at 5:45 p.m. Games (early bird) start at 6:45 p.m. in the church hall. **Workers: M. & A. Ryser, J. Barcikowski, K. Motz, R. & P. Strainer.**

Altar & Rosary Society Meeting

The ladies of the Altar & Rosary Society will meet this Thursday, February 23, at 6:00 p.m. in the church hall.

Fish Dinners

St. William Church, 5411 Mahoning Avenue, NW, Champion, is sponsoring a Lenten meal every Friday (February 17 thru March 31) from 4:00 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. Fish Dinners are \$13.00 which include choice of baked or fried fish (2 pieces), three sides (French fries, coleslaw and macaroni & cheese), tartar sauce and a surprise dessert.