

Nations shall behold your vindication,
and all the kings your glory.
— *Isaiah 62:2*

A Note from Fr. Conoboy

Dear Parishioners,
Included in the bulletin this week is an insert concerning cremation. I wanted to add a few other comments here.

How the Church understands cremation is completely related to what we believe about death.

In the Creed, we profess that we believe in the “resurrection of the body”. Death is not final; we have an immortal soul. In death, the body and soul temporarily separate. But, when Christ comes again, we will share fully in his Resurrection. On that day, our body and soul will be inseparably united forever.

Sometimes, for valid practical or financial reasons, cremation is chosen. Such a choice could have no bearing on one’s belief in the resurrection of the body. The reality, however, is that cremation has been and can be used in cultures/religions/contexts that understand death in a way that is devoid of the hope guaranteed by faith in the resurrection. Views on death, for example, can be contrary to Christian doctrine by denying the immortality of the soul (perspectives like this world is all there is) and by devaluing the dignity of the body (not considering the body to have theological or eternal significance). There is also the practical concern about laying cremated remains to rest. The practice of scattering cremated remains or keeping cremated remains in the home goes contrary to Christian belief. It also interrupts the grieving process.

So, while allowing it, the Church is hesitant to fully embrace cremation, because the best way to preserve and communicate our belief in the bodily resurrection is the burial of the body.

God bless you,
Fr. Shawn Conoboy

Church Overseas Combined Collection

Catholics around the country have always responded to the needs of people everywhere. Next weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown will hold the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** in order to assist the Church in its ministries throughout the world. This combined collection supports four major overseas services: **Catholic Relief Services (CRS), Holy Father/Peter’s Pence, the Church in Central and Eastern Europe and the Church in Latin America.** Please remember, as we move toward the season of Lent, to support these important programs of charity in the Church.

Mass Intentions For The Week

- Saturday, January 19**
4:00 pm +Walter & Helen Prusky-Walter Prusky, Jr.
- Sunday, January 20, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am Parishioners
11:00 am +Michele Ice-Roger & Gayle Hildack
- Monday, January 21**
8:00 am NO MASS
- Tuesday, January 22**
8:00 am +Deceased of the Longo Family-James & Kathy Longo
- Wednesday, January 23**
10:00 am Country Club (Assisted Living)
- Thursday, January 24**
8:00 am +Deceased of the Rabich Family-Harry & Pat Benetis
- Friday, January 25**
8:00 am +Deceased of the Kupka Family-Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Bell
- Saturday, January 26**
4:00 pm +Irene Dillon-Walter Prusky
- Sunday, January 27, 3rd Sunday in Ordinary Time**
8:00 am +Mary Ann Rzepka-Barbara Rzepka
11:00 am Parishioners

Liturgy Schedule January 26 & 27

	4 P.M.	8 A.M.	11 A.M.
Reader 1	D. Augusta	P. Benetis	D. Bjelac
Reader 2	R. Hrbolich	E. Freisen	M. Madison
Host	S. Mason	J. Smeiles	F. Falkman

A handicapped restroom is located in the Priest’s Sacristy

For our Sick

Let us pray this week for: All Shut-ins and Homebound, those in the hospital and also for: Evelyn Ballas, Gabe Ballas, Rita Totta, Tom Fetock, Lisa Fraelich, Grace Brackin, Jeanne Sherlock, Cathy Kovac, Jane Brasko, Bob “Buckskin” Davis, Helen Surick, John Surick, Frank Deangelo, Sharon Henning, Ben Elser, John Spisak, Louise Carocci, Mary Lou Sheller, Ashley Moore, Monica Holliday, Bob Cabosky, Timothy Broderick, Ken McGregor, Kathy Keith, Marty Politsky, Wayne McClain, Ali Lemasters, and Walter Grondeski.

TODAY’S READINGS

First Reading — As a bridegroom rejoices in his bride, so God rejoices in the chosen ones (Isaiah 62:1-5).

Psalm — Proclaim his marvelous deeds to all the nations (Psalm 96).

Second Reading — All the varied gifts in the Christian community are from one Spirit (1 Corinthians 12:4-11).

Gospel — Rejoicing at a wedding celebration in Cana, Jesus replenishes the wine supply (John 2:1-11).

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MASS READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Monday: Heb 5:1-10; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 2:18-22
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20; Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9, 10c; Mk 2:23-28, or any of a number of readings for the Day of Prayer
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17; Ps 110:1-4; Mk 3:1-6
Thursday: Heb 7:25 — 8:6; Ps 40:7-10, 17; Mk 3:7-12
Friday: Acts 22:3-16 or 9:1-22; Ps 117:1bc, 2; Mk 16:15-18
Saturday: 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5; Ps 47:2-3, 6-9 or Ps 96:1-3, 7-8a, 10; Mk 3:20-21
Sunday: Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10; Ps 19:8-10, 15; 1 Cor 12:12-30 [12-14, 27]; Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

SAINTS AND SPECIAL OBSERVANCES

- Sunday: Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Monday: St. Agnes; Martin Luther King Jr. Day
Tuesday: Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children; World Youth Day
Wednesday: St. Vincent; St. Marianne Cope
Thursday: St. Francis de Sales
Friday: The Conversion of St. Paul the Apostle; Week of Prayer for Christian Unity ends;
Saturday: Ss. Timothy and Titus

Evening Prayer for Christian Unity

As the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown continues its celebration of 75 years since its establishment, **The Most Reverend George V. Murry, S.J. will preside at Evening Prayer on Sunday, January 27, 2019 at St. Columba Cathedral, beginning at 6:00 pm.** All are cordially invited to attend.

Keep the Kids Warm

When poor and working poor families face a set-back, such as an unexpected medical expense, missing work due to a sick child, or vehicle repairs, the consequences can lead to a serious financial crisis. Sometimes there is not enough money left to cover all of the monthly expenses— including the utility bill. **Keep the Kids Warm is Catholic Charities’ annual campaign to provide utility assistance to families with children during the cold winter months.** Please support **Keep the Kids Warm** by visiting our website to learn more (www.ccdoy.org), praying for those impacted by poverty, and by making a gift online. Thank you for your generosity!



The Collection for January 12 & 13
\$3,298.00

Stewardship- “To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit.” (1 CORINTHIANS 12:7)

St. Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God’s plan? How are you helping to build God’s kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don’t do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you, feel His love, peace and joy!



The Sanctuary Lamp at St. Mary & St. Joseph is burning for: Parishioners



Please, pray for all members serving in our Armed Forces. May God watch over them and grant that they may return home safely and soon:

A Prayer for those in the Military
Almighty God, We stand before you in supplication,
Asking Your Divine mercy and protection,
To envelop with Your invincible armor,
Our loved ones in all branches of the service.
Give them courage and strength.
Against all enemies, Both spiritual and physical,
And hasten their safe journey,
Back to their homes and families.
If it be Your Holy Will That they be gathered to Your bosom,
With the eternal vanguard of the saints,
Let their journey to Your everlasting arms.
Be swift and painless,
Where they may stand in honor and glory,
Praising You for all eternity. Amen

Food Pantry

The food pantry is in need of the following items: tuna fish and bar soap. Thank you for your support and generosity!



Thank you!!