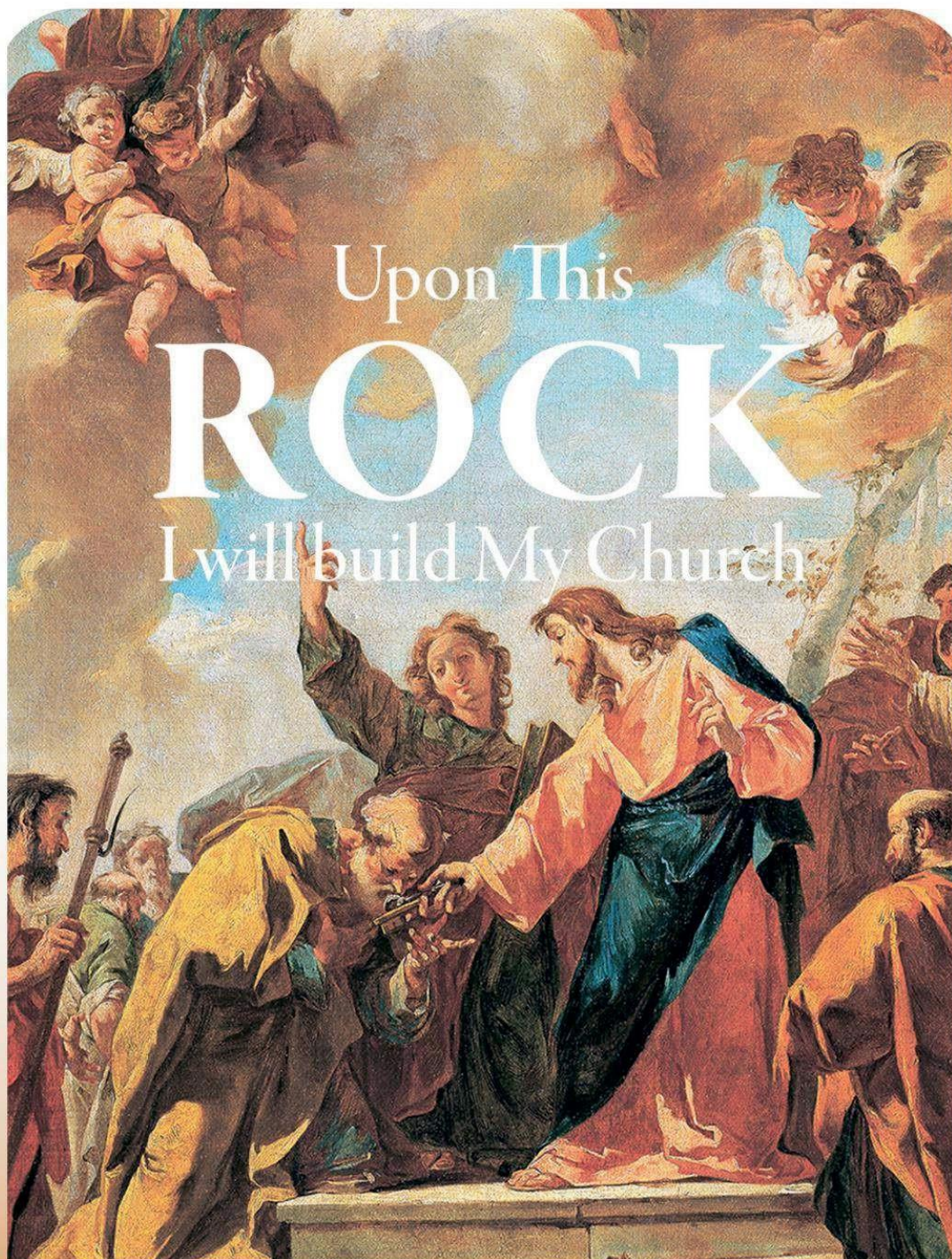


St. Angela Merici Parish
397 S. Jackson St. Youngstown, OH 44506



TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME AUGUST 23, 2026

Pastor - Very Rev. Msgr. Robert Siffrin

Weekend Mass Times
Sunday 9:00am

Sr. Nancy Dawson, OSU - Prison Ministry
Sr. Janice Kusick, OSU - Adult Faith Formation
Mrs. Sharon Kent - Office Manager
Mr. John Cifalde - Maintenance

Religious Education Classes (Grades K-8)
Sunday 10:00am-11:30am October - May

Weekday Mass
Wednesday 8:30am

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Holy Days: See Bulletin
Reconciliation: Seasonally, and by Appointment

Parish Activities for St. Angela Merici

Sunday, August 23 - 9 am Mass/Baptism
Monday, August 24 - Parish Office Closed
Tuesday, August 25 - 11:30 Chair Aerobics
Wednesday, August 26 - 8:30 am Mass;
9:45 am Women's Fellowship
Thursday, August 27 - 11:30 am Chair Aerobics;
6 pm Parish Council; 7 pm AA
Friday, August 28 - Parish Office Closed
Saturday, August 29

Mass Intentions

Sunday, August 23 - 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Deacon Gerald Savo, Sr.
(Gary & Cathie Fiorini)

Wednesday, August 26

8:30 a.m. Mike Hernandez (Hernandez Family)

Sunday, August 30 - 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Joe & Betty Lofaro
(Carmen, Fran & Family)

Wednesday, September 2

8:30 a.m. William Mokrovich (Kathy Garchar)

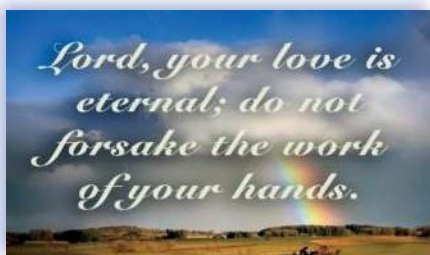
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**August 15 to August 28 in memory of
Mike Hernandez (Hernandez Family)**

Stewardship Reflection

"Or who has given the Lord anything that he may be repaid?" - ROMANS 11:35

St. Paul reminds us of a central fact of stewardship. We cannot give God anything- He already owns it all. God made everything, including us. Since we are made in His image, we too are called to be generous. How we use our God-given gifts becomes our gift back to Him. Gratitude for all we have been given opens our hearts to joyful generosity! And, through our generosity, we just may be the answer to someone else's prayer.



Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church." (Matthew 16:18)

God does not call the perfect or extraordinary. Like Peter, ordinary men and women are invited to play extraordinary roles in His plan through priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony. Whatever your gifts or weaknesses, God can use you to build His Church and bring His love to the world. Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (330) 744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

August 16, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$2,606.00
Electronic Online Giving	\$1,431.00
<u>Weekly Parish Operating Expense</u>	<u>\$6,550.00</u>
	Difference - \$2,513.00

2nd Collection \$179.00 Mass Attendance - 132

Thank You!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, August 23 - 9:00 am Mass

1st Reading - Jim McKee
2nd Reading- Vince Pecchia
Eucharistic Minister - Carol Kusnic

Sunday, August 30 - 9:00 am Mass

1st Reading - Mary Ann Meadows
2nd Reading - Nancy Savo
Eucharistic Minister - Deb Corso-Cornell

The Missionary Cooperative Plan is an annual initiative across Catholic dioceses in the United States to foster global mission awareness and raise funds for missionary work. This year, our parishes will take up a second collection next weekend for the Pontifical Mission Societies. This collection will aid the 1,130 mission dioceses spanning Asia, Africa, Latin America, Oceania, and the Middle East. These are places where the Church is young, growing, poor, persecuted, and in need of support. This collection funds the formation of seminarians, catechists, and religious sisters, builds churches and schools, and sustains healthcare and social outreach programs. Thank you for your generosity.

WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP will gather on Wednesday, August 26th, at 9:45 am in the piazza to pray the rosary. Contact Mary Vallas (330-720-6814) for more information.



**As We Journey Together,
May Christ Light Our Way**

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Before I turn to our Scriptures today, I ask for your prayers and support for our brothers and sisters in the Missionary Territories of the world. There are 1200 Missionary Diocese in the world that have many young Catholics, but also poor and often persecuted Catholics.

Most of our parishes welcome a missionary each summer to hear about their needs and solicit our prayers and financial support. I have asked our Diocesan Mission Office to schedule St. Columba, St. Angela, and St. Patrick to support the work that makes the Missionary Coop work possible, namely, the Pontifical Missions – the Papal ministry that directs all the prayer and support for the Missions around the world. Our more senior members may remember Archbishop Fulton J. Sheen, who directed the National Office here in the United States for many years. He was a great promoter of prayer and support of the Missions!

Please take an envelope from the pews today and return it next week in the second collection. Our prayers and financial support can make all the difference in parts of the world where the Church struggles to proclaim and live the Gospel.

In the Gospel of Matthew today, we have a passage that might seem very familiar. But I ask you to look deeper into this passage. Jesus asks the disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” Then he asks the disciples, “But who do you say that I am?”

Peter answers: “You are the Christ, Son of the living God.”

I think that the most urgent question for us today is: who do you say that Jesus is? Take time at Mass today to answer this question truly and honestly. Will you share your answer with Jesus at Mass now? Will you share your answer with family and friends today and tomorrow? If not, why not? Who are you to Jesus? Are you a friend, a disciple, a committed part of his Church?

In the next few months, I will be asking you to consider your time and talents in ministry. I pray that we can renew and expand our outreach to the homebound and those in nursing homes. Also, I invite members of the parish to consider helping with bereavement ministry and helping families with funeral preparation.

With my daily prayers for you and your families as we return to the journey with Jesus and the disciples in Ordinary Time.

Sincerely in Christ,
Msgr. Robert J. Siffrin

PS Thank you to everyone who has pledged for the Annual Appeal! If you have not yet pledged, please do so and be as generous as you can. We are currently 40% of our goal! If you have not pledged, please help us support the work of Catholic Charities and the work of the Bishop!



Parish Council is meeting this Thursday, August 27th, at 6 pm in the Parish Hall. We want to extend our gratitude to all parishioners who

have served on the council in the past, and we hope some of you will consider serving again. We also invite other parishioners to think about serving on the council to help promote and grow our ministries.



Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center

is sponsoring a retreat, **Walking with Mary through the Light and Darkness of Our Daily Life** with Melannie Svoboda, SND, from 7:00 pm Friday, October 9, to 12:00 pm Sunday, October 11, 2026. The cost is \$230, which includes the program, lodging, and meals from a light supper on Friday to lunch on Sunday. (Commuter rate: \$170, includes program and meals.)

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This retreat weaves together prayer, music, scripture, input sessions, videos, art, personal reflection time, and sharing. This time together will help us to know Mary better as our mother, sister, companion, and fellow disciple of Jesus. For more information on this program, go to: <https://vmesc.org/programs-retreats/all-events?id=1080>

Catholic Diocese of Youngstown Ministry Day

The Catholic Diocese of Youngstown invites all those who volunteer or work in our parishes, schools, and agencies to gather for prayer and learning during Ministry Day 2026. The event takes place Saturday, October 17, 2026, from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm at St. Thomas Aquinas High School (2121 Reno Drive NE, Louisville, OH 44641).

This year's theme is: “Rekindling Joy in our Vocations.” Ministry Day features keynote speaker Darcy Osby, break-out workshops in a myriad of ministry topics, exhibitors, prayer, as well as morning refreshments and lunch.

Registration is now open for individual participants, with an Early Bird rate of \$35 available through September 20; registration increases to \$40 after that date. The registration deadline is October 9. You can register [here](#).

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