



The Byzantine Catholic Churches  
Of Youngstown's West side

# St. Mary's

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## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

- SAT. 4:00 p.m. +Ann Leson by Mrs. Irene Lancy
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. +Health & Blessings of Parishioners
  
- MON. 11:00 a.m. Health & Blessings of Charles & MaryAnn Turjanica
  
- TUE. **OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**  
11:00 a.m. +Stella Knotek by Mr.Mrs. Mike Novak
  
- WED. 11:00 a.m. +Gertrude Magulick by St. Mary's Rosary Society
  
- THU. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy
  
- FRI. 11:00 a.m. No Liturgy



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- SAT. 4:00 p.m. +John & Mary Puskar by Family
- SUN. 10:30 a.m. Health & Blessings of Parishioners

# St. George

1726 Canfield Road, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

## TWENTY-SEVENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST

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- Dec. 10 9:00 a.m. +Steven Ilko by Mr. Mrs. John Haydu

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- Dec. 17 9:00 a.m. +Michael Kovach Sr. by Mrs. Elsie Kostyo



## GIVE CHRIST YOUR HEART

The Christmas season is here again. That means that Christ is coming! Throw open the door to your heart: Let Him in; Give Him a warm welcome; Let Him abide with you, forever. "I stand at the door and knock," says Jesus. Of course, He means the door of your heart. If there were no Christ child, there would be no Christmas...none of the joy that has captivated the world for nearly two thousand years, and will continue to hold them captive in ever-increasing numbers till the end of time ...yes, and on into eternity.

Christmas is all around us..yet it is not Christmas until Christ comes in...into *your heart!* The Savior came into the world to seek out your heart. The story is told that when Jesus was a little boy at Nazareth His mother took the greatest care of Him. Every night Our Lady put the Holy Child to bed; she would then place His clean clothes and His spotless sandals beside His cot.

Now one morning she was greatly puzzled at finding His sandals and the hem of His robe dusty and mud-splattered. This happened several times, so the Blessed Mother decided to watch. Next night she saw the Little Lord rise from His bed, put on His clothes, take a candle, and start down the road that ran past their cottage. All night long He walked the highways of the world looking for souls. From house to house He went, from palace to cottage, seeking people's hearts, searching for souls. At dawn, His candle still flickering, He returned wearily to His home and back to bed. His sandals dusty, and His Heart heavy because so many people had forgotten their God. Did He find *your heart?*

Oh yes, Our Lord is seeking the heart of mankind. Seeking your heart. Prepare for His coming this season. Give Him a heart filled with pure love. That is Christmas...*That is the purpose of life!*

## CHRISTMAS CONCERTS Today and Friday

December 10, 2017 12:30 PM

### **The St. Charles Choir Christmas Concert**

At Saints Peter and Paul Church

421 Covington St.\*, Youngstown, Ohio

Enjoy a lively variety of traditional Christmas favorites, folk tunes, and contemporary devotional works, in the magnificent setting of historic Saints Peter and Paul church. The program will feature Polish folk songs performed by Dorota Sobieska of the Cleveland Opera Company. Directing the choir is Jacek Sobieski, an internationally accomplished artist. All are welcome for this wonderful opportunity for reflection and joy. A social with refreshments will follow the performance in the adjoining community hall.

December 15, 2017 7:00 PM

### **Concert Accordionist, Mary Tokarski**

At Saints Peter and Paul Church

421 Covington St.\*, Youngstown, Ohio

An accomplished accordion virtuoso, Mary Tokarski performs both nationally and internationally as a soloist, with Symphony Orchestra and as a member of The 'K' Trio. She will be performing a wide variety of music ranging from classical to popular tunes, as well as seasonal numbers. All are welcome for this wonderful opportunity for reflection and joy. A social with refreshments will follow the performance in the adjoining community hall.

**St. Mary's... 12/3//2017**  
**Offertory...\$1,014.00**

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**St. George....12/3/20/17**  
**Offertory....\$685.00**  
**Flowers.....\$ 30.00**

### **SOCIAL GAMES**



*are played every*  
**SUNDAY & WEDNESDAY**  
*at 6:45 p.m* Plan to stop by for an evening of **FUN**. ...Come on down and support our Church; and better yet come on down and lend a hand!!

**ALSO** With Christmas only a few weeks away it is now time to start making a list and checking it twice and when you see how much **XTRA CASH** you will need you might want to join us at our Social Games. On **Dec. 17<sup>th</sup> & 20<sup>th</sup>** we will be giving out **TEN \$15.00** Cash Prizes. **ALSO...Our Piggy Pull Tab game is currently at \$6,250.00, The Hog game is at its Max \$2,000.00, and The Pig game is also at its Max \$1,000.00. STOP BY TONITE OR WEDNESDAY you do not want to miss out on the BIG CASH!!**

**VOCATION ICON PROGRAM**  
Began Sept. 24<sup>th</sup> in all Byzantine Catholic Churches. Each Family should plan to take The Icon into their home and pray for vocations for the week.

### **SACRAMENT RECONCILIATION**

Father will hear confessions **ONLY** on the following days before Christmas **Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, & 23<sup>rd</sup>**. *from 3:15 – 3:45 p.m.*

### **LITURGY REQUEST**

Please call the office if you would like to schedule liturgies for the new year.

### **CALENDARS**

The calendars for the new year are in the vestibule. Please take one and check it regularly they are a wealth of information. We are truly grateful to George & Tom Kinnick and Michael Kirila for sponsoring these calendars. God bless them.

### **TIME SCHEDULE FOR THE FEAST OF NATIVITY**

**St. Mary's Sun. Dec. 24**  
**4:00 pm. & Mon. Dec. 25**  
**10:30 a.m.**

**St. George Mon. Dec. 25**  
**9:00 a.m.**

*What you are is God's gift to you; What you make of yourself is your gift to God.*