

St. Angela Merici Parish

397 S. Jackson St. Youngstown, OH 44506

24TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



how often must I
FORGIVE?

MATTHEW 18:21

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME SEPTEMBER 13, 2026

Pastor - Very Rev. Msgr. Robert Siffrin

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Sr. Janice Kusick, OSU - Adult Faith Formation
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Weekend Mass Times

Sunday 9:00am

Religious Education Classes (Grades K-8)

Sunday 10:00am-11:30am September - May

Weekday Mass

Wednesday 8:30am

Holy Days: See Bulletin

Reconciliation: Seasonally, and by Appointment

Parish Activities for St. Angela Merici

Sunday, September 13 - Parish Picnic @ Roosevelt

Park - Mass at 11 am, Picnic to follow

Monday, September 14 - Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 15 - 11:30 Chair Aerobics

Wednesday, September 16 - 8:30 am Mass

Thursday, September 17 - 11:30 am Chair Aerobics;
7 pm AA

Friday, September 18 - Parish Office Closed

Saturday, September 19

Mass Intentions

Sunday, September 13 - 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Living & Deceased Members of Our
Parishes

Wednesday, September 16

8:30 a.m. Jim Michelini (Diane Michelini &
Family)

Sunday, September 20 - 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00 a.m. Rosemary Cifalde (Stacy Piette)

Wednesday, September 23

8:30 a.m. William Mokrovich (Joann Mokrovich)

The Sanctuary Candle burns

**September 12 to September 25 in memory of
Joe Lofaro (Carmen, Fran & Family)**

A Memorial Candle burns

**September 12 to September 18 in memory of
Donna Shovlin (Shovlin Family)**

Stewardship Reflection

"For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." – ROMANS 14:8

This is the essence of stewardship – everything we have and everything we are is a gift from God. We aren't "owners" of anything; we are merely "stewards" of the gifts that God has given us, especially our very own lives. Pray to God daily, and ask Him how He is calling you to live the life that He intended for you.

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Be merciful, just as your Father is merciful."

(Matthew 18:35)

Priests bring Christ's mercy to the world through their ministry, comforting families at funerals, anointing the sick in hospitals and nursing homes, and offering guidance and forgiveness through the sacraments. How is God calling you to share His mercy in your life, and could He be inviting you to serve His people as a priest? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at (330) 744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

September 6, 2026

Sunday Collection	\$2,632.00
Electronic Online Giving	\$1,981.00
Weekly Parish Operating Expense	\$6,550.00
Difference	-\$1,937.00

2nd Collection \$167.00

Mass Attendance - 90

Thank You!

MINISTRY SCHEDULE

Sunday, September 13 - 9:00 am Mass

1st Reading - Nancy Savo

2nd Reading - Mary Vallas

Eucharistic Minister - Deb Corso-Cornell

Sunday, September 20 - 9:00 am Mass

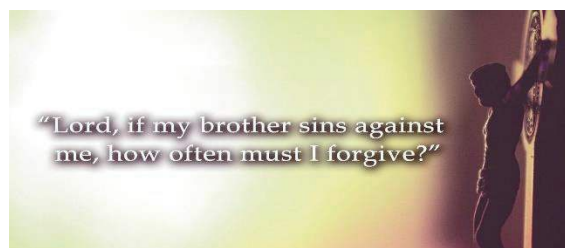
1st Reading - Mary Ann Meadows

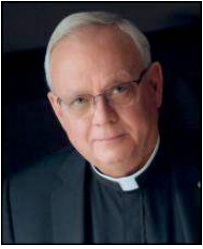
2nd Reading - Vince Pecchia

Eucharistic Minister - Carol Kusnic



The CCD program for St. Angela Merici, St. Patrick, and St. Columba Parishes has been set. Classes begin today at St. Edward's "Little Building," located behind the church. To register your Grade 1-8 child, please contact: Barb Tyndall at (330) 651-3221 or Diane Guarnieri at (330) 501-4969





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

Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As our children return to school and religious education formation, if you know friends or family members who have young children and who don't yet have a parish home, welcome them to join us for religious education for their children. CCD begins this Sunday after the 9:00 am Mass at St. Edward campus.

Also on Tuesday, September 29, 2026, OCIA will begin. If you know of anyone who is interested in becoming Catholic, please have them call St. Columba Parish office at 330-744-5233. Either Karen or Kathy will help them. Formation meetings will be held on most Tuesday evenings from 6:30 pm to 8:00 pm at St. Edward Church.

The Scriptures this Sunday challenge us to be forgiving and to ask for God's grace to let go of past hurts and grudges. Let's pray for the Lord to heal us and all the people we know from the hurts and harms we have endured. Jesus invites us to consciously pray together for others, for he will be in our midst.

Sirach cautions us to realize that wrath and anger are hateful things, yet the sinner hugs them tight. It is very important to realize that the hurts and harm that other people have done to us or the people we love are very bad and hateful, but if we hold on to them, we can easily let those evil things take root in our heart and soul. They can then become our sins also. We may find it hard to forgive the people who have caused this evil, but we still need God's grace to let go and be healed.

Matthew shows us in the parable how the richness of God's mercy is abundant, but if the Lord's forgiveness is to take root in us and grow, we must share it with others. The account of the Our Father in Matthew continues with the clear warning from Jesus that the abundant mercy of the Father requires us to forgive others.

Please consider your contributions to the parish. I thank those parishioners who are giving as best as they can, but I challenge those parishioners who, like me, can be more generous to the parish. We need your support. Some of the generous pillars of the Church in the past have been called home to the Lord. Some of us need to replace them.

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

Lincoln Park Clean Up
Saturday, September 26th
8:00 am-12:00 pm

Join us as we continue efforts in Lincoln Park! We will weed, pick up litter and branches, and generally clean up the walking trail and the park near the parish. Gloves and some tools will be provided, but please feel free to bring your own. Please bring your own water bottle. RSVP is helpful for planning. Please contact Sharon at sharon@stangelayoungstown.org or at 330-747-6080.

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown

is an organization of Catholics which sponsors a monthly luncheon speaker series, providing an exploration of Catholic teaching and religious thought on the spiritual, theological, moral, and social issues of our time.



The next program will be held on Thursday, October 1, 2026, with lunch at 11:30 am and the program at 12:00 pm. The speaker will be Sr. Colleen Gibson, SSJ, Coordinator of Pastoral Care at St. John-St. Paul Catholic Collaborative, "Wandering in Wonder: Cultivating Awe in an Age of Uncertainty".

The series takes place at Avion on the Water Banquet Center, 2177 W. Western Reserve Rd, Canfield, OH 44406.

A seat at the St. Angela Merici table is \$15 per person. To reserve your seat, call the Parish Office at 330-747-6080.

TREASURES FROM OUR TRADITION

Our national memory will keep September 11 holy for generations to come, as we remember the innocent dead. Our memories of the attack on our nation are intertwined with memories of how we human beings are natural symbol-makers. In one parish, as a candlelight vigil ended, the assembly, without being instructed, took their candles and stood shoulder to shoulder, down the steps and along the city streets for a quarter mile. Slowly, people came out of their houses bearing tapers and candles. In the first hours of crisis, we stood vigil, we prayed from the heart, and we celebrated the human ability to draw light out of terrible darkness.

Stories of that terrible day necessarily drift to tales of heroism, courage, dignity, faith, solidarity, hope, community. The church learned long ago through hard experience that "the blood of the martyrs is the seed of the church." Perhaps the victims of 9/11 have gifts to bring that we are only just discovering as believers in a just and loving God. They are teaching us still, and today is a day for lighting candles at the table and being silent for a moment before the abundance of God's gifts. Today reminds us that we are capable of acts of indescribable beauty even in the face of great evil. - Rev. James Field



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