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of Greater Youngstown  
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**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. We offer an opportunity for the Catholic community and others to integrate the principles of religious faith into our everyday lives and work.

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- † Christ Our Savior Parish
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**Where We Meet**

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown meets at **Avion on the Water Banquet Center** 2177 W. Western Reserve Road in Canfield on the First Thursday of each month from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm unless otherwise noted on the series schedule.



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**2023-2024**

**Luncheon Speaker Series**

*Integrating the principles  
of religious faith  
into our everyday lives and work.*

**Avion on the Water**

*\* Meets the First ~~Friday~~ <sup>Thursday</sup>  
of Every Month*

**For Reservations Call:  
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**A Brief Overview**

The origin of First Friday goes back to the tradition and practice of Sacred Heart devotion which calls for a monthly renewal of one's faith to a more lively and personal response to God's love realized in both worship and mission; to live more fully in the awareness of God's love and presence in our daily lives and to answer our baptismal call of being sent on mission to proclaim the good news of God's love, the Gospel.

First Friday Clubs are often scheduled as such in keeping with this long standing Catholic cultural tradition of Sacred Heart devotion, while raising an awareness of the spiritual, theological, moral and social issues of the times.

In his apostolic exhortation on Evangelization in the Modern World Pope Paul VI stated, "the split between the Gospel and culture is the drama of our times."

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## 2023-2024 Speaker Series

Thursday, September 7, 2023



"Touching the Future as I Live, Teach and Serve"  
**Helen Lafferty, Ph.D.**  
Interim President, Youngstown State University

Thursday, October 5, 2023



"You've Got Mail: My Pastoral Letter"  
**Most Rev. David J. Bonnar**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown

Thursday, November 2, 2023



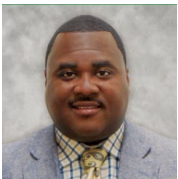
"A Retrospective on Music and Worship: Five Bishops & Five Rectors Later"  
**Daniel Laginya, DMA**  
Retired Director of Music at Saint Columba Cathedral

Thursday, December 7, 2023,



"The Domestic Church: Becoming Renewed Catholics"  
**Joseph Torma, Ph.D.**  
Retired Professor, Walsh University

Thursday, January 4, 2024



"Managing Complex Change and Reducing Violence"  
**Guy Burney**  
Executive Director for the Community Initiative to Reduce Violence for the City of Youngstown

Thursday, February 1, 2024



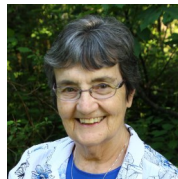
"The Washing of Feet in Youngstown, Ohio"  
**Jimmy Sutman**  
Director of ISLE, Inc & The Purple Cat

Thursday, March 7, 2024



"Look at the Land! Sacred Experiences of Earth"  
**Sr. Janet Burkhardt, HM**  
Presenter at VMESC

Thursday, April 4, 2024



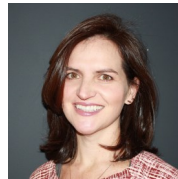
"Mary: One of Us, A Woman of Hope"  
**Sr. Melanie Svoboda, SND**  
Retreat Director

Thursday, May 2, 2024



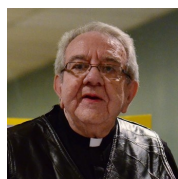
"What's Going on with the Synod and What Can We Expect"  
**Most Rev. Bishop John Stowe, O.F.M., Conv.**  
Bishop of the Diocese of Lexington

Thursday, June 6, 2024



"Spiritual Friendship and a Forgotten Catholic History: Insights for Today"  
**Brenna Moore, Ph.D.**  
Professor Fordham University

Thursday, July 11, 2024\*



"Jesus Took the First Selfie"  
**Fr. George Balasko and Rabbi Joseph Schoenberger**  
Presenters at VMESC

Thursday, August 1, 2024



"The Qur'an and the Bible"  
**Gabriel Said Reynolds, Ph.D.**  
Professor, University of Notre Dame

## 2023-2024 Speaker Series Registration Form

Price includes Lunch

**Individual** \$ 20 Seating for one (1) person.  
Please choose the month you want to attend below.

**Table** \$ 160 Seating for eight (8) people.  
Please choose the month you want to attend below.

**Individual Season Pass** \$ 220 One seat for all 12 programs for one person.  
Season Pass individuals receive a savings of \$20 off the regular admission price for the year.

**Group Season Pass** \$ 1,760 One table for all 12 programs for eight (8) people.  
Best value. Admission to all 12 Programs, up to 8 people, for the price of 11. A savings of \$160 off the regular admission price for the year.

	Table \$160	Seats \$20	Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, Sep 7, 2023	___ x \$160	___ x \$20	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, Oct 5, 2023	___ x \$160	___ x \$20	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, Nov 2, 2023	___ x \$160	___ x \$20	_____
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<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, Jun 6, 2024	___ x \$160	___ x \$20	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, Jul 11, 2024*	___ x \$160	___ x \$20	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, Aug 1, 2024	___ x \$144	___ x \$20	_____
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City, State, Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

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**Vegetarian Meal Request**

Please Mail Your Registration with Check Payable to:  
First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown  
P.O. Box 11146  
Youngstown, OH 44511

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