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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.

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.



FIRST FRIDAY CLUB of Greater Youngstown

2025-2026

Luncheon Speaker Series

20th Anniversary Season

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

Avion on the Water

** Meets the First ~~Friday~~ ^{Thursday}
of Every Month*

**For Reservations Call:
330-720-4498**

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."

For more information visit:

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Luncheons at Avion on the Water Banquet Center,
from 11:30 am to 1:00 pm.

2025-2026 Speaker Series

Thursday, September 4, 2025



"Catholic Health Care and Ethical
and Religious Directives"
Dr. James Kravec, MD
Chief Clinical Officer, Mercy Health

Thursday, October 2, 2025



"Reflections From Bishop Bonnar"
Most Rev. David J. Bonnar
Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown

Thursday, November 6, 2025



"Conversion of Heart in a Suffering
Society"
Sr. Valerie Luckey, OSB
Director of Emmaus Ministries,
Erie, PA

Thursday, December 4, 2025,



"The Interplay of Culture and
Cognition in Musical Understanding"
Joseph Carocci, PhD
Chair, Professor
YSU, Dana School of Music

Thursday, January 8, 2026*



"Jesus the Recipe for Life: Portrayed
in Mime"
Sr. Jeanne Thurin, HM
Sister of the Humility of Mary

Thursday, February 5, 2026



"Have You Seen My Brother?
Discovering That God is Good When
in a Tragedy"
Margie Cretella
Sister of Father Steven Popovich

Thursday, March 5, 2026



"Wrestling With Our Cultural Myths"
Reverend John Jerek
Pastor, Saint Christine Parish and Our
Lady of Sorrows Parish, Youngstown

Thursday, April 9, 2026*



"People of Hope: Reflections on the
Power of Service and Encounter"
Kerry Alys Robinson
President, Catholic Charities, USA
Washington, DC

Thursday, May 7, 2026 - **Evening Program**



"Global Catholicism and The Pope"
Massimo Faggioli, PhD
Professor of Historical Theology
Villanova University

Thursday, June 4, 2026



"American Pope, American Church:
What Leo XIV Means for
U.S. Catholicism"
David Gibson, PhD
Director, Center on Religion and Culture
Fordham University, NYC

Thursday, July 9, 2026*



"Evangelization: Encouraging an
Encounter with Jesus Christ"
Steven Kramer, DMin
Director of Homiletics
Sacred Heart Seminary and School of
Theology, Archdiocese of Milwaukee, WI

Thursday, August 6, 2026



"Glimpses of the Holy Land"
George D. Beelen, PhD
Retired Professor and Chair Department
of History at YSU

2025-2026 Speaker Series Registration Form

Price includes Lunch

☐ **Individual** \$ 25 Seating for one (1) person.
Please choose the month you want to attend below.

☐ **Table** \$ 200 Seating for eight (8) people.
Please choose the month you want to attend below.

☐ **Individual Season Pass** \$ 275 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** \$ 2,200 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 \$200 off the regular admission price for the year.

	Table \$200	Seats \$25	Subtotal
<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, Sep 4, 2025	___ x \$200	___ x \$25	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Thur, Oct 2, 2025	___ x \$200	___ x \$25	_____
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Youngstown, OH 44511

All reservations must be post marked 10 days prior to the date of the event.

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****May is an evening program**