



## Our Lady of Hungary Church, OH

*Roman Catholic*

545 N. Belle Vista Ave. 44509 Youngstown, Ohio

Phone: n.a.

**Pastor: Rev. Joseph S. Rudjak**  
**Hungarian Church Services: no**  
**Hungarian Congregation: n.a**

### Church History

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The Parish was founded on December 21, 1928, by Rev. Istvan Nyiri initially with 150-200 families. Construction on the new church began, but initially only the basement with a temporary roof was completed. The first Mass was celebrated in this basement church concomitantly with its dedication in December 1929. Shortly thereafter, the rectory was built. As a consequence, the parish continued to use the basement church for all religious services. During this period, the congregation was served by six Hungarian pastors. In 1948, a new era in the history of Our Lady of Hungary Parish began with the appointment of the first Hungarian Franciscan, Rev. Tarcisius Kukla. In 1949, under the pastorate of Rev. Peter Hegyi, OFM, a refugee from Hungary, the upper structure of the present church was built. The dedication ceremony, which also marked the 20th anniversary of the parish, was celebrated on April 23, 1950. The next several years saw the founding of a strong and stable parish with a growing membership. Sunday Masses were celebrated in both Hungarian and English. In 1974, the parish was honored and blessed by a personal visit by his Eminence Joseph Cardinal Mindszenty who was on a tour in the United States. The Hungarian pastorate ended with Father Vitez in 1989. As a consequence, the first non-Hungarian pastor, Rev. John Reiss, was appointed in 1993. He was followed by the current pastor, Reverend Joseph Rudjak in 2005. Both pastors continued to foster the Hungarian traditions. Although there is no longer a strictly Hungarian Mass, Hungarian is nevertheless incorporated into the English Mass: at the start of Mass, with the Sign of the Cross; the First Reading; some of the Petitions; one Hungarian Hymn; the Our Father, recited in English and sung in Hungarian. On national holidays, Mass concludes with the Hungarian National Anthem, an anthem that seeks God's aid and blessings for Hungarians.

#### SERVICE:

Weekday mass: Tuesday at 4:30 AM

Weekly mass: Saturday at 4:30; Sunday at 12:30

Map: <http://g.co/maps/2gts4>

