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**YOUNGSTOWN BUSINESS AND PROFESSIONAL WOMEN NAME
GAYLE CATINELLA 2019 WOMAN OF THE YEAR**

- Annual recognition honors one female leader who has excelled in her career and community -

August 14, 2019, Youngstown, OH – The Reverend Gayle Catinella, the Rector of St. John's Episcopal Church Youngstown, will be honored as "Woman of the Year" at a special event during National Business Women's Week®, sponsored by the Youngstown Business & Professional Women. The event will be held on Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at The Lake Club, 1140 Paulin Road, Poland, OH 44514.

Gayle has been the priest at St. John's Episcopal Church since May, 2014 and has made incredible connections in the church as well as to the community. Gayle is an active member of the Youngstown Rotary and she has fostered partnerships with other churches and denominations, arts & culture organizations, YSU, and many different civic groups. Gayle's presence in the Mahoning Valley has had a significantly positive impact in a very short timeframe.

St. John's has been an important part of the area's history for more than 150 years, and right in the middle of this region's redevelopment and resurgence. Gayle connects the church to the community through programs that engage volunteers, churches and civic organizations, connect to students at YSU and students participating in YSU's Outward Bound program, which prepares inner city students for college. Local school involvement includes monthly lunches for students of the month at Williamson Elementary and collecting and filling backpacks with food and supplies. At Taft Elementary, a Promise Neighborhood, they are helping to create a mobile food pantry at the school for families. None of this would happen without Gayle's leadership, drive, and focus on the needs in our community.

"We are excited to celebrate Gayle's impact on our community. Gayle is a convener, a doer, a listener, and a visionary, and couldn't be a better role model for other women in our community, which is why YBPW chose Gayle as the 2019 Woman of the Year," states Rebecca Davis, YBPW President.

Proceeds from the event will benefit the Dr. Anne McMahon Scholarship Award, which is awarded annually to a deserving female student furthering her education at Youngstown State University. Cost of event tickets is \$55. For more information about YBPW or to make reservations for the Woman of the Year event, contact Rene Butler, YBPW 1st Vice President, at ybpwboard2@gmail.com.

About National Business Women's Week®

National Business Women's Week® (NBWW) is a national weeklong celebration that highlights the progress women have made as professionals, business owners and entrepreneurs. To recognize the achievements of American working women, Business and Professional Women's Foundation celebrates National Business Women's Week® during the third week of October.



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About Youngstown Business and Professional Women

YBPW was established in 1920 and is affiliated with the Ohio BPW and BPW Foundation. The goal of YBPW is to empower women personally, professionally and politically. Members strive toward the common goal of economic and workplace equity for working women. YBPW meets the 4th Tuesday of each month and supports Women's causes throughout Trumbull and Mahoning Counties.

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