

# SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN



## LITURGICAL SCHEDULE

Saturday Vigil Mass	4:00pm
Sunday Mass	9:00am & 11:30am
Weekday Mass	8:00am (Monday–Thursday)
Holy Day Mass	12:15pm & 6:00pm
Reconciliation	3:00pm (Saturday)

## PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min.  
*Pastor*

Marcy Fessler  
*Pastoral Associate*

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*Director of Music*

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*Administrative Assistant*

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## SACRAMENTS AND CATECHESIS

To register your child(ren) for Youth Faith Formation (YFF), to inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to begin the Annulment process, schedule a Baptism Prep session, or discuss the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist (and Reconciliation), and Confirmation, please contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

## PARISH INFORMATION

To register in the parish, begin planning for the Sacrament of Marriage, discuss a Mass of Christian Burial, request Letters of Suitability to serve as Godparents or Sponsors, or seek any other parish-related information, contact Maxine Gordon, our Administrative Assistant at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

## OFFICE HOURS

Monday – Thursday: 8:30am – 4:00pm  
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

## CONTACT US

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## MISSION STATEMENT

We are a faith community of Roman Catholic Christians dedicated to lovingly extending the mission and ministry of Our Lord, Jesus Christ, through Word, Sacrament, and Christian Service to the People of God, both in our parish and the surrounding areas, all to the Glory of God!

## PARISH HALL & FAMILY LIFE CENTER RENTALS

Parishioners: please call Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181

**Monday, March 24**

8:00am – Richard Sternagel

**Tuesday, March 25****The Annunciation of the Lord**

8:00am – Robert M. Palma

**Wednesday, March 26**

8:00am – Anton Bogyi

**Thursday, March 27**

8:00am – Janice Gent

**Friday, March 28**

8:00am – Mass

8:30am – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 29****Vigil – The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

3:00pm – Reconciliation

4:00pm – Deceased Members of the Abernethy and Cummings Families

**Sunday, March 30****The Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00am – Philip DeAngelo

11:30am – The People of the Parish

**ALTAR SERVERS**

One of the vital ministries at Mass is that of the Altar Server. We are very appreciative of our young people who participate in this ministry. It is an area where we are in great need of more participants. We will be sending home an invitation with all our Faith Formation students in grades three-eight in the coming weeks. For everyone's knowledge, the following guidelines were prepared by the Committee on the Liturgy and presented to the National Conference of Catholic Bishops.

1. Although institution into the ministry of acolyte is reserved to lay men (usually in seminary formation), the diocesan bishop may permit the liturgical functions of the instituted acolyte to be carried out by altar servers, men and women, boys and girls.
2. No distinction should be made between the functions carried out in the sanctuary by men and boys and those carried out by women and girls. The term "altar boys" should be replaced by "servers". The term "server" should be used for those who carry out this function.

3. Servers should be mature enough to understand their responsibilities and to carry them out well and with appropriate reverence. They should have already received holy communion for the first time and normally receive the eucharist whenever they participate in the liturgy.
4. Servers should receive proper formation before they begin to function. The formation should include instruction on the Mass and its parts and their meaning, the various objects used in the liturgy (their names and use), and the various functions of the server during the Mass and other liturgical celebrations. Servers should also receive appropriate guidance on maintaining proper decorum and attire when serving Mass and other functions.
5. Since the role of server is integral to the normal celebration of the Mass, at least one server should assist the priest. On Sundays and other more important occasions, two or more servers should be employed to carry out the various functions normally entrusted to these ministers.
6. Altar servers wear the alb. All servers should wear the same liturgical vesture.
7. Servers carry the cross, the processional candles, hold the book for the priest celebrant when he is not at the altar, carry the incense and censer, present the bread, wine, and water to the priest during the preparation of the gifts or assist him when he receives the gifts from the people, wash the hands of the priest, assist the priest celebrant and deacon as necessary.
8. Servers respond to the prayers and dialogues of the priest along with the congregation. They also join in singing the hymns and other chants of the liturgy.
9. Servers should be seated in a place from which they can easily assist the priest celebrant and deacon. The place next to the priest is normally reserved for the deacon.
10. Servers may not distribute holy communion unless they have been mandated for this function by the bishop.

*During this Lenten Season, may our words, actions, and prayers bear fruit – that is, grow closer to God in faith!*





## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

### One in Hope, One in Mission

We all need what Jesus gives – grace, truth, loving but firm accountability, and, above all, forgiveness. But to receive all these gifts, we have to take the first step and repent, honestly. We need to acknowledge where, to paraphrase the Penitential Act, in our thoughts and words, in what we have done and what we have failed to do, we have sinned. Too often, it's easier to focus on the sins of others. Concentrating on our co-worker lies, our neighbor's laziness, or our spouse's impatience keeps our own failing in the background.

But Jesus tells us, repeatedly, to repent. None of us, no matter how good we are or how hard we try to conquer our sins, is beyond the need for Christ's redemption. Without, it He warns, we "will all perish as" the Galileans or the people crushed by tower at Siloam.

Lent is the season of repentance, of prayer and fasting, of almsgiving. Please pray for the success of the Annual Diocesan Appeal, and if you are able, please consider making a contribution to the appeal as a form of almsgiving this Lent.

## CLEAN UP YOUR ACT FOR LENT

We are collecting personal hygiene and household cleaning items for those in need throughout our community. Any items may be placed in the bins located at the entrances of the Church. All items will then be distributed through Catholic Charities.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



### Readings for March 30, 2025

#### Fourth Sunday of Lent

Joshua 5:9a, 10-12

2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Luke 51:1-3, 11-32

## LENTEN PROGRAM

The Power of God's Word in Luke's Gospel will be explored through five different themes, developed over **three Wednesday evenings, March 26, April 2 and April 9, from 6:30 -8:00pm in the church**, presented by Barb Spencer. We will begin with Evening Prayer followed by the presentation. Please bring your Bible with you.



**For individual prayer during Lent the church will be available Monday through Friday during regular office hours. Please use the door closest to the office, push the button and wait for the door to open.**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, March 24

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Tuesday, March 25

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

7:00pm – Garden Guild

### Wednesday, March 26

8:20 – 9:00am -- Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:00pm – Baptism Prep

7:00pm – Lenten Reflections

### Thursday, March 27

8:30am – Bible Study

8:30am – Scripture Sharing

### Friday, March 28

9:00am – Fitness

4:00-6:30pm – Fish Fry

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, March 29

No Events Scheduled

### Sunday, March 30

10:05 – 11:20am – Youth Faith Formation

2:00 – 3:30pm – First Reconciliation and Eucharist Class



## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please join us on the remaining Fridays of Lent (March 28 and April 4 and 11), for Mass at 8:00am followed by Mary's Way of the Cross at 8:30.



## VOCATIONS – March 23, 2025

*"I shall cultivate the ground around it and fertilize it, it may bear fruit in the future." (Luke 13:7-9)*

We are invited to consider how God may be cultivating our hearts, preparing us for a vocation of service. Is God calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life, and patiently waiting for you to respond?

Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

## STEWARDSHIP – March 23, 2025

*"He said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none.' " (Luke 13:7)*

We can all be like the barren fig tree at times. Do you cling to what you have, or do you generously share with others? How will you respond when God asks you what you have done with all of the gifts He has given you? Remember, not only are we called to be generous; we are called to develop and nurture our gifts; and return them with increase. We are called to be generous with all of the gifts; especially the one that means the most to you.

### Parish Support

March 16, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 13,208.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 1,792.00)
YTD Received	\$563,429.31
YTD Budget	\$555,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,429.31



Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless

## The Sacrament of Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptized please call the parish office. Parents must be registered parishioners and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism Class usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered. One godparent must be Catholic.

## MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato

## Bishop Bonnar to Celebrate Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers on April 6

In observance of the Jubilee Year 2025, The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, will celebrate a special Mass commemorating the **"Jubilee of the Sick and Healthcare Workers"** on Sunday, April 6, 2025, at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral, 14 West Wood Street in Youngstown. In addition to praying for those who are sick or suffering in mind, body, and spirit, the Mass will also celebrate those in various healthcare ministries throughout the Diocese of Youngstown.

A reception co-sponsored by Mercy Health Foundation Mahoning Valley, Saint Michael Parish (Canfield) and Church Budget Envelope Company will be held in Saint Columba Parish Hall immediately following Mass.

For more information contact Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown at 330-744-851 ext. 245.

## GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will resume on **Tuesday, March 25 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall**. The evening will center on future planning for the club and discussing future speakers and other future events. Interested new members and guest are welcome!



## NIGHT AT THE RACES

**Friday, May 2, 2025**

Doors open at 6:30 - Races begin at 7:15

The cost of admission is \$15 per person






The event is a BYO – BFF

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**We are looking for businesses or individuals to sponsor a race. The cost of this sponsorship is \$250.00.** Your name or logo will appear in the program, along with two free admission tickets.

**The cost to sponsor a horse is \$25.00.**

Please contact the parish office at 330-533-6839 to sponsor a race or a horse. More information will follow in the coming weeks.

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## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Jay Gettemy	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Mindy Cline	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
James Dunn, Sr.	Christopher King	Bill Myers
Arline Dyman	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden		

If you would like a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

## CAN YOU GIVE GREEN EGGS AND HAM?



Can you add a can of yams?  
 We would prefer you not bring Spam.  
 We'll take green beans tho if you can!

Our local Soup Kitchens/Dining Halls are in need of some assistance for their Easter meals. We are hoping that once again, Saint Michael Parish would be in the forefront of this project.

**Please bring packaged hams, colored eggs, etc. that would be a part of an Easter meal to the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.**

We will be sorting and distributing the food to our traditional 3 Soup Kitchens. They will be serving Holy Thursday afternoon.

*If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.*

## SAINT MICHAEL PARISH



## DINE IN or TAKE OUT

**Friday – March 28, April 4 and April 11**

**4:00pm – 6:30pm in the Family Life Center**

*dinners include choice of:*

**Fried or Baked Fish  
 with one side – choose either:  
 Macaroni & Cheese  
 or French Fries**

**All meals include coleslaw and dessert  
 \*beverages for dine in only\***

**Cost of each meal - \$15**

*We are always in need of desserts! If you are able to donate a dessert, please drop it off at the Family Life Center on Thursday from 8:30 – 4:00 or anytime on Friday after 8:30am.  
 Thank you.*



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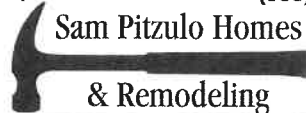
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