

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

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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

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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, July 7**

8:00am – Healing for Sister Mary Karlene
Seech, SND

Tuesday, July 8

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, July 9

Saint Augustine Zhao Rong

No Daily Mass

Thursday, July 10

No Daily Mass

Friday, July 11

Saint Benedict, Abbot

No Daily Mass

Saturday, July 12

Vigil – Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – Mario Rubbo

Sunday, July 13

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – The Sacred Heart Society

FROM THE PASTOR...

This past Friday we celebrated the most important day in American history. On this supremely significant day 249 years ago, fifty-six British land-owning men signed a watershed document, the Declaration of Independence, in a little-known Pennsylvania colony. And this document would pave the future of what would arguably become the greatest nation in the world, the United States of America.

How are we as Catholic Christians and Americans supposed to celebrate this great day? John Adams, one of the Founding Fathers of our country, wrote this about how to celebrate the fourth of July:

"It ought to be commemorated as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty. It ought to be solemnized with Pomp and Parade, with shews, games, Sports, Guns, Bells, Bonfires and illuminations from one End of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more."

Well, let's see how we're doing in celebrating the fourth of July the way one of the greatest Founders envisioned. Parades? Check. Pomp? Check. Sports? Backyard games? Check. Fireworks? Double check. Solemn Acts of Devotions to God

Almighty? Um...not quite sure how that fits into the many festivities.

But John Adams set an example for us. After everything's said and done, we owe God more than anyone else for what occurred nearly 250 years ago. In fact, the most famous part of the Declaration of Independence explicitly points to God as the source of our freedom:

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these rights are life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness."

Not our parents, or politicians, or government, is the source of our most important rights. Only God. As the source of our rights, he deserves the highest praise, honor, and glory on Independence Day (and every day). There are many ways to honor God during this special time. Perhaps you can read a passage from the Catholic Bible with your family to kick off the festivities, or pray a rosary with the special intention for our political leaders and our country's future.

Or you could pray this simple prayer for our nation written by George Washington, our first President:

"Almighty God, who has given us this good land for our heritage: We humbly beseech you that we may always prove ourselves a people mindful of your favor and glad to do your will. Bless our land with honorable industry, sound learning, and pure manners. Save us from violence, discord, and confusion; from pride and arrogance, and from every evil way."

Defend our liberties, and fashion into one united people the multitudes brought hither out of many kindreds and tongues. Endue with the spirit of wisdom those to whom your Name we entrust the authority of government, that there may be justice and peace at home, and that, through obedience to your law, we may show forth your praise among the nations of the earth. In the time of prosperity, fill our hearts with thankfulness and in the day of trouble, do not allow our trust in you to fall; all this we ask through Jesus Christ our Lord." AMEN!

When I was in seminary, we had a professor who would always remark, "It's freedom of religion, not freedom from religion". When a society completely removes their creator: the source of all gifts, talents, skills, blessings, etc., from their conscience, and places complete reliance on themselves, the world becomes a much more difficult place to co-exist. May we revel in the independence of our nation, but even more so, revel in our dependence in our God.

God Bless America! Father Lavelle

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 7

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, July 8

No Events Scheduled

Wednesday, July 9

8:20 – 9:00am - Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, July 10

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

7:00pm – Men's Club

Friday, July 11

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, July 12

3:00pm - Reconciliation

Sunday, July 13

No Events Scheduled



FAMILIES OF GRACE

We are excited to announce a new opportunity for young families within our parish! Join us on **July 20th after the 9am Mass for Muffins after Mass** as we introduce this new connection group. Through gatherings, faith-based activities for our children, and support for those going through life's challenges, Families of Grace hopes to provide a faith-based village for each of us as we aim to raise Godly children. Join us on the 20th or call the parish for more information!

"Rooting ourselves in our Catholic Faith"

Parish Support

June 29, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 18,294.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 3,294.00
YTD Received	\$ 781,046.55
YTD Budget	\$ 780,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,046.55



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

CATHOLIC FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES OF THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN PARISH PRESENTATIONS

**Saturday July 12 and
Sunday, July 13 after both masses.**

Join us for a discussion on the spiritual and practical reasons for learning about Calvary and Resurrection Cemeteries' programs and services.

Presentations will be facilitated by James Stein, Outreach Manager. They will be held in the parish hall immediately following Mass.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

STEWARDSHIP – July 6, 2025

14th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"He said to them, 'The harvest is abundant, but the laborers are few...'" (Luke 10:2)

As Catholics we are all called to serve. Each of us has been given "charisms" otherwise known as gifts from the Holy Spirit to help build God's Church. Our charisms can only be used for good. We know that we are using them in the right ministry when we are filled with joy and we want to share stories about our charitable works. Discern how God is calling you to use your charisms. Say "yes" to what God is calling you to do and then do it! Share your joy and invite others to do the same.

VOCATIONS – July 6, 2025

Saints Pete and Paul, Apostles

"The harvest is abundant but the laborers are few."
(Luke 10:2)

God's vineyard is overflowing with opportunities, and there's a heartfelt need for dedicated laborers. Could Christ be inviting you to join this vital work? Take a moment to consider a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life. Your unique gifts could make a profound difference!

*Talk to your priest or
reach out to Father Chad Johnson
at 330-744-8451 or
cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.*

Our Pilgrimage Together

This July, we continue to honor the Jubilee year as Pilgrims of Hope by starting our county-wide celebrations. May all of us, traveling or at home, experience the power of God's presence everywhere we go.

Quote of the Month



"Let us turn, then, to the heart of Christ, that core of his being, which is a blazing furnace of divine and human love and the most sublime fulfillment to which humanity can aspire. There, in that heart, we truly come at last to know ourselves and learn how to love."

-Pope Francis, *Dilexit Nos*#30 as quoted in Bishop Bonnar's third pastoral letter.



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but aren't sure where to start? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith but aren't sure if you are ready to become Catholic? Have you been baptized in another faith tradition but attend Saint Michael with your spouse and are feeling called to explore becoming Catholic. Summer is a great time to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to begin the conversation and see if this is the right time for you.

Readings for July 13, 2025

Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Deuteronomy 30:10-14

Colossians 1:15-20

Luke 10:25-37

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Registration is under way for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation year. Returning families should have their registration packet. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade call Marcy at the parish office for information about YFF and to request a registration packet.



First Grade is required in order to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. It is expected that grades three through seven are completed before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparations.

Kindergarten is not required but highly encouraged. We limit the Kindergarten class to 10 children. If you are considering registering your child for Kindergarten YFF, be sure to get your registration packet in early to ensure a spot for your child.

SPONSOR GUIDELINE FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

It is an honor to be asked to be a sponsor (godparent) for Baptism or Confirmation. It means that you are seen as someone who is practicing their faith and living a life that reflects the teachings of the Catholic faith. Sponsors need to be:

1. Registered in a parish.
(adult children, 25 years old, need to be registered independently)
2. Attending Mass regularly at their parish of registration.
3. If married, a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
4. Forming their children in the faith.
(religious education or Catholic School)

You will be asked to submit a letter of eligibility as a sponsor, signed by the pastor of your current parish. These are universal norms for the Catholic faith, found in Canon Law (nos. 872-874).

MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
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WAVES OF KINDNESS

A message from the Diocesan Director

Help and Hope from the Heart

In his fourth and final encyclical, *Dilexit Nos (He Loved Us)*, Pope Francis provides us with a message that hits at the very core of humanity – the heart. *Dilexit Nos* invites us to reflect on the human and divine love that flows from the heart of Jesus and to share that love with those we encounter. This invitation to deepen our devotion to the sacred heart of Jesus is more important than ever when so much of what we witness in the world around us and experience in our own lives can cause our hearts to hurt or even to break.

Nowhere in the Church is the heart of Jesus more animated than in the ministry of Catholic Charities. The help and hope our case workers provide to thousands of people each year reflect mercy, compassion and love – authentic responses that come from the heart.

As Jesus loves us and reveals his sacred heart to us, we, in turn, are called to share the love we have received. How does Catholic Charities do this? By living out the message found in Matthew 25: feeding the hungry, sheltering the homeless, visiting the imprisoned, and practicing the other corporal works of mercy. Meeting basic physical needs to eliminate suffering, anxiety and despair is how Catholic Charities provides help and creates hope from the heart.

Thank you from the bottom of our hearts for supporting our work throughout the Diocese!

Rachel A. Hrbolich

Diocesan Director

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