

# 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*

Katherine Garchar  
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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, April 7****Saint John Baptist de la Salle**

8:00am – Domenico Fabilli

**Tuesday, April 8**

8:00am – Mario Silvestri

**Wednesday, April 9**

8:00am – Anthony DeRosa

**Thursday, April 10**8:00am – Deceased Members of the  
Calvaruso Family**Friday, April 11****Saint Stanislaus**

8:00am – Mass

8:30am – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, April 12****Vigil – Palm Sunday**

4:00pm – The Sacred Heart Society

**Sunday, April 13****Palm Sunday**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – John DePinto

*Come Worship With Us!***Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion**

April 12, 2025 – 4:00pm Mass

April 13, 2025 – 9:00 &amp; 11:30am Masses

**Holy Thursday -The Mass of the Lord's Supper**

Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 7:00pm Mass

followed by Adoration until Night Prayer at 10:00pm

**Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord**

Friday, April 18, 2025 – 7:00pm Service

**Blessing of Easter Food**

Saturday, April 19, 2025 – 10:00am

*held in the Parish Hall***The Great Easter Vigil**

Saturday, April 19, 2025 – 8:00pm Mass

**Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord**

Sunday, April 20, 2025 – 9:00 &amp; 11:30am Masses

**FROM THE PASTOR . . .**

This weekend, we return to the familiar purple of Lent, having clothed ourselves in the rose of rejoicing in our prayer, fasting, and charity last weekend. But alas, this will be the last weekend for the hue of repentance. This time next week, while still on a Lenten journey leading to the Resurrection, we will cover ourselves in the red symbolizing Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion. This triumphant entrance into Jerusalem will lead us all into a prayerful and reflective observance of the final week of our Lenten journey and the final week of Christ's life on earth. Please be attentive to the various celebrations for the Triduum. Consider joining us as we participate in the three holiest days of the Church year, which opens before us another journey – not of fasting, but of feasting – feasting on the resplendent joy that is Christ resurrected for us. This new journey of Easter, one of not 40, but 50 days, will lead us to the celebration of Pentecost – the Birth of the Church. May we, in every season, discover the ways in which the Lord is calling us to give new life to the Church, and like those who first bore witness to the Resurrection, announce all we have heard and seen. As we enter these final days of Lent may they seek to truly prepare us for the incredible joy to come.

May God bless us all. Father Lavelle

**RECONCILIATION**

The last opportunity for individual confession at Saint Michael Parish before Holy Week & Easter will be on Saturday, April 5 at 3:00.

**LENTEN PROGRAM**

The final Lenten program entitled "There's Power in the Word" (Gospel of Saint Luke) will be at **6:30pm in the church on Wednesday, April 9**. The session will be facilitated by Barb Spencer and will begin with prayer. 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.







## ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

### One in Hope, One in Mission

It's so easy to condemn the shortcomings of others, to point the finger outward instead of looking inward. Jesus doesn't condemn. He invites us in. He doesn't exclude.

The people in the Gospel, those with stones in their hands, reflect on Jesus' simple but powerful statement: *"Let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her."* They saw guilt in themselves. But they also recognized that in stoning the adulteress they'd add yet another sin, judgement, to their list of existing wrongdoings. When they listen to Jesus, they avoid compounding sin. The path Jesus lays out is a path of salvation, for all of us. All of us need His mercy. All of us need His redemptive love. We can be a bearer of this mercy and love to others when we support programs that draw others to Christ, such as the Annual Diocesan Appeal. Please consider contributing to the Diocesan Appeal this Lent.



## VOICE OF HOPE AWARDS DINNER

Thursday, May 1

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Eastwood Event Center

Annually, the Diocese of Youngstown and Catholic Charities holds a major gathering entitled **The Voice of Hope**. At the dinner, there are various groups honored as Voices of Hope. In 2004, Saint Michael Parish, Canfield was honored and in 2009, Father Lavelle was honored. This year, in addition to Mercy Health Foundation - Mahoning Valley, Saint Michael and Father Lavelle are receiving the honor again (a rare second awarding). The doors open at 5:00pm and the cost is \$100 per person. **Saint Michael Parish has reserved a few tables and have tickets available for \$80 per person. If interested, please contact the parish office. Thank you.**

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, April 7

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Tuesday, April 8

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, April 9

8:20 – 9:00am -- Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:30pm – Lenten Reflections

### Thursday, April 10

8:30am – Bible Study

8:30am – Scripture Sharing

1:00-3:00pm – Monthly Bible Study

7:00pm – Men's Club

### Friday, April 11

9:00am – Fitness

4:00-6:30pm – Fish Fry

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, April 12

No Events Scheduled

### Sunday, April 13

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



### Parish Support

March 30, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 12,460.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 2,540.00)
YTD Received	\$586,516.31
YTD Budget	\$585,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,516.31



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

## CLEAN UP YOUR ACT FOR LENT

We are continuing to collect 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 overwhelming kindness and generosity.



*If you would like to bring up the gifts in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.*

## 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a **Wedding Anniversary Celebration on Sunday, May 18, at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Columba in Youngstown**, honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall.

**You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before April 25, 2025.**

### Readings for April 6, 2025

#### **Fifth Sunday of Lent**

Isaiah 4:16-21

Philippians 3:8-14

John 8:1-11

### 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
Arlene 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?

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.*

### EASTER FLOWERS

A reminder to please fill out your Easter flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Easter Season. A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the Easter Bulletin, April 20. **We must receive the envelopes by Thursday, April 10 to have the names included in the Easter Bulletin.** Again, thank you for your kindness. May the season of Resurrection bring us the promise of eternal life.

### MILITARY LIST

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



## SAINT MICHAEL PARISH



### DINE IN or TAKE OUT

*Final Week!!!!*

**Friday, 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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## CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

April is National Child Abuse Prevention Month. It serves as an annual reminder of the importance of families and communities working together to prevent child abuse and neglect. The Catholic Church remains dedicated to being at the forefront of raising awareness about the scourge of child abuse, implementing the best policies and procedures to protect children from potential abusers, and working with professionals to bring healing to those who have been abused. During the month of April, you are encouraged to visit the diocesan safe environment webpage (<https://dooy.org/safe-environment/>).



## Archangel Derby at Saint Michael Racetrack

### Spring Night at the Races



**Friday, May 2, 2025, in the Family Life Center**

Doors open at 6:30 – Races begin at 7:15pm



### The event is a BYO – BFF – Bring your own Bottle, Food & Fun!

The parish provides snacks (chips & popcorn & the mixes) *You provide the food and drinks to share at your table.*

Admission is \$15 per person. Tables of eight [8] can be reserved in advance – all others will be open seating.

To sponsor a horse (\$25 each), please contact the parish office or complete the portion below and return it to the office or in the offertory basket. To sponsor a race (\$250) please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Race sponsors get their name or business logo in the program along with 2 admission tickets.

### Night at the Races Sponsorship Form - \$25 per horse

Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name \_\_\_\_\_

Horse Name \_\_\_\_\_ Your Name \_\_\_\_\_



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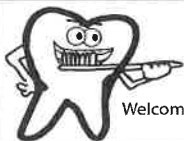
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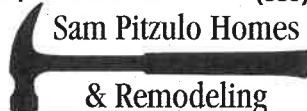
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