

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
Director of Music

Maxine Gordon
Administrative Assistant

Stephanie Howley
Business Manager

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Facilities Manager

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
Closed on Friday

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, July 20

Saint Apollinaris

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, July 21

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, July 22

Saint Mary Magdalene

No Daily Mass

Thursday, July 23

Saint Bridget

No Daily Mass

Friday, July 24

Saint Sharbel Makhluf

No Daily Mass

Saturday, July 25

Vigil – The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – Betty & Joseph Bindas

Sunday, July 26

The Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Mary Louise Joy

PATRIOTIC ROSARY GARDEN SPONSORS



If you would like to sponsor or memorialize loved ones in our Patriotic Rosary Garden the following opportunities are available:

There are 11 large containers available and the cost to sponsor one container is \$100.00.

There are 20 tall containers and the cost to sponsor one container is \$50.00.

Please put cash or a check made out to Saint Michael in an envelope marked with your name and that it is sponsorship for the Patriotic Rosary Garden. You can turn it into the Parish Office or place it in the collection.

Sponsors for the containers are available on a first-come basis. The names of sponsors will be put in the bulletin, just as we do for the Christmas and Easter Flower Memorial. Also, a list of the names will be placed on the Altar and prayed for from now until our Parish Feast Day on September 29.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Saint Mary of Magdala, whose feast we celebrate this Wednesday, July 22, is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with, and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes. Let us look to Mary as a wonderful intercessor as we run to discover Christ present to us and run forth to proclaim his being alive for all of us.

*Mary of Magdala, pray for us.
Father Lavelle*

VOCATIONS – July 19, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The kingdom of heaven is like a mustard seed."
(Matthew 13:31)*

Small acts of faith can grow into great vocations. A call to a particular vocation often begins quietly, but as you pray and nurture it, it can blossom into something beautiful. Is God placing a vocation in your heart? If you feel called to follow God's path, talk with your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or vocations@youngtowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – July 19, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a man who sowed good seed in his field...He who sows good seed is the Son of Man, the field is the world, the good seed the children of the kingdom."
(Matthew 13:24, 37-38)*

As children of God, we are all "good seeds". We are blessed by God with the potential to accomplish much good in the world. We fulfill God's plan when we spend time in prayer every day, use our skills to help others and share our financial gifts to help build God's kingdom on earth. Through our example of gratitude and generosity we sow "good seeds" on earth and ultimately help each other get to Heaven!



Faith Formation

Registration is underway for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year. Returning families should have received their registration packet. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade, please call Marcy at the parish office for YFF information and to request a packet.

First Grade is required to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. Students are expected to complete grades three through seven before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparation.

Kindergarten is not required, but it is highly encouraged. Class size is limited to 10 children, so please return your registration packet early if you would like to reserve a spot for your child.

The deadline for YFF registration is Monday, August 31.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 20

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 21

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00pm – Garden Guild

Wednesday, July 22

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, July 23

8:30am – Bible Study

Friday, July 24

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, July 25

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, July 26

No Events Scheduled



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Shirley Morvay
Milton Deichman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Dorothy Pastore
Jim Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Janice Rovnak
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Charles Slivkoff
John Hahn	Sharon Mangapora	Caroline Zeigler
Betty Hawco	JoAnn Mortimer	

Born to Eternal Life

Nick D'Errico

Tony Gestosani



Please Note:

There are no more masses available for 2026.

The mass book for 2027 will open sometime in October. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date we will be accepting mass requests for 2027.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William "Bill" Sweeney", Battalion Surgeon, 6 th Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army
Philip McLaughlin - USMC

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament may be celebrated before surgery or during a serious illness. To schedule, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Because of Father Lavelle's many responsibilities, please allow adequate time when requesting a visit.

Baptism

To have your child baptized, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least six months 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, and at least one godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active parish members for at least six months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 or older and still registered under your parents' registration, you must register independently. A diocesan Pre-Cana class is required, along with meetings with Father Lavelle several months before the wedding.

SPONSOR GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

It is an honor to be asked to serve as a sponsor, or godparent, for Baptism or Confirmation. This means you are recognized as someone who practices the faith and lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Sponsors must be:

1. Registered in a parish.
Adult children age 25 or older must 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 through religious education or Catholic school.

Sponsors will be asked to submit a letter of eligibility, signed by the pastor of their current parish. These universal norms of the Catholic faith are found in Canon Law, nos. 872-874.

Readings for July 19, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43

Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



From **July 25 – August 31** we will be collecting school supplies to help students start the year with the tools they need to succeed! Your generous donations can make a huge impact on their education and future. Please place all donations in the bins at the entrances of the church. Donations will then be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Parish Support

Final Report for Fiscal Year 2025-2026

Amount Received	\$ 785,324.10
EFT June	\$ 11,075.00
Yearly Total	\$ 796,399.10
Yearly Budget	\$ 750,000.00
Yearly Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 46,399.10



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



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Catholic Charities Diocese of Youngstown is introducing ***Christmas in July*** – a new, unified parish collection which replaces the former *Warm Hearts for Warm Homes* (January) and *First Step for Change* (May and June) campaigns. **The collection will take place next weekend, July 25/26**, which will help families who face the challenge of keeping their homes warm during the cold winter months. Your support assists with heating costs, utilities clothing food and Christmas gifts.

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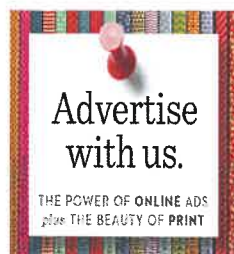
*It's a tangible way to be a part of
this important work and we need your help!*



***If you are interested in bringing up the gifts in
the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers
before Mass begins.***

**Ad space is available in the
back of our church bulletin. If
interested, please call the
Parish Office at 330-533-6839.**

Ads run for a year. About 500
bulletins are printed and
distributed each week over all
three of our weekend Masses.
Bulletins, including the ad pages,
are also uploaded to our website.



Stay Connected

Visit our website at www.stmichaelcanfield.org for
more information on parish activities.

HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have Handel's pint cards that are good
through January 2027. The
cost is \$6.75 per card and are
good at several Handle's stores
throughout the area. A portion of
the proceeds from the purchase
of the card is donated back to
Saint Michael Parish.



SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor
of someone, please fill in the form below. The opening
announcements will ask everyone to first turn to the
front cover of the book and if there is a name in memory
or honor, please keep that person in prayer throughout
the Mass. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each.

Thank you for your generosity and remembering our
loved ones in prayerful song.

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