

# 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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## 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, June 29**  
**Saints Peter and Paul**  
 8:00am – Rene Paul Bertheaud
- Tuesday, June 30**  
**The First Martyrs of the Holy Roman Church**  
 8:00am – Mary Ann Geier
- Wednesday, July 1**  
**Saint Junipero Serra**  
 No Daily Mass
- Thursday, July 2**  
 No Daily Mass
- Friday, July 3**  
**Saint Thomas, Apostle**  
 No Daily Mass
- Saturday, July 4**  
**Vigil – The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 4:00pm – Mario Rubbo
- Sunday, July 5**  
**The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:00am – The People of the Parish  
 11:30am – Hover & Keener Families &  
 Hannah Burkey

**Please Note:**

**The Parish Office will be closed on Thursday, July 2 and Friday, June 3 in observance of America's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary. We will reopen on Monday, July 6 at 8:30am. Thank you.**

**FROM THE PASTOR...**

This coming Saturday, we will celebrate the most important day in American history. On this supremely significant day 250 years ago, fifty-six British landowning men signed a watershed document, the Declaration of Independence, in a little-known Pennsylvania colony, proclaiming the unalienable dignity and rights bestowed upon every individual by their creator. This document would pave the future of what would arguably become the greatest nation in the world, the United States of America. This powerful declaration resonates deeply with our Catholic doctrine, echoing our core belief in the sanctity of every human person, each crafted in the divine image and likeness of God.

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 the Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.”*

Well, let's see how we're doing in celebrating this 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of our nation 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 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.”*

As we celebrate our country's 250<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, in the midst of the festivities, let us pause to reflect on the immense value of safeguarding these God-given rights, particularly the freedom to openly practice our faith and worship without fear or restraint. Our Catholic heritage is steeped in a legacy of championing social justice and the common good, values that resonate profoundly with the very spirit of America.

On this sacred day, may we honor those who fought valiantly for our independence, and those who continue to defend and preserve our cherished freedoms. As we gather with loved ones, let us lift our hearts in prayer, offering heartfelt thanks for the blessings of our country and the precious freedoms we hold dear. Pray for the wisdom and courage to uphold the noble ideals of liberty and justice for all, ensuring that these invaluable gifts endure and thrive for generations to come.

*Happy Independence Day and may God Bless America!*

*Father Lavelle*



## **THE PATRIOTIC ROSARY GARDEN**

**SATURDAY, JULY 4, 2026**

**Please join us after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, July 4 to Bless and Dedicate our new Patriotic Rosary Garden.**

The 10 planters will display the names of the 50 States in America. The statue of Saint Michael will be in the center of the garden with two illuminated flagpoles. Benches for private devotion will be throughout the garden.

*We come together in prayer in this beautiful tribute our Our Lady, the Patroness of the Americas, to thank God for the blessings He has bestowed on our country, and to honor our brave service men and women all over the world, our veterans, and our first responders at home. We also join together to pray that the rights and protection of all Americans, especially the unborn, be restored, and for the safety and security of our United States of America. Amen.*

## VOCATIONS – June 28, 2026

### The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)*

Following Christ means embracing sacrifice. Are you willing to carry your cross, offering your hopes and dreams in order to follow Him and discover true peace and purpose? Have you asked God what He is calling you to in your life? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngtowntodiocese.org.

## STEWARDSHIP – June 28, 2026

### The Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"...whoever does not take up his cross and follow after me is not worthy of me." (Matthew 10:38)*

Pope Benedict XVI said, "The world offers you comfort. But you were not made for comfort, you were made for greatness." "Comfort" puts me first. "Picking up your cross and following Jesus" puts God and others first. Why settle for comfort when you can achieve greatness! Pick up your cross, ask Jesus for guidance on using your gifts and live the life God intended for you!



## Faith Formation

Registration is under way for the 2026-2027 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 returned early to ensure a spot for your child.

## Readings for July 5, 2026

### The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Zechariah 9:9-10  
Romans 8:9, 11-13  
Matthew 11:25-30

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, June 29

No Events Scheduled

### Tuesday, June 30

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, July 1

No Events Scheduled

### Thursday, July 2

Parish Office Closed

### Friday, July 3

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, July 4

Independence Day

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm - Rosary

5:00 – Dedication of the  
Patriotic Rosary Garden

### Sunday, July 5

No Events Scheduled



## Parish Support

June 21, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 10,209.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 4,791.00)
YTD Received	\$773,143.10
YTD Budget	\$735,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 38,143.10



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

## The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul

The Feast of Saints Peter and Paul, observed on June 29, honors the martyrdom of the apostles. The date selected being the anniversary of either their death or translation of their relics.

Tradition holds that Saint Peter and Saint Paul were martyred in June of the year 67 A.D. (in some traditions, on the very same day), while living and ministering in Rome during the reign of the infamously brutal Emperor Nero. Saint Peter and Saint Paul were Jesus' foremost Apostles. Together the two saints are the founders and patrons of the Church in Rome. Saint Peter was crucified upside down, while Saint Paul was beheaded. Their churches, Saint Peter's Basilica and Saint Paul Outside the Walls, were built on the respective locations of their martyrdom and burial.



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## A Prayer for America's 250th Anniversary

O God,  
 Lord of history and of every nation under heaven,  
 we give You thanks for the 250 years since the founding of these United States. Look with favor upon this land which we love. Grant that its people may be guided by truth and charity. Bless all who serve in elected office. May they govern with integrity and humility. Strengthen families, renew communities, and heal every division that weakens our life together. We ask especially through the intercession of Mary Immaculate, patroness of these United States, that this nation may remain a land where human dignity is honored, where the weak are protected, and where hope is never extinguished. As we mark this 250th year, grant that we may recommit ourselves to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness in a way that is ever more just, more united, and more faithful to Your will. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

*O merciful God, look with compassion on those who are ill. Grant them healing and strength in body, mind, and spirit. Ease their pain and suffering and restore them to health. Give them patience in their illness and trust in Your loving care. May they feel Your presence and find comfort in Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.*

#### 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, 6th Marines, US Navy
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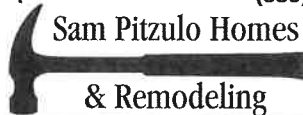
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