

# 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*

Maxine Gordon  
*Administrative Assistant*

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Audrey Geskey  
*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, August 10****Saint Lawrence**

8:00am – James Dunn

**Tuesday, August 11****Saint Clare**

8:00am – Fran &amp; Frank Powers

**Wednesday, August 12****Saint Jane Frances de Chantal**

8:00am – Mary Popovich &amp; Stephanie Althouse

**Thursday, August 13****Saint Pontian****Saint Hippolytus**

8:00am – Thomas Dwyer

**Friday, August 14****Saint Maximilian Kolbe****Vigil – The Feast of The Assumption**

6:00pm – The People of the Parish

**Saturday, August 15****Vigil – The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

**Sunday, August 16****The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Vincent James Ryan

11:30am – Ellen Knowles

## THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, a holy day of obligation, is this coming **Saturday, August 15.**

**This year, we will celebrate the holy day with a Vigil Mass on Friday, August 14, at 6:00pm.**

*Heavenly Father, on this Feast of the Assumption, I look to Mary as the perfect model of surrender. Give me a heart that is open to Your divine plan. Help me to trust You in the silence and in the storm, knowing that Your will is my peace. Like the Blessed Mother, may I be a vessel of Your grace on earth so that I may one day share in her glory in heaven. Teach me to set aside my own desires for the sake of Your kingdom and Your glory. Amen*

**FROM THE PASTOR...**

As we prepare for the observance of the Assumption of Mary, we recall the relative newness of this official teaching. Addressing a jubilant crowd of more than 500,000 people packed into Saint Peter's Square, Pope Pius XII solemnly defined in "*Munificentissimus Deus*" on Nov. 1, 1950, that the "*Immaculate Mother of God, the ever-virgin Mary, having completed the course of her earthly life, was assumed body and soul into heavenly glory.*" The ultimate goal and meaning of our life's journey is the resurrection of the body and life everlasting. The promise of faith is already accomplished in Mary, who is the "*sign of sure hope and comfort.*" It is a privilege granted to her and closely connected to her being the Mother of Jesus. Since death and the corruption of the human body are consequences of sin, it was not right that the Virgin Mary – who is free from sin – should be affected by this natural law. Hence the mystery of her "Dormition" or "Assumption into heaven."

During her lifetime, although the Gospel citations are limited, Mary always presented our Lord to others: to Elizabeth and her son, John the Baptist, who leapt for joy in the womb at the presence of the Lord still in his own mother's womb; to the simple shepherds as well as the wise Magi; and to the people at Cana, when our Lord acquiesced to His mother's wish and performed the first miracle.

Moreover, Mary stood at the foot of the cross with her Son, supporting Him and sharing in His suffering through her love as only a mother could do. Finally, she was with the Apostles at Pentecost, when the Holy Spirit descended and the Church was born. Therefore, each of us can step back and see Mary as the faithful servant of God who shared intimately in the birth, life, death and resurrection of our Lord.

The Feast of the Assumption gives each of us great hope as we contemplate this one facet of the beautiful woman of faith, our Blessed Mother. Mary moves us by example and prayer to grow in God's grace, to be receptive to His will, to convert our lives through sacrifice and penance, and seek that everlasting union in the heavenly Kingdom. Let us entrust ourselves to her so that she might help us journey the paths of life knowing how to recognize the great things that God accomplishes in us and around us, and to thank Him for what is beautiful and good in our own lives. As we gather to celebrate the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, may we all come to a deeper understanding of our union with her Son, Our Lord Jesus Christ.

*May Mary's gentle love fill our hearts with peace, joy, and unwavering faith. Father Lavelle.*

## VOCATIONS – August 9, 2026

### The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."*

*(Matthew 14:27)*

In the midst of uncertainty and challenge, Jesus calls us to trust in His presence. Vocations invite us to step out in faith, whether to priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage, placing our lives in His hands and allowing Him to guide us. How is He calling you?

If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk with your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or [vocations@youngtowndiocese.org](mailto:vocations@youngtowndiocese.org).

## STEWARDSHIP – August 9, 2026

### The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He said, 'Come.' Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus."*  
*(Matthew 14:29)*

When you hear Jesus calling, do you respond immediately and trust that He knows what He is doing? If so, you are walking on water! When we say "yes" to Jesus, we feel the power of His presence in our lives. We can feel the freedom it gives us! Listen to how Jesus is calling you to live the extraordinary life He has intended for you.

### Readings for August 16, 2026 The Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 56:1, 6-7  
Romans 11:13-15, 29-32  
Matthew 15:21-28



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. Now 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. We will be meeting at Saint Michael Parish from 6:00 – 8:00pm beginning on Tuesday, September 15. A morning option is available.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, August 10

No Events Scheduled

### Tuesday, August 11

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, August 12

8:20am - Adoration

### Thursday, August 13

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

### Friday, August 14

**Parish Office Closed**

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, August 15

3:00pm – Reconciliation

### Sunday, August 16

No Events Scheduled



## 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.**

**"Youth Faith Formation needs 2 or 3 volunteers to lead our 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grade class.** This is an amazing opportunity to help form our young teens. You will be given materials, support, and a mentor to assist you on this faith journey. As with all our classes, the goal is to have a team of catechists in the class. Please consider joining the YFF catechist team. If you have questions, ask one of our catechists or call Marcy at the Parish Office (330-533-6839). Remember, God calls those whose hearts are open to the gift of faith.

*Is God calling you?"*

# Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



We will collect school supplies through August 31 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.*

## THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

*Explore our New Website!*

We're excited to announce the launch of the brand-new website for the Office of Vocations of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown!

**WWW.DOYPRIESTHOOD.ORG**

On August 1, 2026, the Office of Vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown unveiled a fresh new look. While our mission remains unchanged – to help men and women discern and respond to God's call – our branding has been refreshed to better reflect that mission.

We are also excited to introduce our new vocations vodcast, designed to provide engaging resources, inspiring stories, and practical tools for those discerning their vocation.

We invite you to take a few minutes to explore the new website, discover the many resources available, and share it with family, friends, and anyone who may be discerning where God is calling them. We hope it will be a source of inspiration, information, and support for all who are seeking to follow God's call.

For more information, please contact Father Will Wainio in the Office of Vocations at 330-744-8451 or visit [www.doypriesthood.org](http://www.doypriesthood.org).

### **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.

## GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on **Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Along with a business meeting, we will finalize the details regarding our wreath exhibit at the Canfield Fair, then review and finalize our Fall Programming.



### **Parish Support**

**August 2, 2026**

|                              |                      |
|------------------------------|----------------------|
| <b>Amount Received</b>       | <b>\$ 14,310.50</b>  |
| <b>Amount Budgeted</b>       | <b>\$ 15,000.00</b>  |
| <b>Surplus/(Deficit)</b>     | <b>(\$ 689.50)</b>   |
| <b>YTD Received</b>          | <b>\$ 72,714.50</b>  |
| <b>YTD Budget</b>            | <b>\$ 75,000.00</b>  |
| <b>YTD Surplus/(Deficit)</b> | <b>(\$ 2,285.50)</b> |



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



***Born to Eternal Life***  
*Cheryl Love*

### **PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

|                 |                      |                  |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Dante DeAngelo  | Dale Hynes           | Shirley Morvay   |
| Milton Deichman | 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 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.*

**If you are homebound or know someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office so they can be put on the schedule.**



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## SAVE THE DATE!!!

### Potluck Dinner



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER  
27<sup>TH</sup> AFTER THE  
11:30AM MASS**

Our Parish Potluck  
Dinner will be held in the  
Family Life Center.  
*More information to follow.*

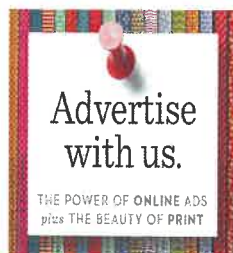
### MILITARY LIST



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

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.



### HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have Handel's pint cards that are good through July 31, 2027. The cost is \$6.95 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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