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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
Closed on Friday

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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



Mass Schedule

Monday, November 16
Saint Margaret of Scotland
8:00am – Healing for Sister Karlene Seech

Tuesday, November 17
Saint Elizabeth of Hungary
8:00am – Frank Powers & Stephen Holowach

Wednesday, November 18
The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul
Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne
8:00am – Rose & Paul Ridarsky

Thursday, November 19
8:00am – James Leugers

Friday, November 20
No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 21
Vigil – Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
4:00pm – Antonette & Edward Sutton

Sunday, November 22
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
9:00am – The People of the Parish
11:30am – Darlene Zaba-Fox

Join us for a YOUTH MINISTRY SERVICE PROJECT

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20
12:30 – 5:00PM
Saint Michael Family Life Center

Bring your unwrapped gifts and our youth ministry will wrap them for you while you relax and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa!

All donations will support Saint Michael Youth Ministry program.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Students in grades 9 – 12, join us for a fun day of service and Christmas cheer!

Sign up: bit.ly/ymgiftwrap

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR
NOVEMBER 15, 2026

Theme: *"The Lord is the refuge of the poor."*
(Psalm 14:6)

This Sunday, November 15, the Sunday before the Solemnity of Christ our King, the Holy Father, Pope Leo, calls us to the 10th observance of **"World Day for the Poor".** The day was established by the Catholic Church to highlight the dignity, needs, and rights of the poor.

Pope Leo's message for Tenth World Day of the Poor, is that we should *"Open our eyes to the needs of our brothers and sisters; inspire in us words and actions to comfort those who labor and are burdened. Make us serve them truly, after the example of Christ and at his command. And may your Church stand as a living witness to truth and freedom, to peace and justice, that all people may be raised up to a new hope."*

His message emphasizes

- God as the refuge of the poor, especially those facing injustice, marginalization and exclusion.
- The need for Christians to rediscover the central place of the poor in the life of the Church and to examine their commitment to justice, solidarity, and human dignity.
- A call to confront social injustice, arrogant corruption, and the ways society silences the cry of the port
- The reminder that the poor often recognize what is essential because 'they live on essentials."

Pope Leo's message serves to remind us that the poor today are often forgotten and marginalized, deprived of bread, voice, and dignity. We as Christians are called not only to seek refuge in God but also to be a refuge for the poor. The Church today must be a *"Church of the Beatitudes"* that walks with the poor and gives them a privileged place.

On this celebration of the World Day of the Poor may we strive to give more serious spiritual attention to the poor, who need God and need someone to be a concrete sign of His listening and closeness. May we as Christians uphold the dignity of every person, especially those marginalized by injustice and indifference. May the Church's continued mission be to place the poor at the center of Christian life and witness.

On Wings We Rise - Father Lavelle

VOCATIONS – November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:21)

World Day of Cloistered Life – November 21

Today we honor those who live the cloistered life, faithfully dedicating themselves to prayer, penance, and hidden service for the good of the Church. Their quiet devotion sustains the world in ways often unseen, showing that even the smallest acts of faithfulness have eternal significance. Could God be calling you to this life of prayerful witness, where your faithful service bears fruit for countless souls?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – November 15, 2026
Thirty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Well done, my good and faithful servant. Since you were faithful in small matters, I will give you great responsibilities (Matthew 25:21)

God calls us to nurture and develop the gifts He has given us and then generously return a portion with increase. He doesn't want us to waste or hoard the gifts He has given us. He expects us to grow our gifts, to use them wisely, and to be generous with them. Unfortunately, many of us are not generous in proportion to all that God has given us. God asks us to be generous with all our gifts, especially the one that means the most to you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Tim Kneen	Mike Roussos
Milton Deichman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
Matt Faltisco	Patricia Lesho	Charles Slivkoff
Jim Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Katherine Smith
Marilyn Fisher	Terry Martin	Charlene Stein
John Hahn	JoAnn Mortimer	Walt Sweeney
Betty Hawco	Shirley Morvay	Caroline Zeigler
Dale Hynes		

Born to Eternal Life
Stanley Paszko



Readings for November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
Ezekiel 34:11-12, 15-17
1 Corinthians 15:20-26, 28
Matthew 25:31-46

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Monday, November 16
No events Scheduled

Tuesday, November 17
11:00am – Patriotic Rosary
6:00pm – Garden Guild
6:00pm – OCIA

Wednesday, November 18
8:20am – Adoration
10:00am – OCIA
6:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, November 19
8:30am – Bible Study
10:00am – Scripture
6:00pm – Youth Group

Friday, November 20
Parish Office Closed
7:30pm – AA Meeting
6:00pm – Diocese Night at the Races

Saturday, November 21
3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, November 22
9:00am – Children's Liturgy
10:05-11:20 – Youth Faith Formation
2:00 – 3:30pm – Confirmation Class



CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** are up at all entrances to the Church. We will again be asking for **donations of either cash or check** and the agencies we support will, in turn, use the financial donations to secure what each family is requesting.

The **Angel Ornaments** on the wreaths are for you to keep. When you prepare your home for Christmas and hang the ornament on your tree we ask that you keep in prayer the family your generosity enabled to have a more joyful Christmas. All the angel ornaments have an envelope attached. The suggested donations are: light green - $25; light pink - $50; gold - $100. Any amount you can offer is acceptable. If you wish to make more than one donation, please take only 1 ornament and take other envelopes from the basket near the bulletins. Donations may be dropped off in the secured donation boxes located near the wreaths, in the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office. **Please return all donations by December 6.** We are extremely thankful for the overwhelming support our parish family has shown in past years. We are very hopeful that the same generous support will continue this year. God bless you all!

LIGHTING OF THE GREEN



Friday,
November 20th
6:30pm

FREE FAMILY EVENT

Caroling, Santa, Carriage Rides, Refreshments

MILITARY LIST



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

THE WORD AMONG US

The Word Among Us is a monthly Catholic publication that contains daily Mass readings, reflection meditation, and other articles. If you are interested in receiving this for a reduced cost, you can join fellow parishioners who do so. The first issue will be January 2027, and the cost should be about $20 -$25 for the entire year.

A gentle reminder that during the Mass, one should be focused on the celebration. As we are reminded in the documents governing our Catholic liturgy – we are to offer full, active, and conscious participation. Any materials such as a missal or readings and prayers are for before or after Mass, not during the liturgy itself.

If interested in ordering, please call
Joe Schesler at 3 30-507-0583.
Requests must be received by November 17.

ATTENTION LECTORS: WORKBOOKS FOR 2027 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP AFTER MASS.

Parish Support

November 8, 2026



Amount Received	**$ 16,857.00**
Amount Budgeted	**$ 15,000.00**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 1,857.00**
YTD Received	**$ 309,762.76**
YTD Budget	**$ 285,000.00**
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 24,762.76**

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

THE TURKEY CONNECTION



If you have been a parishioner of Saint Michael for some amount of time, you know of the Turkey Connection. Each year we are asked to supply turkeys and all the "fixins" like stuffing, pies, potatoes, yams, rolls, etc. for a Thanksgiving meal to serve at the three soup kitchens we facilitate – Saint Vincent DePaul Dining Hall, The Rescue Mission and The Community Kitchen of Youngstown. Please bring these items (please use disposable containers) to our Parish Hall on:

Monday, November 23, 4:00 – 7:00pm
Tuesday, November 24, 8:30am -4:00pm

Thank you and God bless you for this and all you already do to bring the face of Christ to this small corner of the world.

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BISHOP BONNAR

This Tuesday, November 17, is the sixth Anniversary of our Holy Father calling Bishop Bonnar to serve as the Sixth Bishop of Youngstown. May we continue as a parish and as a diocese to heed his motto, and work *"That All May Be One!"*

Please keep Bishop Bonnar in your prayers this week.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

A lifetime of service deserves care in return.

"Our ministries often face deep financial challenges. We rely on the generosity of donors; their giving isn't just helpful – it's vital," shares Brother Jordan Coonen, of the Dominicans in Chicago, Illinois. The Retirement Fund for Religious assists thousands of senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests with health care, housing, and daily needs.

Please consider giving next week through the parish collection or online at **retiredreligious.org.**

GARDEN GUILD



Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet **Tuesday, November 17 at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall** for their business meeting followed by a Christmas activity. Members are to bring a near baseball sized (plain) tree bulb ornament that will be decorated with various trim material provided by Mary Ann Silvestri.

Pope Francis



Pope Francis (1936-2025) served as Pope from 2013-2025 and was the first Jesuit Pope and the First Latin American Pope. He chose his name to honor Saint Francis of Assisi.

***Lumen Fidei* (The Light of Faith, 2013)**
Pope Francis' first encyclical, completed in 2013, focuses on the centrality of faith, the relationship between reason and faith, and the Church's role in transmitting the Gospel. It was largely drafted by Pope Benedict XVI and completed by Francis, marking a theological foundation for his papacy.

***Evangelii Gaudium* (The Joy of the Gospel, 2013)**
An apostolic exhortation urging the Church to renew evangelization, overcome complacency, and embrace missionary zeal in today's world. It was issued alongside *Lumen Fidei* as part of Francis' initial pastoral and theological program.

***Misericordiae Vultus* (The Face of Mercy, 2015)**
A papal bull inaugurating the Extraordinary Jubilee of Mercy. It calls the faithful to contemplate the mystery of mercy and to live in a spirit of compassion, forgiveness, and reconciliation.

***Laudato si'* (Praise Be to You: On Care for Our Common Home, 2015)**
A landmark encyclical on environmental stewardship, linking ecological crisis to social injustice. It became one of the most influential Catholic documents in decades, shaping global climate discourse and inspiring the Paris Agreement.

***Fratelli Tutti* (On Fraternity and Social Friendship, 2020)**
An encyclical addressing global social, political, and religious challenges, promoting solidarity, fraternity, and concern for the poor. It draws on the example of St. Francis of Assisi and calls for a world united in human dignity

Reflection Questions

The Joy of the Gospel calls everyone to become Missionary Disciples. How have I answered the call to invite others into the active living of the Gospel of Christ?

Laudato Si challenges everyone to care for the creation given us by our loving God. How am I working to pass on a planet enriched, rather than depleted, of God's blessing?

Fratelli Tutti calls on all the faithful to live in solidarity with the poor and disenfranchised. In what ways have I worked not only to "give" to the poor, but to unite with them?

YOUNGSTOWN VOCATIONS

A NIGHT AT THE RACES

An evening in support of our seminarians!



FRIDAY
November, 20th
2026

6:00 PM

Join our seminarians in a race to the finish line!

Saint Michael Parish
Family Life Center
340 North Broad Street
Canfield, OH 44406

Details

- $20 per person
  - includes refreshments
- $150 Event table
  - includes 8 tickets together
- $30 each horse per race
  - 10 Races plus a special Auction Race
- $300 to sponsor a race
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Join Us!

Giving Tuesday

JOIN US FOR A BREAKFAST WITH THE MOST REVEREND DAVID J. BONNAR BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

This event will include:

- **Mass at Saint Michael Parish at 8:00am**
- **Breakfast Buffet**
- **Collection of Goods:** *Bring a non-perishable or taxable pantry item to donate, and receive a token of appreciation from Catholic Charities.*
- **Education Stations:** Learn about Catholic Charities' ministries and services.
- **Basket Raffle**
- **Holiday Bake Sale** (Seeking Volunteer Bakers), *prices will vary.*
- **Breakfast provided by A La Cart Catering**

All proceeds to benefit Catholic Charities Basic Needs Assistance Programs.

When: **Tuesday, December 1, 2026**
Where: **Saint Michael Parish Family Life Center, Canfield**
Time: **8:30am – 10:30am**
Tickets are $35/person – To get your tickets visit www.ccdoy.org
Please RSVP by November 16!

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