

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

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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, January 5
Saint John Neumann
 8:00am – Joseph Maxin

Tuesday, January 6
Saint André Bessette
 8:00am – Gerri Coates

Wednesday, January 7
Saint Raymond of Penyafort
 8:00am – Robert Palma

Thursday, January 8
 8:00am – Marie & Andy Skrobola

Friday, January 9
Saint Stephen
 No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 10
Vigil – The Baptism of the Lord
 4:00pm – Edward Brennan

Sunday, January 11
The Baptism of the Lord
 9:00am – Gerri Coates
 11:30am – The People of the Parish

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

I hope everyone had a wonderful start to the new year. I want to thank Father Korda for celebrating Masses with us last Sunday (I was with Bishop at the Cathedral as we conclude the Jubilee Year), on the Vigil of Mary, the Mother of God, and this weekend on the Solemnity of the Epiphany. His kindness and generosity allowed me the opportunity to get away for a few days. As we begin this new year, like many of you, I first look back on a past year that had many highs and lows. And like you, I pray that this coming year will be filled with many more highs. Thank you for all you do to build up our family of faith, and ultimately, the Kingdom of God. Like the Magi, may we always journey to discover the shining light of our Savior, and then go forth sharing all we have discovered.

God bless you all – Happy New Year;
 Father Lavelle



EPIPHANY BLESSING & PROCLAMATION

There are many traditions in the Church surrounding the Solemnity of Epiphany. Among them are the house blessing and the proclamation of the coming liturgical year. The blessing invokes the names of the three magi, **Caspar, Melchior** and **Balthasar** as well as the coming year, all connected with crosses. The proper inscription, usually done in chalk above the front door for this new year is **20 + C + M + B + 26**. Each year, the Church also proclaims the coming feasts of great importance that do not have a “fixed date”. These are known as “moveable feasts” since the calendar date can change.

The traditional proclamation for the year 2026 is:

“Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us recall the year’s culmination, the **Easter Triduum of the Lord**: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the Second day of April and the evening of the Fourth day of April. **Easter Sunday** being on the Fifth day of April. Each Easter -- as on each Sunday -- the Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the Eighteenth day of February. **The Ascension of the Lord** will be commemorated on the Seventeenth day of May. **Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the Twenty-fourth Day of May. And this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the Twenty-ninth Day of November. Likewise, the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed.

To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen”.



LA BEFANA – A SEARCH FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

An Italian tradition surrounding Epiphany is that of **La Befana**. Legend has it that a knock came to the door of this aged woman, and the people at the door were the three wise men. The Magi were seeking directions, and in the course of the conversation, invited her to join them as they sought the Christ Child. Preferring to remain in the home, in order to sweep and clean, she missed out on this opportunity. With a change of heart, she went after the wise men, never to catch up with them. Legend continues that because she missed out on discovering the Christ Child, she spends each Christmas season searching for other good children to which she brings gifts, much like wise men came to bring their gifts to the newborn king. May we learn from the mistake of La Befana and always be willing to seek the newborn King.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 5

No Events Schedule

Tuesday, January 6

10:00 – 11:30am – OCIA

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, January 7

8:20 – 9:00am – Adoration

Thursday, January 8

8:30am – Bible Study

1:00 – 3:00pm – Monthly Bible Study

7:00pm – Men's Club

Friday, January 9

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, January 10

Second Collection

3:00pm – Reconciliation

5:00pm – Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, January 11

Second Collection

10:00 – 11:30am – Coffee & Donuts

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



Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

*Lord God of heaven and earth,
you revealed your only begotten Son to
every nation*

by the guidance of a star.

Bless this house

and all who inhabit it.

*Fill us with the light of Christ,
that our concern for others may reflect
your love.*

*May Christ Jesus dwell with us,
keep us from all harm,
and make us one in mind and heart,
now and forever.*

Amen.

VOCATIONS – January 4, 2026

The Epiphany of the Lord

*"They prostrated themselves and did him
homage." (Matthew 2:11)*

The Magi offered their gifts to Christ, just as we are called to offer our own. What gifts has God given you, and how is He calling you to use them in service to Him? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

Readings for January 11, 2026

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Acts of the Apostles 10:34-38

Matthew 3:13-17

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Jim Fisher	Jack LeBrun
James Dunn, Sr.	Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe
	Bridget Dunn Leonard	

Please Note: If you would like to have a name on the list for 2026, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

LETTERS OF SUITABILITY AND CELEBRATION OF SACRAMENTS

In order for the parish to provide a letter of suitability for someone to serve as a Godparent at Baptism or to be a Sponsor at Confirmation, one must be actively participating in the celebration of the Mass. If married, the marriage must have taken place in the Catholic Church or have been validated in the Catholic Church.

Given the number of Masses and those attending, the only way to verify one's attendance is through the use of the offertory envelopes. Again, this is NOT based on the amount in the envelope, if any. This is the same for celebrating a Baptism, Marriage, or having children enrolled in our Faith Formation Program.

Additionally, for our children preparing for First Reconciliation, the reception of the Eucharist for the first time, and Confirmation, the use of the "Mass Attendance Cards" is required. While not looking for perfect attendance, the children and family must participate in the celebration of Mass more times than not. If this cannot be accomplished, a postponement of the sacrament may be required.

Please note, we do not say no, but sometimes, for the proper preparation, must say "not at this time". The sacraments call us into community with one another. There is both a right and an obligation to be known to the pastor and the Church in preparing for these celebrations.

Thank you for your cooperation and understanding.



Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, January 12, 2026**, with Mass at 11:30 and lunch and a presentation to follow.

Please call the office by Thursday, January 8 to make a reservation.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Saint Michael Parish will follow the Canfield Schools cancellation schedule for snow and cold. If the Canfield Schools are closed or on a two-hour delay due to the weather, the 8:00am Mass will be cancelled, and the intention will be rescheduled. The office and any other activities will also be cancelled if the schools are cancelled or open at 10:00am if there is a two-hour delay. Thank you.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently planning for our **3rd Annual "SHAKEN NOT STIRRED" event which will take place on Saturday, January 31, 2026**. The Youngstown Cookie Table is always such a huge success, so we plan on doing it again! If you have a favorite cookie that you bake, please consider donating it for the event. Cookies can be brought to the Family Life Center the week of January 26 – 30.



We are also looking for gift card donations. Gift cards can be brought to the parish office or dropped in the collection basket and marked for **SHAKEN NOT STIRRED**.

Thank you in advance for your support!

Parish Support

Due to the holiday, the collection was not available at the time of printing.

Thank you for understanding.

SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. To assure that these people are truly remembered in prayer at each Mass, 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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Saturday, January 31, 2026

In the Family Life Center

Doors open at 5pm – Food Stations at 6pm

The event includes:

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A variety of liquor stations and open bar.

50/50 Raffle, tickets for a bourbon basket and \$6,000 in cash drawings
and always the chance of a few more “twists”!

**Tickets are \$80 and are available
at the Parish Office. (330-533-6839)**

**Buy your tickets now and reserve a spot in one of our Mixology Classes that
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