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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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#### 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 Friday: 8:30am - 3:00pm

#### **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, November 18 The Dedication of the Basilicas of Saints Peter and Paul Saint Rose Philippine Duchesne 8:00am - Grace Abernathy

Tuesday, November 19 8:00am - William Michael

Wednesday, November 20 8:00am - Marie & Andy Skrobola

Thursday, November 21 The Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary 8:00am - The Deceased Members of the Calvaruso Family

Friday, November 22 Saint Cecilia No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 23

Vigil -Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

3:00pm - Reconciliation 4:00pm - Fred Fessler

Sunday, November 24

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

9:00am - The People of the Parish

11:30am - Mary Cretella

#### FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This Sunday, the Sunday before The Solemnity of Christ our King, the Holy Father calls us to observe a "World Day for the Poor". Pope Francis has chosen for the Eighth World Day of the Poor a particularly significant motto for this year dedicated to prayer, as the beginning of the Ordinary Jubilee 2025 approaches: "The prayer of the poor rises up to God" (Sirach 21:5). This expression, which comes from the ancient scribe Ben Sira, becomes immediate, and easily understood.

The Pope reiterates that the poor have a privileged place in the heart of God, who is attentive and close to each one of them. God listens to the prayer of the poor and, faced with their suffering, becomes "impatient" until he has rendered justice to them. Indeed, as the Book of Sirach attests, "His judgment comes speedily" (21:5).

In his Message, Pope Francis invites everyone to learn to pray for the poor and to pray together with them, with humility and confidence. The World Day of the Poor is an opportunity to become aware of the presence of the poor in our cities and communities, and to understand their needs. As always, the Pope also mentions the "new poor", resulting from the violence of war, from "misguided policies involving weapons" which claim many innocent victims.

The Pope reiterates that prayer must find the confirmation of its authenticity in concrete charity. Indeed, prayer and deeds refer to each other: "If prayer does not translate into concrete action, it is in vain ... however, charity without prayer risks becoming philanthropy that soon exhausts itself". This is the legacy that many saints have left us throughout history, such as Saint Teresa of Calcultta, who always repeated that she drew the faith and strength to serve the poor from prayer. In the Message, we also find the example of Saint Benedict Joseph Labre, "God's vagabond", poor among the poor, whose casket is in Rome, in the Church of Santa Maria ai Monti, and is a destination for many pilgrims.

Let us not forget, however, the many people who in our cities continue to devote a great deal of their own time to listening and supporting the poorest. They are real faces who, by their example, "give voice to God's response to the prayer of those who turn to Him". The World Day of the Poor is also an opportunity to remember them all and to thank the Lord.

Pope Francis' Message for this Eighth World Day of the Poor therefore invites us all to give more serious spiritual attention to the poor, who are in need of God and of someone to be a concrete sign of His listening and closeness.

# HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BISHOP BONNAR

This Sunday, November 17th, is the fourth 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.

#### YOUTH MINISTRY

Youth ministry will meet this Sunday, November 17th at 5:00pm in the Family Life Center. We will have a brief presentation and then work on stuffing stockings for our Christmas Giving program for children in need in our area. We will also have dinner provided and wrap up by 7pm.





# CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our Christmas Giving Wreaths are up at all the entrances to the Church. As in the past few years, we will again be asking for cash only donations. The agencies 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. We ask that when you prepare your home for Christmas that you hang the ornament on your tree and during the holidays, and when you see that ornament, 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. We ask that if you wish to make more than one donation, that you take one ornament, and also 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. 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!

### **ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL UPDATE**

With the celebration of Thanksgiving and the season of Advent fast approaching, we would like to take this opportunity to thank the many people across the diocese who have made a prayerful gift to the 2024 Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One is Mission. The generosity and kindness demonstrated toward those served by the Appeal is overwhelming. We are just several gifts away from reaching our \$4 million goal! Here at Saint Michael Parish, we have received gifts and pledges totaling \$154,605.00 toward our goal of \$110,800.00. That is 139.54% of our goal. Thank you so much for your faithful support.

# **VOCATIONS - November 24, 2024**

"Heaven and earth will pass away, but my words will not pass away."

Cherish the precious words of the Lord. He may be calling you to a life of contemplation as a cloistered monk or nun, whose lives are devoted to prayer and reflection. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or <a href="mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org">cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org</a>

### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 18 9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, November 19 11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, November 20

9:00am - Fitness Fun

6:00 - 7:00pm - Baptism Prep

7:00pm - Garden Guild

Thursday, November 21

8:30am - Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture Sharing

7:00pm - K of C

Friday, November 22

9:00am - Fitness

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, November 23

8:00 - 10:00am - Soup Kitchen

Sunday, November 24

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

# Parish Support

November 10, 2024

Amount Received \$ 8,300.00 Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00

Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 6,700.00)

YTD Received \$275,979.00

YTD Budget \$285,000.00

YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 9,021.00)

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

# STEWARDSHIP - November 17, 2024

"And then they will se 'the Son of Man coming in the clouds' with great power and glory." (Mark 13:26)
We will all have that day when we are standing before God and our life is played out like a movie. When this happens and God asks each of us, "What have you done with the gifts that I have given you?" How will you respond? The good news — it's never too late to start living a grateful and generous lifestyle.

# Readings for November 24, 2024

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Daniel 7:13-14 Revelation 1:5-8 John 18:33b-37



#### LITURGICAL MINISTERS

# Saturday, November 23 - 4:00 PM

**Lector**: Bob Smallwood **Server**: Lauren Smallwood

Euch. Min: Marleen Belfiore (X-H)
Diane Graham (Font -C)
Bill Petro (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore., Mark Graham, Bill Petro

# Sunday, November 24 – 9:00 AM

**Lector**: Kelly Frammartino **Server**: Nate Ferguson

**Euch. Min:** Barbara Cummings (X-H) Janet LeClair (Font -C)

Tom Naples (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Greg laderosa, Mario Silvestri, Denny Sanders

# Sunday, November 24 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Steve DeCapua

Server:

Euch. Min: Laura Lonardo (X-H)

Tom Eaton (Font -C) Kay McCarthy (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Jim Cleeland, Russell Layfield

ATTENTION LECTORS: WORKBOOOKS FOR 2025 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP AFTER MASS.

# THE TURKEY CONNECTION



We are again collecting turkeys for thanksgiving meals for Saint Vincent DePaul Dining Hall, The Rescue Mission and Skip's Café. The collection day this year will be

# Tuesday, November 26, 2024

If you have been a parishioner of Saint Michael for a 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 these facilities. Since the city buses don't run on Thanksgiving Day, the Thanksgiving meal will be served on Wednesday. Please bring these items (use disposable containers) to our Parish Hall on

# Tuesday, November 26, 2024 Between 8:30am and 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

# CATHOLIC CHARITIES DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

# **Season of Giving**

Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown announces the 2024 Season of Giving Campaign. This 60-day campaign benefits those in need throughout the Diocese of Youngstown. Monetary gifts made to Catholic Charities during the Season



of Giving will keep families stably housed, put food on tables, allow utility services to remain connected, and above all, will express the love of God and compassion for others.

All donations will be passed through to the local Catholic Charities agencies serving our six (6) counties for direct assistance to individuals and families in need.

There are a variety of ways to engage with us during this campaign such as online through our website, (ccdoy.org), gifts by mail, or by attending one of our TWO in-person events scheduled for December.

- Breakfast with the Bishop, December 3
- Social Hour with the Bishop, December 5

Please visit our website for more details as they become available.

#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Margaret Chizmar	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun
James Dunn, Sr.	Jayme Lynn Lowe
Leslie Fisher	Francis Luongo
Jim Fisher	Mary Lou Mack
Marilyn Fisher	Vincent Mastromatteo
Jay Gettemy	Edward Mosca
John Hahn	Bill Myers
Dale Hynes	Mike Roussos
Christopher King	Janice Rovnak
Jack LeBrun	Jack D. Slifka
Bridget Dunn Leonard	· Laure and T. Laure and L.

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### **GARDEN GUILD**

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on November 20 at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall. The program for November is "The Beauty of Christmas - Décor for Your Home". The presenter is Daniell Harrell, a very talented designer, who has



been in the floral business for 40 years. She has worked with Joe Mineo and Sweet Arrangements Florist. This promises to be a great Christmas design program.

The program is open to all parishioners.

# Canfield Rotary invites you to LIGHTING OF THE GREEN

Saturday, November 30th 6:30pm

# FREE FAMILY EVENT

Caroling, Santa, Carriage Rides, Refreshments

Sponsorship Information please contact Anthony Nacarato at 330-509-5729 or email at Anthony.nacarato@yahoo.com



#### MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz - Navy Pilot Ryan Cruz - Captain, Marine Corp. Philip McLaughlin - USMC Colonel Gerald Nunziato

### SACRED HEART SOCIETY

For the "Sacred Heart Society", you may enroll an individual, couple or family name in the society of \$100 each (example: John Smith; John and Mary Smith; the Smith family or the Smith & Jones families). A Sunday Mass each month and a Christmas and Easter Mass are celebrated for all enrolled in the society.

complete the "Sacred Heart Society Enrollment" form below and return it to the parish office via the offertory collection.

May the Sacred Heart of Jesus lead us ever closer to the joy of the Kingdom.

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