

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*

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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



Monday, January 26

Saint Timothy

Saint Titus

8:00am – Mark Taylor

Tuesday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici

8:00am – Frank Hripko

Wednesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

8:00am – Tim Mikes

Thursday, January 29

8:00am – Trudy Mytinger

Friday, January 30

No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 31

Vigil – The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – The Sacred Heart Society

Sunday, February 1

The Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Anthony J. Sano

11:30am – The People of the Parish

DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN CELEBRATES CATHOLIC SCHOOL WEEK

This annual celebration includes a variety of events running from January 25 – January 31

Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Youngstown welcome all to join in the annual celebration of National Catholic Schools Week, beginning Sunday, January 25 and concluding Saturday, January 31. The theme, “Catholic Schools: United in Faith and Community,” highlights our focus on faith development, academic excellence, and dedication to community service. This week is an opportunity to highlight these efforts as school communities in the Diocese of Youngstown. Individual Catholic Schools have planned various events, including Masses, open houses, and other activities for students, families, parishioners, and community members. We take this week to recognize what makes Catholic education unique.

For more information on Catholic Schools Week, visit www.ncea.org



THE CONVERSION OF SAINT PAUL

In the long history of the Church no conversion has been more consequential than Saint Paul's. Paul had not been ambivalent toward the Church before he converted. He had actively persecuted it, even throwing rocks at the head of Saint Stephen, in all likelihood. But he changed, or God changed him, on one particular night. And on that night Christianity changed too. And when the course of Christianity changed, the world changed. It is difficult to overemphasize the impact of today's feast.



The details of Paul's conversion are well known. He was thrown from his horse on the road to Damascus. While stunned on the ground Paul heard the voice of Jesus: “Why are you persecuting me?” Not “Why are you persecuting my followers.” Jesus and the Church are clearly one. To persecute the Church is to persecute Christ. Jesus is the head and the Church is his body. Paul did not convert to loving Jesus and say that the Church was just an accidental human construct that blocked him from the Lord. No, of course not. He believed what right minded Catholics have believed for centuries and still believe today. To love Jesus is to love the Church and vice versa. It is impossible to love the Lord while disregarding the historical reality of how the Lord is communicated to us. The Church is not just a vehicle to carry God's revelation. The Church is actually part of God's revelation.

Paul's conversion teaches us that when Jesus comes to us, He doesn't come alone. He comes with His angels, saints, priests, and bishops. He comes with Mary, the sacraments, doctrine, and devotions. He comes with the Church because He and the Church are one. And when we go to the Lord we don't go alone either. We go as members of a Church into whose mystical body we were baptized. Thus St. Paul heard from God Himself, and thus we believe today.

Saint Paul, we ask your openness to conversion when we hear the Lord speak to us as He spoke to you. Assist us in responding with great faith to every invitation we receive to love the Lord more fully, to know Him more deeply, and to spread His word more broadly to those who need it.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 26

No scheduled events

Tuesday, January 27

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

7:30pm - OCIA

Wednesday, January 28

8:20 – 9:00am – Adoration

Thursday, January 29

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

6:00pm – Baptism Prep

Friday, January 30

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, January 31

3:00pm – Reconciliation

5:00pm – Shaken not Stirred

Sunday, February 1

9:00am – Children's Liturgy of the Word

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

2:00 – 3:30pm – Confirmation Class



Readings for February 1, 2026
Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 Zephaniah 2:3; 3:12-13
 1 Corinthians 1:26-31
 Matthew 5:1-12a

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

This weekend the Diocese of Youngstown is holding the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** for ministries of the Church around the globe. These ministries of the **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, **Holy Father/Peter's Pence**, the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**, and the **church in Latin America** assist the Church in serving people who are hungry, refugees, victims of natural disasters, and development projects.

Please remember, as we move toward the season of Lent, to give generously to the collection which combines four collections in one.



Welcome our Newly Baptized
Camden Ryan Abraham
 Son of Alyssa & Ryan Abraham
Lainey Mae Luklan
 Daughter of Kacie & Richard Luklan

VOCATIONS – January 25, 2026

National Catholic Schools Week

*"Follow me, and I will make you fishers of men."
 (Matthew 4:19)*

During National Catholic Schools Week, we celebrate how education forms disciples in faith and character. Just as educators guide students in their growth, and we as a parish participate in "Called by Name", we are encouraged to prayerfully discern and name those who could potentially become a priest, or religious Sister or Brother. Could he be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life to help form others in His ways?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – January 25, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"He called them, and immediately they left their boat and their father and followed Him."
 (Matthew 4:22)*

Just as Jesus called the first apostles, He calls each of us to follow Him, too. Not everyone is called to leave their business or family behind, but we are expected to put God first in everything. In gratitude to God, we should give our first and best of everything to Him: our time in daily prayer, our talent in participating in one of our parish ministries, and our treasure to support the financial needs of our parish mission.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Stella Fryda	Patricia Lesho
James Dunn, Sr.	John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Jim Fisher	Dale Hynes	Shirley Morvay
Marilyn Fisher	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler

Born to Eternal Life

Frank Rocca
Anthony Infante



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



Open House

Sunday, February 1
1:00 – 3:30 p.m.

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- A long history of National Merit and AP Scholars. 30 students were named AP Scholars as a result of the May 2025 testing. 3 members of the Class of 2026 will be recognized as National Merit Scholars.
- The Class of 2025 earned \$21 million in college scholarships and 74% of the class earned a college scholarship.
- Exciting and innovative STEM opportunities including The Merici Med Prep Program, Robotics, and E-Sports
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Open House Highlights

Pick up Applications for Admission and Financial Aid.

Completed applications may be submitted at Open House.

Learn about our College Preparatory Curriculum, including our Honors / Advanced Placement & STEM Programs.



Meet our faculty, coaches, and students and learn about the many extracurricular opportunities available.

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

We are in the process of posting the final contributions for 2025, including the many offertory gifts received for Christmas. As such, 2025 tax statements will be available beginning **Wednesday, January 28th**.



To obtain a statement, *please call* the office and it will be ready in two days (beginning on the 28th). **Statements will not be done while you wait.**

Parish Support

January 18, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 15,464.40
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 464.40
YTD Received	\$427,324.12
YTD Budget	\$405,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 22,324.12



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

CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently planning for our 3rd Annual **"SHAKEN NOT STIRRED"** event which will take place next **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!

I WILL BAKE COOKIES

Name _____

Please fill this out if you are baking and drop it off at the Parish Office or place it in the Collection basket.

Thank you!

CALLED BY NAME

Our parish is taking part in **"Called by Name"**, the Diocese of Youngstown's vocation initiative this weekend, January 24 and 25. Please prayerfully consider whom you might nominate. You can nominate someone whom you think Jesus might be calling to be a priest or religious sister or brother. Those you nominate will receive a letter from Bishop David Bonnar congratulating them on living the Christian life in an exemplary way and gently inviting them to begin formally discerning their calling, as well as much helpful information and resources.

There are no requirements or commitments on their part – only a loving invitation from the Lord.

SCAN FOR THE ONLINE NOMINATION FORM.



PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord of the Harvest, from age to age, you nurture growth in your people, that your goodness and love might flourish in our world.

Bless the Church of Youngstown with an outpouring of the Holy Spirit, bringing forth from our families and parishes willing and worthy spiritual leaders to be holy servants, trusting stewards, faithful shepherds, and missionary disciples.

Open the ears and hearts of our faithful, especially our young people, to attentively hear, and courageously respond, to your call to service for the Church as priests, deacons, religious, and lay ecclesial ministers.

Bless all married couples and single people and bestow on them the grace to not only be life giving but also to be steadfast supporters of religious vocations for the good of your Church.

May all those who respond to your call come to behold their giftedness and the confidence you place in them to continue the mission of the Church trusting always that it is you who call and you who equip.

We ask this through Christ the Lord. Amen



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**Saturday, January 31, 2026
In the Family Life Center**

Doors open at 5pm – Food Stations at 6pm

The event includes:

Live Music

Area Restaurant & Catering Stations

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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