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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

Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min., *Pastor*

Daniel LaPolla, *Seminarian Intern*

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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, October 27**

8:00am – Eleanor Sypolt

Tuesday, October 28**Saints Simon & Jude**

8:00am – James Leugers

Wednesday, October 29

8:00am – Dan Livingston

Thursday, October 30

8:00am – Fran & Frank Powers

Friday, October 31

No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 1**Vigil-All Souls' Day**

4:00pm – All the Faithful Departed

Sunday, November 2**All Souls' Day**

9:00am – All the Faithful Departed

11:30am – All the Faithful Departed

**Children's Liturgy of the Word
at the 9:00am Mass!!**

Children aged 4 through second grade will be invited to hear the Sunday readings, learn what they mean and pray.

We need volunteers to lead our young children through the readings of Sunday Mass. Our hope is to have multiple teams, to rotate each week.

The Leader Training for Children's Liturgy of the Word will be on Wednesday, November 5th at 6:00pm in the Parish Office.

Please call Marcy at the Parish Office (330-533-6839) for more information.

Please Note:

All volunteers are required to be in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment Policy.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This coming Saturday is the *Solemnity of All the Saints*. Although it is not a holy day of obligation this year we need to reflect on how the lives of the Saints challenge us each and every day. For like us, they were imperfect people, who recognizing the presence of Christ in their lives, sought to become more like him. Their varied stories of conversion, faithfulness and ministry spur us on to a deeper understanding of the need to share the light and the life of Christ in a world which so desperately needs his abiding presence.

The Church beautifully extends this celebration of the Saints with the *Commemoration of All the Faithful Departed*, what is commonly known as All Souls' Day. While for many of us, the remembrance of our loved ones in thought and prayer is a daily blessing, this particular day invites the entire Church to lift up all who have gone before us on the journey toward the Kingdom. In a special way, we recall the lives of those who have passed on since last year's observance of All Souls'. Seeking to continue our prayer for the faithful departed, the month of November has in many ways become a month of remembrance. Beginning with all the Saints and Faithful Departed, it leads us by the end of the month into a more profound sense of Thanksgiving, and also a new liturgical year with the beginning of Advent. Throughout the month of November, we will keep a collection of the All Souls' envelopes with names of our loved ones inscribed on them on the altar, and include them in our daily celebration of the Mass. When we gather for that celebration of the Mass, we exemplify the unity of the Communion of Saints. We gather surrounded by images of but a few of the many glorious lives of those Saints of God. We bring to each liturgy prayers for the faithful departed who have gone before us. And we bring ourselves to the celebration – in prayer, in thanksgiving, and in a desire to be more like those who surround us and guide us along the path that will lead us all to the joy of our heavenly reward. Not just this week, or month, but every day of our lives here on earth, let us *Sing with All the Saint in Glory*.

ALL SAINTS AND ALL SOULS' DAY

Because All Saint's Day, November 1, falls on a Saturday this year, the obligation to participate in Mass is abrogated.

All Masses on the weekend of November 1/2 will be celebrated for all the faithful departed. The names of those buried from our parish from November of last year will be read at the 11:30 mass on Sunday.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 27

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, October 28

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00-7:30pm - OCIA

Wednesday, October 29

8:20am – Adoration

Thursday, October 30

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

7:00 – 8:00pm – Adult Confirmation

Friday, October 31

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, November 1

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm – Rosary

5:00m – Boozy Bingo

Sunday, November 2

10:05 – 11:20 – Youth Faith Formation



Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, November 10, 2025**. We will begin with Mass at 11:30 followed by lunch and a presentation. More information on the program will follow at a later date.

The cost is just \$5.00 for lunch.

Hope to see you on the 10th!

Readings for November 1, 2025

The Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed (All Souls' Day)

Wisdom 3:1-9

Romans 8:14-23

Luke 7:11-17

Born to Eternal Life

Richard Cretella



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mindy Cline	Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho
Dante DeAngelo	Maureen Gutierrez	Shirley Morvay
Nick Derrico	John Hahn	Theresa Morvay
James Dunn, Sr.	Dale Hynes	Bill Myers
Arlene Dyman	Jim Jones	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Jack LeBrun	Jack D. Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden	Barbara Dunn Lowe	

Prayer for the Sick

God of all goodness, look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. Amen

MILITARY LIST

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



Parish Support

October 5, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 12,840.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 2,160.00)
YTD Received	\$185,747.54
YTD Budget	\$195,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$	9,252.46)



October 12, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 10,055.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 4,945.00)
EFT September	\$ 10,075.00
YTD Received	\$205,877.54
YTD Budget	\$210,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$	4,122.46)



October 19, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 20,886.69
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 5,886.69
YTD Received	\$226,764.23
YTD Budget	\$225,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) \$	1,764.23



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

From Daniel LaPolla

For the month of October, I have chosen to share about the life and charism of Saint Teresa of Avila, Foundress of the Discalced Carmelites.

Saint Teresa was born on March 28, 1515, in Castile, Spain. She was raised in a devout home with holy parents and siblings. Her brother Rodrigo was her early companion in seeking holiness.

At fifteen, Teresa became caught up in worldly desires, influenced by reading romance stories. Her priorities shifted toward outward appearance. Noticing the change, her father placed her in a convent. After leaving due to illness, she resolved to become a nun while recovering, inspired by *The Letters of Saint Jerome*. At twenty, she secretly entered the Carmelite convent of the Incarnation, as her father opposed her vocation until his death.

As a young nun, Teresa neglected personal prayer. Later, through spiritual direction and reading Saint Augustine's *Confessions*, she recommitted to prayer and Christian perfection, withdrawing from worldly distractions. She was blessed with spiritual insights and mystical experiences, including a vision of an angel piercing her heart with a fiery spear, leaving her inflamed with divine love.

Under the guidance of her confessor, she wrote about her experiences and teachings on prayer. Her most famous work is *The Interior Castle*.

After 25 years in religious life, Teresa saw growing laxity in her convent. She responded by founding a smaller, stricter community, facing and overcoming opposition to gain Church support.

During the papacy of Saint Pius V, apostolic visitors were sent to reform religious orders. Teresa was asked to oversee reform in Avila. When faced with resistance, she humbly told the sisters she only wished to serve them—her humility won their cooperation.

At the end of her life, Teresa fell gravely ill. When the priest arrived with the Blessed Sacrament, she sat up and said, "O my Lord, now is the time that we may see each other!" She died the next day.

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Saint Teresa teaches us that holiness requires sacrifice and humility. Though a nun, she still struggled with distractions and spiritual dryness. It was humility that led her to renewal, and with God's help, she made the sacrifices needed to stay close to Him.

What in our lives slows our spiritual growth and needs to be offered to God? Perhaps it's limiting social media, setting aside unnecessary work on Sundays, or taking a few quiet minutes in the morning to pray. The more we give to God, the more He reveals Himself and blesses us (Matt 25:29). May Saint Teresa intercede for us in making God our first priority.



Why the QR code?

As a seminarian intern, part of my formation includes receiving constructive feedback from the members of the parish community. Scanning the QR code takes you to a feedback page, where you can offer corrective or affirming words on my homiletic reflection. Feedback is welcome but not required. Thank you!

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 book for Mass Intentions is open. Initially you will be allowed to schedule ONE WEEKEND MASS INTENTION. AND THREE DAILY MASS INTENTIONS. After everyone has had an opportunity to schedule masses, we will invite the opportunity to schedule additional mass intentions.

Just a reminder, all Holy Day Masses, including Christmas and Easter, are celebrated for the people of the parish, living or deceased. Additionally, Masses for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day are celebrated for all our mothers and fathers, respectively.

The form also asks for a suggested date. This is not a guarantee. We will do our best to accommodate such requests, but on a first received basis. To schedule your first Mass Intention, please complete the form and return it to the office. The form must be completed and include the \$10 stipend. This is the best way to adhere to the prescribed laws and be fair to everyone.

Thank you.

2026 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

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32% **100%** **\$14,611,015**

of students took 2 or more AP or CCP classes

of students accepted to a 4 year college/university

scholarships awarded to the class of 2025

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FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown will meet on **Thursday, November 6, 2025**, at Avion on the Water Banquet Center, from 11:30 – 1:00pm. Sister Valerie Luckey, OSB, Director of Emmaus Ministries in Erie, PA, will speak on *“Conversion of Heart in a Suffering Society”*. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Mail reservations to with a Check Payable to: First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown, P.O. Box 11146, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

For more information, please call 330-720-4498 or visit the website at:

www.firstfridayclubofgreteryoungstown.org



This ain't grandma's night at the Bingo Hall!!

Join us on **Saturday, November 1** for our **2nd Annual Boozy Bingo**. We will have a variety of appetizers and finger foods, with an open bar featuring beer, wine, coolers and soft drinks. The evening will include 12 BINGO games with a **prize basket of wine and liquor, chocolates and gift cards**. The final game of the night will be a special **“Buy-In Coverall”** with the **grand prize of a limousine ride for 6 to and from Gervasi Winery in Canton, with a \$600 Gift Card for the evening**. There will also be a 50/50 raffle for the night, and we will pull for the **\$2,000 prize from our Annual Parish Raffle**. This promises to be a great night out for everyone. Doors open after the 4pm Mass and the first game begins at 5:45pm. Attendance is 21 and over and the cost of admission (including the first 12 Bingo games) is \$50.00. Tickets are on sale in the parish office.

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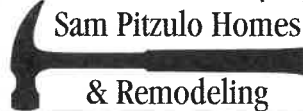
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