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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*

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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



Mass Schedule

Monday, November 2
All Souls' Day
8:00am – All the Faithful Departed
6:00pm – All The Faithful Departed

Tuesday, November 3
Saint Martin de Porres
8:00am – Maureen Hall

Wednesday, November 4
Saint Charles Borromeo
8:00am – Marie & Andy Skrobola

Thursday, November 5
8:00am – Tony Peluso

Friday, November 6
No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 7
Vigil - Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm – Fred Fessler III

Sunday, November 8
The Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am – The Sacred Heart
11:30am – The People of the Parish

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Beginning next weekend, we will have our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** up at all the entrances to the Church. Like the past few years, we will again be asking for **cash or check 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, 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!

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This weekend is one of my favorite times of the year – "Fall Back!" While some people may not even notice the change until the darker evening, as someone who has to get up early every Sunday for work – I greatly appreciate this extra hour. As you might imagine – I'm not a big fan of "Spring Ahead". One of the added bonuses of an extra hour in November is it provides an extra hour of Thanksgiving. Not the November 26th kind – the everyday kind. We all have much for which to be thankful. Might I suggest that, if we do not already do this, begin each day between now and Thanksgiving Day actually voicing to God something for which we are thankful. Since we are just into the month, I'll offer two things I am most thankful for as pastor.

1. The daily commitment of our parish staff. Their wealth of knowledge in their given areas, their care and concern for the parish community, and their light-heartedness make it a true joy to come to work every day.
2. Our young people and their families. I have been extremely appreciative and thankful for all who have embraced our faith formation program, sacramental preparation, and especially those who have seen their way back to a determined sense to not only have their children participate in our programs, but to come back as families to the celebration of the Mass and the life of the parish.

Just a general thank you and appreciation of you, our parishioners, as we continue to move forward. Tomorrow, I, and I hope you, will wake up with another blessing in our lives for which we are thankful. God bless you all. And enjoy the extra hour the Lord (and whatever law enacted daylight savings) has provided.

On the wings of an angel we rise, Father Lavelle

National Vocation Awareness Week November 1 -7, 2026

National Vocation Awareness week is a week-long celebration dedicated to promoting vocations to the priesthood, diaconate and consecrated life through prayer, education, and community support. It is a time to reflect on God's call, to support those discerning or living out a vocation, and to renew our commitment to be open to the Holy Spirit's guidance.

Let us make this week a time of prayer, reflection, and action that strengthens the church's mission and deepens our own commitment to God's plan.

VOCATIONS – November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

National Vocation Awareness Week
Starts November 2

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

The saints show us that true joy and freedom come from placing God above all else. Their lives remind us that holiness often begins in simplicity and humility, responding generously to God's call. During National Vocations Awareness week, let us pray for more men and women to courageously follow Him, discerning a life as a priest, religious brother or sister, or through holy matrimony. Could God be inviting you to join in his holy witness?

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

STEWARDSHIP – November 1, 2026
All Saints Day

"Whoever exalts himself will be humbled; but whoever humbles himself will be exalted." (Matthew 23:12)

The world celebrates people in the spotlight and those who have the most of everything. We think celebrity, money and possessions are the key to happiness. Yet, our world is filled with more loneliness, anxiety, and depression than ever before. The lives of the saints show that the key to a happy life is relationships. Relationships with God and each other. Trust is the foundation of any good relationship and humility is the seed of trust.

ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

There will be a training for any young person **3rd grade and up who has received 1st Communion.** The training will take place on **Monday, November 9 at 6:00pm in the church.**


ALTAR SERVER TRAINING

If you are interested and have not already filled out a form, please call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) prior to November 6.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Monday, November 2
No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, November 3
11:00am – Patriotic Rosary
6:00pm – OCIA

Wednesday, November 4
8:20am – Adoration
10:00am – OCIA

Thursday, November 5
8:30am – Bible Study
10:00am – Scripture

Friday, November 6
Parish Office Closed
7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, November 7
Second Collection
3:00pm – Reconciliation
3:15pm - Rosary
5:00pm – Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, November 8
Second Collection
9:00am – Children's Liturgy
10:00 – 11:15am – Coffee & Donuts
10:05-11:20 – Youth Faith Formation
2:00 – 3:30p, - 1st Reconciliation & Eucharist Class

The Commemoration of all The Faithful Departed



This coming Monday, November 2nd the Church observes the Commemoration of all the Faithful Departed, what has commonly been referred to as All Souls' Day. This is a day when the Church lifts up in prayer all who have died, especially since the last observance of All Souls.

We will have our annual Mass of Remembrance here at Saint Michael Parish on Monday, November 2, at 6:00 p.m. At this Mass we will remember all who have passed from this life into eternal life, especially those loved ones for whom we celebrated Masses and Services of Christian Burial this past year. We invite all parishioners to join us as we pray for those we have lost.

Eternal rest, grant unto them, O Lord,
And may the peace of Christ continue
to be with you.

Readings for November 8, 2026
Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
Wisdom 6:12-16
1 Thessalonians 4:13-18
Matthew 25:1-13

CATHOLIC SOCIAL TEACHING MONTH
Rights and Responsibilities

People have a fundamental right to life and to those things necessary for human dignity, such as food, shelter, health care, education, and employment. People have a right to participate in decisions that affect their lives. Corresponding to these rights are duties and responsibilities to respect the rights of others and to work for the common good. When people lack the basic necessities to live a life of dignity, their fundamental rights are being denied.



A Huge Thank You to everyone who participated in our 3rd Boozy Bingo last Saturday. Everyone seemed to really enjoy themselves! Congratulations to the winners of the 12 bingo games and to Margaret Stanko who was the winner of the 13th game which was a coverall. She and 5 other people will enjoy a limousine to and from the Gervasi Winery along with a $500 gift card to spend at the winery. We also drew our second raffle prize and $2,000 went to Janet Ames.

Thank you again to all who supported this event!

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

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

Parish Support

October 25, 2026

Amount Received	**$ 10,973.00**
Amount Budgeted	**$ 15,000.00**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**($ 4,027.00)**
YTD Received	**$ 262,665.00**
YTD Budget	**$ 255,000.00**
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 7,665.00**



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

Young at Heart

Our next Young at Heart will be on **Monday, November 9, 2026**. We will begin with Mass at 11:30am followed by lunch at 12:00 and then a presentation by Father Wainio on Vocations. The cost for the lunch is $5.00.

Please call the Parish Office (330-533-6839) by Thursday, November 5 to make a reservation.

Hope to see you on the 9th!





PARISH SOCIAL

Please join fellow parishioners next weekend, **November 7/8** after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday for a Wine & Cheese Social and Coffee & Donuts on Sunday from 10:00-11:15 between the 9:00 and the 11:30 Masses.

The Parish Office will be open for ½ hour after each mass next weekend.

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

We are now accepting additional Mass Intention requests. We will accept three additional Masses on a first received basis. We schedule the Masses based on what we know to be the calendar to date. We regret that there are always changes that happen and we appreciate your understanding when Masses need to be rescheduled. Thank you!

2027 Mass Intention Request Form

_____
Name of Mass Intention

_____
Name of person requesting the intention

_____
Requested date – Not guaranteed

_____
Telephone Number

Pope John Paul II



Pope John Paul II (1920-2005) was pope from 1978-2005. His 27-year pontificate was marked by unprecedented global influence, deep spiritual renewal, and historic political and religious achievements.

Role in the Fall of Communism in Eastern Europe

John Paul II was central to the 1989 nonviolent revolutions that ended communism in Central and Eastern Europe. His moral leadership, especially in Poland, inspired a "revolution of conscience" that spread across the region. Through 38 official visits and 738 audiences with world leaders, he engaged directly with political figures, including U.S. President Ronald Reagan, and helped create conditions for the collapse of the Soviet Union.

Record Number of Saints Beatified and Canonized

He beatified and canonized more saints than any pope before him, making holiness more accessible to the faithful. Over his pontificate, he celebrated 147 beatifications (1,338 "blesseds") and 51 canonizations (482 saints), surpassing the combined total of his predecessors over five centuries.

Global Evangelization and Youth Engagement

John Paul II launched and expanded *World Youth Day*, originating from his 1984 meeting with 300,000 young people in Rome. This initiative became a major global Catholic event, fostering youth participation in the Church's mission.

Strengthening the Church's Global Presence

As the first non-Italian pope since 1523, he traveled extensively, visiting over 120 countries and addressing millions worldwide. His pastoral visits and public teachings reinforced the Church's universal mission and deepened its relationship with diverse cultures.

Moral and Social Advocacy

He consistently addressed issues of human rights, peace, and social justice, often speaking out against oppression and advocating for the marginalized. His encyclicals and public statements emphasized the Church's moral authority and the universal call to holiness.

Reflection Questions

What does it mean to bring your informed knowledge of Christ into the political and social arena?

What does it mean to live the universal call to holiness?

Pope John Paul canonized the most saints. On this All Saints Day, what does it mean to model the holiness of the Saints?

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
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BREAKFAST WITH THE BISHOP

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 Church 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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