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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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Pastoral Associate

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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, August 31**

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, September 1

No Daily Mass

Wednesday, September 2

No Daily Mass

Thursday, September 3**Saint Gregory the Great**

No Daily Mass

Friday, September 4

No Daily Mass

Saturday, September 5**Vigil – The Twenty-Third Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, September 6**The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Robert Palma

11:30am – Nick DePinto

2026-2027 ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

If you haven't received your Annual Parish Raffle Ticket packet in the mail you should receive it in the next few days.

As with the past years, we are asking every household to buy or sell two books of tickets. The tickets are \$50 if the entire book is purchased or \$10 per ticket if the tickets are sold individually. These tickets cover four different events, with the first drawing for **\$1,000 at our Annual Feast Day Potluck Dinner on Sunday, September 27th**. The remaining three drawings will be **\$2,000 at Boozy Bingo on October 24**, three drawings of **\$1,000, \$2,000, and \$3,000 at our Shaken not Stirred event on Saturday, February 6, 2027**, and the final **\$1,000 at our Palm Sunday Pasta Dinner on Sunday, March 21**. Please make every effort to get your tickets in for this first drawing. The total prize package over the year is **\$10,000** and you even have the possibility of winning more than once! Thanks again for your support in the past, and thanks in advance, for your support in this year's raffle.

**FROM THE PASTOR...**

You certainly don't need the bulletin to remind you that the **180th Annual Canfield Fair** begins this Wednesday. We pray for good weather throughout the week, and wish everyone entering the various categories, from pigs to pumpkins, cows to quilts, and everything in between, great success. Different people go to the fair for different things. Some never see any of the entertainment, some never witness the livestock auctions and while I don't think anyone skips out on eating, the degree to which people "sample" the many treats vary. But the one common denominator is simply enjoying your time there, whether with family or friends. Have a great time at the fair, and congratulations in advance to all who work so hard to put on such a great week.

On Wings, We Rise. Father Lavelle

MEET OUR NEW YOUTH MINISTER

We are very happy to welcome Mr. Dan Procopio to our staff as our new Youth Minister. Dan and his wife, Danielle, live in Canfield with their two children, Ethan and Elisa. Professionally, Dan serves as Director, Business Operations and Product Strategy at CBC Global and is also an adjunct instructor at Sinclair Community College, where he teaches business courses.

Dan holds a Master's in Education with a focus in Counseling, an MBA in Organizational Management, and a bachelor's degree in Marketing Management. He has a strong commitment to community involvement and service. Dan is a co-founder of Elisa's Entourage, previously served on the Board of The Walnut Grove, and has volunteered with the Down Syndrome Association of the Valley. He has also served as a catechist at Saint Michael Parish.

Dan enjoys teaching, mentoring, volunteering, traveling and spending time with his family.

We look forward to developing a variety of events and activities to help our young people get to know each other and grow in service and knowledge of Jesus. Stay tuned for more news about Youth Ministry. Welcome, Dan!

**World Day of Prayer for the Care of Creation
September 1, 2026**

Pope Leo highlighted the connection between armed conflict and environmental degradation which constitutes a serious violation of our duty to care for creation as well as a threat to millions of people. He reminds us "to walk along the path that seeks peace and care for creation so that the promise of the Gospel may take deeper root in our world and the peace of Christ may reign over all of creation."

VOCATIONS – August 30, 2026

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me."
(Matthew 16:24)*

Jesus entrusts His Church to faithful servants and calls each of us to lay down our lives in love and service. Priests, religious, and married couples all share in this call to embrace sacrifice for the good of others. Consider how God may be inviting you.

If you feel called to the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or

vocations@youngtowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – August 30, 2026

The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

"What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life? (Matthew 16:26)

Saint Francis of Assisi said, "Remember, you are what you are in the eyes of God, and nothing else." We often forget this stewardship wisdom when we spend all of our time, talent and treasure to gain more of the world's riches. We need to set our priorities based on God's values and not the values of the material world.

Readings for September 6, 2026

The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Ezekiel 33:7-9

Romans 13:8-10

Matthew 18:15-20



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but aren't sure where to start? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith but aren't sure if you are ready to become Catholic? Have you been baptized in another faith tradition but attend Saint Michael with your spouse and are feeling called to explore becoming Catholic. Now is a great time to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to begin the conversation and see if this is the right time for you. We will be meeting at Saint Michael Parish from 6:00 – 8:00pm beginning on Tuesday, September 15. A morning option is available.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 31

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, September 1

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, September 2

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, September 3

8:30am – Bible Study

Friday, September 4

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, September 5

No Confessions this Saturday

3:15pm - Rosary

Sunday, September 6

No Events Scheduled



Faith Formation

The deadline for YFF registration is this coming Monday, August 31.

We need a few more people to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass. You will be given training and resources to help you. We work in teams of two or three leaders each Mass. This is a great opportunity to help our littlest parishioners learn to appreciate the Word of God at their level. Please call Marcy at the Parish Office (330-533-6839) for more information. All volunteers are required to be in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment policy.



Mark your calendars for our first Young at Heart of the new season. We will meet on **Monday, September 14, 2026**, at 11:30am for Mass, with lunch at 12:00 and a presentation to follow. More information on the presentation will follow later.

The cost this year is still just \$5.00 for lunch. **Reservations are required by Thursday September 10th**

Please plan to join us!!!

Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



Our Back to School Supply Drive will come to an end this coming Monday, August 31. Your generous donations are very much appreciated. All donations will be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need.

Thank you for your generosity.

Parish Support

August 23, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 9,547.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 5,453.00)
YTD Received	\$ 120,329.50
YTD Budget	\$ 120,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 329.50



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

25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, October 25th, at 2:00pm at the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist in Canton**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2026.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall.

You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before September 25, 2026.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Shirley Morvay
Milton Deichman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Charles Slivkoff
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Katherine Smith
John Hahn	Sharon Mangapora	Caroline Zeigler
Betty Hawco	JoAnn Mortimer	

CHEFS FOR CHARITY

Join us for **Chefs for Charity**, hosted by Bishop David J. Bonnar! Enjoy an evening of delicious tastings from over 20 top local restaurants, live entertainment, raffles, and a cash bar – all to support housing stability and fight homelessness in our community.

Event Details

Date & Time: Thursday, September 17, 2026
5:00 – 9:00pm

Location: Saint Demetrios Community Center
3223 Atlantic Street, NE, Warren, Ohio

Tickets: \$75 per person.

To purchase tickets please contact Nancy Voituis at 330-744-3320 or visit the website at www.ccdoy.org.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



The monthly Bible Study facilitated by Barb Spencer (330-503-4756) will resume on **Thursday, September 10th at 1:00pm** in the Family Life Center. Our study theme this year is: *Women in the New Testament*.

Contact Barb if interested.

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on **Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall** for a business meeting followed by creating a black wired pumpkin shaped frame wreath (14x14 inches approximately) at 7:00pm. Bring your own fall artificial flowers, glue gun to share and \$1.50 to purchase a frame.

Guests: If you want to join us at 7:00pm, please contact Debbie by September 9 (330-506-4517) to pre-order your frame.



*Welcome our
Newly Baptized*

Chaz Constantino Carrera
Son of Cecelia & Chaz Carrera

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Potluck Dinner



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS

Our Parish Potluck Dinner will be
held in the
Family Life Center.

We are asking families to bring either a side dish or a dessert, based on the first letter
of your last name: **A - K – side dishes, L - Z – desserts**
(with enough for at least 12 servings).

The parish will provide the main entrée and beverages, along with place settings.

We will kick off our **2026-2027 Raffle Season** with the first drawing of **\$1,000** drawn
that day! Make sure your tickets are in for the first drawing! Your 2026-2027 raffle
packet will provide chances throughout the year for **\$10,000 in prize money.**

Please complete the portion below to make your reservation for the Potluck Dinner.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH POTLUCK RSVP

Family Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of children 12 and under _____

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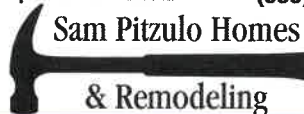


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