

# 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*

Daniel LaPolla, *Seminarian Intern*

Marcy Fessler  
*Pastoral Associate*

Katherine Garchar  
*Director of Music*

Maxine Gordon  
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Audrey Geskey  
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*Maintenance*

## 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, September 8**  
**Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

11:30 – Ed Brennan

**Tuesday, September 9**  
**Saint Peter Claver**

No Daily Mass

**Wednesday, September 10**

No Daily Mass

**Thursday, September 11**

No Daily Mass

**Friday, September 12**  
**The Most Holy Name of Mary**

No Daily Mass

**Saturday, September 13**

**Vigil – The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

4:00pm – Sophie & Steve Pavlich

**Sunday, September 14**

**The Exaltation of the Holy Cross**

9:00am – Edward Brennan

11:30am – Dave Christoff

### From the Pastor...



Every year, there is some amount of media attention given to the anniversary of the death of Diana, Princess of Wales. And understandably so, given her celebrity status, that she died at a young age,

and the tragic circumstances of her death. But five days after the untimely death of Diana, the world marked the passing of someone who died not young, but at the age of 87. Her death was not the result of a tragic and untimely accident, but a quiet passing from old age and various infirmities. But one could argue that she, like the Princess of Wales, enjoyed great celebrity status. While the media doesn't give the same attention annually to her passing, this past Friday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, the Church recalled her passing as we celebrate not only the anniversary of her death, but her Feast Day as a Saint Teresa of Calcutta. In 1979, Mother Teresa received the Nobel Peace Prize *"for work undertaken in the struggle to overcome poverty and distress which also constitutes a threat to peace"*. May we remember Saints like Mother Teresa every day as we seek the same labor to end poverty and bring peace into our world.

## Diocese of Youngstown

OFFICE OF THE BISHOP

August 29, 2025

Dear Parents,

I know many of our hearts are heavy with the news about the terrible events in Minneapolis. Please join me in lifting the families of Annunciation Catholic School up in prayer. Even in our churches, it seems, our children are not completely free from danger. We thank the many first responders, teachers, and members of the community that acted heroically to keep this tragedy from being even worse.

As your Bishop, I want you to know that I take the safety of students and worshippers as my utmost priority. Our parishes and schools have emergency plans in place, and many have representatives from law enforcement present to help ensure safety. Our schools regularly drill for all kinds of emergencies so that children and adults can respond to a crisis in ways that help to minimize risk. Last year, the Office of Catholic Schools initiated on-site safety inspections to make sure that best practices were being followed and those inspections will commence again next week. Later this year, leaders from every school in our Diocese will be trained by the Ohio School Safety Center in preventative measures as well.

Even with all that, we recognize that we must remain vigilant. To that end, I am announcing the creation of a Special Task Force to address safety and security issues at parishes and schools. Deacon Bill Bancroft, the Diocesan Director of Safety Services and a retiree from the Ohio State Highway Patrol, will co-chair this effort with Dr. Steven Jones, Superintendent of Schools for the Diocese of Youngstown. They will work directly with law enforcement and other first responders to make our schools and churches as safe as they can be.

I know these can be unsettling issues to have to confront, but the safety of our students and families demands we do so. Please join me in praying for the work of this Task Force. Together let us pray, "That All May Be One."

In His service,  
 Most Reverend David J. Bonnar  
 Bishop of Youngstown



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, September 8

12:00pm – Young at Heart

### Tuesday, September 9

10:00 – 11:30am OCIA

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, September 10

No Events Scheduled

### Thursday, September 11

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

6:00pm – Men's Club Steer & Ear Dinner

### Friday, September 12

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, September 13

Second Collection for Parish Projects

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm – Rosary

5:00pm – Wine & Cheese Social

### Sunday, September 14

Second Collection for Parish Projects

10:00 – 11:15am – Coffee & Donuts

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

2:00 – 3:30pm – Parent Meeting for Confirmation



## ADULT EDUCATION

A four week evening scripture program on interpreting the parables of Jesus and how to better grow spiritually from them will take place in the parish hall from 6:30-7:45pm.

The dates are **Wednesday, September 17, Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday October 1 and 8.** (Each evening is self contained.)

Facilitator: Barb Spencer

\*Please bring your Bible with you.

### Parish Support

August 31, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 12,238.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 2,762.00)
YTD Received	\$116,826.50
YTD Budget	\$135,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 18,173.50)



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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

### Readings for September 14, 2025

#### The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

Numbers 21:4b-9

Philippians 2:6-11

John 3:13-17

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held **on Sunday, November 16, at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral.** This is a special opportunity for anyone (age 18 or older) who has not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese.

Candidates must register with our parish and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. A preparation program will be held at our parish. Sponsors must be a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic and may not be the candidate's parent.

**Please contact the parish office (330-533-6839) no later than October 1, 2025, to register and verify eligibility to receive the sacrament.**



### 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over

#### Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, October 26<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm** at the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

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 26.**

## STEWARDSHIP – September 7, 2025

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Everyone of you who does not renounce all his possessions cannot be my disciple." (Luke 14:33)*

When we first hear this statement, it seems that Jesus is making an unrealistic demand upon us. How can we renounce all of our possessions? We need them to live. However, what we must renounce is the belief that they belong to us. Everything that we have belongs to God alone. All of our resources are entrusted to us not only for our own use, but also so that we can help others. Once we renounce the idea that we possess or are entitled to anything, it is much easier to share the many gifts that God has given us. Then we truly are His Disciples.

## VOCATIONS – September 7, 2025

### 23<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."  
(Luke 14:27)*

Every vocation involves sacrifice. Whether you are married, learning to put your spouse's needs before your own, or a priest choosing to forgo family life to serve others, each path involves laying down your desires for the sake of love. Trust that Christ will provide you with the strength to follow Him on your journey. Talk to your priest or reach out to

Father Chad Johnson at  
cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org or  
Father Will Wainio at  
wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.



Our first Young at Heart of the new season is this coming **Monday, September 8, 2025**. We will begin with Mass at 11:30 followed by lunch and a presentation on *The Seven Sorrows of Mary* by Marcy Fessler.

The cost this year is still just \$5.00 for lunch.

*Hope to see you on Monday!*

## PARISH SOCIAL

Please join fellow parishioners next weekend **September 13/14** 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 office will also be open for ½ hour after each mass next weekend.**

## GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will resume its monthly meetings on **Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall with a presentation by master Gardener Debi Hayes. She will speak about flower beautification in the city of Warren as well as Fall planting.



Guests are always welcome, and refreshments will be served.

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus thank you for supporting our recent fundraiser. Thanks to you, our Assembly raised \$4,000 to help our Veterans. We ask for your future support so we can help our Veterans.

Thank you again, and God Bless You.

## MILITARY LIST



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

## SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. To assure that these people are truly remembered in prayer at each Mass, the opening announcements will ask everyone to first turn to the front cover of the book and if there is a name in memory or honor, please keep that person in prayer throughout the Mass. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each. Thank you for your generosity and remembering our loved ones in prayerful song.

### Song Book Sponsorship








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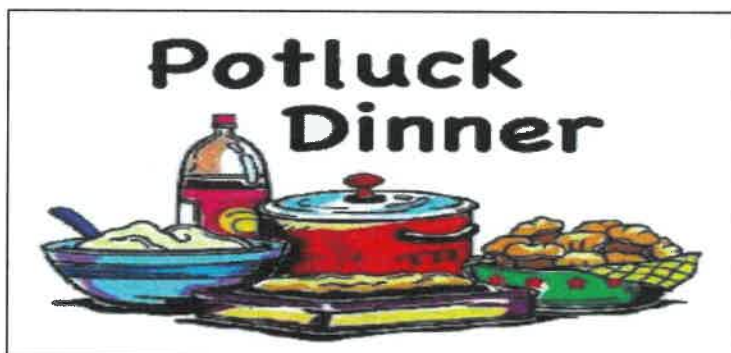
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### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

**“The more than 100,000 faithful parishioners of our diocese continue to live a vibrant Eucharistic life praying, celebrating sacraments and practicing works of mercy and charity in a spirit of joy, peace, courage, hope & love.**

*Joan Lawson, diocesan Chancellor and Archivist in “The March of the Eucharist, 1951 to 2025” in the Catholic Echo Magazine’s August 2025 issue.*



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS**

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

This year, we are asking families to bring either a side dish or a dessert, based on the first letter of your last name: **A - K – desserts L - Z – side dishes** (*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 **2025-2026 Raffle Season** with the first drawing of **\$1,000** drawn that day! Make sure your tickets are in for the first drawing! Your 2025-2026 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 picnic.

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH POTLUCK RSVP

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children 12 and under \_\_\_\_\_

Side Dish or Dessert you are bringing \_\_\_\_\_

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