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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, July 13****Saint Henry**

8:00am – Dorothy & Anthony Mueller

Tuesday, July 14**Saint Kateri Tekakwitha**

8:00am – Deceased Members of the Calvaruso Family

Wednesday, July 15**Saint Bonaventure**

8:00am – Anthony Derosa

Thursday, July 16**Our Lady of Mount Carmel**

8:00am – Michael Stefko

Friday, July 17

No Daily Mass

Saturday, July 18**Vigil – The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, July 19**The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Betty Stanko

11:30am – Laverne Schraf

PATRIOTIC ROSARY GARDEN SPONSORS

If you would like to sponsor or memorialize loved ones in our Patriotic Rosary Garden the following opportunities are available:

There are 11 large containers available and the cost to sponsor one container is \$100.00.

There are 20 tall containers and the cost to sponsor one container is \$50.00.

Please put cash or a check made out to Saint Michael in an envelope marked with your name and that it is sponsorship for the Patriotic Rosary Garden. You can turn it into the Parish Office or place it in the collection.

Sponsors for the containers are available on a first-come basis. The names of sponsors will be put in the bulletin, just as we do for the Christmas and Easter Flower Memorial. Also, a list of the names will be placed on the Altar and prayed for from now until our Parish Feast Day on September 29.

FROM THE PASTOR...

Here we are already at the midpoint of our summer season. I hope that everyone had a wonderful time last weekend celebrating the 250th Anniversary of our country's Independence. The weeks between now and Labor Day and the Fair will move very quickly so let us resolve to try and take some time to stop and revel in God's blessings, finding rest and refreshment in his creation and grace.

Thank you so very much for your continued support and encouragement of our parish community. I hope you had a chance to visit our newly dedicated Patriotic Rosary Garden. The garden is a beautiful tribute to Our Lady, the patroness of the Americas, and a way to honor the brave men and women who fought and still fight today to guarantee our safety and freedom.

Although we just began a new fiscal year, our parish programs, projects and many other activities seems to run on on an academic calendar. Our Young at Heart monthly program will begin on Monday, September 14 with mass at 11:30 and lunch and a program to follow. Be sure to save the date for our end of the summer Pot Luck Supper which will be on Sunday, Sunday, September 27 after the 11:30am Mass.

This past Saturday, July 11 was the feast of Saint Benedict. One of the rules of Benedict stated was "hospitality to all who enter". May we each strive to bring that hospitality to all, in our physical, liturgical, spiritual, social and service aspects of Church.

God bless you all. On Wings, We Rise.
Father Lavelle

SAINT BENEDICT**Feast Day – July 11**

This feast is celebrated during the summer season when the Church reflects on the themes of growth and harvest. It is celebrated as a memorial in the Catholic Church, recognizing Benedict's importance as the Father of Western Monasticism and the patron saint of Europe. It falls during a time when many people are on vacation and may be more open to spiritual reflection, making it an ideal time to remember Benedict's call to seek God in prayer and work. The feast encourages us to remember that we are all called to seek God in prayer while also working for the good of others, the building up of community, and the wisdom to balance the spiritual and material aspects of our lives.

VOCATIONS – July 12, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed that falls on good ground will yield a fruitful harvest." (Matthew 13:23)

God's Word bears fruit in hearts that are open and receptive. Pray that more hearts will be opened generously to however God may be calling them. Gently encourage young people to consider priesthood, consecrated life, or sacramental marriage as ways to respond with a joyful "yes" to God's plan. If you feel called to follow God's path, talk with your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or vocations@youngtowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – July 12, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"The seed sown among thorns is the one who hears the word but then the cares of the world and the lure of riches choke the word, and it bears no fruit." (Matthew 13:22)

Does the lure of riches and material goods choke God out of your life? Are you so caught up in earthy activities that you have no time for God? Gratitude and generosity are virtues that we should strive to do on a daily basis. Every decision we make either takes us one step closer to God or one step further away. What we receive at Mass every weekend should be shared with others all the other days of the week as well.



Faith Formation

Registration is underway for the 2026–2027 Faith Formation year. Returning families should have received their registration packet. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade, please call Marcy at the parish office for YFF information and to request a packet.

First Grade is required to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. Students are expected to complete grades three through seven before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparation.

Kindergarten is not required, but it is highly encouraged. Class size is limited to 10 children, so please return your registration packet early if you would like to reserve a spot for your child.

The deadline for YFF registration is Monday, August 31.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 13

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 14

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, July 15

8:20am - Adoration

Thursday, July 16

8:30am – Bible Study

Friday, July 17

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, July 18

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, July 19

No Events Scheduled



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

O merciful God, look with compassion on those who are ill. Grant them healing and strength in body, mind, and spirit. Ease their pain and suffering and restore them to health. Give them patience in illness and trust in Your loving care. May they feel Your presence and find comfort in Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please Note:

There are no more masses available for 2026.

The mass book for 2027 will open sometime in October. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date we will be accepting mass requests for 2027.

MILITARY LIST



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

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament may be celebrated before surgery or during a serious illness. To schedule, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Because of Father Lavelle's many responsibilities, please allow adequate time when requesting an anointing.

Baptism

To have your child baptized, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least six months and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism class, usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered, and at least one godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active parish members for at least six months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 or older and still registered under your parents' registration, you must register independently. A diocesan Pre-Cana class is required, along with meetings with Father Lavelle several months before the wedding.

SPONSOR GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

It is an honor to be asked to serve as a sponsor, or godparent, for Baptism or Confirmation. This means you are recognized as someone who practices the faith and lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Sponsors must be:

1. Registered in a parish.
Adult children age 25 or older must be registered independently.
2. Attending Mass regularly at their parish of registration.
3. If married, a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
4. Forming their children in the faith through religious education or Catholic school.

Sponsors will be asked to submit a letter of eligibility, signed by the pastor of their current parish. These universal norms of the Catholic faith are found in Canon Law, nos. 872-874.

Readings for July 19, 2026

The Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 12:13, 16-19

Romans 8:26-27

Matthew 13:24-43



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

Would you like to donate electronically? We offer debit from a checking or savings account, which is our preferred method, as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express.

To learn more or sign up, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. The form is also available on our website to print, complete, and return to the office.

Parish Support

July 5, 2026

New Fiscal Year

Amount Received	\$ 13,047.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 1,953.00)
YTD Received	\$ 13,047.00
YTD Budget	\$ 15,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$	1,953.00)



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

SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. 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.

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All clergy, religious, seminarians/persons in formation, and employees, as well as any volunteers who work with children, young people, or vulnerable adults, are required to complete a background check and safe environment training. For more information about our safe environment compliance requirements visit: Doy.org/safe-environment/.

REPORTING & VICTIM ASSISTANCE

If you or someone you know has been abused or victimized by someone representing the Catholic Church, the Diocese encourages you to come forward and speak out by contacting Civil Authorities and Mr. Dominic Colucy, Victim Assistance Coordinator. Mr. Colucy is available to help. He will listen to your needs and support you. He will help you make a formal complaint.

Contact Information

Confidential Response Line: 330-718-1388

Email: dcolucy@youngstowndiocese.org

By Mail: Catholic Diocese of Youngstown

Attn: Dominic Colucy

144 West Wood Street

Youngstown, Ohio 44503

Contact information for Civil Authorities can be found at: doy.org/safe-environment/

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