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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

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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 26
8:00am – Jerry Carter

Tuesday, October 27
8:00am – Vincent James Ryan

Wednesday, October 28
Saint Simon
Saint Jude
8:00am – James R. DeCapua, Sr.

Thursday, October 29
8:00am – Dan Livingston

Friday, October 30
No Daily Mass

Saturday, October 31
Vigil – All Saints
4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, November 1
All Saints
9:00am – The People of the Parish
11:30am – The People of the Parish

WORLD MISSION MONTH

The Mission is Far from Over!

In his last words before ascending to heaven, Jesus told us, *"Go therefore and make disciples of all nations"* (Mt. 28:19), and for 2,000 years the Church has been at work in this task.

Last week, we celebrated World Mission Sunday. We must never forget that 5.5 of the 8.1 billion people alive are not Christian, even now two millennia after Pentecost. The World Mission Sunday collection helps the Church to reach out to these brothers and sister of ours who have yet to hear the message of Christ.

Prior to 1908, the United States was considered missionary territory. The Church in America grew thanks to the support of World Mission Sunday, which built many of the first churches on American soil. Now, many years later, it's our turn to pay that generosity forward, as we care for the needs of our brothers and sisters across the globe.

We are grateful for your support this October – and we invite you to continue the journey. To find out more about how to do so, please visit www.pontificalmissions.org.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .



Next weekend, October 31/ November 1, we will celebrate the *Solemnity of All the Saints*. 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. On Monday, November 2, 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 Saints in Glory"*.

On the wings of an angel, we rise – Father Lavelle

VOCATIONS – October 25, 2026
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart…and your neighbor as yourself." (Matthew 22:37-39)

Every vocation is rooted in this twofold commandment of love. Priesthood, consecrated life, and sacramental marriage call us to give ourselves fully to God while serving others with compassion and selflessness. How is God inviting you to live out this love in a vocation that blesses both Him and those around you?

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

STEWARDSHIP – October 25, 2026
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind." (Matthew 22:37)

Do you put other "gods" before God? Is our love of money, power, status, comfort or some personal possession greater than your love for God? Do you recognize that everything you have and that everything you are is a gift from God? Putting God first in everything helps keep us from becoming a slave to our possessions and to our pride.

Readings for November 1, 2026
All Saints
Revelation 7:2-4, 9-14
1 John 3:1-3
Matthew 5:1-12a

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Tim Kneen	Janice Rovnak
Milton Deichman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Nick Rubbo
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
	Mike Roussos	

Born to Eternal Life
Sharon Mangapora



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Monday, October 26
6:00pm – Youth Ministry

Tuesday, October 27
11:00am – Patriotic Rosary
6:00pm – OCIA

Wednesday, October 28
8:20am – Adoration
10:00am – OCIA
6:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, October 29
8:30am – Bible Study
10:00am – Scripture

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

Saturday, October 31
Happy Halloween!
3:00pm – Reconciliation



Sunday, November 1
9:00am – Children's Liturgy
10:05-11:20 – Youth Faith Formation

The Commemoration of all The Faithful Departed



On 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.

HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Soup Kitchen on Saturday morning. The commitment would be 1 Saturday morning every other month. For more information contact Mia Richardson at 330-550-3822.

SOUP KITCHEN

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.**

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.

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptized please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least 6 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. One godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active members of the parish for at least 6 months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 years old and still registered under your parents registration, you need to register independently. A Pre-Cana class sponsored by the diocese is required as well as meeting with Father Lavelle a few months prior to your wedding.

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

Parish Support

October 18, 2026

Amount Received	**$ 13,329.00**
Amount Budgeted	**$ 15,000.00**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**($ 1,671.00)**
YTD Received	**$ 251,692.00**
YTD Budget	**$ 240,000.00**
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 11,692.00**



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. 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!



Welcome our Newly Baptized

Tessa Haag

Daughter of Austin & Erika Haag

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

Now that we have given everyone in the parish the opportunity to schedule a Mass for their loved ones in 2027, we are 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 I



Pope John Paul I, born Albino Luciani (1912-1978), was the shortest-reigning pope in modern times, serving only 33 days before his death in 1978, and is remembered for his humility, pastoral style, and unique papal choices.

Brief but historic papacy

Luciani was elected pope on August 26, 1978 and died on September 28, 1978, making his reign just 33 day—the shortest in modern papal history. His death led to the first year with 3 popes since 1605.

First pope with a double name

He chose the name John Paul to honor his two immediate predecessors: John XXIII, who made him bishop, and Paul VI, who made him patriarch of Venice and a cardinal. He was also the first pope in centuries to refuse a papal crown, wearing only the archbishop's pallium .

Italian heritage and first 20th-century pope

Born October 17, 1912 in Forno di Canale, Italy, Luciani was the most recent Italian-born pope and the first pope born in the 20th century. He came from a poor family, was ordained in 1935, and served in various diocesan roles before becoming cardinal in 1973.

Known as the "Smiling Pope"

Luciani was affectionately called the "Smiling Pope" for his warm, approachable public image. He was praised for his pastoral closeness to ordinary people, often speaking in simple, relatable terms, such as in his address to Italian children before school.

Humility and beatification

He openly admitted he had not yet "learned the job" of being a bishop. In 2022, Pope Francis beatified him as Blessed John Paul I, recognizing a miracle attributed to his intercession. His feast day is August 26.

Reflection Questions

Pope John Paul I was the first pope to refuse the Papal Crown. What significance did that "crown" have in the role of the Pope's leadership?

Pope John Paul is one step away from Sainthood, how many popes have been made saints? Among those of the 20th century, what have been their gifts to the Church?

Being the first Pope to choose "two names" - what is the significance of the Papal name one chooses, especially in modern times?

URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT

November 3, 2026

6:00 p.m.

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PROSPECTIVE FAMILY NIGHT AGENDA

- Presentation from the Ursuline Administration on Ursuline's robust college preparatory curriculum, spiritual development program, and extracurricular activities
- Learn more about the Admissions and Financial Aid process
- Tour the building
- Question and Answer Session
- Talk with parents, students and faculty about Ursuline's many programs, including arts and athletics.

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Prayer for Vocations

Most Generous Father, pour out Your grace upon us and bless the Church of Youngstown with a renewed spirit of faith, hope, and love in You, calling forth from our families and parishes willing and worthy servants as priests, deacons, religious sisters and brothers, and holy husbands and wives.

Open the hearts of your faithful, that they may listen for and courageously respond to Your Will. May they come to behold their giftedness and to embrace the mission of the Gospel. Amen



SAINT MICHAEL YOUTH MINISTRY
YOUR VOICE MATTERS!

CALLING ALL HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS!

Join us on Monday, October 26, from 6:00 – 7:00pm in the Youth Room at Saint Michael Family Life Center for an evening of food, fun, and conversation!

We want to hear YOUR ideas! What activities, events, service opportunities, and experiences would you like to see in our Youth Miistry program.

This is your opportunity to get involved, share your ideas, and help shape the future of Youth Ministry at Saint Michael Parish.

Food will be provided! Bring your ideas and a friend!

Please RSVP to dan@saintmichaelparish.net so we can plan for food.

We look forward to seeing you there!

Daniel J. Procopio, Youth Minister

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