# 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

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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 6
Saint Bruno
Blessed Marie Rose Durocher
8:00am – For Pilgrims on a Journey

Tuesday, October 7 Our Lady of the Rosary No Daily Mass

Wednesday, October 8 No Daily Mass

Thursday, October 9
Saint Denis
Saint John Leonardi
No Daily Mass

Friday, October 10 No Daily Mass

Saturday, October 11 Vigil-The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 4:00pm – The Sacred Heart Society

Sunday, October 12

The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time 9:00am – Steve Serenko 11:30am – The People of the Parish



"Our churches tell stories through stained glass, statues and scripture. As some of those items are no longer present in communities, it's important to have a place [the planned Diocesan Archives Center] for collective storytelling. Not just for treasures like stained glass, but for the documents and records that show where we've been as we discern where we're going."

-Very Rev. John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min., Diocesan Vicar of Missionary Discipleship and Curator of the Patrimony

#### FROM THE PASTOR...

Thank you to everyone who helped with our Feast Day Parish Potluck last Sunday. Thank you to Dave, his brother, Ray, and Patti Marshall for preparing all the wonderful ham and beef and to the Knights and Men's Club for the hot dogs and water. Thank you to everyone who made side dishes and desserts, and everyone who volunteered in the kitchen and the hall. Thank you especially to Audrey Geskey for organizing everything in the hall. Congratulations to Marty Repasky on winning the \$1,000 cash prize. Don't forget that we will be raffling off a \$2,000 prize at Boozy Bingo on November 1.

Having celebrated the feast of our patron, Saint Michael, this past Thursday October 2, we also celebrated the Holy Guardian Angels. It does prompt us to ask again – "Who are our Guardian Angels?" We find an answer in Psalm 91: No evil shall befall you, nor shall affliction come near your tent, for to His Angels God has given command about you, that they guard you in all your ways. Upon their hands they will bear you up, lest you dash your foot against a stone.

The doctrine of angels is part of the Church's tradition. The role of the guardian angel is both to guide us to good thoughts, works and words, and to preserve us from evil. Since the 17th century the Church has celebrated a feast honoring them in October throughout the Universal Church.

He has charged His angels with the ministry of watching and safeguarding every one of His creatures that behold not His face. Kingdoms have their angels assigned to them, and men have their angels; these latter it is to whom religion designates the Holy Guardian Angels. Our Lord says in the Gospel, "Beware lest ye scandalize any of these little ones, for their angels in heaven see the face of My Father." The existence of Guardian Angels, is, hence a dogma of the Christian faith: this being so, what ought not our respect be for that sure and holy intelligence that is ever present at our side; and how great our solicitude be, lest, by any act of ours, we offend those eyes which are ever bent upon us in all our ways!

As we revel in the patronage of so great a Saint as Michael the Archangel – Defender of the Church, may we also praise and thank God for the everabiding presence of our Guardian Angels – and with a greater sense of faith and trust, may we assist them in their ministry to watch over us.

On Wings - We Rise, Father Lavelle

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 6 No Events Scheduled

**Tuesday, October 7** 10:00 – 11:30am – OCIA 11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

7:15pm – Adult Confirmation

**Wednesday, October 8** 6:30-7:45pm – Adult Faith Formation

Thursday, October 9
10:00am – Scripture Sharing
1:00 – 3:00pm – Monthly Bible Study
7:00pm – Men's Club

Friday, October 10 7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, October 11
Second Collection – Parish Projects 3:00pm - Reconciliation

**Sunday, October 12**Second Collection -Parish Projects
Family Packets Due

#### **OUR LADY OF THE ROSARY**

This Tuesday, October 7 is the celebration of Our Lady of the Rosary. In fact, the entire month is dedicated to Our Lady in the prayer of the Rosary. The Rosary is prayed here in church on the first Saturday of the month at 3:15 and the Patriotic Rosary is prayed every Tuesday at 11:00am.



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Happening

As we celebrate Our Lady of the Rosary, please make a special effort this month to engage in the beautiful prayer of the Rosary.

# Readings for October 12, 2025 The Twenty-Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

2 Kings 5:14-17 2 Timothy 2:8-13 Luke 71:11-19

#### THE WORD AMONG US

The Word Among Us is a monthly Catholic publication that contains daily Mass readings and meditations. If you are interested in joining Saint Michael Parishioners who participate in a group subscription for 2026, call Jeanne neville (330-507-4672) by October 13 for more information.

#### OCTOBER IS RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Every October, the Catholic Church in the United States celebrates Respect Life Month, with the first Sunday of October designated as Respect Life Sunday. As Catholics, we are called to welcome, care for, and protect God's gift of human life, with special concern for those who are most vulnerable. Respect Life Sunday and Respect Life Month offer opportunities to highlight this precious gift through prayer, reflection, advocacy, and service.

Most Reverend Daniel E. Thomas Bishop of Toledo Chairman, USCCB Committee on Pro-Life Activities

#### **ANNUAL RED MASS**

The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, will preside at the **Annual Red Mass**. On Thursday, October 23, at 12:10pm at Saint Columba Cathedral. A luncheon and program will follow at Saint Columba Hall. The annual event is for all men and women involved in legal and judicial professions in the six counties of the Diocese of Youngstown and is sponsored by the Thomas More Society.

The cost for the luncheon is \$25.00, and registration is required. Please make checks payable to the Diocese of Youngstown and note if you have special dietary needs.

For additional information and to RSVP, please contact Karen Thomas at 330-744-8451, ext. 278.

# Parish Support

**September 28, 2025** 

Amount Received \$ 10,101.00
Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 4,899.00)
YTD Received \$156,233.50
YTD Budget \$165,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 8,766.50)



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
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Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden		

## STEWARDSHIP – October 5, 2025 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For God did not give us a spirit of cowardice but rather of power and love and self-control."
(2 Timothy 1:7)

Many of us compartmentalize our Faith, we bring it out only when we attend Mass or when we attend a parish event. Being a good steward requires discipline and striving to put God first in everything – all the time. The next time you are at a neighborhood party or at work or out shopping, would your words and actions signal to others that you are a good and faithful servant of our Lord?

## VOCATIONS – October 5, 2025 27<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If you have faith the size of a mustard seed, you would say to this mulberry tree, 'Be uprooted and planted in the sea,' and it would obey you."
(Luke 17:6)

God can do great things with even the smallest acts of faith. If you feel a calling to priesthood or consecrated life, have faith that God will provide the strength to follow His will. Talk to your priest or reach out to: Father Chad Johnson at

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

#### 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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Your Name		
Amount enclosed:		_ (# of books x \$20)

# Vatican Approved Exhibit of Eucharistic Miracles Throughout the World



Saturday October 11 3-6pm

Sunday October 12 11am – 5 pm

# Basilica & National Shrine of Our Lady of Lebanon

As Catholics we believe in the Real Presence and that the substance of the bread and wine with the words of consecration, by the priest at Mass, become the body and blood of Christ. Eucharistic Miracles, occurring throughout the centuries, prayerfully confirm this truth in a way that is visible to us today. Blessed Carlo Acutis, at the age of 11, created a website to record all Eucharistic miracles of the World.

#### This is a once in a lifetime opportunity.

There is no charge, but free offerings will be accepted to assist with the cost of the exhibit.

#### Please Note:

There will be no daily Mass Tuesday – Friday, this week, October 7 – 10 and also next week, October 13 – 17.

Thank you for understanding.

# **Electronic Giving**

Would you like to give electronically? We offer debit from a checking or savings account (preferred method) as well as VISA, Master Card and American Express.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for more information or to sign up. The form is also on our web site to print out, complete and turn into the office.

#### MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
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O Lord, Almighty God, you do not cease to give many riches in the rain that falls from heaven, and nourishment for life in the fertility of soil.

We give thanks to you for the fruits of the land which we have harvested, and we pray that you bless and preserve these fruits which we have received from your hand. Help us to be mindful of the needs of others as we rejoice. We make this prayer through Christ our Lord. Amen.



This ain't grandma's night at the Bingo Hall!!

Join us on Saturday, November 1 for our 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Boozy Bingo. We will have a variety of appetizers and finger foods, with an open bar featuring beer, wine, coolers and soft drinks. The evening will include 12 BINGO games with a prize basket of wine and liquor, chocolates and gift cards. The final game of the night will be a special "Buy-In Coverall" with the grand prize of a limousine ride for 6 to and from Gervasi Winery in Canton, with a \$600 Gift Card for the evening. There will also be a 50/50 raffle for the night, and we will pull for the \$2,000 prize from our Annual Parish Raffle. This promises to be a great night out for everyone. Doors open after the 4pm Mass and the first game begins at 5:45pm. Attendance is 21 and over and the cost of admission (including the first 12 Bingo games) is \$50.00. Tickets are on sale in the parish office.

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