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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

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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
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

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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



Mass Schedule

Monday, January 6
Saint Andre Bessette
No Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 7
Saint Raymond of Penafort
No Daily Mass

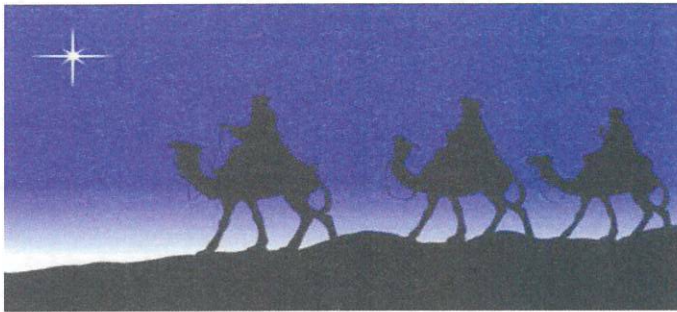
Wednesday, January 8
No Daily Mass

Thursday, January 9
No Daily Mass

Friday, January 10
No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 11
Vigil – The Baptism of the Lord
3:00pm - Reconciliation
4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, January 12
The Baptism of the Lord
9:00am – Clara & Anthony Izzo
11:30am – The Mikes & Tadej Families



EPIPHANY BLESSING & PROCLAMATION

There are many traditions in the Church surrounding the Solemnity of Epiphany. Among them are the house blessing and the proclamation of the coming liturgical year. The blessing invokes the names of the three Magi, **Caspar, Melchior** and **Balthasar** as well as the coming year, all connected with crosses. The proper inscription, usually done in chalk above the front door for this new year is **20 + C + M + B + 25**. Each year, the Church also proclaims the coming feasts of great importance. The traditional proclamation for the year 2025 is "Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation.

Let us recall the year's culmination, the **Easter Triduum of the Lord**: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the 17th day of April and the evening of the 20th day of April. **Easter Sunday** being on the 20th day of April. Each Easter -- as on each Sunday -- the Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 5th day of March. **The Ascension of the Lord** will be commemorated on the 1st day of June. **Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 8th day of June. And this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the 30th day of November. Likewise the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen".



LA BEFANA – A SEARCH FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

An Italian tradition surrounding Epiphany is that of **La Befana**. Legend has it that a knock came to the door of this aged woman, and the people at the door were the three wise men. The Magi were seeking directions, and in the course of the conversation, invited her to join them as they sought the Christ Child. Preferring to remain in the home, in order to sweep and clean, she missed out on this opportunity. With a change of heart, she went after the wise men, never to catch up with them. Legend continues that because she missed out on discovering the Christ Child, she spends each Christmas season searching for other good children to which she brings gifts, much like wise men came to bring their gifts to the newborn king. May we learn from the mistake of La Befana, and always be willing to seek the newborn King.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 6

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, January 7

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, January 8

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, January 9

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

1:00pm – Monthly Bible Study

7:00pm – Men's Club

Friday, January 10

9:00am – Fitness

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, January 11

8:00 – 10:00am – Soup Kitchen

5:00 pm – Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, January 12

10:00-11:30am – Coffee & Donuts

10:05-11:20 – Youth Faith Formation



CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently planning for our 2nd Annual **"SHAKEN NOT STIRRED"** event which will take place on Saturday,

February 1, 2025. The Youngstown Cookie Table was such a huge success last year that we plan on doing it again! If you have a favorite cookie that you bake, please consider donating some for the event. Cookies can be brought to the Family Life Center the week of January 27 – 31.



We are also looking for gift card donations and sponsors for our food and liquor stations. If you are interested in sponsoring a station, please

call the parish office. For gift card donations, you can bring them to the parish office or drop them in the collection basket and mark them for **SHAKEN NOT STIRRED**. Thank you in advance for your support!



Our first Young at Heart for the new year will be on **Monday, January 13, 2025**. Mass will be at 11:30 with a luncheon and program to follow in the parish hall. **Please call the office by Friday, January 10 to make a reservation.**



CATHOLIC DIOCESE
— OF YOUNGSTOWN —

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VOCATIONS – January 5, 2025

"They opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh." (Matthew 2:11)

What gift can you offer Christ? If He is calling you to a vocation that serves the Church, He is asking for the gift of your life to serve His people. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

Readings for January 12, 2025

The Baptism of the Lord

Isaiah 40:1-5, 9-11 or Isaiah 42:1-4, 6-7

Titus 2:11-14, 3:4-7 or Acts 10:34-38

Luke 3:15-16, 21-22

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Marilyn Fisher	Linda Schulte
Margaret Chizmar	Jay Gettemy	Jack Slifka
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Don Streb
Jim Fisher	Theresa Morvay	Caroline Zeigler
Leslie Fisher	Janice Rovnak	

If you would like a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

PATRIOTIC ROSARY

Please join us on Tuesday mornings at 11:00 a.m. in the church to say *The Patriotic Rosary*. For more information call Kate Pavlich at 330-533-2432.



POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring its annual "Warm Hearts for Warm Homes" campaign throughout the month of January, Poverty Awareness Month. The funds from this campaign will provide winter utility assistance to individuals and families in need.

Catholic Charities serves all people, as resources allow, regardless of their faith. Since its inception in 2008, the Warm Hearts for Warm Homes campaign has raised more than \$546,000 for utility assistance for individuals and families in crisis, impacting the lives of over 65,000 people.

As the need for utility assistance continues to rise, Catholic Charities asks for your support. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Warm Hearts for Warm Homes" during the month of January. Donations can also be sent to Catholic Charities, Warm Hearts for Warm Homes, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503. Donations can also be made securely online at www.ccdoy.org.

MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

Saint Michael Parish will follow the Canfield Schools cancellation schedule for snow and cold. If the Canfield Schools are closed or on a two-hour delay due to the weather, the 8:00am Mass will be cancelled, and the intention rescheduled. The office and any other activities will also be cancelled or delayed, depending on the timing. Thank you.



URSULINE HIGH SCHOOL TO HOST A CARNIVAL ON JANUARY 11, 2025

The Ursuline High School Student Ambassadors will host a Carnival on Saturday, January 11, 2025 from 3:00-5:00pm. The event is free to all students in kindergarten,

first and second grades. The fun-filled afternoon will feature games, prizes, music, activities, snacks and more. Dress is casual. Call Dina Ricchiuti at 330-744-4563 for more information.

STEP INTO THE NEW YEAR

Beginning next weekend, we will start a month-long tennis shoe collection for young people in need in our area. Canfield High School National Honors Society members Lauren Smallwood and Jenna Wilkeson will oversee this collection, including the organizing of the shoes and assisting with the distribution to various charities in our area.

We are asking for **BRAND NEW tennis shoes, youth through adult sizes**. They can be placed in the large black bins by the entrances. More information will appear in the bulletin next week.

Again, thank you for your generosity to all our projects and collections here in our parish.



SACRED HEART SOCIETY

For the "Sacred Heart Society", you may enroll an individual, couple or family name in the society of \$100 each (example: *John Smith; John and Mary Smith; the Smith family or the Smith & Jones families*). A Sunday Mass each month and a Christmas and Easter Mass will be celebrated for all enrolled in the society. Please complete the "Sacred Heart Society Enrollment" form below and return it to the parish office via the offertory collection. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus lead us ever closer to the joy of the Kingdom.

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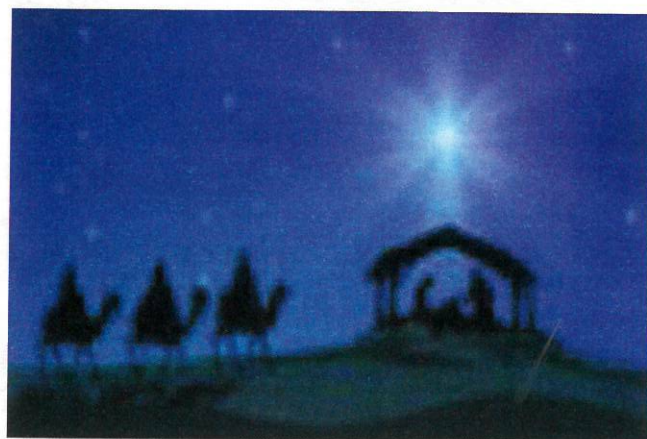
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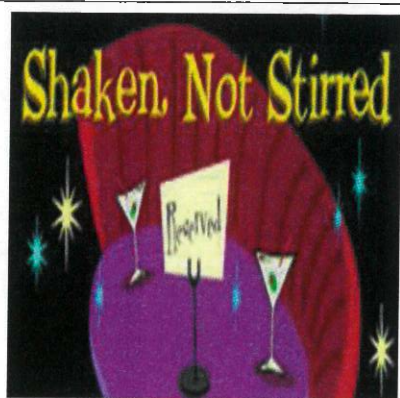
Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. Amen.



Shaken, Not Stirred



This year, we have again decided to *SHAKE* things up. We don't want anyone *STIRRED* up that it will be too different. We are looking to have the same fantastic night of fun, but with a *TWIST*!

So mark your calendars for our Saint Michael Parish **SHAKEN, not STIRRED with a TWIST** Night!

The event will be on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**, with the doors opening after the 4:00pm Mass. This year, we will be having stations with foods provided by area restaurants, offering a little *Taste of Canfield*. Our dessert will also pay homage to our area with an *Over the Top Cookie Table*. While we will still offer some great wines, we are "branching out" – a little play on the western Bourbon and Branch. We will have a *Bourbon Table*, a *Tequila Table*, a *Vodka Table*, a *Wine Table*, and other drinks available at the bar. There will also be live entertainment!

We will also have our Grand Prize drawings for the \$6,000 pot of cash, with first place getting \$3,000, second place getting \$2,000 and third place getting \$1,000. We will have a raffle for several liquor baskets along with a 50/50 raffle and other items.

We are looking for businesses or individuals to partner with the food and liquor vendors in sponsoring the various tables. The cost of sponsorship for the tables is \$2,000 (two or more groups can go in on a sponsorship). Each full sponsorship will receive 4 complimentary tickets for the event, \$100 in 50/50 tickets and 5 tickets for the basket raffle.

The cost of admission to the event is \$80 and can be purchased at the parish office. This great event began as a way to help support the debt reduction of the FLC – we now are at a point in our parish where there are a variety of other projects to secure our parish for the future. Please tell your friends about the evening. It promises to be a great night!

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