

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*

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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, September 7****Labor Day**

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, September 8**The Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary**

8:00am – Edward Brennan

Wednesday, September 9**Saint Peter Claver**

8:00am – Joseph Lavelle

Thursday, September 10

8:00am – Sally Pauline Grabovac

Friday, September 11

No Daily Mass

Saturday, September 12**Vigil – The Twenty-Fourth Sunday
in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – John Zaba

Sunday, September 13**The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Tammy Eiselt

MARRIAGE VALIDATION

As Catholics, we believe that marriage is a sacrament. In recent years, more people are choosing to be married at venues or special destinations. Civilly this is a marriage. However, it is not a valid sacramental marriage. On **Wednesday, October 14, 2026, at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall** we will hold a class for any parishioners who were not married in the Catholic Church and would like to explore having their marriage convalidated, that is made sacramentally valid in the Catholic Church. We will discuss the process, documents needed, preparation class, and address previous marriages, if necessary. This is open to everyone, regardless of length of marriage.

To register for this class or if you have any questions, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 7 for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 8 at 8:30am.

Have a safe holiday weekend!

FROM THE PASTOR...

Labor Day, observed on the first Monday of September in the United States, is often seen as the unofficial end of summer – a time for family gatherings, cookouts, the final day of the Canfield Fair, for students a return to classes after the “fair break”, and rest before the busy fall season. We come to this Labor Day perhaps needing to understand why the holiday was established to begin with. Not as the unofficial end of summer, or the end of the fair, or the return to school, but to recognize and honor those who struggle to work. While rooted in the work of unions and their laborers, it is a day when all of us should take some time and pray in thanksgiving for the labors to which we have been called, not just those that bring in a paycheck, but those that have us labor in the vineyard of the Lord. This day offers a profound opportunity to reflect on the Church’s teachings about the sanctity of work, human dignity, and our role in building a just society. Through work, we participate in God’s creation, cooperating with His divine plan and contributing to the common good. Labor Day also reminds us of the Church’s consistent defense of workers’ rights – the right to just wages, safe working conditions, reasonable hours and rest. These are essential to respecting the dignity of the human person.

As we celebrate this Labor Day, let us pray that our labors may always be pleasing to God, that we may find joy and purpose in our work, and that we may contribute to the building of a more just and charitable society. As we rest on this Labor Day, may we do so with hearts full of gratitude, mindful of our call to serve God and our neighbor through the work of our hands.

Have a safe and restful Labor Day - Father Lavelle

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play but instead must put in a hard day’s work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

VOCATIONS – September 6, 2026
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"If he listens to you, you have won over your brother." (Matthew 18:15)

Jesus calls us to reconciliation, guiding us to bring peace and healing into the lives of others. Every vocation is an invitation to embody His love and forgiveness. How might God be calling you to share His peace in your life?

If you feel God is stirring a holy desire for the priesthood or consecrated life, talk to your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or vocations@youngtowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – September 6, 2026
The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"You, son of man, I have appointed watchman for the house of Israel..." (Ezekiel 33:7)

Many of us are generous with our gifts. However, many of us are not generous in proportion to the gifts we have been given. How often do we give at the minimum level required? Remember, the Lord calls us to nurture and develop our gifts and to give back with increase. He calls us to be generous with all the gifts, especially the one that means the most to us.

Readings for September 13, 2026
The Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:30-28:7

Romans 14:7-9

Matthew 18:21-35



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but aren't sure where to start? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith but aren't sure if you are ready to become Catholic? Have you been baptized in another faith tradition but attend Saint Michael with your spouse and are feeling called to explore becoming Catholic. Now is a great time to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to begin the conversation and see if this is the right time for you. **We will be meeting at Saint Michael Parish from 6:00 – 8:00pm beginning on Tuesday, September 15. A morning option is available.**

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 7

Labor Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 8

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, September 9

8:20am - Adoration

Thursday, September 10

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

1:00pm – Monthly Bible Study

6:00pm – Men's Club – Steer & Ear

Friday, September 11

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, September 12

Second Collection

3:00pm – Reconciliation

5:00pm – Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, September 13

Second Collection

10:00 – 11:15am – Coffee & Donuts

10:05 – 11:20am – Youth Faith Formation (YFF)



Faith Formation

We need a few more people to lead Children's Liturgy of the Word at 9:00 Mass. You will be given training and resources to help you. We work in teams of two or three leaders each Mass. This is a great opportunity to help our littlest parishioners learn to appreciate the Word of God at their level. Please call Marcy at the Parish Office (330-533-6839) for more information. All volunteers are required to be in compliance with the Diocesan Safe Environment policy.

MONTHLY BIBLE STUDY



The monthly Bible Study facilitated by Barb Spencer (330-503-4756) will resume on **Thursday, September 10th at 1:00pm** in the Family Life Center. Our study theme this year is: *Women in the New Testament*.

Contact Barb if interested.



Mark your calendars for our first Young at Heart of the new season. We will meet on **Monday, September 14, 2026**, at 11:30am for Mass, followed by lunch and a presentation. More information on the presentation will follow later.

The cost this year is still just \$5.00 for lunch. **Reservations are required by Thursday September 10th**

Please plan to join us!!!

Parish Support

August 30, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 12,808.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 2,192.00)
YTD Received	\$ 133,137.50
YTD Budget	\$ 135,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 1,862.50)



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

25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, October 25th, at 2:00pm at the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist in Canton**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th, 55th, 60th, and over wedding anniversaries in 2026.

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 25, 2026.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

CHEFS FOR CHARITY

Join us for **Chefs for Charity**, hosted by Bishop David J. Bonnar! Enjoy an evening of delicious tastings from over 20 top local restaurants, live entertainment, raffles, and a cash bar – all to support housing stability and fight homelessness in our community.

Event Details

Date & Time: Thursday, September 17, 2026
5:00 – 9:00pm

Location: Saint Demetrios Community Center
3223 Atlantic Street, NE, Warren, Ohio

Tickets: \$75 per person.

To purchase tickets please contact Nancy Voitius at 330-744-3320 or visit the website at www.ccdoy.org.

PARISH SOCIAL

Please join fellow parishioners next weekend, **September 12/13** 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 Parish Office will be open for ½ hour after each mass next weekend.

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on **Tuesday, September 15th at 6:00pm in the Parish Hall** for a business meeting followed by creating a black wired pumpkin shaped frame wreath (14x14 inches approximately) at 7:00pm. Bring your own fall artificial flowers, glue gun to share and \$1.50 to purchase a frame.

Guests: If you want to join us at 7:00pm, please contact Debbie by September 9 (330-506-4517) to pre-order your frame.

MILITARY LIST



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Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
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Potluck Dinner



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27TH
AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS

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

We are asking families to bring either a side dish or a dessert, based on the first letter of your last name: **A - K – side dishes L - Z – desserts** (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 **2026-2027 Raffle Season** with the first drawing of **\$1,000** drawn that day! Make sure your tickets are in for the first drawing! Your 2026-2027 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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