

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

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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 28****Saint Wenceslaus****Saint Lawrence Ruiz**

8:00am – Angela Agostinelli

Tuesday, September 29**Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael**

8:00am – Reverend Richard Madden

Wednesday, September 30**Saint Jerome**

8:00am – Kevin Gura

Thursday, October 1**Saint Therese of the Child Jesus**

8:00am – Edward Bolosky

Friday, October 2**The Holy Guardian Angels**

No Daily Mass

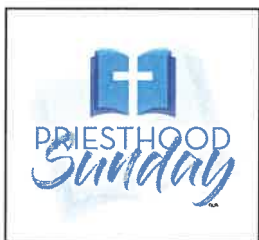
Saturday, October 3**Vigil – The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi**

4:00pm – The Sacred Heart

Sunday, October 4**The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi**

9:00am – James Dunn

11:30am – Jillian Marian & Mark Pellini

**PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY
September 27, 2026**

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor and celebrate the gift of the priesthood and to reflect upon

the essential role priests play in the life of the Church. Through the priesthood, we receive the Holy Eucharist and the Sacraments, and we encounter Christ in a unique and profound way. Today, let us pray for our priests, thanking God for their courage, generosity, and faithful service. Let us also take a moment to express our gratitude and encouragement to our Pastor, Father Lavelle – not only in our words, but also through our thoughts, prayers, and deeds. Saint John Vianney, the patron saint of priests, remind us *“The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus. When you see a priest, think of our Lord Jesus Christ.”* On Priesthood Sunday, and every day, let us pray that our priests may recognize their vocation as a beautiful gift and continue to live out their calling to bring the love and presence of Christ to all. God bless our priests!

FROM THE PASTOR...

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Michael, our Parish Patron. Although the feast day is September 29th, it is permissible during ordinary time, to transfer the feast to the nearest Sunday so the greater parish family has the opportunity to participate in the celebration.

In Our Catholic Tradition

Within our Roman Catholic tradition, Saint Michael the Archangel also known as Archangel Michael, holds a special place. He is often invoked as "Holy Michael, the Archangel" or "Saint Michael" in prayers and liturgies. While not formally canonized as a saint, he is revered as a celestial being with immense significance.

Four Main Roles in Catholic Teaching

We recognize that Saint Michael has four "offices" or roles.

- **Leader of the Army of God:** Saint Michael is seen as the commander of heaven's forces, leading the angelic host in their battle against the powers of darkness. He serves as a model of spiritual warfare, reflecting the ongoing struggle between good and evil.
- **Angel of Death:** Saint Michael is regarded as the angel of death, accompanying the souls of departed Christians to heaven. At the moment of death, he offers the souls an opportunity for redemption, thwarting the devil's attempts to claim them.
- **Weigher of Souls:** Saint Michael is often depicted holding balanced scales, symbolizing his role in weighing souls during the Last Judgment. This signifies his involvement in the divine judgment of humanity.
- **Guardian of the Church:** Saint Michael serves as the guardian of the Church and the Chosen People. Throughout history, he has been revered by military orders of knights and is considered the patron saint of various cities and countries.
- **Prayers and Devotions:** Catholics frequently turn to Saint Michael for protection and guidance. Saint Michael the Archangel plays a crucial role in our Roman Catholic tradition as a defender of faith, protector of souls, and a symbol of divine justice. His presence and intercession are sought after in times of spiritual warfare and challenges, making him a revered figure in Catholic devotion and liturgy.

*Saint Michael, Pray for us.
Father Lavelle*

VOCATIONS – September 27, 2026

Priesthood Sunday

*"Which of the two did the will of his father?"
(Matthew 21:31)*

On Priesthood Sunday, we give thanks for priests who humbly serve God's people. Celebrate this day by writing a note of gratitude and encouragement to a priest who inspires you. Remember in prayer the priest who baptized and confirmed you. Pray for the priests in your parish and support those discerning this vocation.

STEWARDSHIP – September 27, 2026

"Do nothing out of selfishness; rather, humbly regard others as more important than yourselves..." (Philippians 2:3)

Pride and ego are hard things to control. We see how others act or dress and think we are superior to them. We idolize our own self-image. But, if we truly believe everything is a gift from God, we recognize all the people that God has put in our lives as gifts! We are grateful for how they enrich our lives. Pray every day for the people in your life: your family, your friends and those who make you angry.



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 on Tuesday evenings from 6:00 – 8:00pm. A morning option is available.**

BLESSING OF PETS

On October 4, The Feast Day of Saint Francis, the statue of Saint Francis will be blessed at the conclusion of the 11:30 Mass.

The Annual Blessing of Pets will follow at 1:15pm.



THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 28

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, September 29

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00pm – OCIA

Wednesday, September 30

8:20am – Adoration

10:00am – OCIA

Thursday, October 1

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

Friday, October 2

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, October 3

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm – Rosary

Sunday, October 4

9:00am – Children's Liturgy

10:05 – 11:20am – Youth Faith Formation

12:30pm – Blessing of Saint Francis of Assisi Statue

1:15pm – Blessing of Pets

2:00 -3:30pm – 1st Reconciliation and Eucharist

Parent Meeting



SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held **on Sunday, November 22, at 5:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral**. This is a special opportunity for anyone (18 years or older) who has not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese.



Candidates must register with our parish and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. A preparation program will be held at our parish. Sponsors must be a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic and may not be the candidate's parent.

Please contact the parish office (330-533-6839) no later than October 1, 2026, to register and verify eligibility to receive the sacrament.

ANNUAL RED MASS

The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, will preside at the **Annual Red Mass on Thursday, October 1, at 12:10pm at Saint Columba Cathedral** for all men and women involved in legal and judicial professions in the six counties of the Diocese of Youngstown. A luncheon and program will follow. The cost of the luncheon is \$30.

For additional information and to RSVP contact Mary Fioramonti at 330-744-8451, ext. 225.

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.

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



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 at 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.

Readings for October 1, 2026

The Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi

Galatians 6:14-18
Matthew 11:25-30

Stay Connected

Visit our website at
www.stmichaelcanfield.org for more
information on parish activities.



Parish Support

September 20, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 12,518.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 2,482.00)
YTD Received	\$184,646.00
YTD Budget	\$ 180,000.00
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	\$ 4,646.00



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus will sell their Football Crazz tickets at all Masses this weekend, **September 26/27. Tickets are \$20** each and proceeds support the Knights of Columbus charities.

SAINT FRANCIS OF ASSISI

Patron Saint of Ecology and Animals

As we prepare to celebrate the 800th Anniversary of the death of Saint Francis in the Jubilee Year of Saint Francis, our parish is erecting an outdoor statue of Saint Francis. Placed underneath the statue will be a box containing names of all of the pets, both past and present, that you would like to submit.



To submit a pet’s name, please fill out the form below and return it to the parish office by September 30.

PET’S NAME

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____

Pope Benedict XV

Pope Benedict XV (1854-1922) was head of the Catholic Church from 1914-1922. He is remembered as “the Pope of Peace” for his humanitarian work, diplomatic efforts, and Church reforms during World War I.

Pontificate during World War I

Benedict XV became pope on 3 September 1914, just weeks after the outbreak of World War I, and dedicated much of his reign to addressing the war’s political, social, and humanitarian crisis. He declared the Holy See’s strict neutrality and repeatedly sought to mediate peace, though his 1916 and 1917 initiatives were rejected by both sides.

Humanitarian leadership

He personally oversaw relief efforts, visiting prisoners of war, arranging exchanges of wounded soldiers, and organizing food deliveries to starving populations across Europe. His actions were aimed at reducing unnecessary suffering and protecting civilians during the conflict.

The 1917 Code of Canon Law

One of his most enduring legal contributions was the promulgation of the 1917 Code of Canon Law, which standardized Church law and governance worldwide. This code remains a foundational legal framework for the Catholic Church.

Support for missionaries and Eastern Catholic Churches

Through the encyclical *Maximum Illud* (1917), he promoted missionary independence and established the Congregation for the Eastern Church, strengthening the Church’s relationship with Eastern Catholic communities

Diplomatic and postwar reconciliation

Benedict XV worked to repair strained relations, notably restoring ties with France in 1921 and re-establishing British diplomatic accreditation to the Vatican. His legacy is that of a pope who, despite limited diplomatic success, was committed to peace, humanitarian aid, and Church reform.



Reflection Questions (more than yes and no – what can I do with this information)

Have there been moments in my life when I am called upon to “broker peace” among friends or family members?

What efforts do I make to attempt to alleviate suffering among the poor and needy?

What understanding do I have about various Eastern Catholic Communities?



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AUTUMN BLESSING

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, October 24** for our **3rd 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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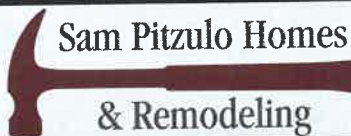
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