

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.
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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
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

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, January 20
Saints Fabian & Sebastian
 No Daily Mass

Tuesday, January 21
Saint Agnes
 8:00am – William Kelly

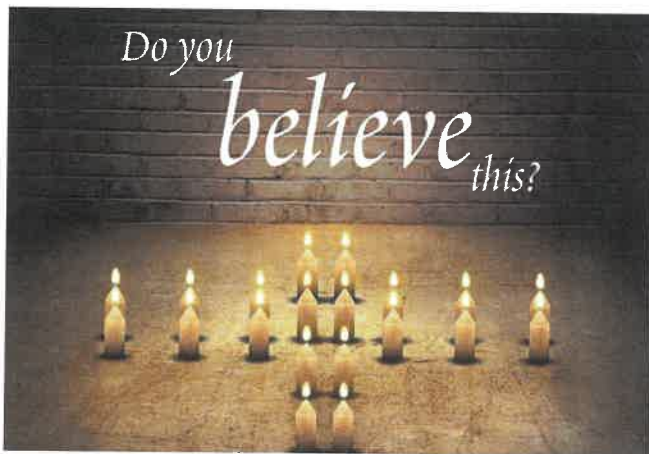
Wednesday, January 22
 8:00am – Daniel Driscoll

Thursday, January 23
Saints Vincent & Mariane Cope
 8:00am – Dominic Raco

Friday, January 24
Saint Francis de Sales
 No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 25
Vigil – Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 3:00pm – Reconciliation
 4:00pm – Frank Micchia

Sunday, January 26
Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am – Ray Terlecki
 11:30am – The People of the Parish



WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY

The theme for the 2025 Week of Prayer for Christian Unity, January 18-25, 2025, is "Do You Believe" (John 11:26). This year's theme was chosen in recognition of the 1700th anniversary of the First Council of Nicaea (325), at which the words "I believe" were chosen to anchor the Creed as an instrument of universal Christian unity.

FEAST OF SAINT AGNES

Saint Agnes of Rome, whose feast is on January 21, is frequently depicted in religious art with a lamb. Not only that, but each year lambs are also blessed on her feast day and their wool used to make a pallium, a white scarf-like vestment that is worn over the chasuble of a metropolitan bishop. First of all, the primary connection between St. Agnes of Rome and lambs is her name, "Agnes." The Latin word for lamb is *agnus*, and as a result, her name means, "lamb." There is a story that Saint Agnes once appeared near her grave, with other women dressed in gold and silver and white robes, and a lamb more dazzling white than ever seen. In that appearance, Saint Agnes said to her parents: "Take heed and see that grieve me no more as dead, but be joyful with me, for with all these virgins Jesus Christ has given me the brightest habitation and dwelling and am with him joined in heaven whom in earth I loved with my every thought." In this story the presence of a lamb symbolized purity and refers to the purity of her life. Ever since, Saint Agnes has almost always been depicted with a lamb, and lambs continue to be blessed on her feast day – from which the yoke of leadership in the church is woven. On this feast of Saint Agnes, let us pray for our Holy Father, and all who exercise leadership in the Church – in the name of Agnus Dei – the Lamb of God.

CELEBRATING CHRISTIAN UNITY

This weekend, in addition to many things we have to celebrate and observe, we celebrate a week of Christian Unity. The Week of Prayer for Christian Unity is framed by the Confession of Peter on January 18 (Lutheran and Anglican liturgical calendar) and the Conversion of Paul on January 25 (Catholic, Lutheran, and Anglican calendars). Jesus prayed (John 17) that we would manifest the unity of the body of Christ, living into the fullness of his prayer and the unity of God. While we should live and serve in unity with our friends in Christ throughout the year, during this focused time in January the Lutheran-Catholic Covenant Commission (Catholic Diocese of Youngstown and Northeastern Ohio Lutheran Synod, ELCA) encourages us to pray with and for our friends in Christ from diverse cultures, traditions, and confessions around the world and in our neighboring communities.

Let us pray: *Lord God of all creation, source of life and of unity in all who believe. As Jesus prayed that his followers might be one, make us one with all who bear his name, so that in peace and concord we may carry to the world the message of your love, shining a bright light of healing and hope, through Jesus Christ, who is our light and our hope. Amen.*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 20

Parish Office Closed

Martin Luther King Day

Tuesday, January 21

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, January 22

8:20-9:00am - Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, January 23

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, January 24

9:00am - Fitness

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, January 25

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 26

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

2:00 – 3:30pm – First Reconciliation and
Eucharist Class



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!



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.

VOCATIONS – January 19, 2025

"Do whatever He tells you." (John 2:5)

At the Wedding at Cana, Jesus performs His first miracle, blessing the union of a married couple. Marriage is a sacred covenant, and like the servants at the wedding, we are called to listen to Christ's guidance in our marriages. Take time to pray together and invite Christ into your marriage, trusting in His power to strengthen your bond.

STEWARDSHIP – January 19, 2025

"To each individual the manifestation of the Spirit is given for some benefit." (1 Corinthians 12:7)

Saint Paul tells us that God has blessed each of us for a reason. How has God blessed you? Are you using your gifts according to God's plan? How are you helping to build God's kingdom here on earth? Remember that if you don't do the work God planned for you, no one else can do it. Live the life God has intended for you. Take time to discern your charisms (gifts from the Holy Spirit). Experience the supernatural Peace and Joy God desires for each of us.

Readings for January 26, 2025

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Nehemiah 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10

1 Corinthians 12:12-30

Luke 1:1-4, 14-21

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Marilyn Fisher	Theresa Morvay
Margaret Chizmar	Jay Gettemy	Bill Myers
Mindy Cline	Christopher King	Janice Rovnak
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Jack Slifka
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler
Jim Fisher	Patricia Lesho	
Leslie Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	

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

Born to Eternal Life

Don Streb



MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Catholics around the country have always responded to the needs of people everywhere. Next weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown will hold the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** in order to assist the Church in its ministries throughout the world. This combined collection supports four major overseas services: **Catholic Relief Services (CRS)**, **Holy Father/Peter's Pence**, the **Church in Central and Eastern Europe**, and the **Church in Latin America**. Please remember, as we move toward the season of Lent, to support these important programs of charity in the Church.

STEP INTO THE NEW YEAR

We are collecting tennis shoes throughout the month of January and early February 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.

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



Parish Support

January 12, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 13,824.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 1,176.00)
YTD Received	\$421,078.27
YTD Budget	\$420,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,078.27



Christmas Offering \$ 39,263.00

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

PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, January 20, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 21, at 8:30am. Thank you.

**PLEASE
NOTE**

DIOCESAN MASS FOR LIFE

Bishop David J. Bonnar will preside in the annual Mass for Life on **Sunday, January 19 at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral**. All are invited to pray for a greater respect for human life at every stage and in all circumstances. The Mass for Life will be followed by a reception including displays of information on respect for life and Walking with Moms in Need. All are welcome to attend. No reservations are necessary. Donations are accepted and appreciated.

Also, on **Wednesday, January 22** in observance of the Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children, Bishop Bonnar will celebrate a Mass For Giving Thanks to God for the Gift of Human Life at 12:10pm at Saint Columba Cathedral.

For more information contact R. J. Mangan, Director of the Office of Peace and Justice at 330-744-8451 or rmangan@youngstowndiocese.org.

SUNDAY OF THE WORD OF GOD

The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, will celebrate **Word of God Sunday Mass on January 26 at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral**. During the Mass he will institute three men as readers on their way to the Order of the Permanent Diaconate. The candidates for the Ministry of Lector are:

Mr. Richard Hull, Guardian Angels - Canton
Mr. Matthew Richards, Saint Patrick - Kent
Mr. Kirk Wells, Saint Patrick - Hubbard

WARM HEARTS FOR WARM HOMES

Many people come to Catholic Charities for assistance to keep their homes warm during the long, cold winter months here in Ohio. Catholic Charities' Warm Hearts for Warm Homes campaign provides tangible assistance and peace of mind to individuals and families in need of utility assistance. Please visit www.ccdoy.org to learn more or to make a gift online. Donations can be placed in the collection basket or mailed to Catholic Charities, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503

2024 TAX STATEMENTS

We are in the process of posting the final contributions for 2024, including the many offertory gifts received for Christmas. As such, 2024 tax statements will be available beginning **Monday, January 27th**.

To obtain a statement, *please call* the office and it will be ready in two days (beginning on the 27th). **Statements will not be done while you wait.**





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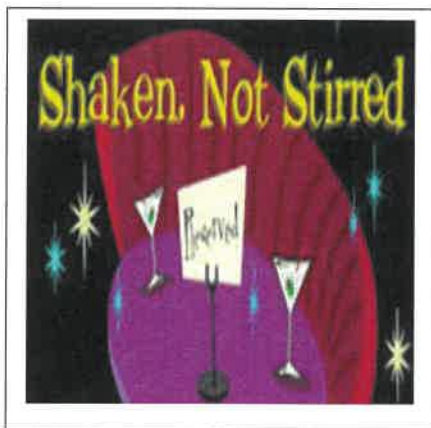
If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for more information or to sign up. The form is also on our web site to print out, complete and turn in to the office.

PARISH OFFICE

The Parish Office will be open after all Masses the weekends of January 18/19 and 25/26. Tickets for Shaken, Not Stirred will be available.



If you are interested in bringing up the gifts in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.



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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