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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)

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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

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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 20

Saint Paul of the Cross

8:00am – Mary Catherine Livingston

Tuesday, October 21

8:00am – Ann Skoufatos

Wednesday, October 22

Saint John Paul II, Pope

8:00am – Robert M. Palma

Thursday, October 23

Saint John of Capistrano

8:00am – Ed Ross

Friday, October 24

Saint Anthony Mary Claret

No Daily Mass

Saturday, October 25

Vigil-Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – Marie & Andy Skrobola

Sunday, October 26

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Vincent Ryan

11:30am – Anthony Rulli

WORLD MISSION SUNDAY

October 18/19, 2025

This weekend we observe World Mission Sunday. This year's theme "*Missionaries of Hope Among all Peoples*" reflects the inclusive and urgent call to bring God's love to everyone. This annual collection supports Pontifical Missions Society, Catholic Home Missions, and Black and Indian Missions combined.

Please remember that when it comes to missions some give by going, others go by giving. Please be generous.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This Saturday, October 18, the Church observed the feast of Saint Luke. This current liturgical year has us focusing on the Gospel of Luke. Luke, the writer of the Gospel and the Acts of the Apostles, has been identified as "Luke, the beloved physician" (Colossians 4:14). It is believed that Luke was born a Greek and a Gentile.

In our day, it would be easy to assume that someone who was a doctor was rich, but scholars have argued that Luke might have been born a slave. It was not uncommon for families to educate slaves in medicine so that they would have a resident family physician. Not only do we have

Paul's word, but Eusebius, Saint Jerome, Saint Irenaeus and Caius, a second-century writer, all refer to Luke as a physician.

Luke's inspiration and information for his Gospel and Acts came from his close association with Paul and his companions as he explains in his introduction to the Gospel: "Since many have undertaken to set down an orderly account of the events that have been fulfilled among us, just as they were handed on to us by those who from the beginning were eyewitnesses and servants of the word, I too decided, after investigating everything carefully from the very first, to write an orderly account for you, most excellent Theophilus" (Luke 1:1-3).

Luke's unique perspective on Jesus can be seen in the six miracles and eighteen parables not found in the other gospels. Luke's is the gospel of the poor and of social justice. He is the one who tells the story of Lazarus and the Rich Man who ignored him. Luke is the one who uses "Blessed are the poor" instead of "Blessed are the poor in spirit" in the beatitudes. Only in Luke's gospel do we hear Mary's Magnificat where she proclaims that God "has brought down the powerful from their thrones, and lifted up the lowly; he has filled the hungry with good things, and sent the rich away empty" (Luke 1:52-53).

Luke also has a special connection with the women in Jesus' life, especially Mary. It is only in Luke's gospel that we hear the story of the Annunciation, Mary's visit to Elizabeth including the Magnificat, the Presentation, and the story of Jesus' disappearance in Jerusalem. It is Luke that we have to thank for the Scriptural parts of the Hail Mary: "Hail Mary full of grace" spoken at the Annunciation and "Blessed are you and blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus" spoken by her cousin Elizabeth.

Forgiveness and God's mercy to sinners is also of first importance to Luke. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the Prodigal Son welcomed back by the overjoyed father. Only in Luke do we hear the story of the forgiven woman disrupting the feast by washing Jesus' feet with her tears. Throughout Luke's gospel, Jesus takes the side of the sinner who wants to return to God's mercy.

Reading Luke's gospel gives a good idea of his character as one who loved the poor, who wanted the door to God's kingdom opened to all, who respected women, and who saw hope in God's mercy for everyone. Let us continue to reflect on the presence of the Lord in our lives through the Gospel according to Saint Luke.

May the Word of God inspire us to move beyond its hearing at Mass and become part of our living every other hour of the week.

God bless you, Father Lavelle

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, October 20

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, October 21

10:00 – 11:30am - OCIA

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

1:00pm – Adult Confirmation

Wednesday, October 22

8:20am – Adoration

7:00pm – Garden Guild

Thursday, October 23

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, October 24

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, October 25

3:00pm - Reconciliation

Sunday, October 26

10:05 – 11:20 – Youth Faith Formation

2:00 – 3:30pm – Confirmation Class



Readings for October 26, 2025

The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 35:12-14, 16-18

2 Timothy 4:6-8, 16-18

Luke 18:9-14

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.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William "Bill" Sweeney", Battalion Surgeon, 6 th Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army

STEWARDSHIP – October 19, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...proclaim the word, be persistent whether it is convenient or inconvenient..." (2 Timothy 4:2)

It is not always convenient to be a good steward, especially when all the temptations of our busy and materialistic world get in the way. Now add our own pride and ego into the equation and living a stewardship lifestyle may be downright uncomfortable! Remember, God didn't call us to be comfortable. He never said that we would have an easy life. Rather, He called us to be faithful!

VOCATIONS – October 12, 2025

29th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"When the Son of Man comes, will he find faith on earth?" (Luke 18:8)

Priests and religious brothers and sisters help to keep faith alive in the world. Could God be calling you to be one of these dedicated servants? Talk to your priest or reach out to:

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

Parish Support

The Collection was not available at the time of printing.

Thank you for understanding.



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

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on **Wednesday, October 22 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall for their October program. Cassandra Valentini from Direction Home of Eastern Ohio, Resources on Aging and Disabilities is the guest speaker. Guests are welcome.



SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament can be celebrated before any surgery or if you are experiencing a serious illness. Please call the parish office (330-533-6839) to schedule. Due to the many duties of Father Lavelle, please allow time when calling to schedule a visit.

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptized please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism Class usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered. One godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active members of the parish for at least 6 months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 years old and still registered under your parents registration, you need to register independently. A Pre-Canan class sponsored by the diocese is required as well as meeting with Father Lavelle a few months prior to your wedding.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mindy Cline	Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho
Dante DeAngelo	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Nick Derrico	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
James Dunn, Sr.	Jim Jones	Bill Myers
Arlene Dyman	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack D. Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden		

Prayer for the Sick

God of all goodness, look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. Amen

PARISH FUNDRAISER

Everybody Loves Handel's Ice Cream!

We are continuing to sell Handel's Ice Cream Pint Cards in the parish office during office hours. The cards are good through January 2026. The cost of each card is **\$6.50** and the church keeps a portion of each card sold.



RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A group gathers in the pews near the Holy Family Statues for an oral recitation of the rosary on the first Saturday of the month. **The next gathering will be on Saturday, November 1 at 3:15pm.**



Patriotic Rosary

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

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2026 book for Mass Intentions is open. Initially you will be allowed to schedule **ONE WEEKEND MASS INTENTION. AND THREE DAILY MASS INTENTIONS.** After everyone has had an opportunity to schedule masses, we will invite the opportunity to schedule additional mass intentions.

Just a reminder, all Holy Day Masses, including Christmas and Easter, are celebrated for the people of the parish, living or deceased. Additionally, Masses for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day are celebrated for all our mothers and fathers, respectively.

The form also asks for a suggested date. This is not a guarantee. We will do our best to accommodate such requests, but on a first received basis. To schedule your first Mass Intention, please complete the form and return it to the office. The form must be completed and include the \$10 stipend. This is the best way to adhere to the prescribed laws and be fair to everyone. Thank you.

2025 Mass Intention Request Form

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Name of person requesting the intention

Requested date – Not guaranteed

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FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown will meet on **Thursday, November 6, 2025**, at Avion on the Water Banquet Center, from 11:30 – 1:00pm. Sister Valerie Luckey, OSB, Director of Emmaus Ministries in Erie, PA, will speak on *“Conversion of Heart in a Suffering Society”*. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Mail reservations to with a Check Payable to: First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown, P.O. Box 11146, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

For more information, please call 330-720-4498 or visit the website at:

www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org



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

Join us on **Saturday, November 1** for our **2nd 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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