# Saint Michael Parisl 300 North Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406



Weekend Masses: Saturday 4:00 p.m. Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

**Holyday Masses:** 12:15 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation: Saturday 3:00 p.m. Office Hours ...... Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m. Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parish Office......330-533-6839 Fax......330-702-0432

Family Life Center ......... 330-533-3181

Saint Michael Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Community united by faith in Jesus Christ. Called to the mission of Jesus by Baptism, nourished by God's Word and Sacraments, we join to celebrate our faith and to continue Christ's mission of love, justice and service. As good stewards, guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe we are called to be Christ to one another, sharing our time, talent, and treasure with our community and the world, especially with those less fortunate.

#### **PARISH STAFF:**

......Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D. Min. Pastor ..

#### Pastoral Associate for

Adult Faith Formation... .. Maureen Hall

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Youth Faith Formation.....

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.....Stephanie Howley Business Manager.....

Administrative Assistant ...... Maxine Gordon

Family Life Center Manager......Audrey Geskey

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Arrangements for registration can be made by calling the parish office.

#### Adult Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Adults who have questions about the Catholic faith, or who would like to become members of the Catholic Church are invited to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

#### Baptism

Baptisms are done during any weekend Mass. Expectant or new parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office 3-4 months prior to the preferred Baptism date to schedule Baptism preparation.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon.

See bulletin for holiday schedule/adjustments.

#### Confirmation

Celebrated for students in the 8th grade. Please call the parish office.

#### Marriage

Couples are asked to call the Parish Office prior to making other arrangements. A minimum of 6 months is required.

Persons interested in becoming a liturgical minister are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

#### Youth Faith Formation

Catechetical program for students in grades K - 8.

#### **Adult Faith Formation**

Please contact a member of the Pastoral Staff for information about adult opportunities for education and spiritual growth.

#### Hospital

Please call the church office if a family member is in the hospital and would like to be visited.

#### Homebound/Nursing Home

If parishioner is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive Communion, please contact the church office.

#### Social Justice

Persons interested in becoming involved in ministries to the poor or oppressed are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

#### Catholic Charities Regional Agency Mahoning County (330) 744-3320

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Monday, March 25 Monday of Holy Week 8:00am- Mary Ann Rovnak Tuesday, March 26 Tuesday of Holy Week 8:00am – Vocations

Wednesday, March 27 Wednesday of Holy Week 8:00am – Tim Mikes

Thursday, March 28

**Holy Thursday** 

7:00pm – The Mass of the Lord's Supper 10:00pm – Night Prayer

Friday, March 29 Good Friday

7:00pm - The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, March 30

Holy Saturday – The Great Easter Vigil

8:00pm - The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 31

The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am – The People of the Parish 11:30am – The People of the Parish



On Monday, April 8<sup>th</sup>, the Church celebrates the transferred feast of the Annunciation (moved from March 25<sup>th</sup> to the next available date after Holy Week and the Octave of Easter). It is also the day of the Solar Eclipse (around 4pm). It is also the date of our April Young at Heart Gathering. As such, we will gather for Mass at 11:30 for Mass celebrating the Annunciation, followed by lunch and then a presentation of the Catholic Church and Science – perfect for the day of the eclipse. We will have everyone home in plenty of time to see the eclipse (with a little surprise for everyone). Please RSVP to the office by April 4<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

#### Please Note:

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, March 26 for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral and Thursday, March 28, Friday, March 29 and Monday, April 1 for the Easter Holiday.

Thank you for understanding.

#### FROM THE PASTOR . . .

We began our Lenten Journey this year on February 14th - Valentine's Day. What seemed like the most unlikely day to begin a season of fasting in the desert, perhaps gave us the most appropriate entrance into this season. For although this season is hallmarked by prayer, fasting and almsgiving - all these acts should be entered into with a true spirit of love. We are called to a deeper recognition of the love our God always has for us and rediscover the love we are called to have not just for our God, but for all our brothers and sisters created in his image. Throughout our Lenten Season, we have been provided opportunities to increase our prayer with God, either through stations, daily Masses, Lenten reflections on the Eucharist, and more. Hopefully whether part of a formalized opportunity of prayer, or simple moments in the quite of our homes, we have prayed more with God. Thank you for the many ways our faith community has sought to be more charitable this season, in the Annual Diocesan Appeal (which continues through the Easter season), the Clean Up Your Act for Lent campaign, the Green Eggs and Ham this Tuesday, the NHS Easter Basket drive this weekend, and other personal moments of giving. I hope this season has awakened a deeper desire to share ourselves with The season has also challenged us to others. remove those things that keep us from placing Christ at the center of our lives - not merely abstaining from meat or giving up some food or technological device but searching out those attitudes or biases that we possess and seeking to irradicate them from our daily activities. I pray for all of us that as we enter this most holy week, our Lenten journey has enabled us to truly proclaim in the here and now "Hosanna!" and let the refrain "Crucify Him!" simply be an enactment of history. God bless you all - Father Lavelle

### ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL One in Hope, One in Mission

The beginning of today's Gospel reminds us to break our alabaster jar for Jesus. Whatever is precious is nothing compared to Him.

Please support our Annual Diocesan Appeal this week. Like the woman who broke the costliest of perfumes to anoint Christ, be not afraid to anoint Him lavishly with your gifts. Our community needs you. When you anoint our local Church with your perfume, you anoint Christ, the Church's head!

#### THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 25 9:00am - Fitness Fun

Tuesday, March 26 11:00am – Patriotic Rosary Parish Office Closed

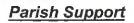
Wednesday, March 27 9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, March 28 Parish Office Closed

Friday, March 29 7:30pm – AA Meeting Parish Office Closed

Saturday, March 30 10:00am – Blessing of Food

Sunday, March 31 No Events



March 17, 2024

Amount Received \$ 13,319.00 Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00 Surplus/ (Deficit) (\$ 1,681.00)

YTD Received \$602,315.26 YTD Budget \$570,000.00

YTD Surplus (Deficit) \$ 33,315.26

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

#### **Holy Thursday & Good Friday Collections**

Traditionally, the Holy Thursday collection used to be the Rice Bowl. The collection we take on Holy Thursday helps to alleviate hunger on a local level.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide for Catholic schools, offer religious education, and undertake social and charitable works. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Thank you in advance for your support of these important collections.



#### Holy Thursday, March 28 - 7:00 PM

Lector: Barb Spencer

Servers: Nate Ferguson, Noah Gilbert

**Euch. Min:** Maxine Gordon (X) Audrey Geskey (HF)

George Beelen (T)

Ushers: Tom Wainio, Mike Fabian, Richard Gary

#### Good Friday, March 29 - 7:00PM

Lectors: Gerry Ricciutti (N), Laura Lonardo (V)

Server: Lauren Smallwood

Euch. Min: Barbara Cummings (X) Kim Maciukiewicz (HF) Roseann Peluso (T)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Tom Eaton, Bill Petro

#### The Easter Vigil, Saturday, March 30 - 8:00PM

Lectors: Jim Krivanek, Sue DePinto, Bob Smallwood, Judy Richley

Servers: Noah Gilbert, Nate Ferguson

Euch. Min: Donna Wainio (X)
Christy Berlin (HF)
Brian Berlin (T)

Ushers: Tom Wainio, Mike Fabian, Brian Kerr

#### Easter Sunday, March 31 - 9:00AM

Lector: Junita Sherba

**Servers:** Elise & Sean Campbell **Euch. Min:** Mark Curtis (X)

Karen Curtis (X)

Faul Sherba (T)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Jim Naples, Jerry Laska

#### Easter Sunday, March 31 - 11:30AM

Lector: Eileen Novotny

Servers: Volunteer Needed Euch. Min: Fran Brayer (X) Laura Lonardo (HF) Mia Richardson (T)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Tom Eaton, Luke Scolieri

#### **CAN YOU GIVE GREEN EGGS AND HAM?**



Please bring packaged hams, colored eggs, etc. that would be a part of an Easter meal to the Parish Hall on Monday, March 25 between 5 & 7pm and Tuesday, March 26, 2024,

between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

We will be sorting and distributing the food to our traditional 3 Soup Kitchens. They will be serving Holv Thursday afternoon.

If you have any questions, call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.



### **Holy Week Celebrations**





#### Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion

Today, we begin the holiest of weeks by first calling to mind Jesus' triumphant entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem with the blessing of palms, and then recounting His passion and death to occur later in the week. Please consider your faithful participation in the coming celebrations throughout Holy Week.

#### Holy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 28, 2024 - 7:00pm

This evening Mass brings to a close the Lenten season and begins the celebration of the Scared Triduum. Through Word, Sacrament and the Washing of Feet, we are invited to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and of ministry in the Church. In the stripping of the Altar, we prepare to enter into the emptiness of the day to come. Adoration will follow until **10:00pm**, concluding the day with Night Prayer.





#### Good Friday - The Passion of the Lord

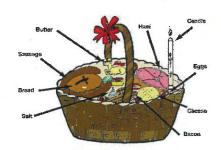
Friday, March 29, 2024 - 7:00pm

During this celebration, we experience the passion and death of our Lord, we invoke a series of special prayers for the world, we venerate the Holy Cross, and we continue to be nourished with the Body of Christ.

#### **Blessing of Easter Food**

Saturday - March 30, 2024 - 10:00am

We will gather in the <u>Parish Hall</u> for the blessing of Easter Foods. Please consider bringing various foods that will grace your Easter table, seeking God's blessings on this abundance of physical and spiritual nourishment.





#### The Great Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – <u>8:00pm</u>

In the Great Easter Vigil, we move both physically and spiritually from darkness into a new light. We recall moments in salvation history, we proclaim the Resurrection of our Lord, and welcome those who have prepared to be one with us in the Sacramental life of the Church.

#### Easter Sunday - The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – 9:00am & 11:30am Masses

At these Masses marking the first day of Easter joy, we arrive at the tomb with Mary of Magdala, Peter and John, to bear witness to the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Together, we begin a season of new life, guiding us in a fifty-day journey to the birth of the Church at Pentecost on May 19<sup>th</sup>



### **Traditional Easter Basket Blessing**





PASCHA - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plaif given it a crowned effect or Greek

CHEESE - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper



HAM - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.

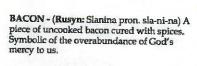


SAUSAGE (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron, kolbus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.



BUTTER - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.







EGGS (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through



SALT - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



HORSERADISH (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church. In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha)

is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may



### Join us for a warm-up to the Kentucky Derby for the

## **Archangel Derby at Saint Michael Racetrack**



### Spring Night at the Races

Saturday, April 27, 2024, in the Family Life Center Doors open at 5:00 – Races begin at 6:00pm



# The event is a B.Y.O. – B.F.F. Bring your own Bottle, Food & Fun!

The parish will provide snacks (chips, pretzels, popcorn & the mixes)

You provide the food & drinks to share at your table.

The cost of admission is \$15 per person. Tables of 8 can be reserved in advance – all others will be open seating.

There will be ten races, plus a bonus "Auction Race".

The cost of sponsoring and naming a horse is \$25.

Be creative, but mindful that it's a Church event. The winner of each race will receive \$50 and a special gift.

The Auction Race will have a Big Payoff for the winner!

We are also looking for businesses or individuals to sponsor a race. The cost of this sponsorship is \$250. Your name or logo will appear in the program, along with two free admission tickets.

Winning bets in each race split the take with the parish. We will have a few other prizes & a 50/50. We will also pull one ticket from our *Annual Parish Raffle* bin for a \$1,000 CASH PRIZE so consider buying a few more of those tickets to have a last chance at winning a great cash prize.

To sponsor a horse, please contact the parish office or complete the portion below and return it to the office or in the offertory basket. To sponsor a race – please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

Night at the Races Sponsorship Form - \$25 per horse			
Horse Name	Your Name	-	
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Saint Michael Parish, and all our parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown, is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

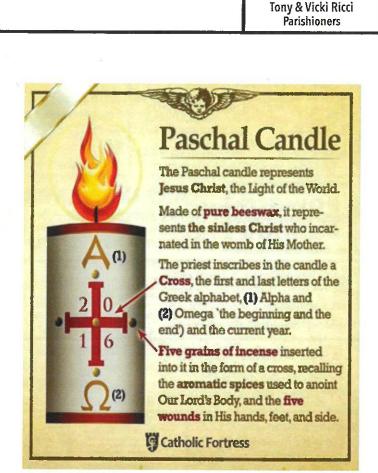
The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saint Michael Parish. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10-15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link now at:

https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/bb9t75

and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the parish community as a whole.



#### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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