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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)

PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min.
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Director of Music

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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

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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



Mass Schedule

Monday, December 23

Saint John of Kanty

8:00am – Patty Deak & Mike & Dottie Bagnoli

Tuesday, December 24

Vigil – The Nativity of the Lord

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

6:00pm – The People of the Parish

Wednesday, December 25

The Nativity of the Lord

Midnight – The People of the Parish

10:00am – The People of the Parish

Thursday, December 26

Saint Stephen

No Daily Mass

Friday, December 27

Saint John

No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 28

**Vigil – The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary,
and Joseph**

3:00pm - Reconciliation

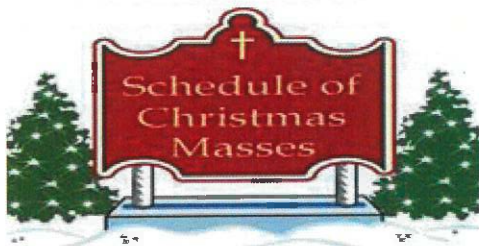
4:00pm – Helen Lavelle

Sunday, December 29

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Philip DeAngelo



The Solemnity of the Birth of our Lord (Christmas)

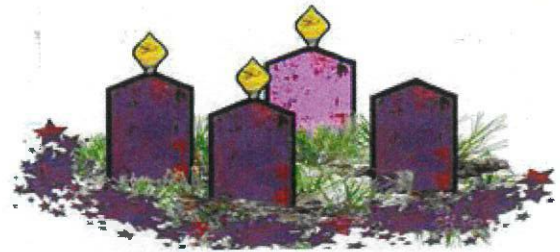
Tuesday, December 24, 2024
4:00pm & 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
12:00am (Midnight Mass) & 10:00am

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 – 4:00pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2025- 10:00am

FROM THE PASTOR . . .



Today, as we enter these final hours of preparation for the Birth of the Lord, Jesus Christ, we hear the story of how the angel Gabriel announced God's plan for salvation to Mary, and her humble yes. This year, with the Christmas celebration just hours away, let us try and take just a few moments to think of the times we have been invited to humbly say yes to God's will, and if we have not always responded with that yes, may the Christmas season challenge us to be more responsive to God's plan in the future.

Thank you to everyone who has committed themselves to the Advent journey. I pray that these weeks of preparation have truly allowed us to look inward and make our hearts a noble and worthy place for the Lord to dwell not only during this Christmas season, but always.

God bless us all, Father Lavelle

EMERGENCY CALLS DURING CHRISTMAS

As has been the pattern for several years here at Saint Michael, the parish facilities will be closed the weekdays between Christmas and New Year, this includes daily Mass (Masses of Christian Burial will be celebrated as needed). The answering service will forward emergency calls only (the need for anointings or scheduling of a Mass of Christian Burial). All other calls will be forwarded to the office to be answered beginning January 2nd at 8:30am. Thank you for your appreciation of all the hard work our parish staff does throughout the year and recognizing their need to not only celebrate the holiday, but to take some needed rest before the new year unfolds.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the bulletin on December 29, The Feast of the Holy Family.

Thank you for your kindness. May God bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.



THE TWELVE DAYS OF CHRISTMAS

The *Twelve Days of Christmas* are the festive days beginning with the evening of Christmas Day through the morning of Epiphany. This period is also known as Christmastide. Over the centuries, differing churches and sects of Christianity have changed the traditions, time frame, and their interpretations. What remains constant is celebrating the Birth of Jesus from December 25th and leading to Epiphany, traditionally January 6th. The popular song "*The Twelve Days of Christmas*" is usually seen as simply a nonsense song for children. However, it is believed to be a song of Christian instruction dating back to 16th century England, with hidden references to the basic teachings of our faith. The song contains a mnemonic device to teach the catechism. The translated lines of the song are:

- The *partridge in the pear tree* was Jesus Christ.
- The *two turtle doves* were the Hebrew and Christian Scriptures.
- The *three French hens* are the virtues of faith, hope & love.
- The *four calling birds* were the Gospels of Mark, Matthew, Luke and John.
- The *five golden rings* recalled the Torah or Pentateuch – the first five books of the Bible: Genesis, Exodus, Leviticus, Numbers, and Deuteronomy.
- The *six geese a-laying* stood for the six days of creation.
- The *seven swans a-swimming* represented the seven-fold gifts of the Holy Spirit: wisdom, understanding, right judgment, fortitude, knowledge, piety, fear of the Lord.
- The *eight maids a-milking* are the eight Beatitudes: the poor in spirit, the meek, they who mourn, they that hunger and thirst for justice, the merciful, the clean of heart, the peacemakers, and they who suffer persecution for the sake of justice.
- The *nine ladies dancing* were the nine fruits of the Holy Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness and self-control.
- The *ten lords a-leaping* were the Ten Commandments: You shall have no other gods before me. You shall not make any graven images. You shall not take the name of the Lord your God in vain. Keep holy the Sabbath. Honor your father and mother. You shall not kill. You shall not commit adultery. You shall not steal. You shall not bear false witness against thy

neighbor. You shall not covet your neighbor's house.

- The *eleven pipers piping* stood for the eleven faithful disciples: Peter, Andrew, James the Greater, James the Lesser, John, Philip, Bartholomew, Matthew, Thomas, Thaddeus and Simon.
- The *twelve drummers drumming* symbolizes the twelve points of belief in the Apostles Creed: [1] I believe in God the Father Almighty, Maker of Heaven and earth [2] and in Jesus Christ, His only Son, our Lord [3] who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the virgin Mary [4] suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, died, and was buried: He descended into Hell [5] the third day He rose again from the dead [6] He ascended into Heaven [7] and sits at the right hand of God the Father Almighty [8] From thence He shall come to judge the living and the dead [9] I believe in the Holy Spirit [10] one holy Catholic Church, the fellowship of saints [11] the forgiveness of sins [12] the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 23
Parish Office Closes at Noon
 9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, December 24
Christmas Eve
Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, December 25
Christmas Day
Parish Office Closed

Thursday, December 26
Parish Office Closed

Friday, December 27
Parish Office Closed
 7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, December 28
 8:00 – 10:00am – Soup Kitchen

Sunday, December 29
 No Events



<u>Parish Support</u>	
December 15, 2024	
Amount Received	\$ 11,675.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 3,325.00)
YTD Received	\$358,925.97
YTD Budget	\$360,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 1,074.03)

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

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!

PARISH OFFICE

The parish offices will be open through Monday, December 23, 2024 until noon. The offices will close at noon on Monday, December 23, and re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 8:30am. This will allow our parish staff some time with their families and friends, and a little rest from the very busy time leading up to Christmas. The answering service will forward emergency calls only. Thank you for your cooperation.

2025 PARISH CALENDARS

Our 2025 Parish Calendars will be blessed and made available the weekend of December 28th & 29th. Thank you.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Christmas Eve

Tuesday, December 24 – 4:00 PM

Lectors: Olivia Donadee – 1st reading
Michelle Billy – 2nd reading & petitions

Servers: Nate Ferguson
Michael & Nick Smallwood

Euch. Min: Mark Billy (X-H)
Janet LeClair (Font-C)
Steve DeCapua (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Bill Petro, Jim Cleeland, Mark Graham

Tuesday, December 24 – 6:00 PM

Lectors: Linda Kneen – 1st reading
Gerry Ricciutti – 2nd reading & petitions

Servers: Abby & Andrew Tuscano

Euch. Min: Barbara Cummings (X-H)
John Tomory (Font-C)
Brandy Tomory (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Marty Repasky

Christmas Day

Wednesday, December 25 – Midnight

Lectors: Bob Smallwood – 1st reading
Sharon Harpster – 2nd reading & petitions

Servers: Lauren Smallwood, Noah Gilbert,
Abigail Riblet

Euch. Min: Shirley Dunn (X-H)
Mia Richardson (Font-C)

Sue DePinto (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Tom Eaton, Greg Iaderosa

Wednesday, December 25 – 10:00 AM

Lector: Barb Spencer – 1st reading
Judy Richley – 2nd reading & petitions

Servers: Volunteer Needed

Euch. Min: Fran Brayer (X-H)
Mark Curtis (Font-C)

Mary Jo Lewis (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Russell Layfield,
Richard Gary, Denny Sanders

Weekend Liturgies

Saturday, December 28 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Linda Kneen

Server: Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: Ed Costello (X-H)
Maxine Gordon (Font-C)
Bill Petro (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Mark Graham, Bill Petro, Don Kutsko

Sunday, December 29 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Paul McMullen

Servers: Michael & Nick Smallwood

Euch. Min: Nicole Smallwood (X-H)
Janet LeClair (Font-C)
Barbara Woerner (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Greg Iaderosa,
Denny Sanders, Mario Silvestri

Sunday, December 29 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Brian Berlin

Server: Noah Gilbert

Euch. Min: Donna Wainio (X-H)
Kay McCarthy (Font-C)
Steve DeCapua (Ambo-C)

Ushers: Tom Eaton, Chuck Wirtz, Jim Cleeland

Born to Eternal Life

John Carney



Readings for December 29, 2024

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, & Joseph

1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28 or Sirach 3:2-6, 12-14

1 John 3:1-2, 21-24 or Colossians 3:12-21

Luke 12:41-52



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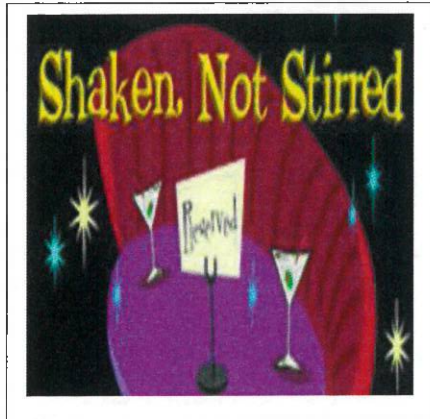
PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Margaret Chizmar	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
Mindy Cline	Christopher King	Edward Mosca
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Bill Myers
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Mike Roussos
Leslie Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Linda Schulte
Marilyn Fisher	Jayne Lynn Lowe	Jack D. Slifka
Jay Gettemy	Francis Luongo	Don Streb
John Hahn	Mary Lou Mack	Caroline Zeigler

Please Note: If you would like to have a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.

MILITARY LIST

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



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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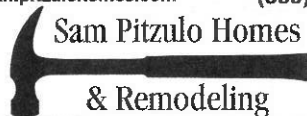
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