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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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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, September 1

Parish Office Closed – Labor Day

No Daily Mass

Tuesday, September 2

8:00am – Mary Louise Buck

Wednesday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great

8:00am – Tammy Eiselt

Thursday, September 4

8:00am – Nick DePinto

Friday, September 5

No Daily Mass

Saturday, September 6

Vigil – Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – Mike Geskey

Sunday, September 7

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – Steven Pavliga

11:30am – Deceased Members of the
Calvaruso Family

PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 1 for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 2 at 8:30am.

Have a safe holiday weekend!

“A CATHOLIC VIEW OF LABOR DAY”

Labor Day, observed on the first Monday of September in the United States, is often seen as the unofficial end of summer - a time for family gatherings, cookouts, and rest before the busy fall season. However, its deeper significance lies in the celebration of the dignity of work and the contributions of laborers to society. For Catholics, this day offers a profound opportunity to reflect on the Church's teachings about the sanctity of work, human dignity, and our role in building a just society.

The Dignity of Work in Catholic Tradition

Catholic teaching has long upheld the dignity of work as central to the human experience. Work is not simply a means to earn a livelihood but a vital part of our vocation as God's children. Through work, we participate in God's creation, cooperating with His divine plan and contributing to the common good. The Church Fathers, the saints, and countless Church documents affirm this truth.

The Rights and Duties of Workers

Labor Day also reminds us of the Church's consistent defense of workers' rights. The right to just wages, safe working conditions, reasonable hours, and rest are not simply privileges but are essential to respecting the dignity of the human person. These rights are closely linked to our duties – to work honestly, to respect the common good, and to use our talents in service to others.

Rest and Reflection on Labor Day

Labor Day is also an occasion to recognize the importance of rest, which the Church teaches is essential for our well-being. The rhythm of work and rest, as ordained by God, is a pattern for human life. The Lord's Day, in particular, is a time set aside for rest, worship, and the renewal of our spirits.

Conclusion

As Catholics, Labor Day is a time to reflect on the deeper significance of work in our lives. It is a day to thank God for the gift of labor, to honor those who contribute to society through their work, and to remember the Church's teachings on the dignity and rights of workers. It is also a moment to renew our commitment to justice, ensuring that all labor is respected and valued.

In the spirit of the saints who saw work as a path to holiness, let us pray that our labors may always be pleasing to God, that we may find joy and purpose in our work, and that we may contribute to the building of a more just and charitable society. As we rest on this Labor Day, may we do so with hearts full of gratitude, mindful of our call to serve God and our neighbor through the work of our hands.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 1

Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, September 2

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, September 3

8:20 – 9:00am - Adoration

Thursday, September 4

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, September 5

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, September 6

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm - Rosary

Sunday, September 7

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



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 twice a month starting Tuesday, September 9 at 10:00am or Tuesday evenings at 6:00pm starting September 16.

Readings for September 7, 2025

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 9:13-18b

Philemon 9-10, 12-17

Luke 14:25-33

Born to Eternal Life

Dawn Kerpsack



BIBLE STUDY

The Parables of Jesus text written by Stephen Binz will be the focus of the monthly parish Bible study resuming

Thursday, September 11 at 1:00pm. The group meets

monthly from September through May on the second Thursday of the month in the Family Life Center. Please contact Barbara Spencer, facilitator at 330-503-4756, for further information.



ADULT EDUCATION

A four week evening scripture program on interpreting the parables of Jesus and how to better grow spiritually from them will take place in the parish hall from 6:30-7:45pm.

The dates are **Wednesday, September 17, Tuesday, September 23, and Wednesday October 1 and 8.** (Each evening is self contained.)

Facilitator: Barb Spencer

*Please bring your Bible with you.

Parish Support

August 24, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 9,531.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 5,469.00)
YTD Received	\$104,588.50
YTD Budget	\$120,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 15,411.50)



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

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	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.

STEWARDSHIP – August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Rather, when you hold a banquet, invite the poor, the crippled, the lame, the blind; blessed indeed will you be because of their inability to repay you."

(Luke 14:13-14)

One of the main principles of living a stewardship lifestyle is to give without expecting anything in return. This is difficult for some to comprehend in our "consumerist" culture that we live in. This is even difficult for many parish communities that have become heavily dependent on parish fundraising events to support the mission and ministry of their local parish. Generally speaking, at a parish fundraiser, you pay money and receive something in return, it's just a financial transaction. This is opposed to our parish offertory at Holy mass, where you unite your sacrifice with Jesus', renewing our covenant relationship with Him.

VOCATIONS – August 31, 2025

22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

"For everyone who exalts himself will be humbled, but the one who humbles himself will be exalted."

(Luke 14:11)

Humility is at the heart of every vocation. Could God be calling you to humble service as a religious brother or sister?

Talk to your priest or reach out to

Father Chad Johnson at

cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org or

Father Will Wainio

awwainio@youngstowndiocese.org.

2025-2026 ANNUAL PARISH RAFFLE

Everyone should have received their Annual Parish Raffle Ticket packet in the mail. If you haven't received your raffle tickets please call the parish office and we can mail them to you. As with the past years, we are asking every household to buy or sell two books of tickets. These tickets cover four different events, with a chance at six different prizes, ranging from \$1,000-\$3,000. There is even the possibility of winning more than once. The first drawing will be for \$1,000 at our Annual Feast Day Potluck on Sunday, September 28th. Please make every effort to get your tickets in for this first drawing. The total prize package over the year is \$10,000.



Mark your calendars for our first Young at Heart of the new season. We will meet on **Monday, September 8, 2025**, at 11:30am for Mass, followed by lunch and a presentation. More information on the presentation will follow.

The cost this year is still just \$5.00 for lunch. **Reservations are required by the Thursday afternoon prior to the gathering (September 4th at 4:00pm).** Please plan to join us.



BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon our students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon their teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever.








Amen.

We wish all of our students and teachers a year filled with learning, growth, joy and fun. Have a great year!!!

MILITARY LIST



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Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William "Bill" Sweeney", Battalion Surgeon, 6 th Marines, US Navy
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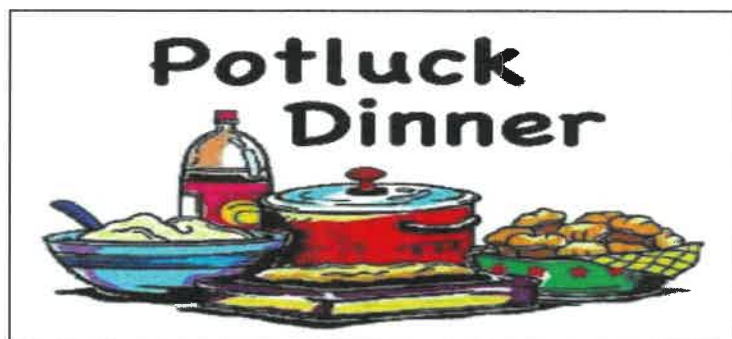
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FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown will begin its 20th Anniversary Season on **Thursday, September 4, 2025**, at Avion on the Water Banquet Center, from 11:30 – 1:00pm. Dr. James Kravec, MD Chief Clinical Officer, Mercy Health, will speak on *“Catholic Health Care and Ethical and Religious Directives”*. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Mail reservations 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



SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS

Our Parish Potluck Dinner will be held in the Family Life Center.

This year, we are asking families to bring either a side dish or a dessert, based on the first letter of your last name: **A - K – desserts L - Z – side dishes** (*with enough for at least 12 servings*).

The parish will provide the main entrée and beverages, along with place settings.

We will kick off our **2025-2026 Raffle Season** with the first drawing of **\$1,000** drawn that day! Make sure your tickets are in for the first drawing! Your 2025-2026 raffle packet will provide chances throughout the year for **\$10,000 in prize money**.

Please complete the portion below to make your reservation for the picnic.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH POTLUCK RSVP

Family Name _____ Phone _____

Number of Adults _____ Number of children 12 and under _____

Side Dish or Dessert you are bringing _____

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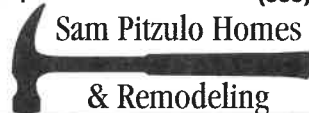
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