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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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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



Mass Schedule

Monday, November 23
Saint Clement I, Pope
Saint Columban
Blessed Meguel Agustin Pro
8:00am – Diana & Joseph Calinger

Tuesday, November 24
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac
8:00am – Dominic Albanese

Wednesday, November 25
Saint Catherine of Alexandria
8:00am – Sally Pauline Grabovac

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day
9:00am – The People of the Parish

Friday, November 27
No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 28
Vigil – First Sunday of Advent
4:00pm – Ralph J. Mack

Sunday, November 29
First Sunday of Advent
9:00am – Mr. & Mrs. William Donnelly
11:30am – The People of the Parish



FROM THE PASTOR . . .

On the last Sunday of each liturgical year, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe, or Christ the King.

Pope Pius XI instituted this feast in 1925 with his encyclical *Quas Primas* ("In the first") to respond to growing secularism and atheism. He recognized that attempting to *"thrust Jesus Christ and his holy law"* out of public life would result in continuing discord among people and nations. This solemnity reminds us that while governments come and go, Christ reigns as King forever.

During the early twentieth century, in Mexico, Russia, and some parts of Europe, militantly secularistic regimes threatened not just the Catholic Church and its faithful, but civilization itself. Pope Pius XI's encyclical gave Catholics hope and—while governments around them crumbled—the assurance was that Christ the King shall reign forever. Jesus Christ *"is very truth, and it is from him that truth must be obediently received by all mankind".*

Christ's kingship is rooted in the Church's teaching on the Incarnation. Jesus is fully God and fully man. He is both the divine Lord and the man who suffered and died on the Cross. One person of the Trinity unites himself to human nature and reigns over all creation as the Incarnate Son of God. *"From this it follows not only that Christ is to be adored by angels and men, but that to him as man angels and men are subject, and must recognize his empire; by reason of the hypostatic union Christ has power over all creatures"*

The Church calls us to acknowledge Christ's kingship with our whole lives:

- He must reign in our minds, which should assent with perfect submission and firm belief to revealed truths and to the doctrines of Christ.
- He must reign in our wills, which should obey the laws and precepts of God.
- He must reign in our hearts, which should spurn natural desires and love God above all things and cleave to him alone.
- He must reign in our bodies and in our members, which should serve as instruments for the interior sanctification of our souls, or to use the words of the Apostle Paul, 'as instruments of justice unto God.'

Today, religious freedom for many people means that we can believe whatever we want in private, but when we enter the public square or the marketplace, we may not speak of anything that relates to our faith. However, the Church acknowledges the reign of Christ, not only privately, but publicly. This solemnity encourages us to celebrate and live out our faith in public. "Thus, by sermons preached at meetings and in churches, by public adoration of the Blessed Sacrament exposed and by solemn processions, men unite in paying homage to Christ, whom God has given them for their King".

For Christians, when our faith is repeatedly marginalized in public life, we can fall into the habit of compartmentalizing our lives. We love Jesus in our private lives, but we shrink from acknowledging the kingship of Christ in social life. When we celebrate the Solemnity of Christ the King, we declare to the world and remind ourselves that Jesus is the Lord of the Church and of the entire universe.

May this Solemnity bring us closer to the one who reigns forever. Father Lavelle

VOCATIONS – November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Whatever you did for one of these least brothers of mine, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Christ, the King of Kings, calls us to serve Him through our care for others. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, is an opportunity to answer His call by loving and serving those in need. How is God inviting you to live out this service in your life, bringing Christ's mercy and compassion to the world?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – November 22, 2026
Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"…whatever you did for one the least of my brothers, you did for me." (Matthew 25:40)

Most of us are generous when it's convenient for us. We are generous when we have the time or the money. But real generosity is the opposite of that. It means giving of one's time, money, compassion, forgiveness or mercy when it's not convenient to us, when it's not on our schedule, but on the other person's timeline.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Tim Kneen	Mike Roussos
Milton Deichman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
Matt Faltisco	Patricia Lesho	Charles Slivkoff
Jim Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Katherine Smith
Marilyn Fisher	Terry Martin	Charlene Stein
John Hahn	JoAnn Mortimer	Walt Sweeney
Betty Hawco	Shirley Morvay	Caroline Zeigler
Dale Hynes		

CAMO MASS

The Catholic War Veterans (CWV) are sponsoring a Camo Mass for living and deceased veterans and their families on **Tuesday, November 24th at 10:00am at Saint Dominic Parish,** 77 East Lucius Avenue, Youngstown, with a reception to follow.

Interested persons are asked to call and make a reservation calling 330-783-1900 to assure adequate preparation of refreshments.

This is the first Camo Mass in honor of our Veterans.

Readings for November 29, 2026

First Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 63:16b17, 19b: 64:2-7

1 Corinthians 1:3-9

Mark 13:33-37

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Monday, November 23
4:00 – 7:00pm – Drop off turkeys

Tuesday, November 24
Parish Office Closed
8:30 -4:00 – Turkey Connection

Wednesday, November 25
Parish Office Closed

Thursday, November 26
Parish Office Closed
Happy Thanksgiving!!!



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

Saturday, November 28
3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, November 29
No Events Planned



CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** are up at all entrances to the Church. Like the past few years, we will again be asking for **donations of either cash or check.** The agencies will, in turn, use the financial donations to secure what each family is requesting.

The **Angel Ornaments** on the wreaths are for you to keep. We ask that when you prepare your home for Christmas that you hang the ornament on your tree and during the holidays, when you see that ornament, you keep in prayer the family your generosity enabled to have a more joyful Christmas.

All the angel ornaments have an envelope attached. The suggested donations are: light green - $25; light pink - $50; gold - $100. Any amount you can offer is acceptable. We ask that if you wish to make more than one donation, that you take one ornament, and also take other envelopes from the basket near the bulletins. Donations may be dropped off in the secured donation boxes located near the wreaths, in the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office. **Please return all donations by December 6.**

We are extremely thankful for the overwhelming support our parish family has shown in past years. We are very hopeful that the same generous support will continue this year. God bless you all!

iGive Catholic



Saint Michael Parish is participating in the annual iGive Catholic campaign on Giving Tuesday, December 1, 2026. All funds raised will be divided between Youth Ministry (60%) and Youth Faith Formation (40%).

Go to the Saint Michael Parish, Canfield pages on iGive Catholic to learn more information and to donate.
https://www.igivecatholic.org/organization/saint-michael-parish-canfield

Parish Support

November 15, 2026

Amount Received	**$ 11,950.00**
Amount Budgeted	**$ 15,000.00**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**($ 3,050.00)**
YTD Received	**$ 321,712.76**
YTD Budget	**$ 300,000.00**
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 21,712.76**



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

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS



A reminder to please fill out your Christmas flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Christmas season. A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the bulletin on December 27, The Feast of the Holy Family.

In order to have names listed in the bulletin (and posted on our parish website as well), we must receive the envelopes by **Monday, December 14.**

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



Welcome our Newly Baptized

Penelope J. Adolf

Daughter of Dr. Thomas & Shannon Adolf

THE TURKEY CONNECTION



You can drop off your turkeys and all the "fixins" like stuffing, pies, potatoes, yams, rolls, etc. to our Parish Hall either on:

Monday, November 23, 4:00 – 7:00pm

Tuesday, November 24, 8:30am -4:00pm

Please use disposable containers.

On Tuesday the food will be distributed to the three soup ktichens that we facilitate – Saint Vincent DePaul Dining Hall, The Resue Mission and The Community Kitchen of Youngstown so that they can provide a Thanksgiving meal for those in need.

Thank you and God bless you for this and all you already do to bring the face of Christ to this small corner of the world.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

They gave their lives in service –
now they need our help.

For decades, sisters, brothers, and religious order priests taught, prayed, and cared for those in need. Many now face retirement with little savings. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious ensures vital support for health care and daily living – so they can age with dignity.

Please give generously today – either through the parish collection or online at **retiredreligious.org.**

Thanksgiving Day

Thursday, November 26, 2026
Mass is at 9:00am



Begin your Thanksgiving Day celebration by joining fellow parishioners as we gather to thank God for His blessings on us and on those we love.

Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed beginning on Tuesday, November 24 for the Thanksgiving Holiday. We will reopen on Monday, November 30. Happy Thanksgiving!

MILITARY LIST



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

Pope Leo XIV



Pope Leo XIV (b. 1955) was elected Pope on May 8, 2025, and is the first Pope born after WWII. He spent a great deal of his time as a missionary and then bishop in Peru.

First Pope from the United States

Born in Chicago, Illinois, in 1955, Robert Francis Prevost became the first pontiff born in the U.S. His election marks a historic milestone, following Pope Francis as the first Latin American pope.

First Augustinian Pope

Prevost joined the Order of Saint Augustine in 1977 and served as its Prior General from 2001 to 2013. He is the first member of this order to be elected pope, and his coat of arms reflects his Augustinian heritage.

Senior Vatican Leadership Roles

Before his election, he held key positions such as Prefect of the Dicastery for Bishops (2023–2025) and President of the Pontifical Commission for Latin America. These roles placed him at the center of global Church governance.

Promotion of Peace and Social Justice

Early in his reign, Leo condemned the proliferation of nuclear weapons and publicly addressed global conflicts, including the war in Iran, while maintaining diplomatic engagement with world leaders He has also reiterated the Church's commitment to migrants' rights, workers' dignity, and the poor, aligning with his predecessor's priorities.

Doctrinal and Ecclesial Milestones

In November 2025, Leo XIV proclaimed St. John Henry Newman a Doctor of the Church, linking education and faith. He also released *Dilexi Te* ("I Have Loved You"), an apostolic exhortation on the poor, continuing work begun under Pope Francis. His encyclical *Magnifica humanitas* (2026) addresses the ethical challenges of artificial intelligence, affirming human dignity.

Reflection Questions

We began this sesies of the Popes with Leo XIII and his work Social Justice in Rerum Novarum. How has Popel Leo XIV continued the work of promoting social justice during his time as pope?

Pope Leo's most recent writing is on the subject of Artificial Intelligence, in particular – the challenges it brings. What challenges and concerns are you aware of in your contact with AI?

As the first American Pope, what does it mean to you to have this relationship with the leadership of the Catholic Church?

JOIN US FOR A

YOUTH MINSTRY SERVICE PROJECT

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING



SUNDAY, DECEMBER 20

12:30 PM - 5:00PM

Saint Michael Family Life Center

Bring your unwrapped gifts and our youth ministry will wrap them for you while you relax and enjoy cookies and hot cocoa!

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Giving Tuesday

JOIN US FOR A BREAKFAST WITH THE MOST REVEREND DAVID J. BONNAR BISHOP OF THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN

This event will include:

- **Mass at Saint Michael Parish at 8:00am**
- **Breakfast Buffet**
- **Collection of Goods:** *Bring a non-perishable or taxable pantry item to donate, and receive a token of appreciation from Catholic Charities.*
- **Education Stations:** Learn about Catholic Charities' ministries and services.
- **Basket Raffle**
- **Holiday Bake Sale** (Seeking Volunteer Bakers), *prices will vary.*
- **Breakfast provided by A La Cart Catering**

All proceeds to benefit Catholic Charities Basic Needs Assistance Programs.

When: Tuesday, December 1, 2026
Where: Saint Michael Parish Family Life Center, Canfield
Time: 8:30am – 10:30am
Tickets are $35/person – To get your tickets visit www.ccdoy.org

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