

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN



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., *Pastor*

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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
Closed on Friday

CONTACT US

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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 15****Our Lady of Sorrows**

8:00am – Vocations to the Priesthood

Tuesday, September 16**Saint Cornelius****Saint Cyprian**

8:00am – Marc Silvestri

Wednesday, September 17**Saint Robert Bellarmine****Saint Hildegard of Bingen**8:00am – Deceased Members of the
Calvaruso Family**Thursday, September 18**

8:00am – James Leugers

Friday, September 19**Saint Januarius**

No Daily Mass

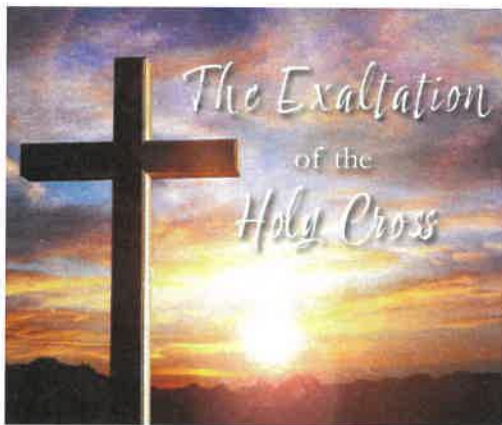
Saturday, September 20**Vigil –The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – Deceased Members of the Tomko Family

Sunday, September 21**The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Ben Mangapora

11:30am – Joseph Lavelle

FROM THE PASTOR...

The **Feast of the Exaltation of the Holy Cross**, also known as the Feast of the Triumph of the Cross, celebrated on Sunday, September 14, commemorates three historical events: the discovery of the True Cross in 326, its initial exaltation for public veneration in 335, and the recovery of the Cross from the Persians in 628. Nowadays, this feast also celebrates the boundless impact of Christ's Cross upon all of creation.

Although we commemorate these three historical events today, the core of our celebration is not the physical wood of the Cross or the holy sites where Jesus died and was buried. Our primary focus is the infinite love shown through the selfless and perfect Sacrifice of the Son of God and the boundless mercy that has poured forth upon the world as a result. The Cross itself is a cruel instrument of torture and death. The fact that it is now the symbol of God's perfect love only further magnifies that love and showcases God's infinite power to use the worst for the best: to use death to bring life and to transform the greatest act of cruelty ever known into the greatest act of mercy ever bestowed upon the world.

The Cross of Christ must permeate each one of us, transforming us and making us new. First and foremost, this happens when we open ourselves to the infinite mercy of God flowing from that selfless Sacrifice. It also occurs when we allow every one of our sufferings, the injustices we endure, the crosses, hardships, and most undesirable aspects of our lives to share in the redemptive power of Christ. We do this when we embrace Jesus' commands to share in His sufferings, unite them with His own, and allow Him to bear an abundance of good fruit through us. "Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it" (Matthew 16:24–25).

As we commemorate the triumph of Christ's Cross, call to mind the crosses you bear each day. More often than not, when faced with crosses, we seek a way out, succumb to self-pity, and are often tempted by anger and despair. Instead, try to allow Jesus to enter those crosses, transform them, and use them for His glory, your good, and the good of others. Crosses in life should not be avoided; they must be transformed. Although the suffering may remain, it must become redeemed suffering, thus bearing an abundance of good fruit in ways that only God can accomplish.

Prayer: *Most glorious and triumphant Lord, You gave Your life for the salvation of my soul, using the most horrific act of cruelty as the means of Your redeeming grace. I open myself to that grace today and pray that You bestow it in superabundance. I also pray that I will have the courage and wisdom to embrace my crosses everyday of my life, uniting them to Your Cross, and trusting that You will use these sacrifices as a means of the further bestowal of Your love in the world. Saving Cross of Christ, have mercy on me. Jesus, I trust in You.*

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, September 15

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, September 16

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00pm – 7:30pm - OCIA

Wednesday, September 17

8:30am – Adoration

6:30pm – 7:45pm – Adult Education

Thursday, September 18

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, September 19

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, September 20

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, September 21

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

2:00 – 3:30pm – Reconciliation & Eucharist
Parent Meeting.



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

September 7, 2025

Amount Received \$ 15,128.00

Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00

Surplus/ (Deficit) \$ 128.00

EFT August \$ 14,178.00

YTD Received \$146,132.50

YTD Budget \$150,000.00

YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$ 3,867.50)



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

Readings for September 21, 2025

The Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Amos 8:4-7

1 Timothy 2:1-8

Luke 16:1-13

SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS

The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held on **Sunday, November 16, at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral.** This is a special opportunity for anyone (age 18 or older) who has not received the sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese.

Candidates must register with our parish and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. A preparation program will be held at our parish. Sponsors must be a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic and may not be the candidate's parent.

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Please contact the parish office (330-533-6839) no later than October 1, 2025, to register and verify eligibility to receive the sacrament.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

25th, 40th, 50th and over

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, October 26th at 2:00pm** at the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist in Canton, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature **before September 26.**

STEWARDSHIP – September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son." (John 3:16)

God created us to be in relationship with Him. Sin broke that relationship. Jesus came to earth so that we may reconcile our relationship with God. Following Jesus' example, we can be blessed with a joy-filled life on earth and eternal life in Heaven. These four points are known as the "kerygma" – the first proclamation of the Gospel. This core message is the basis of our Catholic faith. How do you live this out in your daily life?

VOCATIONS – September 14, 2025

The Exaltation of the Holy Cross

"For God so loved the world that He gave His only Son, so that everyone who believes in Him might not perish but might have eternal life." (John 3:16)

Just as Christ selflessly gave Himself for the sake of humanity, you may be invited to reflect that profound love by dedicating your life to the service of others. Are you open to discerning whether God is calling you to share in this mission through a vocation to the priesthood or consecrated life? Allow yourself to ponder the depth of this calling. Talk to your priest or reach out to

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

I WANT TO HELP WITH THE SAINT VINCENT DEPAUL SOUP KITCHEN

"But I don't have the time to give."



Please consider a monetary donation which will help with the cost of food. Just mark a plain envelope "St. Vincent DePaul Soup Kitchen" and place it in the collection basket at Mass.

It's a tangible way to be a part of this important work and we need your help!

HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have Handel's pint cards that are good through January 2026.

The cost is \$6.50 per card and are good at several Handel's stores throughout the area. A portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the card is donated back to our parish.



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.

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will resume its monthly meetings on **Wednesday, September 24 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall with a presentation by master Gardener Debi Hayes. She will speak about flower beautification in the city of Warren as well as Fall planting.

Guests are always welcome, and refreshments will be served.



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

SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. To assure that these people are truly remembered in prayer at each Mass, the opening announcements will ask everyone to first turn to the front cover of the book and if there is a name in memory or honor, please keep that person in prayer throughout the Mass. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each. Thank you for your generosity and remembering our loved ones in prayerful song.

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TURN TO THE SACRED HEART

"Let us turn, then, to the heart of Christ, that core of his being, which is a blazing furnace of divine and human love and the most sublime fulfillment to which humanity can aspire. There, in that heart, we truly come at last to know ourselves and learn how to love."

Pope Francis (DN #30)



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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