

# 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

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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



## Mass Schedule

### Monday, June 1

#### Saint Justin

8:00am – Gerri Coates

### Tuesday, June 2

#### Saint Marcellinus

#### Saint Peter

8:00am – James Leugers

### Wednesday, June 3

#### Saint Charles Lwanga

8:00am – The Biggins Family

### Thursday, June 4

8:00am – Jack Lavelle

### Friday, June 5

#### Saint Boniface

No Daily Mass

### Saturday, June 6

#### Vigil – The Most Body & Blood of Christ

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

### Sunday, June 7

#### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

9:00am – Joseph Maxin

11:30am – The Sacred Heart Society



**Congratulations to all of our graduates** and especially to **Nathan Ferguson** and **Luke Scolieri** who received scholarships for their faithful service at mass here at Saint Michael Parish. We wish all of our graduates the best of luck.

### Readings for June 7, 2026

#### The Most Holy Body & Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a

1 Corinthians 10:16-17

John 6:51-58

## FROM THE PASTOR...

Today, we gather to celebrate **Trinity Sunday**, the first Sunday after Pentecost. The Most Holy Trinity is the central mystery of the Catholic faith, expressing belief in one God in three distinct Persons: the Father, the Son and the Holy Spirit. Understanding of all scriptural doctrine is by faith which comes through the work of the Holy Spirit; therefore, it is appropriate that this mystery is celebrated the first Sunday after Pentecost, when the outpouring of the Holy Spirit first occurred.

The first Trinity Sunday was instituted in the 9th century by Pope Gregory IX. However, it wasn't until the 14th century that Trinity Sunday was officially established. Pope John XXII was the head of the Catholic Church from 1316 until his death in 1334. He was also the longest-reigning pope from the Babylonian era. Amongst other festivals, Pope John XXII was of the vision that Trinity Sunday should be celebrated by all Western Churches to commemorate the Holy Spirit's descent as well as Christians' appreciation of the Holy Trinity. Eastern Churches argue that celebrating the Trinity should be done every Sunday, and while Western Churches are of the same view, the latter has still designated a special day to commemorate this.

Unlike other Christian festivals, Trinity Sunday celebrates a doctrine instead of a figure or an event. The doctrine of the Trinity, which is not present in Scripture, does not have any explanation. Moreover, if the doctrine is discussed by Christians for more than a few minutes, it is believed that they are in danger of committing heresy. Belief in the Trinity and God's three distinct forms is a matter of complete faith and trust. Therefore, on Trinity Sunday, Christians take part in showing their love for and faith in the Trinity by praising and giving glory to God. Churches and choirs participate by holding special services centered around the Trinity. The placement of Trinity Sunday, the Sunday after the Solemnity of Pentecost and before the celebration of the Body and Blood of Christ, invites us to recognize the importance of a Triune God as we go forth to give life to the Church, a Church rooted in the presence of the Eucharist, made manifest in the working of the Trinity.

## SACRED HEART MASS

Friday, June 12 – 8:00am

Friday, June 12 is the Solemnity of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus. Mass on that day will be at 8:00am and the intention for mass will be those enrolled in the Sacred Heart Society.



## VOCATIONS – May 31, 2026

### The Most Holy Trinity

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

The Trinity’s love calls each of us to respond generously, offering our lives in service and fidelity. In priesthood, this gift is lived out daily through the sacraments, pastoral care, and witnessing Christ’s love to the world. Might God be inviting you to follow this path? Talk to your priest or reach out to the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or via email at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

## STEWARDSHIP – May 31, 2026

### The Most Holy Trinity

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

Is your love conditional? Is there a price others have to pay to receive your love and forgiveness? Are you generous with your time, skills, money and possessions? If you give someone something, do you expect something in return? Do you give your time freely or do you “fit it in” when it’s convenient for you? God desires a personal relationship with us so much that He gave us His Son, unconditionally!

Pray for a grateful and generous heart.



*Born to Eternal Life*  
Robert Kerpsack

## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Registration is under way for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year. Returning families should have their registration packet. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade call Marcy at the parish office for information about YFF and to request a registration packet.



First Grade is required in order to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. It is expected that grades three through seven are completed before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparations.

Kindergarten is not required but highly encouraged. We limit the kindergarten class to 10 children. If you are considering registering your child for Kindergarten YFF, be sure to get your registration packet in early to ensure a spot for your child.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### Monday, June 1

No Events Scheduled

### Tuesday, June 2

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, June 3

8:20am - Adoration

### Thursday, June 4

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

### Friday, June 5

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, June 6

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm -Rosary

### Sunday, June 7

12:30pm – Ice Cream Social

### Parish Support

May 24, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 10,330.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 4,670.00)
YTD Received	\$709,560.61
YTD Budget	\$675,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 34,560.61



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

## RECITATION OF THE ROSARY

A group gathers in the pews near the Holy Family Statues for an oral recitation of the rosary on the first Saturday of the month. **The next gathering will be on Saturday, June 6 at 3:15pm.**



### Patriotic Rosary

Please join us on **Tuesday mornings at 11:00am.** in the church to say *The Patriotic Rosary*. For more information call Kate Pavlich at 330-533-2432.

## MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William “Bill” Sweeney”, Battalion Surgeon, 6 <sup>th</sup> Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army
Philip McLaughlin - USMC





Join us as we come together to celebrate the beginning of Summer with our

### Sundae Sunday

We will gather in the Family Life Center after the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 7. Coffee & lemonade will also be available. This promises to be a great way to kick off the summer of rest and refreshment!

### The Fourth Annual BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC

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#### THE LAKE CLUB

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**Monday, June 22, 2026**

**7:00am Registration**  
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Dinner & Drinks

**9:00am Shot Gun Start**  
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### CHURCH AT HOME COMBINED COLLECTIONS

Next weekend, parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown will hold the annual CHURCH AT HOME combined collection. This three-in-one collection supports the national and local work of three important Church ministries. The Catholic Campaign for Human Development works to break the cycles of poverty by providing local and national support for low-income people with a hand up, not a hand out. The USCCB Catholic Communication Campaign helps the Church spread the Gospel message through local and national media. The Catholic University of America and Newman Campus Ministries supports educational and research programs and develops future leaders at the national university of our Catholic church.

*Please prayerfully consider a generous donation.*

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	JoAnn Mortimer
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Shirley Morvay
Marilyn Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Janice Rovnak
John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Charles Slivkoff
Betty Hawco	Sharon Mangapora	Caroline Zeigler

### SAINT MICHAEL MEN'S CLUB



The Saint Michael Men's Club extends their sincere appreciation to the folks who made our Mother's Day Breakfast a great success. Best of all, it was a family celebration as well as a tribute

to the ladies of the Parish. We wish to thank Canfield Giant Eagle and DiRusso's sausage for their generosity. Both deserve our support and acknowledgement. Lastly, a huge THANK YOU goes out to the men and ladies on our setup team as well as the kitchen, the servers, and the clean-up crews. Also, assistance from volunteers from the Knights of Columbus were all part of the group that made it happen.

*Thanks again to everyone involved!*

### Welcome our Newly Baptized

*Marco Omar Abbas*

Son of Dante & Aubrey Abbas

*Julianna Rose McKnight*

Daughter of David & Dana McKnight





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## Father Thomas McCarthy

### Celebrating 65 years in the Priesthood

Father Thomas McCarthy, a native of Warren, Ohio, attended Saint Mary School and Saint Mary High School in Warren. Upon graduation he went on to Saint Gregory Seminary in Cincinnati where he earned his bachelor's degree, and then to Mount Seminary, also in Cincinnati. Father McCarthy also attended the University of Notre Dame in South Bend, Indiana for additional graduate studies in educational administration.

He was ordained for the Youngstown Diocese on August 15, 1961, by Bishop Emmet Walsh at Saint Columba Cathedral. Throughout his tenure he was associate pastor at Saint Edward Parish and Saint Joseph Parish in Austintown, pastor of Saint William Parish in Champion, Blessed Sacrament in Warren, Saint Joseph Parish in Mantua, and pro-tem administrator of Holy Trinity Parish in East Liverpool. He was also associate superintendent of diocesan schools and principal at Cardinal Mooney High School. Some of Father McCarthy's other responsibilities were diocesan priest personnel director, president of the National Federation of Priests Councils in Chicago, personnel advisor for the diocesan Office of Clergy and Religious Services and Bishop's Delegate for Retired Priests.

He became the pastor of Saint Michael Parish in 1977 upon the retirement of Father Rich and held that position through June of 1983. Under his leadership, greater emphasis was placed on participation of the Laity. He expanded the staff and enhanced religious education and other parish programs. He oversaw ecumenical efforts to offer a Vacation Bible School with four other Catholic churches. Christ Renews His Parish weekend retreats were also introduced. Because Parish membership and activities were growing rapidly, it became evident that the current facilities were inadequate. To meet the needs of the growing church community, Father McCarthy initiated plans for expansion of parish buildings. Groundbreaking for a new Parish center was held on March 2, 1980. The facility included office space and room on the upper level for adult activity, with the kitchen and the lower space for youth. Portable dividers made it possible to house students in nine classrooms for faith formation and for CCD classes. The Center was blessed by Bishop James W. Malone, assisted by Father McCarthy and Father Gallagher in November 1980;

He retired in November of 2010 and has been offering Masses at Villa Maria Teresa in Hubbard and occasionally at the Ursuline Center in Canfield.

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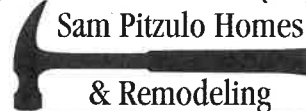


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