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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

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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, November 17****Saint Elizabeth of Hungary**

8:00am – In Thanksgiving for Bishop Bonnar

Tuesday, November 18**The Dedication of the Basilicas of
Saints Peter and Paul**

8:00am – Rose & Paul Ridarsky

Wednesday, November 19

8:00am – Ross Mortellaro

Thursday, November 20

8:00am – Mary Baron Murcavitch & Joyce

Friday, November 21

No Daily Mass

Saturday, November 22**Vigil – Our Lord Jesus Christ,
King of the Universe**

4:00pm – Bill Sypolt

Sunday, November 23**Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe**

9:00am – Victor & Audrey Buente

11:30am – Rose & George Flask

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY BISHOP BONNAR

This Monday, November 17, is the fifth Anniversary of our Holy Father calling Bishop Bonnar to serve as the Sixth Bishop of Youngstown. May we continue as a parish and as a diocese to heed his motto, and work *“That All May Be One!”*

Please keep Bishop Bonnar in your prayers this week.

**NATIONAL COLLECTION FOR THE
ARCHDIOCESE FOR THE MILITARY**

On behalf of His Excellency, the Most Reverend Timothy P. Broglio, Archbishop for the Military Services, US (AMS), thank you to all those who contributed to the National Collection for the AMS last week. Thank you for supporting the men and women, and their families, from our own parish and diocese who serve and protect this great nation, and who defend the freedoms we hold dear.

Please pray for an increase in vocations to the priesthood and military chaplaincy.

WORLD DAY OF THE POOR**November 16, 2025****You are my hope** (cf. Ps. 71:5)

“In this promotion of the common good, our social responsibility is grounded in God’s creative act, which gives everyone a share in the goods of the earth.” Pope Leo XIV

In his message Pope Leo said: “The word of God tells us that Christian hope is certainty at every step of life’s journey, since it does not depend on our human strength but upon the promise of God, who is always faithful. For this reason, from the beginning, Christians have identified hope with the symbol of the anchor, which provides stability and security. Christian hope is like an anchor that grounds our hearts in the promise of the Lord Jesus, who saved us by his death and resurrection and will come again among us. This hope continues to point us toward the “new heavens” and the “new earth” (2 Pet 3:13) as the true horizon of our existence, where every life will find its authentic meaning, for our real homeland is in heaven (cf. Phil 3:20).

“The city of God, therefore, impels us to improve the cities of men and women. Our own cities must begin to resemble his. Hope, sustained by God’s love poured into our hearts through the Holy Spirit (cf. Rom 5:5), turns human hearts into fertile soil where charity for the life of the world can blossom. The Church’s tradition has constantly insisted on the circular relationship between the three theological virtues of faith, hope and charity. Hope is born of faith, which nourishes and sustains it on the foundation of charity, the mother of all virtues. All of us need charity, here and now. Charity is not just a promise; it is a present reality to be embraced with joy and responsibility. Charity engages us and guides our decisions towards the common good. Conversely, those who lack charity not only lack faith and hope; they also rob their neighbors of hope.”

Pope Leo goes on to say: “The poor are not a distraction for the Church, but our beloved brothers and sisters, for by their lives, their words and their wisdom, they put us in contact with the truth of the Gospel. The celebration of the World Day of the Poor is meant to remind our communities that the poor are at the heart of all our pastoral activity. This is true not only of the Church’s charitable work, but also of the message that she celebrates and proclaims. God took on their poverty in order to enrich us through their voices, their stories and their faces. Every form of poverty, without exception, calls us to experience the Gospel concretely and to offer effective signs of hope.”

CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

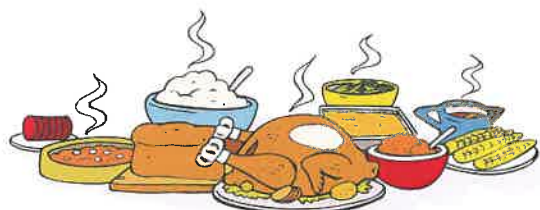
The initiative is a call to serve the poor and vulnerable in our midst

The acute need for food assistance across our six counties is exacerbated by the current government shutdown. As a result, Bishop David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, is calling on parishioners and others of good will across the diocese to participate in a non-perishable food drive. The food drive will run until Christmas to support our brothers and sisters who are struggling with food insecurity.



Bishop Bonnar says, "Let us come together as one diocesan family to live out the Gospel. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us do everything we can to bring hope to the hopeless. Thank you for your continued dedication to Christ's mission in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. Together let us pray, *That all may be one.*"

Bins are located at all church entrances and will be there until Christmas for you to drop off your non-perishable food items. All donations will then be given to Catholic Charities.



THE TURKEY CONNECTION

If you have been a parishioner of Saint Michael for some amount of time, you know of the Turkey Connection. Each year we are asked to supply turkeys and all the "fixins" like stuffing, pies, potatoes, yams, rolls, etc. for a Thanksgiving meal to serve at the three soup kitchens we facilitate – Saint Vincent DePaul Dining Hall, The Rescue Mission and The Community Kitchen of Youngstown. Please bring these items (please use disposable containers) to our Parish Hall on:

Tuesday, November 25, 2025
Between 8:30am and 4:00pm

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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, November 17

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, November 18

10:00 – 11:30am - OCIA

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00pm – 7:30pm - OCIA

Wednesday, November 19

8:20am – Adoration

6:00pm – Garden Guild

Thursday, November 20

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, November 21

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, November 22

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, November 23

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

2:00 – 3:30pm – Confirmation Class



the joy of



giving

CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** are up at all the entrances to the Church. As in the past few years, we will again be asking for **cash or check only donations**. The agencies will, in turn, use the financial donations to secure what each family is requesting. **Please return all donations by December 15.**

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, and 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. 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.

STEWARDSHIP – November 16, 2025 33rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“...Rather, we wanted to present ourselves as a model for you, so that you might imitate us.”
(2Thessalonians 3:9)*

Most people who live a grateful and generous lifestyle don't go around bragging about it. But through their words and actions, others do take notice. They notice because of the joy and peace that results and others desire this in their own life. Know that the way you live your life may be the only interaction others may have with our Catholic faith.

VOCATIONS – November 16, 2025

World Day of Cloistered Life – November 21

*“By your perseverance you will secure your lives.”
(Luke 21:19)*

Consider the hidden yet powerful witness of those in cloistered religious life. Is God calling you to a life of prayer and contemplation?

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

Readings for November 23, 2025

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

2 Samuel 5:1-3
Colossians 1:12-20
Luke 23:35-43

Born to Eternal Life

John Willison III
Trudy E. Mytinger



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Communion to the Homebound

If you know of someone who may have recently had surgery or is homebound and unable to attend mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.

Parish Support

November 9, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 10,279.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 4,721.00)
EFT October	14,483.00
YTD Received	\$278,388.23
YTD Budget	\$270,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 8,388.23



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

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

2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The mass book for 2026 is quickly filling up. There are no Saturday masses available, a few at 9:00 and several at 11:30. There are plenty of daily masses available. **If you would like to schedule additional masses, you can now schedule 1 weekend mass and 3 daily masses.**

Please complete the form and return it to the office. Additional forms are available at the office. **The form must be completed and include the \$10 stipend.** Thank you.

2026 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

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FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown will meet on **Thursday, December 4, 2025**, at Avion on the Water Banquet Center, from 11:30 – 1:00pm. Joseph Carocci, PhD, Professor, Chair YSU Dana School of Music will present *“The Interplay of Culture and Cognition in Musical Understanding”*. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Mail reservations to with a Check Payable 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



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 church 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.*
- **Poverty Experience:** An eye-opening, hands-on activity illustrating the challenges faced by those living in poverty.

When: Tuesday, December 2

Where: Saint Michael Parish Family Life Center, Canfield

Time: 8:30am – 10:30am

Tickets are \$35/person – Get your tickets by November 19!

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