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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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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, October 19
Saint John DeBrebeuf
Saint Isaac Jogues
8:00am – The Bolosky Family

Tuesday, October 20
Saint Paul of the Cross
8:00am – Barbara Santilli

Wednesday, October 21
8:00am – Sargent Frank Kukura and
Doctor David Kukura

Thursday, October 22
Saint John Paul II
8:00am – Joseph Maxin

Friday, October 23
Saint John of Capistrano
No Daily Mass

Saturday, October 24
Vigil – The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
4:00pm – James Leugers

Sunday, October 25
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
9:00am – Sally Grabovac
11:30am – Peter J. Kapus

WORLD MISSION MONTH

We Celebrate 100 Years of World Mission Sunday

This World Mission Sunday marks the 100th anniversary of its establishment by Pope Pius XI in 1926.

Last year, Pope Leo XIV made an appeal to us in a personal video for World Mission Sunday. His request echoed around the world: *"Please help me help missionaries everywhere."* World Mission Sunday helps Pope Leo care for the 1,130 missionary diocese and territories under his supervision through the Dicastery for Evangelization.

We are all called to be a part of this missionary work, and your donation helps extend the Church's evangelization work to missionary lands where the Gospel is being proclaimed for the first time, as well as to places where the Church barely exists, or is too young, too persecuted, or too poor to sustain herself.

Thank you for responding to Pope Leo's call to help him help missionaries everywhere!

FROM THE PASTOR...

SAINT PAUL OF THE CROSS



Saint Paul of the Cross, born Paolo Francesco Danei on January 3, 1694, in Ovada, Italy was an Italian Catholic priest, mystic, and the founder of the Passionists (Congregation of the Passion of Jesus Christ), a religious order dedicated to preaching and promoting devotion to the Passion of Christ.

As a young man, Paul became deeply devoted to meditating on the suffering and death of Jesus Christ. After a profound spiritual experience in 1720, he felt called to establish a community whose members would remind the world of God's love revealed through Christ's Passion. He wrote the rule for this new congregation and later founded the Passionists, whose rule was approved by Pope Benedict XI in 1741.

He was a renowned preacher and spiritual director, writing thousands of letters to guide people in prayer and holiness. He believed that reflecting on Christ's suffering brings hope, strength, and a deeper love for God. Saint Paul taught that *"The Passion of Jesus Christ is the greatest and most overwhelming work of God's love."*

He died on October 18, 1775, at the Retreat of Saints John and Paul. By the time of his death, the congregation founded by Paul of the Cross had one hundred and eighty fathers and brothers, living in twelve Retreats, mostly in the Papal States. There was also a monastery of contemplative nuns in Cornet (today known as Tarquinia), founded by Paul a few years before his death to promote the memory of the Passions of Jesus by their life of prayer and penance.

Paul of the Cross was beatified on October 1, 1852, and canonized on June 29, 1867, by Pope Pius IX. His feast is celebrated on October 20.

Saint Paul of the Cross, pray for us.
Father Lavelle

VOCATIONS – October 18, 2026
The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Repay to Caesar what belongs to Caesar and to God what belongs to God." (Matthew 22:21)

While we make choices in our daily lives, our ultimate allegiance belongs to God. Every vocation, priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony, invites us to surrender our will to His, offering our lives in loving service. Consider where God is calling you to place His will above your own.

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

STEWARDSHIP – October 18, 2026
The Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Render therefore to Caesar the things that are Caesar's and to God the things that are God's. (Matthew 22:21)

Everything we are and everything we have belongs to God. We aren't *"owners"* of anything, we are merely *"stewards"* of the gifts God has given each of us. All God is asking is that we give back a portion of what He gave us. This is the essence of Stewardship. God should be our first priority in everything. All else comes second, especially our money.

Readings for October 25, 2026
The Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
Exodus 22:20-26
1 Thessalonians 1:5c-10
Matthew 22:34-30

Born to Eternal Life
Catherine Skebo



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Janice Rovnak
Milton Deichman	Patricia Lesho	Nick Rubbo
Jim Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Charles Slivkoff
Marilyn Fisher	Sharon Mangapora	Katherine Smith
John Hahn	Terry Martin	Charlene Stein
Betty Hawco	JoAnn Mortimer	Walt Sweeney
Dale Hynes	Shirley Morvay	Caroline Zeigler

O merciful God, look with compassion on those who are ill. Grant them healing and strength in body, mind, and spirit. Ease their pain and suffering and restore them to health. Give them patience in illness and trust in Your loving care. May they feel Your presence and find comfort in Your love.

We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Monday, October 19
No Events

Tuesday, October 20
11:00am – Patriotic Rosary
6:00pm – OCIA
6:00pm – Garden Guild

Wednesday, October 21
8:20am – Adoration
10:00am – OCIA

Thursday, October 22
8:30am – Bible Study
10:00am – Scripture

Friday, October 23
Parish Office Closed
7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, October 24
3:00pm – Reconciliation
5:00pm – Boozy Bingo

Sunday, October 25
9:00am – Children's Liturgy

HELP NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Soup Kitchen on Saturday morning. The commitment would be 1 Saturday morning every other month. For more information contact Mia Richardson at 330-550-3822.

SOUP KITCHEN

GARDEN GUILD



Saint Michael Garden Guild will gather in the **Family Life Center on October 20 at 6:00pm** for their business meeting. A project called *"Forcing Bulbs, Paper Whites"* will follow presented by Mary Ann Silvestri. Members buying bulbs for the project will need to bring $1.50 per bulb. A total of 100 bulbs will be available for purchase among the group.

Cardinal Mooney High School Prospective Parent Night has been rescheduled to October 21 at 6:00pm.

Come and learn how your student can Be Extraordinary!

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

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.

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptized please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism Class usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered. One godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active members of the parish for at least 6 months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 years old and still registered under your parents registration, you need to register independently. A Pre-Cana class sponsored by the diocese is required as well as meeting with Father Lavelle a few months prior to your wedding.

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

Parish Support

October 11, 2026

Amount Received	**$ 16,184.00**
Amount Budgeted	**$ 15,000.00**
Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 1,184.00**
YTD Received	**$ 238,363.00**
YTD Budget	**$ 225,000.00**
YTD Surplus/(Deficit)	**$ 13,363.00**



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

Address/Phone/Email Changes

Please make sure that if you have recently moved, are planning to move or have changed your phone number or email address that the parish office has the current information. We are trying to keep our database updated. Thank you

RESPECT LIFE MONTH

Respect Life Month is a time for reflection, prayer and action to affirm the dignity and sanctity of every human life from conception to natural death. The month's core message is that every life – regardless of circumstances – has inherent value and deserves protection. The United States Conference of Catholic Bishops frames it as both a moral and spiritual call, rooted in the Gospel's command to love one another and in the Church's social teaching that *"every human life has innate dignity and incomparable value".*

Respect Life Month is a season of renewal – a chance to recommit to protecting vulnerable lives, to advocate for justice, to live out solidarity in daily actions, and to protect life in all its stages.

2027 MASS INTENTIONS

The 2027 book for Mass Intentions is open. Initially you will be allowed to schedule **ONE WEEKEND MASS INTENTION. AND THREE DAILY MASS INTENTIONS**. After everyone has had an opportunity to schedule masses, we will invite the opportunity to schedule additional mass intentions.

Just a reminder, all Holy Day Masses, including Christmas and Easter, are celebrated for the people of the parish, living or deceased. Additionally, Masses for Mothers' Day and Fathers' Day are celebrated for all our mothers and fathers, respectively.

The form also asks for a suggested date. This is not a guarantee. We will do our best to accommodate such requests, but on a first received basis. To schedule your first Mass Intention, please complete the form and return it to the office. The form must be completed and include the $10 stipend. This is the best way to adhere to the prescribed laws and be fair to everyone.
Thank you.

2027 Mass Intention Request Form

_____
Name of Mass Intention

_____
Name of person requesting the intention

_____
Requested date – Not guaranteed

_____
Telephone Number

Pope Paul VI



Pope Paul VI (1897-1978) was pope from 1963–1978. His pontificate was marked by transformative reforms, global outreach, and enduring moral teachings that shaped the modern Church.

Leadership of the Second Vatican Council
Paul VI presided over the final three sessions of Vatican II (1962–1965), guiding the Church into a period of renewal. He championed liturgical reform, including the use of the vernacular in Mass, and encouraged greater lay participation, making worship more accessible and engaging.

Apostolic Journeys and Global Outreach
He pioneered the modern papal "Apostolic Journey," traveling to every continent — from the Holy Land in 1964 to India, the United States, and a record-setting 1970 tour across Asia and the Pacific. These visits emphasized peace, social justice, and ecumenical dialogue, and included historic meetings with Orthodox leaders and public appeals for world unity.

Encyclical *Humanae Vitae*
This landmark teaching reaffirmed the Church's position on contraception, affirming the natural law and the moral integrity of marriage. It remains one of the most influential papal documents of the 20th century, underscoring Paul VI's commitment to moral tradition amid modern challenges.

Advocacy for Social Justice and Peace
Through encyclicals like *Populorum Progressio* (1967) and public addresses, Paul VI called for the dignity of every person, the eradication of poverty, and international cooperation. He framed the Church's mission as a beacon of hope and justice in a turbulent world.

Ecumenical and Interfaith Engagement
Paul VI advanced dialogue with other Christian denominations and religions, meeting Orthodox patriarchs, engaging in ecumenical gatherings, and promoting mutual respect. His approach sought to strengthen the Church's witness in a pluralistic global context.

Reflection Questions

Pope Paul guided the final three sessions of the Vatican II, with the resulting documents promulgated. How did his leadership during Vatican II shape the Church's modern role and identity?

How did this teaching on marriage and family life in **Humanae Vitae** reflect his balance between tradition and the Church's engagement with contemporary moral issues?

Paul VI was the first pope to travel internationally, and advanced ecumenical dialogue through meeting with the Orthodox Patriarch of Constantinople and the 1965 address to the World Council of Churches. How did these actions expand the Church's global presence and foster unity among Christian communities?

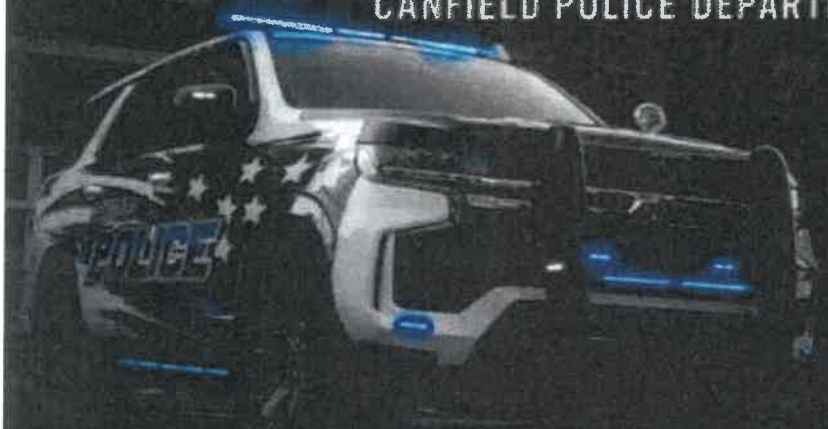
Noah Hull & Ryan Hlywa Present

CARS & COPS

CHARITY CAR MEET

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DATE: Saturday, October 24, 2026

Time: 10am-2pm
Show Car Registaration Begins at 9am

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Bishop Bonnar offers prayers for Pope Leo XIV

"Together with the clergy and faithful in the Diocese of Youngstown, we join in prayer and solidarity with the Holy Father Pope Leo XIV during this challenging time. We place his protection under the mantle of the Blessed Virgin Mary and trust in her intercession, comfort and healing grace. May the Lord Grant the Holy father strength and courage as he continues his sacred ministry. Let us remember him in our daily prayers, surrounding him with the steadfast faith and love of the universal Church."



This ain't grandma's night at the Bingo Hall!!

Join us on **Saturday, October 24** for our **3rd Annual Boozy Bingo**. We will have a variety of appetizers and finger foods, with an open bar featuring beer, wine, coolers and soft drinks. The evening will include 12 BINGO games with a **prize basket of wine and liquor, chocolates and gift cards**. The final game of the night will be a special **"Buy-In Coverall"** with the **grand prize of a limousine ride for 6 to and from Gervasi Winery in Canton, with a $500 Gift Card for the evening.** There will also be a 50/50 raffle for the night, and we will pull for the **$2,000 prize from our Annual Parish Raffle**. This promises to be a great night out for everyone. Doors open after the 4pm Mass and the first game begins at 5:45pm. Attendance is 21 and over and the cost of admission (including the first 12 Bingo games) is $50.00. Tickets are on sale in the parish office.

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