

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

**Monday, August 3**

8:00am – Mr. & Mrs. Glen McCarthy

Tuesday, August 4**Saint John Vianney**

8:00am – Special Intention

Wednesday, August 5**The Dedication of the Basilica of Saint Mary Major**

8:00am – Robert Palma

Thursday, August 6**The Transfiguration of the Lord**

8:00am – Ralph Sybolt

Friday, August 7**Saint Sixtus II****Saint Cajetan**

No Daily Mass

Saturday, August 8**Vigil – The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – John Penza

Sunday, August 9**The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

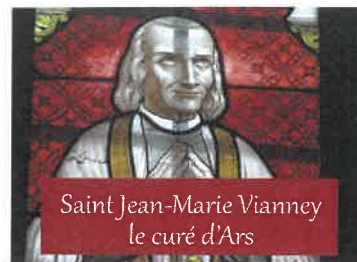
9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Jerry Carter

AUGUST - THE MONTH OF THE IMMACULATE HEART OF MARY

Throughout August, the Church invites us to reflect on the Immaculate Heart of Mary, a heart completely open to God's will and overflowing with love, compassion and trust.

As we celebrate the Assumption and the Queenship of Mary this month, may we ask her to lead us ever closer to her Son and help us to imitate her faith, humility, and joyful "yes" to God's plan.

FROM THE PASTOR...**PRAYER FOR PRIESTLY VOCATIONS**

This Tuesday, August 4, the Universal Church commemorates Saint Jean Marie Vianney. Known as the Cure of Ars, he stands as an outstanding model of priestly dedication and service in the Church. Taught to memorize his prayers from his mother, he struggled to finally achieve his dream of becoming a priest. Having given his whole life for God and his parishioners, John Vianney died on the 4th of August in 1859. He was 73 years old. His relics can be found in Ars, France, in the sanctuary dedicated to him, which is visited by some 450,000 pilgrims every year. He was beatified by Pope Saint Pius X in 1905 and canonized twenty years later by Pope Pius XI. In 1929, the same Pope proclaimed him the "*heavenly patron of all parish priests throughout the world.*" During the centenary of his death in 1959, Pope Saint John XXIII dedicated an encyclical to Saint John Vianney, pointing him out as an exemplary model for priests. Fifty years later, Pope Benedict XVI inaugurated a "Year of Priests" on the 150th anniversary of his birthday into heaven, in order "to deepen the commitment of all priests to interior renewal for the sake of a stronger and more incisive witness to the Gospel in today's world."

As we commemorate this patron of parish priests, I invite your prayers for all the priests of our diocese, that they may continue to minister faithfully to the people of God. Pray especially for our Bishop, David Bonnar, that he may continue to serve the local Church of Youngstown with a renewed sense of zeal and enthusiasm, striving "*that all may be one*". Pray in a special way for our seminarians returning to the seminary very soon, and all discerning a vocation to the priesthood, recalling the words "without priests, there is no Eucharist, without the Eucharist, there is no Church". I also humbly ask your prayers for me, that in both my ministry to Saint Michael as your pastor, and to the Diocese as Vicar for Clergy and Director of Seminarians, God may, in spite of my own weaknesses, bring people to a greater understanding of our shared ministry and united goal of building up the Kingdom.

*God bless you all, and God bless our priests.
Father Lavelle*

VOCATIONS – August 2, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"You give them something to eat."
(Matthew 14:16)*

Jesus calls us to respond to the needs of His people. How is He inviting you to serve and nourish those around you?

If you feel a stirring desire to follow God's path, talk with your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or vocations@youngtowntdiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – August 2, 2026
The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

*"Jesus said to them, 'There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves.'"
(Matthew 14:16)*

This is what Jesus said right before he fed the five thousand men. How often do we really place our trust in Jesus when the situation looks grim? With Jesus, no gift is too small or insignificant when offered with love. But we have to do our part. We should trust that Jesus will provide all that we need. We need to believe that Jesus has a better plan in store for us.



Born to Eternal Life
Dorothy Pastore

Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



We will collect school supplies until August 31 to help students start the year with the tools they need to succeed! Your generous donations can make a huge impact on their education and future. Please place all donations in the bins at the entrances of the church. Donations will then be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Readings for August 9, 2026
The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:9a, 11-13a
Romans 9:1-5
Matthew 14:22-33

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, August 3

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, August 4

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, August 5

8:20am - Adoration

Thursday, August 6

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

Friday, August 7

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, August 8

Second Collection

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, August 9

Second Collection

No Events Scheduled



Faith Formation

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

First Grade is required to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. Students are expected to complete grades three through seven before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparation.

Kindergarten is not required, but it is highly encouraged. Class size is limited to 10 children, so please return your registration packet early if you would like to reserve a spot for your child.

The deadline for YFF registration is Monday, August 31.

"Youth Faith Formation needs 2 or 3 volunteers to lead our 7th and 8th grade class. This is an amazing opportunity to help form our young teens. You will be given materials, support, and a mentor to assist you on this faith journey. As with all our classes, the goal is to have a team of catechists in the class. Please consider joining the YFF catechist team. If you have questions, ask one of our catechists or call Marcy at the Parish Office (330-533-6839). Remember, God calls those whose hearts are open to the gift of faith. Is God calling you?"



CHRISTMAS IN JULY

Thank you for your generous support of the Christmas in July collection benefiting Catholic Charities' Winter Assistance programs. Your compassion helps provide warmth, stability, and hope to families in need during the coldest months of the year.

If you were unable to participate in the parish collection, there is still time to make a gift online.

Donations can be made using your parish envelope or, giving online at ccdoy.org.

THE OFFICE OF VOCATIONS

Explore our New Website!

We're excited to announce the launch of the brand-new website for the Office of Vocations of the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown!

WWW.DOYPRIESTHOOD.ORG

On August 1, 2026, the Office of Vocations for the Catholic Diocese of Youngstown unveiled a fresh new look. While our mission remains unchanged – to help men and women discern and respond to God's call – our branding has been refreshed to better reflect that mission.

We are also excited to introduce our new vocations vodcast, designed to provide engaging resources, inspiring stories, and practical tools for those discerning their vocation.

We invite you to take a few minutes to explore the new website, discover the many resources available, and share it with family, friends, and anyone who may be discerning where God is calling them. We hope it will be a source of inspiration, information, and support for all who are seeking to follow God's call.

For more information, please contact Father Will Wainio in the Office of Vocations at 330-744-8451 or visit www.doyopriesthood.org.

Please Note:

There are no more masses available for 2026. The mass book for 2027 will open sometime in October. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date we will be accepting mass requests for 2027.



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but aren't sure where to start? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith but aren't sure if you are ready to become Catholic? Have you been baptized in another faith tradition but attend Saint Michael with your spouse and are feeling called to explore becoming Catholic. Now is a great time to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to begin the conversation and see if this is the right time for you. We will be meeting at Saint Michael Parish from 6:00 – 8:00pm beginning on Tuesday, September 15. A morning option is available.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet on **Tuesday, August 18 at 6:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Along with a business meeting, we will finalize the details regarding our wreath exhibit at the Canfield Fair, then review and finalize our Fall Programming.



Parish Support

July 26, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 12,694.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/(Deficit)	(\$ 2,306.00)
YTD Received	\$ 58,404.00
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Thank you for your continued support of our parish and all our ministries! God Bless.

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Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William "Bill" Sweeney", Battalion Surgeon, 6 th Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army
Philip McLaughlin - USMC

Ad space is available in the back of our church bulletin. If interested, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.

Ads run for a year. About 500 bulletins are printed and distributed each week over all three of our weekend Masses. Bulletins, including the ad pages, are also uploaded to our website.



HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have Handel's pint cards that are good through July 31, 2027. The cost is \$6.95 per card and are good at several Handle's stores throughout the area. A portion of the proceeds from the purchase of the card is donated back to Saint Michael Parish.



SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. 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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