

Saint Michael Parish

300 North Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406



Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 a.m.

Holyday Masses:

12:15 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

Parish Office..... 330-533-6839

Fax..... 330-702-0432

Family Life Center..... 330-533-3181

*Saint Michael Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Community united by faith in Jesus Christ.
Called to the mission of Jesus by Baptism, nourished by God's Word and Sacraments,
we join to celebrate our faith and to continue Christ's mission of love, justice and service.
As good stewards, guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe we are called to be Christ to one another,
sharing our time, talent, and treasure with our community and the world, especially with those less fortunate.*

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D. Min.

Pastoral Associate for

Adult Faith Formation..... Maureen Hall

Pastoral Associate for

Youth Faith Formation..... Marcy Fessler

Music Ministry Director..... Laura Kunkel

Business Manager..... Stephanie Howley

Administrative Assistant..... Maxine Gordon

Family Life Center Manager..... Audrey Geskey

Maintenance..... Joe Serenko

Registration

Arrangements for registration can be made by calling the parish office.

Adult Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Adults who have questions about the Catholic faith, or who would like to become members of the Catholic Church are invited to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Baptism

Baptisms are done during any weekend Mass. Expectant or new parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office 3-4 months prior to the preferred Baptism date to schedule Baptism preparation.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon.

See bulletin for holiday schedule/adjustments.

Confirmation

Celebrated for students in the 8th grade. Please call the parish office.

Marriage

Couples are asked to call the Parish Office prior to making other arrangements. A minimum of 6 months is required.

Liturgy

Persons interested in becoming a liturgical minister are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Youth Faith Formation

Catechetical program for students in grades K - 8.

Adult Faith Formation

Please contact a member of the Pastoral Staff for information about adult opportunities for education and spiritual growth.

Hospital

Please call the church office if a family member is in the hospital and would like to be visited.

Homebound/Nursing Home

If parishioner is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive Communion, please contact the church office.

Social Justice

Persons interested in becoming involved in ministries to the poor or oppressed are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Catholic Charities Regional Agency Mahoning County (330) 744-3320

E-Mail info@saintmichaelparish.net

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Monday, March 18
Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
 8:00am- Lois Wukitch

Tuesday, March 19
Saint Joseph
 8:00am – Connie Raupach

Wednesday, March 20
 8:00am – Linda Weis

Thursday, March 21
 8:00am – Peggy Binashesky

Friday, March 22
 8:00am – Mass
 8:30am – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 23
Vigil – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 3:00pm – Reconciliation
 4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 24
Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
 9:00am – The People of the Parish
 11:30am – The People of the Parish

The Church will be open until noon Monday through Friday during Lent to allow time for individual prayer.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This Sunday afternoon, I will have the honor of joining with Bishop Bonnar, Father Michael Swierz (pastor), and Father Michael Balash (another son of the parish), along with the faithful at my home parish of Saint Patrick Parish in Hubbard, as they bless and rededicate their Church. It has been 38 months since the fire that devastated the community and displaced them from their place of worship. It has been quite an ordeal getting to this special day. After all the setbacks and waiting, how wonderful that day could also be Saint Patrick's Day! Much like Saint Michael is for many of you, Saint Patrick is that familiar home for me. My parents were one of the first couples married in what was the "new Church" in 1967. I celebrated all my sacraments there, graduated from the grade school, preached there for the first time as a newly ordained deacon, celebrated my first Mass as a priest there, as well as celebrating my grandmother's, sister's, and father's Masses of Christian Burial there. It indeed is very much part of my life's treasured experiences.

The community fostered and supported my vocation, and I am overjoyed for them on this glorious day. Bishop Bonnar has asked that every parish throughout the diocese join in special prayers this weekend for the faithful of Hubbard. May God continue to grant them many years of vibrant and faith-filled praise of God in their newly renovated home. As the opening line of the great hymn goes: *"All praise to Saint Patrick who brought to our mountains the gift of God's faith, the sweet light of his love."* As Saint Patrick brings these gifts to the people of the parish renewed under his patronage, may they be inspired to ascend the mountain of God's faith and love each and every day. Please join me in keeping their faith community in your prayers as we all celebrate this special Saint Patrick's Day.

BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON MINISTRY

Thank you to everyone who volunteers with our Bereavement Luncheon Ministry here at Saint Michael Parish. This important ministry helps to provide, when requested, a light luncheon for family and friends after a Mass of Christian Burial celebrated here in our parish Church. To assist in the funding for this ministry, there is a once-a-year envelope in our offertory packets in March, based on the Feast of Saint Joseph, who, among many patronages, serves as the patron of a happy death, as he died in the presence of his Son, our Lord, and the Blessed Mother. Thank you in advance for your generosity and thank you to all who are offering their service and compassion to this ministry.

ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission

Facing death, Jesus said in today's Gospel, "I am troubled now. Yet what should I say? *"Father, save me from this hour?" But it was for this purpose that I came to this hour"* (John 12:27).

When was the last time you had to face trials. Our parish, like Christ, desires that our trials bear much fruit. Our Annual Diocesan Appeal is a time when we ask for your help. There is a sacrifice behind each gift: a dying to the other possibilities one might have used the money, time, or resource for. As you give, you can participate in Christ's sacrifice. You honor us with your gift, and we honor you, as we honor Christ's sacrifice for us! In advance, we thank you for helping us bear fruit and for all the souls entrusted to us. God bless you.

Join us for a warm-up to the Kentucky Derby for the
Archangel Derby at Saint Michael Racetrack



Spring Night at the Races

Saturday, April 27, 2024, in the Family Life Center

Doors open at 5:00 – Races begin at 6:00pm



\$50 EARLY BIRD SPECIAL
Now until Easter

One Horse Sponsorship, Two Event
Tickets, and entrance in a special
Early Bird Raffle valued at \$250

We are also looking for businesses or individuals to sponsor a race. The cost of this sponsorship is \$250. Your name or logo will appear in the program, along with two free admission tickets.

Winning bets in each race split the take with the parish. We will have a few other prizes & a 50/50.

We will also pull one ticket from our *Annual Parish Raffle* bin for a **\$1,000 CASH PRIZE** so consider buying a few more of those tickets to have a last chance at winning a great cash prize.

To sponsor a horse, please contact the parish office or complete the portion below and return it to the office or in the offertory basket. To sponsor a race – please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

The event is a B.Y.O. – B.F.F.
Bring your own Bottle, Food & Fun!

The parish will provide snacks
(chips, pretzels, popcorn & the mixes)

You provide the food & drinks to share at your table.

The cost of admission is \$15 per person. Tables of 8 can be reserved in advance – all others will be open seating.

There will be ten races, plus a bonus "Auction Race".

The cost of sponsoring and naming a horse is \$25.

Be creative, but mindful that it's a Church event. The winner of each race will receive \$50 and a special gift.

The Auction Race will have a Big Payoff for the winner!

Night at the Races Sponsorship Form - \$25 per horse

Horse Name _____ Your Name _____

Horse Name _____ Your Name _____

Horse Name _____ Your Name _____

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 18

9:00am - Fitness Fun

Tuesday, March 19

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:30 – 8:00pm – Book Study

Wednesday, March 20

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:00-7:00pm – Baptism Prep Class

7:00pm – Garden Guild

Thursday, March 21

8:30 – 10:00am – Book Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

1:00 – 3:00pm – Afternoon Scripture Group

7:00pm – K of C

Friday, March 22

8:30am – Stations of the Cross

9:00am – Fitness Fun

4:00 – 7:00pm – Fish Fry

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, March 23

No Events

Sunday, March 24

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

2:00 – 3:30pm – Confirmation Session



Come Worship With Us!

Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion

March 23, 2024– 4:00pm Mass

March 24, 2024 – 9:00 & 11:30am Masses

Holy Thursday -The Mass of the Lord's Supper

Thursday, March 28, 2024 – 7:00pm Mass

followed by Adoration until 10:00pm Night Prayer

Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord

Friday, March 29, 2024 – 7:00pm Service

Blessing of Easter Food

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – 10:00am

held in the Parish Hall

The Great Easter Vigil

Saturday, March 30, 2024 – 8:00pm Mass

Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, March 31, 2024 – 9:00 & 11:30am Masses



25th, 40th, 50th and over

Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** on **Sunday, May 5, at 2:00pm** at **Saint Columba Cathedral** in **Youngstown**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2024.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a light reception for the couple and their families in the cathedral hall. Couples must make reservations in advance.

Please contact your parish office as soon as possible to fill out the necessary form, but **no later than March 27**. Space is limited.

Thank you!

Parish Support

March 10, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 11,812.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 3,188.00)
YTD Received	\$588,996.26
YTD Budget	\$555,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 33,996.26



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

CHOIR PRACTICE

The choir will be singing at the 9:00 Mass on Easter Sunday, March 31. **The choir will practice Sunday, March 17th and 24th after the 11:30 Mass.**

Please plan on attending these practices if you would like to be a part of the choir on Easter Sunday.



MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

PALM SUNDAY OF OUR LORD'S PASSION

Saturday, March 23 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Barb Spencer

Servers: Lauren Smallwood, Noah Gilbert

Euch. Min: Kim Gilbert (X)

Diane Graham (HF)

Joyce Sutton (T)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Mark Graham, Bill Petro

Sunday, March 24 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Sister Dorothy Pawlus

Servers: Sarah, Ryan & Zach Hlywa

Euch. Min: Karen Curtis (X)

Mark Curtis (HF)

Janet LeClair (T)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Greg Iaderosa, Brian Kerr,
Mario Silvestri

Sunday, March 24 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Roseann Peluso

Servers: Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: Donna Wainio (X)

Christy Berlin (HF)

Brian Berlin (T)

Ushers: Chuck Wirtz, Tom Eaton, Tom Wainio

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

MaryLou Buck	Jack LeBrun	Edward Mosca
Dante DeAngelo	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Mike Roussos
James Dunn, Sr.	Patricia Lesho	Janice Rovnak
Jay Gettemy	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Jack D. Slifka
Zina Herrera	Jayme Lynn Lowe	Lisa Velker
Pat Hoyle	Mary Lou Mack	
Dale Hynes	Vince Mastromatteo	

SAINT MICHAEL GARDEN GUILD



Saint Michael Garden Guild will begin its 2024 year on **Wednesday, March 20, at 7:00pm in the Parish Hall.**

The Guild's guest speaker will be Marilyn Kennedy from the Ohio State Extension Office who will talk on hummingbirds.

Guests are welcome!

Hostess: Jan Sternagel

HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

Everybody Loves Handel's Ice Cream



We are continuing to sell Handel's Ice Cream Pint Cards in the parish office during regular office hours. The cards cost **\$6.25** each and the church keeps a portion of each card sold.

EASTER FLOWERS

A reminder to please fill out your Easter flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Easter Season. A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the Easter Bulletin, March 31. **We must receive the envelopes by Thursday, March 21 to have the names included in the Easter Bulletin.** Again, thank you for your kindness. May the season of Resurrection bring us the promise of eternal life.

NATIONAL HONOR SOCIETY PROJECT



Two students from Canfield High School are collecting items to fill Easter Baskets for children 12 years old and younger. The items could include coloring, books, crayons, toys, candy, puzzles, games, and anything that a

child would like. Please place any items you are donating in the bins as the doors of the church. The items will be collected after Palm Sunday (March 23/24) and then assembled and taken to the Rescue Mission to be distributed.

Thank you for your support in making this Easter a little brighter for some children.

HAPPY SAINT PATRICK'S DAY!!!



Green Eggs & Ham

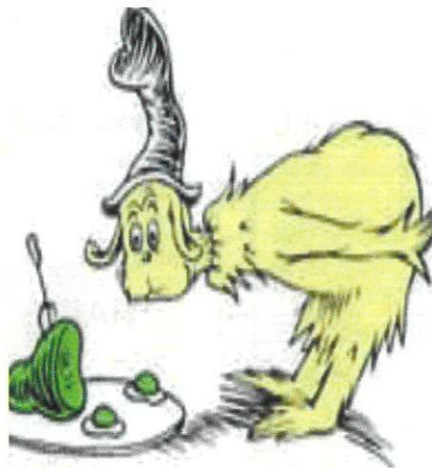
or blue, or pink, or whatever you think . . .

Our local Soup Kitchens/Dining Halls are asking for some assistance again this year for their Easter meal service. We have had such success these last 2 years that we think we can do it again.

Our Parish Hall will be the collection center for hams, colored eggs, and any canned items you might wish to bring that would be a part of an Easter meal.

There'll be no cooking, no slicing, no dicing, ordeal.

Just the collection of a very nice meal.



Please bring packaged hams, colored eggs, and whatever would be part of an Easter dinner, to the **Parish Hall on Monday, March 25 between 5:00 & 7:00 pm (use the back door close to the kitchen)** or on **Tuesday, March 26, 2024, between 9:00 and 3:00.**

We will be in the Hall between 10:00 and 3:00 on Tuesday sorting and distributing the food to our traditional 3 Soup Kitchens - St. Vincent DePaul, The Community Kitchen, and The Rescue Mission - in Youngstown. They are all serving Holy Thursday afternoon.

If you have any questions, please call: Mary Jo Lewis 330-651-8500
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DISCIPLE MAKER INDEX

Saint Michael Parish, and all our parishes in the Diocese of Youngstown, is on a journey to know, love, and serve Christ in our parish community. Together we must embrace Christ's vision for missionary discipleship so our parish can thrive and be a place for others to grow together in faith.

The very first step in this process involves assessing our greatest strengths and opportunities, and that is where the Disciple Maker Index (DMI) comes in! The DMI is an important survey tool that invites you to reflect on your discipleship journey here at Saint Michael Parish. The Disciple Maker Index is designed to:

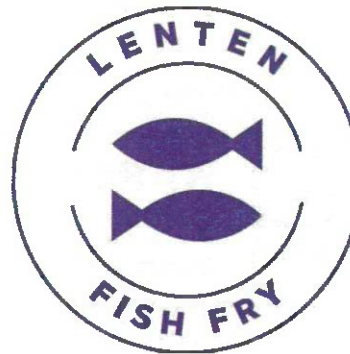
- Invite parishioners to reflect on their journey of discipleship.
- Enable parish leadership to make data-driven decisions.
- Help parishioners grow in their faith.

The 10-15-minute survey can be accessed through an online link now at:

<https://portal.catholicleaders.org/dmi/survey/bb9t75>

and will ask you to reflect on your own spiritual growth and enable you to provide your perspective on our parish's efforts to help you grow in relationship with Christ. All responses will be confidential, and the parish will only receive information about the parish community as a whole.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH



DINE IN or TAKE OUT

Final Fish Fry – March 22

4:00pm – 7:00pm in the
Family Life Center

No advance orders.

Just come on in to gather at a table
or take your meal home to the family.

Fried or Baked Fish, or Fried Shrimp
with 2 side selections from:
Macaroni & Cheese, Haluski,
French Fries, or Green Beans

All meals include coleslaw and dessert
beverages for dine in only

Cost of each meal - \$15

**Just a reminder that we are always in need of
desserts for the Fish Fry. They can be dropped off
at the Family Life Center on Thursday from 9:00 -
4:30 or any time after 9 on Friday.**

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