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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

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

Marcy Fessler
Pastoral Associate

Katherine Garchar
Director of Music

Maxine Gordon
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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
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

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, March 10**

11:30am – Don Streb

Tuesday, March 11

8:00am – Mary Louise Buck

Wednesday, March 12

8:00am – Mario Silvestri

Thursday, March 13

8:00am – Donald P. Snyder

Friday, March 14

8:00am – Mass

8:30am – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, March 15**Vigil – The Second Sunday of Lent**

3:00pm – Reconciliation

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, March 16**The Second Sunday of Lent**

9:00am – Leo Ryan

11:30am – The Sacred Heart Society

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

Each year, the First Sunday of Lent sends us into the desert to recall the Temptation of Christ. This year, in Luke's account, the temptations follow right after the genealogy, which concludes "son of Adam, son of God." Adam, who was also God's son and was tempted in the garden, failed the test. Jesus, the son of God, was tempted in the wilderness, and passed the test. This sets up an interesting parallel between two contrasting ways of responding to "divine provenance." As we continue in these early days of our Lenten Journey, let us ask ourselves: How do the three temptations connect with the three ways the church invites us to observe Lent: fasting, almsgiving and prayer? And let us prayerfully find the answers as we journey as Pilgrims of Hope.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

At a recent meeting of the Parish Pastoral Council, we discussed the importance of the various liturgical ministers during the Sunday celebration of Mass, and how we need to invite more people to prayerfully reflect on each role and how they might be called to serve the community in a particular way. One of the most commonly offered responses are those of "time commitment" and "scheduling". For

those not familiar with the process – all liturgical ministers are provided with a monthly form asking what weeks and Masses for which they are available, as well as everyone having a listing to contact a substitute when they find themselves in an emergency and unable at the last minute to serve. Each week during the Lenten season, we will offer a brief overview of the importance of one liturgical ministry, and by Palm Sunday, ask everyone to make a prayerful response about your ability to serve in a role. Thank you to those who are currently serving in these roles – your ministry is vital to our celebrations.

LECTOR (READER)

In the readings, the table of God's Word is spread before the faithful, and the treasures of the Bible are opened to them. Thus, it is preferable that the arrangement of the biblical readings be maintained, for by them the unity of both Testaments and of salvation history is brought out. Nor is it lawful to replace the readings and Responsorial Psalm, which contain the Word of God, with other, non-biblical texts.

In the celebration of the Mass with the people, the readings are always read from the ambo.

The function of proclaiming the readings is by tradition not presidential but ministerial. Therefore, the readings are to be read by a reader, but the Gospel by the Deacon or, in his absence, by another Priest. If, however, a Deacon or another Priest is not present, the Priest Celebrant himself should read the Gospel, and moreover, if no other suitable reader is present, the Priest Celebrant should also proclaim the other readings as well.

After each reading, whoever reads it pronounces the acclamation, and by means of the reply the assembled people give honor to the Word of God that they have received in faith and with gratitude.

The lector is instituted to proclaim the readings from Sacred Scripture, with the exception of the Gospel. He may also announce the intentions for the Universal Prayer and, in the absence of a psalmist, recite the Psalm between the readings.

The reader reads from the ambo the readings that precede the Gospel. In the absence of a psalmist (organist and cantor), the reader may also proclaim the Responsorial Psalm after the First Reading.

In the absence of a Deacon, the reader, after the introduction by the Priest, may announce the intentions of the Universal Prayer from the ambo.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission

Rugged independence is a defining characteristic of our country. The U.S. is the “land of opportunity” where, through hard work and initiative, anyone can improve his or her lot in life. This “Can do” attitude fuels our dreams and the actions we take to achieve our dreams. But the story of Jesus’ temptation in the desert reminds us that our strength and deliverance come from God. His love and grace, not our own will or fortitude, are what keep us strong in the face of temptation and society’s pull away from Him.

Jesus was not alone during His desert time. He was “filled with the holy Spirit” and “led by the Spirit into the desert for forty days.” Like Christ, we are never alone. We may feel like we are during the difficult times of our lives, but our Lord is always with us, sustaining and strengthening us. His love is our armor.

We can share Christ’s protective love with those who need it when we support the Annual Diocesan appeal. When you are praying during this Lenten season, please consider the Annual Diocesan Appeal as a way of giving alms.

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT FOR LENT

We are collecting personal hygiene and household cleaning items for those in need throughout our community. Any items may be placed in the bins located at the entrances of the Church. All items will then be distributed through Catholic Charities.

Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.



Readings for March 16, 2025

Second Sunday of Lent

Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

Philippians 3:17-4:1

Luke 9:28b -36



The Light is On For You

Celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation

On **Wednesday, March 19, 2025**, our parish and parishes throughout the Diocese of Youngstown will offer an “*Evening of Reconciliation*.” During this time the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available as a sign for all to embrace and live God’s mercy and love more completely. Plan to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation as part of your Lenten journey on March 19, 2025.

Pope Francis says...

“Confession is more about God’s forgiveness than our sins. It is a ‘*sacrament of joy*,’ indeed a ‘*feast*,’ in Heaven and on earth. One does not go to confession as chastised people who must humble themselves, but as children who run to receive the Father’s embrace. And the Father lifts us up in every situation, He forgives our every sin.

Hear this well: God always forgives!”

Saint Michael Parish

Lenten Reconciliation Service

Wednesday, March 19 – 7:00pm

On this evening, we will have the opportunity to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation as we seek a clean heart in preparation for the celebration of the Paschal Mystery at Easter. Several priests will be with us as we join in prayer, song, and Scripture, as well as the graced time of personal confession.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

WITH A REFLECTION ON THE CREED

On **Wednesday, March 12th**, we will have a special celebration of the Stations of the Cross interspersed with four reflections on the Nicene Creed – thinking about what it means to be one with the Father, the Son, and the Holy Spirit and one with the Church. This year is the 1700 anniversary of the Council of Nicaea. **Stations begin at 6:30pm in the Church.**

For individual prayer during Lent the church will be available Monday through Friday during regular office hours. Please use the door closest to the office, push the button and wait for the door to open.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, March 10

9:00am – Fitness Fun
12:00pm – Young at Heart

Tuesday, March 11

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, March 12

8:20 – 9:00am – Adoration
9:00am – Fitness Fun
6:30pm – Lenten Reflections

Thursday, March 13

8:30am – Bible Study
8:30am – Scripture Sharing
1:00 – 3:00pm – Monthly Bible Study
7:00pm – Men's Club

Friday, March 14

9:00am – Fitness
4:00-6:30pm – Fish Fry
7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, March 15

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, March 16

No Events Scheduled



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the Fridays of Lent (March 14, 21, 28 and April 4 and 11), Mass will be held at 8:00am followed by Mary's Way of the Cross at 8:30.

This year, plan on making the Stations of the Cross part of your Lenten Journey.



Parish Support

March 2, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 16,635.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 1,635.00
YTD Received	\$528,183.27
YTD Budget	\$525,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 3,183.27



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



Just a reminder that Young at Heart will meet this coming **Monday, March 10th**, with Mass at 11:30am and lunch and a presentation on **How a Pope is Selected** to follow. Hope to see you on Monday!

VOCATIONS – March 9, 2025

"You shall worship the Lord, your God, and Him alone shall you serve." (Luke 4:8)

This Lenten season reflect on your life's direction. Are you being called to serve God with an undivided heart as a priest or religious brother or sister?

Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad

Johnson at 330-744-8451 or

cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – March 9, 2025

"I have now brought you the first fruits of the products of the soil which you, O Lord, have given to me." (Deuteronomy 26:10)

This line from the Old Testament offers two challenges. First, do you give to God from your "first fruits" – the first and best that you have to offer? Or do you give from what you have leftover? Second, do you realize that everything you have and that everything you are has been given to you by God? We aren't owners of anything, we are merely stewards of God's gifts. Pray for a grateful and generous heart, every day, in all circumstances.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Jay Gettemy	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Margaret Chizmar	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Mindy Cline	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	Christopher King	Bill Myers
James Dunn, Sr.	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
Arlene Dyman	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack Slifka
Jim Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Caroline Zeigler
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If you would like a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.



Welcome Our Newly Baptized

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Children of Kevin & Kandis Daroski






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2025 MASS INTENTIONS

All weekend masses for 2025 are taken. However, there are daily masses available for 2025. If you would like to schedule a mass, please complete the form below, include the \$10 stipend and return the form to the parish office. Thank you.

2025 Mass Intention Request Form

Name of Mass Intention

Name of person requesting the intention

Requested date – Not guaranteed

Telephone Number

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH



DINE IN or TAKE OUT

Fridays – March 14 – April 11

4:00pm – 6:30pm in the
Family Life Center

dinners include choice of:

Fried or Baked Fish
with one side – choose either:
 Macaroni & Cheese
 or French Fries

All meals include coleslaw and dessert
 beverages for dine in only

Cost of each meal - \$15

*Anyone willing to donate home-made desserts,
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 from 8:30 – 4:00 or anytime on Friday after
 8:30am. Thank you.*

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