

# 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

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

Marcy Fessler  
*Pastoral Associate*

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*Director of Music*

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*Administrative Assistant*

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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, July 28**

8:00am – Christopher Reider

**Tuesday, July 29****Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus**8:00am – Deceased Members of the Paros and  
Rassi Families**Wednesday, July 30****Saint Peter Chrysologus**

8:00am – Edward Murcavitch

**Thursday, July 31****Saint Ignatius of Loyola**

8:00am – Mary Kelly

**Friday, August 1****Saint Alphonsus Liguori**

No Daily Mass

**Saturday, August 2****Vigil – Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – Charles &amp; Helen Paros

**Sunday, August 3****Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Marie &amp; Robert Bevilacqua

**FROM THE PASTOR . . .**

The following is taken from the message of the Holy Father Leo XIV for the fifth World Day of Grandparents and the Elderly to be held this year on July 27, the theme being *“Blessed are those who have not lost hope.”*

Dear brothers and sisters,

The Jubilee we are now celebrating helps us to realize that hope is a constant source of joy, whatever our age. When that hope has also been tempered by fire over the course of a long life, it proves a source of deep happiness.

In the Bible, God repeatedly demonstrates his providential care by turning to people in their later years. This was the case not only with Abraham, Sarah, Zechariah and Elizabeth, but also with Moses, who was called to set his people free when he was already eighty years old (cf. Ex 7:7). God thus teaches us that, in his eyes, old age is a time of blessing and grace, and that the elderly are, for him, *the first witnesses of hope*.

The life of the Church and the world can only be understood in light of the passage of generations. Embracing the elderly helps us to understand that life is more than just the present moment and

should not be wasted in superficial encounters and fleeting relationships. Instead, life is constantly pointing us toward the future. If it is true that the weakness of the elderly needs the strength of the young, it is equally true that the inexperience of the young needs the witness of the elderly in order to build the future with wisdom. How often our grandparents have been for us examples of faith and devotion, civic virtue and social commitment, memory and perseverance amid trials! The precious legacy that they have handed down to us with hope and love will always be a source of gratitude and a summons to perseverance.

Looking at the elderly in the spirit of this Jubilee, we are called to help them experience liberation, especially from loneliness and abandonment. This year is a fitting time to do so. God's fidelity to his promises teaches us that there is a blessedness in old age, an authentic evangelical joy inspiring us to break through the barriers of indifference in which the elderly often find themselves enclosed. Our societies, everywhere in the world, are growing all too accustomed to letting this significant and enriching part of their life be marginalized and forgotten.

That is why Pope Francis wanted the World Day of Grandparent and the Elderly to be celebrated primarily through an effort to seek out elderly persons who are living alone. For this reason, those who are unable to come to Rome on pilgrimage during this Holy Year may “obtain the Jubilee Indulgence if they visit, for an appropriate amount of time, the elderly who are alone...making, in a sense, a pilgrimage to Christ present in them. This is a way of encountering Jesus, who frees us from indifference and loneliness.

Our affection for our loved ones - for the wife or husband with whom we have spent so much of our lives, for our children, for our grandchildren who brighten our days – does not fade when our strength wanes. Indeed, their own affection often revives our energy and brings us hope and comfort.

These signs of living love, which have their roots in God himself, gives us courage and reminds us that “even if our outer self is wasting away, our inner self is being renewed day by day”. Especially as we grow older, let us press forward with confidence in the Lord. May we be renewed each day by our encounter with him in prayer and in Holy Mass. Let us lovingly pass on the faith we have lived for so many years, in our families and in our daily encounter with others. May we always praise God for his goodness, cultivate unity with our loved ones, open our hearts to those who are far away and, in particular, to all those in need. In this way, we will be signs of hope, whatever our age.

*From the Vatican, 26 June 2025*



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, July 28

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Tuesday, July 29

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, July 30

8:20 – 9:00am - Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Thursday, July 31

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

### Friday, August 1

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, August 2

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm - Rosary

### Sunday, August 3

No Events Scheduled



## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

### THE DEADLINE FOR YFF REGISTRATION IS MONDAY, AUGUST 25.

If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade call Marcy at the parish office for information about YFF and to request a registration packet.



First Grade is required in order to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. It is expected that grades three through seven are completed before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparations.

Kindergarten is not required but highly encouraged. We limit the Kindergarten class to 10 children. If you are considering registering your child for Kindergarten YFF, be sure to get your registration packet in early to ensure a spot for your child.

### Parish Support

July 1, 2024 – June 30, 2025

Amount Received	\$781,046.55
EFT June	9,863.00
Amount Received	\$790,909.55
Amount Budgeted	\$780,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 10,909.55



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

## Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



From July 27 – August 31 we will be collecting school supplies 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 3, 2025

#### **Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

Ecclesiastes 1:2; 2:21-23

Colossians 3:1-5, 9-11

Luke 12:13-21

## SAINT MICHAEL SHRINE ENVELOPES



We will continue to have an additional collection on the second weekend of each month. The envelopes that were for the Saint Michael Shrine will now be for Saint Michael Parish Projects. The money collected from these envelopes will fund various physical and spiritual projects in our parish.

*Thank you for your continued support.*

### Parish Support

July 20, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 10,581.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 4,419.00)
YTD Received	\$ 36,926.00
YTD Budget	\$ 45,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 8,074.00)



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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. Summer 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.

### PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

### Prayer for the Sick

God of all goodness, look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. Amen.

### SPONSOR GUIDELNE FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

It is an honor to be asked to be a sponsor (godparent) for Baptism or Confirmation. It means that you are seen as someone who is practicing their faith and living a life that reflects the teachings of the Catholic faith. Sponsors need to be:

1. Registered in a parish.  
(adult children, 25 years old, need to be registered independently)
2. Attending Mass regularly at their parish of registration.
3. If married, a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
4. Forming their children in the faith.  
(religious education or Catholic School)

You will be asked to submit a letter of eligibility as a sponsor, signed by the pastor of your current parish. These are universal norms for the Catholic faith, found in Canon Law (nos. 872-874).

## 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.

### CHANGE IN OFFICE HOURS

**Beginning August 8, the parish office hours will be 8:30 – 4:00 Monday through Thursday, The Parish Office will be closed on Friday.**

### EAGLE SCOUT PROJECT

Nate Ferguson, who has been a dedicated Altar Server for the past 6 years and a scout with Troop 9115, is working on his Eagle Project. Lord of Life Church approached him to tear down their playset and build another for the community to use.

It is a costly project and Nate's goal is to raise \$3000 with a stretch goal of \$4650 to supply rubber mulch. Let's help Nate reach his goal! Any amount is greatly appreciated. To donate you can see Nate after mass or mail a check to

Nathan Ferguson  
159 Jade Circle  
Canfield, Ohio 44406

*Thank you in advance for your consideration in donating to this worthwhile cause and helping one of our dedicated altar servers.*





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## STEWARDSHIP – July 27, 2025

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

*“Ask and you will receive; seek and you will find; knock and the door will be opened to you.”  
(Luke 11:9)*

Jesus assures us that if we ask, God will take care of what we need. The problem is that our culture often confuses what we really need with what we simply want. The truth is that many of us need very little. However, we usually want so much more! Stewardship is simply being grateful for all that we are and all that we have been given and generously sharing all of our God-given gifts with others. Gratitude and generosity are gifts that opens doors to new relationships with others and with God.

## VOCATIONS – July 27, 2025

### 17<sup>th</sup> Sunday in Ordinary Time

If you feel God is calling you to a vocation, ask for His guidance in prayer.

*Lord, I will go where You want me to go. I will be who You want me to be. I will do what You want me to do. Just make it my will, and make it clear to me.*

Talk to your priest or  
reach out to Father Chad Johnson  
at 330-744-8451 or  
[cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

## MILITARY LIST

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



## SPIRITUAL BOOK CLUB

The Spiritual Book Club hosted by the Ursuline Sisters Mission will resume **September 8 at 1:00pm** at the Ursuline Center, 4280 Shields Road, Canfield. The book “Falling Upward”, revised edition, by Father Richard Rohs is our text from September through May 2025.

Contact Barbara Spencer, (330-503-4756) Ursuline Associate and facilitator, for further information and meeting schedule.

## BEATITUDES

*For Friends of the Aged*

BLESSED are they who understand  
My faltering step and palsied hand.

BLESSED are they who know my ears today  
Must strain to catch the things they say.

BLESSED are they who seem to know  
That my eyes are dim and my wits are slow.

BLESSED are they who looked away  
When coffee spilled at table today.

BLESSED are they with a cherry smile  
Who stop to chat for a little while.

BLESSED are they who never say  
“You’ve told that story twice today.”

BLESSED are they who know the ways  
To bring back memories of yesterdays.

BLESSED are they who make it known  
That I’m loved, respected, and not alone.

BLESSED are they who know I’m at a loss  
To find the strength to carry the Cross.

BLESSED are they who ease the days  
On my journey home in loving ways.



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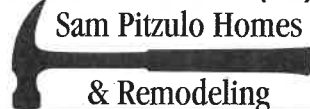
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