

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)

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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

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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, April 14

Monday of Holy Week

8:00am – Anthony Jacola

Tuesday, April 15

Parish Office Closed

Tuesday of Holy Week

8:00am – James Leugers

Wednesday, April 16

Wednesday of Holy Week

8:00am – Marie & Andy Skrobola

Thursday, April 17

Parish Office Closed

Mass of the Lord's Supper

7:00pm – The People of the Parish

10:00pm – Night Prayer

Friday, April 18

Parish Office Closed

Good Friday – The Passion of the Lord

7:00pm – The Passion of the Lord

Saturday, April 19

Holy Saturday – The Easter Vigil

8:00pm – The Sacred Heart Society

Sunday, April 20

Easter Sunday of The Resurrection of the Lord

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – The People of the Parish

CLEAN UP YOUR ACT FOR LENT

A HUGE THANK YOU for your overwhelming kindness and generosity in supporting our "Clean Up Your Act for Lent" project. All donations will be given to Catholic Charities to be distributed to the needy in our community.



PLEASE NOTE

The Parish Office will be closed on Tuesday, April 15 for the Chrism Mass at the Cathedral and Holy Thursday, April 17, Good Friday, April 18 and Monday, April 21 for the Easter holiday.

Thank you for understanding.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Let us resolve to make this week holy by claiming Christ's redemptive grace and by living holy lives. The Word became flesh and redeemed us by his holy life and holy death. This week especially let us accept redemption by living grateful, faithful, prayerful, generous, just, and holy lives.

Let us resolve to make this week holy by reading and meditating on Sacred Scripture. So often we get caught up in the hurry of daily living. As individuals and as families, reserve prime time to be with Jesus, to hear the cries of the children waving palm branches, to see the Son of Man riding on an ass' colt, to feel the press of the crowd, to be caught up in the "Hosannas" and to realize how the cries of acclamation will yield to the garden of suffering, to be there and watch as Jesus is sentenced by Pilate to Calvary, to see him rejected, mocked, spat upon, beaten, and forced to carry a heavy cross, to hear the echo of the hammer, to feel the agony of torn flesh and strained muscles, to know Mary's anguish as he hung three hours before he died.

Let us take time this week to be present to someone who suffers. Sharing the pain of a fellow human will enliven Scripture and help us enter into the holy mystery of the redemptive suffering of Christ. Let us resolve to make this week holy by participating in the Holy Week services of the church, not just by attending, but also by preparing, by studying the readings, entering into the spirit.

Let us resolve to make this week holy by sharing holy peace and joy within our families, sharing family prayer on a regular basis, making every meal a holy meal where loving conversations bond family members in unity, sharing family work without grumbling, asking forgiveness for past hurts and forgiving one another from the heart, seeking to go all the way for love as Jesus went all the way for love.

Let us resolve to make this week holy by sharing holy peace and joy with the needy, the alienated, the lonely, the sick, and the afflicted. Let us unite our sufferings, inconveniences, and annoyances with the sufferings of Jesus. Let us stretch ourselves, going beyond our comfort zones to unite ourselves with Christ's redemptive work. We unite ourselves with Christ's redemptive work when we reconcile, when we make peace, when we share the Good News that God is in our lives, when we reflect to our brothers and sisters God's healing, God's forgiveness, God's unconditional love. May our fasting be the kind that saves and shares with the poor, that actually contacts the needy, that gives heart to heart, that touches and nurtures and heals. During this Holy Week, when Jesus gave his life for love, let us truly love one another.



ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL

One in Hope, One in Mission

Circumstances can change in an instant. Our "secure" position at work can be eliminated. One blood test and a routine physical can reveal an unexpected illness. An unexpected storm can take the roof off our home. Jesus knew this. He entered Jerusalem to great fanfare on Palm Sunday. Huge crowds gathered to welcome Him, waving palm fronds, calling "Hosanna! Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord, (even) the king of Israel" (John 12:13). Just days later, Jesus would celebrate the Last Supper with His apostles before spending an agonizing night of prayer in the Garden of Gethsemane where He was betrayed and abandoned. Five days later, He'd die a torturous death alongside criminals.

When a reversal in fortune rattles us, we can remind ourselves that Jesus understands our anxiety. He is there for us; we can rely on Him and draw strength from His peace. And if we are experiencing a period of calm and plenty, we can help those whose circumstances are not so blessed through a gift to the Annual Diocesan Appeal.



VOICE OF HOPE AWARDS DINNER

Thursday, May 1

5:00pm – 8:00pm

Eastwood Event Center

Annually, the Diocese of Youngstown and Catholic Charities holds a major gathering entitled **The Voice of Hope**. At the dinner, there are various groups honored as Voices of Hope. In 2004, Saint Michael Parish, Canfield was honored and in 2009, Father Lavelle was honored. This year, in addition to Mercy Health Foundation - Mahoning Valley, Saint Michael and Father Lavelle are receiving the honor again (a rare second awarding). The doors open at 5:00pm and the cost is \$100 per person. **Saint Michael Parish has reserved a few tables and have tickets available for \$80 per person. If interested, please contact the parish office. Thank you.**

Holy Thursday & Good Friday Collections

The collection we take on Holy Thursday helps to alleviate hunger on a local level.

The Pontifical Good Friday Collection helps Christians in the Holy Land. Your support helps the church minister in parishes, provide for Catholic schools, offer religious education, and undertake social and charitable works. The Pontifical Good Friday Collection also helps to preserve the sacred shrines.

It is vital that we support Christians living in the Holy Land, in order to maintain a Christian presence in the very land made holy by the life, death and Resurrection of Jesus.

When you contribute to the Pontifical Good Friday Collection, you become an instrument of peace and join with Catholics around the world in solidarity with the Church in the Holy Land.

Thank you in advance for your support of these important collections.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, April 14

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:30pm - OCIA

Tuesday, April 15

Parish Office Closed

Wednesday, April 16

8:20 – 9:00am -- Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, April 17

Parish Office Closed

Friday, April 18

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, April 19

10:00am – Blessing of Food

Sunday, April 20

Happy Easter



Parish Support

April 6, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 14,673.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 327.00)
YTD Received	\$601,189.31
YTD Budget	\$600,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 1,189.31



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

Holy Week Celebrations



Palm Sunday of our Lord's Passion

Today, we begin the holiest of weeks by first calling to mind Jesus' triumphant entrance into the holy city of Jerusalem with the blessing of palms, and then recounting His passion and death to occur later in the week. Please consider your faithful participation in the coming celebrations throughout Holy Week.

Holy Thursday – The Mass of the Lord's

Supper Thursday, April 17, 2025 – 7:00pm

This evening Mass brings to a close the Lenten season and begins the celebration of the Sacred Triduum. Through Word, Sacrament and the Washing of Feet, we are invited to reflect on the gift of the Eucharist and of ministry in the Church. In the stripping of the Altar, we prepare to enter into the emptiness of the day to come. Adoration will follow until **10:00pm**, concluding the day with Night Prayer.



Foot Washing

Good Friday – The Passion of the

Lord Friday, April 18, 2025 – 7:00pm

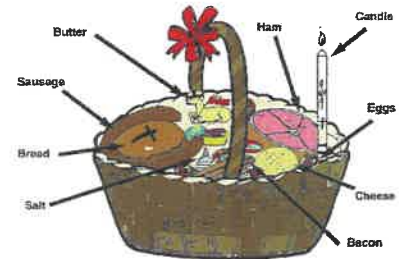


During this celebration, we experience the passion and death of our Lord, we invoke a series of special prayers for the world, we venerate the Holy Cross, and we continue to be nourished with the Body of Christ.

Blessing of Easter Food

Saturday – April 19, 2025 – 10:00am

We will gather in the **Parish Hall** for the blessing of Easter Foods. Please consider bringing various foods that will grace your Easter table, seeking God's blessings on this abundance of physical and spiritual nourishment.



The Great Easter Vigil

Saturday, April 19, 2025 – **8:00pm**



In the Great Easter Vigil, we move both physically and spiritually from darkness into a new light. We recall moments in salvation history, we proclaim the Resurrection of our Lord, and welcome those who have prepared to be one with us in the Sacramental life of the Church.

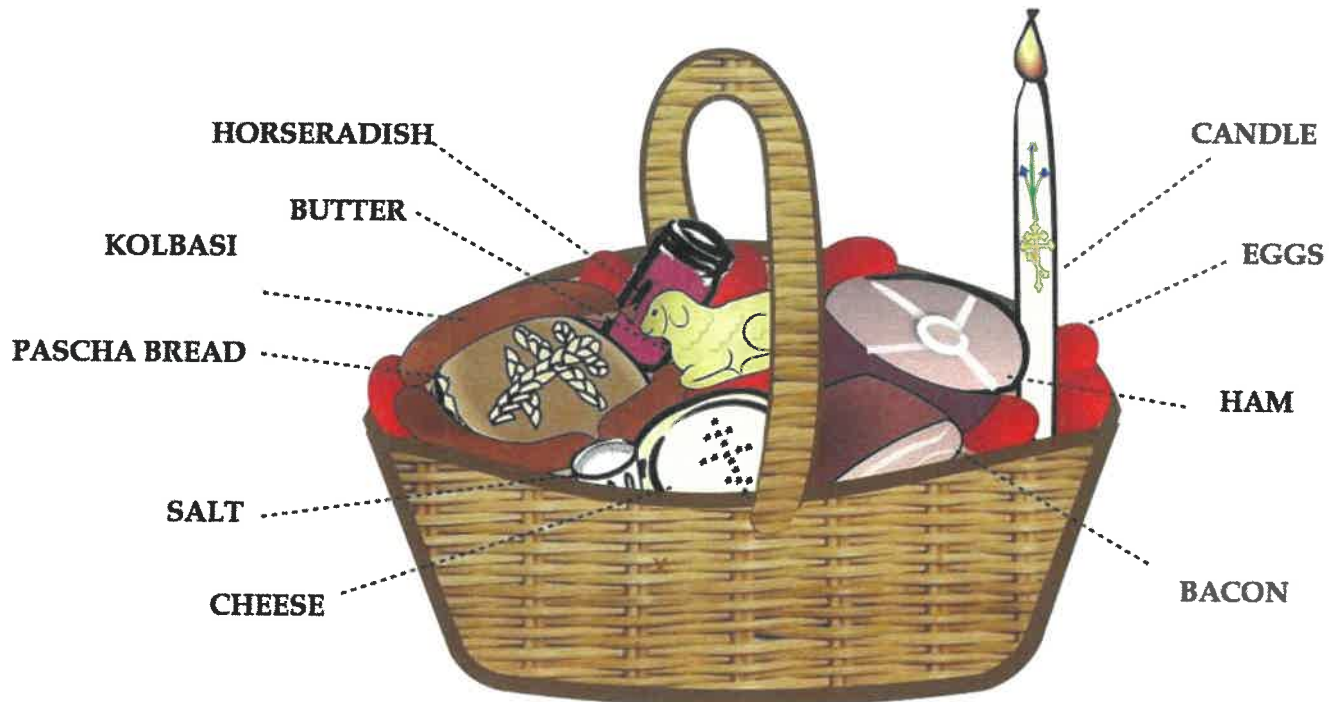
Easter Sunday – The Resurrection of the Lord

Sunday, April 20, 2025 – 9:00am & 11:30am Masses

At these Masses marking the first day of Easter joy, we arrive at the tomb with Mary of Magdala, Peter and John, to bear witness to the Resurrection of our Lord, Jesus Christ. Together, we begin a season of new life, guiding us in a fifty-day journey to the birth of the Church at Pentecost on May 19th



Traditional Easter Basket Blessing

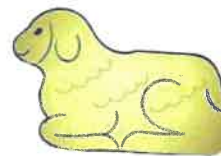


PASCHA - The Easter Bread (Pron. Pa-ska.) A sweet yeast bread rich in eggs, butter, etc. Symbolic of Christ Himself who is our True Bread. Usually round loaf baked with a golden crust decorated with a symbol indicative of Christ. Sometimes a cross (+) of dough is placed on top encircled by a plait given it a crowned effect or Greek

CHEESE - (Rusyn: Hrudka or Sirec) A custard type cheese shaped into a ball having a rather bland but sweet taste indicative of the moderation that Christians should have in all things. Also creamed cheese is placed in a small dish and both are decorated with symbols (see Pascha) out of cloves or pepper balls.



HAM - (Rusyn: Šunka - pron. shoon-ka.) The Flesh meat popular with the Slavs as the main dish because of its richness and symbolic of the great joy and abundance of Easter. Some may prefer Lamb or Veal. This is usually well roasted or cooked as well as other meats so the festivity of the day will not be burdened with preparation and all may enjoy the Feast.



BUTTER - (Rusyn: Maslo pron. ma-slo.) This favorite dairy product is often shaped into a figure of a Lamb or small cross and decorated as the cheese. This reminds us of the goodness of Christ that we should have toward all things.

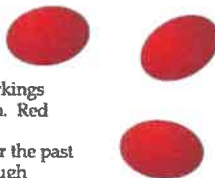


SAUSAGE (Rusyn: Kolbasi-pron. kol-bus-i.) A spicy, garlic sausage of pork products indicative of God's flavor and generosity.

BACON - (Rusyn: Slanina pron. sla-ni-na) A piece of uncooked bacon cured with spices. Symbolic of the overabundance of God's mercy to us.



EGGS (Rusyn: Pisanki pron. pi-sun-ki) Hardboiled eggs brightly decorated with symbols and markings made with beeswax, indicative of new life and resurrection. Red eggs are also traditional date back to a story with St. Mary Magdalene. Having been dyed with onion skins saved over the past year, red shows the color of life and victory that came through Christ's blood.



SALT - (Rusyn: Sol' pron. sol') A condiment necessary for flavor reminding the Christian of his duty to others.



HORSERADISH (Rusyn: Chrin pron. khrin) Horseradish mixed with grated red beets (optional) symbolizes the Passion of Christ still in our minds but sweetened with some sugar because of the Resurrection. A bitter-sweet red colored mixture reminds us of the sufferings of Christ.

These articles are placed in a wicker basket. A decorated candle is placed inside and is lit at the time of the blessing. A linen cover usually embroidered with a picture of the Risen Christ or symbol with the words "Christ is Risen" is placed over the food when brought to the Church.

In some places a large Easter Bread (Pascha) is made and brought separately in a large linen cloth. If the origin of the people was from a wine growing area, a sweet wine may be brought.



Please join us for the blessing on Saturday, April 19 at 10:00am in the Parish Hall

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



Spring Night at the Races

Friday, May 2, 2025, in the Family Life Center

Doors open at 6:30 – Races begin at 7:15pm

**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!

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.

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

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PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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Mindy Cline	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
James Dunn, Sr.	Christopher King	Bill Myers
Arlene Dyman	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden		

If you would like a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

25th, 40th, 50th and over

Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** on **Sunday, May 18, at 2:00pm at the Cathedral of Saint Columba in Youngstown**, honoring couples observing their 25th, 40th, 50th and over wedding anniversaries in 2025.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall.

You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before April 25, 2025.

MILITARY LIST



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

CAN YOU GIVE GREEN EGGS AND HAM?

Our local Soup Kitchens/Dining Halls are in need of some assistance for their Easter meals. We are hoping that once again, Saint Michael Parish would be in the forefront of this project.

Please bring packaged hams, colored eggs, etc. that would be a part of an Easter meal to the Parish Hall on Tuesday, April 15, 2025, between 10:00 AM and 3:00 PM.

We will be sorting and distributing the food to our traditional 3 Soup Kitchens. They will be serving Holy Thursday afternoon.

If you have any questions, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

Readings for April 20, 2025

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord

Acts of the Apostles 10:34a, 37-43

Colossians 3:1-4

1 Corinthians 5:6b-8

John 20:1-9

Luke 24:13-35

GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will host a representative from The Green Team on **Wednesday, April 23 at 7:00pm** in the Parish Hall. Topics include conservation of the environment, recycling at events and other environmental issues. Refreshments will be served.

Guests are always welcome!



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