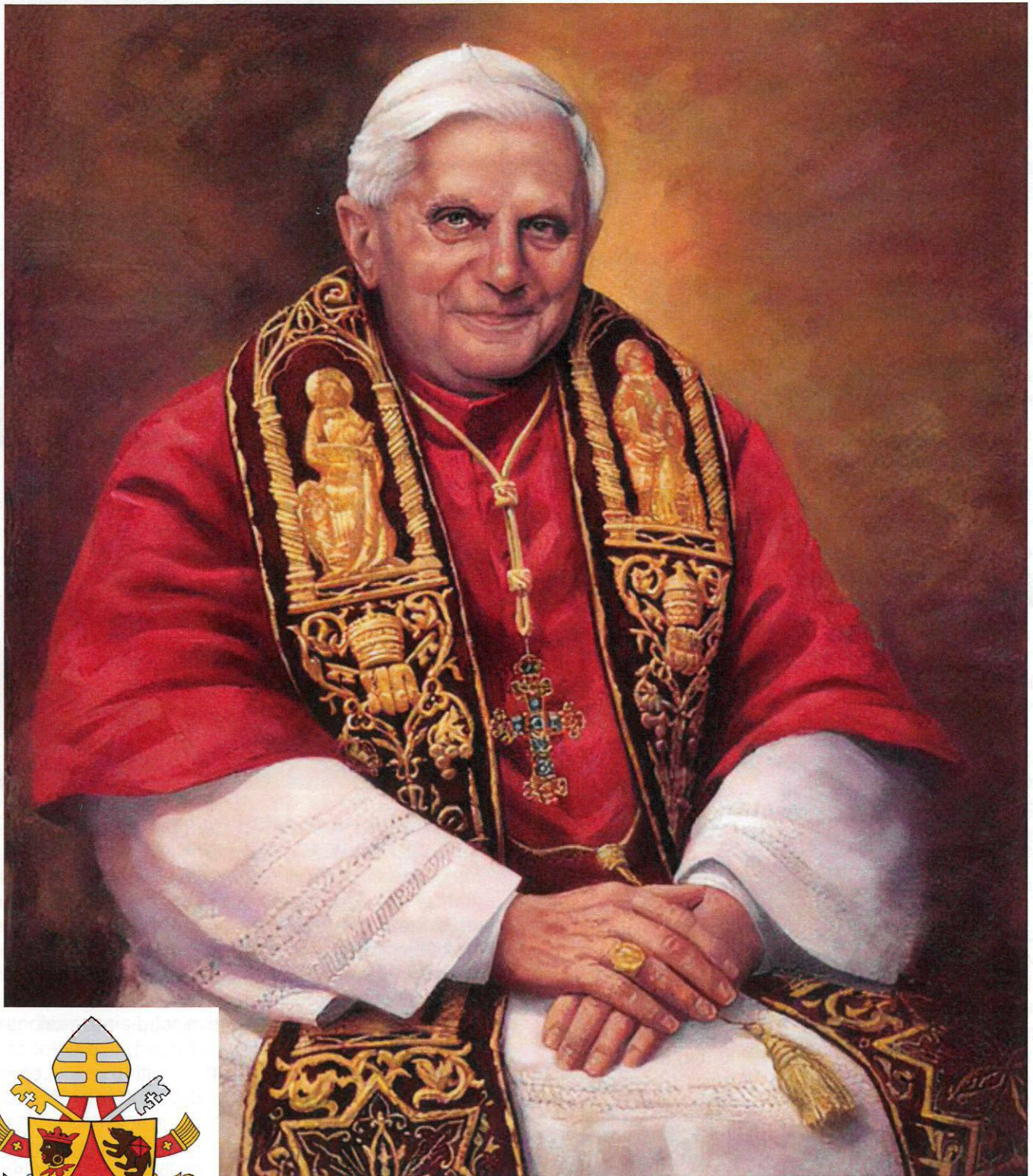


Rest in Peace
Pope Emeritus Benedict XVI



April 16, 1927 – December 31, 2022



Saturday, January 7

Vigil, The Epiphany of the Lord

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, January 8

The Epiphany of the Lord

9:00am – Elizabeth & Stephen Opalick

11:00am – Stanley & Elizabeth Krupa

Monday, January 9

The Baptism of the Lord

11:30am – Geri Tomko

Tuesday, January 10

8:00am – Kieran Sullivan-Canacci

Wednesday, January 11

8:00am – Pope Benedict

Thursday, January 12

8:00am – Robert Cartwright

Friday, January 13

No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 14

Vigil, 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

4:00pm – Gwen Majernik

Sunday, January 15

2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:00am – Nancy Myers

POPE EMERITUS BENEDICT

As we continue to pray for the repose of the soul of our late Holy Father, Pope Emeritus Benedict, we will celebrate morning Mass on **Wednesday, January 11, 2023, at 8:00am**, with an hour of adoration to follow. On the passing of Pope Emeritus Benedict, Bishop David Bonnar released the following statement: "The Clergy, Religious and Faithful of the Diocese of Youngstown mourn the death of Pope Emeritus Benedict. Pope Benedict's story is one of humble and faithful service to the Church rooted in a passionate commitment to promoting and protecting the Truth of the Gospel. His Episcopal Motto, 'Cooperators of the Truth' illustrates his uncompromising intentionality to the truth. Pope Benedict's final words as pontiff point to the last leg of his earthly journey which was focused on preparing for his eternal life. He said, 'I'm simply a pilgrim who is starting the last stage of his pilgrimage on Earth.' May he now occupy the room prepared for him in God's Kingdom and see God face to face. Together, let us pray that Pope Benedict will know God's peace and rest." Let us keep Pope Emeritus Benedict, and all our faithful departed in our prayers.

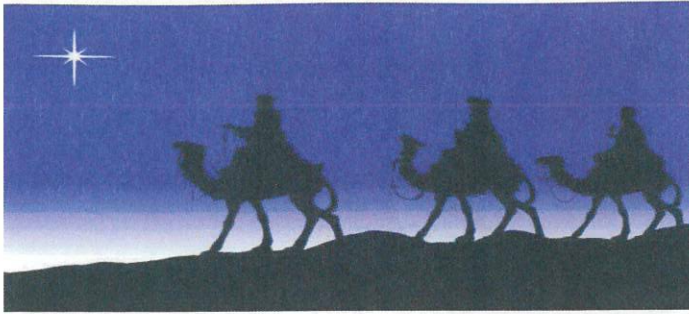


LA BEFANA – A SEARCH FOR THE CHRIST CHILD

An Italian tradition surrounding Epiphany is that of **La Befana**. Legend has it that a knock came to the door of this aged woman, and the people at the door were the three wise men. The Magi were seeking directions, and in the course of the conversation, invited her to join them as they sought the Christ Child. Preferring to remain in the home, in order to sweep and clean, she missed out on this opportunity. With a change of heart, she went after the wise men, never to catch up with them. Legend continues that because she missed out on discovering the Christ Child, she spends each Christmas season searching for other good children to which she brings gifts, much like wise men came to bring their gifts to the newborn king. May we learn from the mistake of La Befana, and always be willing to seek the newborn King.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

Ever since the determination many years ago to transfer the liturgical celebration of the Epiphany of our Lord from the 12th day of Christmas to the Sunday after the first of the year, we have years with a longer Christmas season and years with a shortened Christmas season. This year we have the longest. I hope everyone had a very Merry Christmas, filled with hearty laughter, delicious treats, treasured gifts, and the sharing of old memories and the creation of new ones for Christmases to come. My prayer is this, that having celebrated the beginning of the new year last weekend, and now this Epiphany weekend, that 2023 may be a year of grace, where we all come, like the magi, to discover the presence of Christ more abundantly, and then, like them, go forth a different way, made new by his presence, and always seeking to share his dawning light with everyone we meet. God bless you all, Father Lavelle



EPIPHANY BLESSING & PROCLAMATION

There are many traditions in the Church surrounding the Solemnity of Epiphany. Among them are the house blessing and the proclamation of the coming liturgical year. The blessing invokes the names of the three magi, **Caspar, Melchior** and **Balthasar** as well as the coming year, all connected with crosses. The proper inscription, usually done in chalk above the front door for this new year is **20 + C + M + B + 23**. Each year, the Church also proclaims the coming feasts of great importance. The traditional proclamation for the year 2022 is "Dear brothers and sisters, the glory of the Lord has shone upon us, and shall ever be manifest among us, until the day of his return. Through the rhythms of times and seasons let us celebrate the mysteries of salvation. Let us recall the year's culmination, the **Easter Triduum of the Lord**: his last supper, his crucifixion, his burial, and his rising celebrated between the evening of the 6th day of April and the evening of the 9th day of April. **Easter Sunday** being on the 9th day of April. Each Easter -- as on each Sunday -- the Church makes present the great and saving deed by which Christ has forever conquered sin and death. From Easter are reckoned all the days we keep holy. **Ash Wednesday**, the beginning of Lent, will occur on the 22nd day of February. **The Ascension of the Lord** will be commemorated on the 21st day of May. **Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 28th day of May. And this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the 3rd day of December. Likewise, the pilgrim Church proclaims the Passover of Christ in the feasts of the holy Mother of God, in the feasts of the Apostles and Saints, and in the commemoration of the faithful departed. To Jesus Christ, who was, who is, and who is to come, Lord of time and history, be endless praise, for ever and ever. Amen".

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mary Louise H. Buck	Dale Hynes	William Phillips
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Maryann Rovnak
Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho	Shirley Sanders
John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Lenore Slotterback
Pat Hoyle	Linda Miller	

This week in our Parish



Saturday, January 7

3:15 pm - Rosary

Sunday, January 8

12:00 - 2:00 pm - GoF

6:00 pm - Ulster - FLC

Monday, January 9

9:00 am - Fitness Fun

12:00 pm - Young at Heart

6:00 - 8:00 pm - GoF

6:30-8:00 pm RCIA

Tuesday, January 10

11:00 am - Patriotic Rosary - FLC

7:00 pm - Scouts

Wednesday, January 11

9:00 am - Fitness Fun

6:00 - 7:00 pm - Baptism Prep

Thursday, January 12

8:30 am - Bible Study - FLC

9:00 am - 1:00 pm - Rental - FLC

10:30 am - Scripture Sharing - FLC

6:30 - 8:30 pm - Special Olympics - FLC

7:00 pm - Men's Club

Friday, January 13

9:00 am - Fitness Fun

7:30 pm - AA Meeting

Saturday, January 14

5:00 - 8:00 pm - Lacrosse - FLC

Sunday, January 15

No Events

Parish Support

December 25, 2022

Amount Received	\$ 4,891.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 10,109.00)
YTD Received	\$417,280.14
YTD Budget	\$390,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 27,280.14

January 1, 2023

Amount Received	\$ 19,157.75
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 4,157.75
EFT December	\$ 15,028.00
YTD Received	\$451,465.89
YTD Budget	\$405,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 46,465.89
Christmas Collection	\$ 35,542.00
Solemnity of Mary	\$ 1,958.00



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

Liturgical Ministers

Saturday, January 14 – 4:00 PM

Lectors: Michael Kempe (1st), Dominic Rich (2nd)

Servers: Lauren Smallwood, Michael Smallwood

Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Barb Ricks (HF)

Joyce Sutton (T)

Ushers: Jim Basista, Dan Stout, Mark Graham,
Don Kutsko

Sunday, January 15 – 9:00 AM

Lectors: Roseann Peluso (1st) Sue DePinto (2nd)

Server: Hailey Tomory

Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Jeanne Neville (HF)

Tom Vlajkovich (T)

Ushers: Kevin Henchar, Jerry Laska, Jim Naples,
Marty Repasky

Sunday, January 15 – 11:00 AM

Lectors: John Morvay (1st), Judy Richley (2nd)

Server: Allison Farley

Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Ed Costello (HF)

Tom Eaton (T)

Ushers: Russell Layfield, Luke Scolieri, Chuck Wirtz

Diocesan Communications Collection Epiphany Weekend

On this celebration of Christ's Epiphany, we dare to believe that the light of Christ shines in each one of us. Our new diocesan Communications initiatives will shine a light on the good news of our Catholic community in every county of our diocese, through *The Catholic Echo* – a new magazine and multimedia website – and a contemporary social media studio that will help us produce videos, podcasts and more. Our diocesan Communications Department also provides necessary publicity and information services to parishes and diocesan offices. Your gift will help us to reach out to younger Catholics and help support critical services to the homebound including the recorded Sunday Mass and radio and television ministry. Thank you in advance for your gift in next week's second collection.

MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

Saint Michael Parish will follow the Canfield Schools cancellation schedule for snow and cold. If the Canfield Schools are closed or on a two-hour delay due to the weather, the 8:00am Mass will be cancelled, and the intention rescheduled. The office and any other activities will also be cancelled or delayed, depending on the timing. Thank you.

Young at Heart

Our next Young at Heart gathering will be on **Monday, January 9, 2023**. We will begin with Mass, celebrating the Baptism of the Lord at 11:30am, then move to the Parish Hall for a light luncheon and a presentation by our own Deacon John Rovnak and his classmate Deacon Brook Benedict on the hidden meaning of the classic song the Twelve Days of Christmas. Please join us for this musical education and festive celebration. The day will wrap up by 1:30pm, and the cost of the luncheon is \$5.00.

January Adult Faith Formation

This January, we are very happy to welcome the Diocesan Director of Peace and Justice, R. J. Mangan, to Saint Michael for a presentation on the legacy of Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr., and the Catholic Peace and Justice Movement. Mr. Mangan works with Catholic Charities to promote the themes of Catholic Social Teaching, particularly the dignity of the human person, through education, advocacy, and prayer. Please join us on **Wednesday, January 18, at 6:30 pm in the Parish Hall**, for Mr. Mangan's presentation. It should be a wonderful opportunity to reinvigorate our commitment to the Church's social mission.

MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald A. Nunziato, Jr.
Jacob Samson - Airforce
Philip McLaughlin - USMC



Blessing of the Home and Household on Epiphany

Lord God of heaven and earth, you revealed your only begotten Son to every nation by the guidance of a star. Bless this house and all who inhabit it. Fill us with the light of Christ, that our concern for others may reflect your love.

May Christ Jesus dwell with us, keep us from all harm, and make us one in mind and heart, now and forever. Amen.

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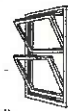
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But who shall comfort me?

Covid-19 has certainly changed many things in our lives. One of them was our ability to gather together and hold one another in our grief. Although we are not socially completely over Covid, we are beginning to return to some normalcy. In an effort to care for our grieving St. Michael family members, we would like to begin serving lunches after funeral services again. This ministry had been a St. Michael's standard for decades.

We have about 30 funerals at St. Michael per year but not all families wish to have their luncheon in the hall. Each luncheon takes about 10-15 volunteers including one coordinator. Our goal is to ask each volunteer to serve only 4-5 times a year. In order to realize this goal, we will need many volunteers.

If you think you are called to this ministry, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or call Juanita Sherba (330)565-8161.



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