

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

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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
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**Pastoral Associate for
Youth Faith Formation** Marcy Fessler

Music Ministry Director Laura Kunkel

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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

Web Page www.stmichaelcanfield.org

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**Monday, January 8, 2024****The Baptism of the Lord**

11:30am – Ben Mangapora

Tuesday, January 9

8:00am – Special Intentions

Wednesday, January 10

8:00am – Fred Cannell

Thursday, January 11

8:00am – Kevin Dolan

Friday, January 12

No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 13**Vigil – 2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm – Anthony Mueller, Jr.

Sunday, January 14**2nd Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Elizabeth & Stephen Opalick

11:30am – The People of the Parish

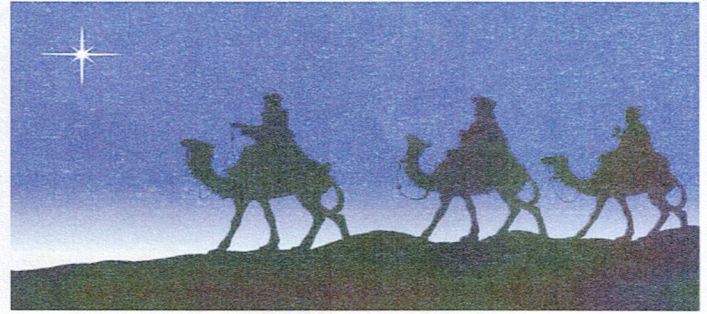


Just a reminder that January's Young at Heart will meet this coming **Monday, January 8**, with Mass at 11:30 and lunch and a presentation to follow. The topic for this month is "Saint Paul and Ourselves" presented by Barb Spencer. Plan on joining us for an informative and enjoyable afternoon.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

The traditional date of Epiphany is January 6th – the 12th day of Christmas. However, the Church now celebrates this great feast on the Sunday after New Year's Day, ranging anywhere from the 2nd to the 8th of January. The following Sunday is normally the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. When the date of the celebration falls after the 6th, as it does this year, the Baptism is transferred to the following Monday (January 8th this year). Regardless of the date, the reality of the feast of the Magi challenges us to leave the Christmas season and journey into Ordinary Time with hearts and minds enriched by what we have received – the dawning of our salvation in the person of the God born to us. Happy "Little Christmas".

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 + 24**. Each year, the Church also proclaims the coming feasts of great importance that do not have a "fixed date". These are known as "moveable feasts" since the calendar date can change.

The traditional proclamation for the year 2024 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 28th day of March and the evening of the 31st day of March. **Easter Sunday** being on the 31st day of March. 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 14th day of February. **The Ascension of the Lord** will be commemorated on the 12th day of May. **Pentecost**, the joyful conclusion of the season of Easter, will be celebrated on the 19th day of May. And this year the **First Sunday of Advent** will be on the 1st 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".



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 new born king. May we learn from the mistake of La Befana, and always be willing to seek the new born King.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 8

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

Tuesday, January 9

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, January 10

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, January 11

8:30am – Bible Study
10:30am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, January 12

9:00am – Fitness Fun
7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, January 13

3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, January 14

No Events



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Jayme Lynn Lowe
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Mary Lou Mack
Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho	Janice Rovnak
Pat Hoyle	Barbara Dunn Lowe	

Diocesan Communications Collection

January 6 & 7, 2024

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<https://www.doy.org/Communications-collection> for more information or to give.



Catholic Charities created the Warm Hearts for Warm Homes campaign (formerly Keep the Kids Warm) in 2008 in response to the economic recession impacting many local families. Unfortunately, the need for this annual campaign still exists 15 years later. Warm Hearts for Warm Homes aims to provide utility assistance during the cold winter months to families with children, working poor adults and older adults on fixed incomes. More information about Warm Hearts for Warm Homes, including ways to support this campaign with your prayers and financial support, can be found on our website (www.ccdoy.org). Donate online; give today in your parish; or mail checks to:

Catholic Charities,
144 West Wood Street
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Thank you for your generosity.

Please Note:

The Parish Office will be closed on **Monday, January 15**, in honor of Dr. Martin Luther King. The office will reopen on Tuesday, January 16, at 9am. Thank you.

**PLEASE
NOTE**

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, January 13 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Jim Krivanek

Server: Lauren Smallwood

Euch. Min: Larry Lavin (X)

Paula Lavin (HF)

Barb Kubitz (T)

Ushers: Marleen, Belfiore, Don Kutsko

Sunday, January 14 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Gerry Ricciutti

Server: Nate Ferguson

Euch. Min: Janet LeClair (X)

Kim Maciukiewicz (HF)

Shirley Dunn (T)

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

Sunday, December 17 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Barb Spencer

Server: Noah Gilbert

Euch. Min: Donna Wainio (X)

Roseann Peluso (HF)

Steve DeCapua (T)

Ushers: Tom Wainio, Chuck Wirtz, Luke Scolieri

SCRAMENTAL PREPARATION IN THE PARISH

The Parish is the central community of faith expressed and lived out by the believing and worshipping faithful. All sacraments, especially Sacraments of Initiation rightfully are celebrated within the context of the parish. All persons whether enrolled in a parish faith formation process, a catholic school or a home-based catechetical process are expected to be prepared for and celebrate sacraments in the parish to which they belong and where they worship on weekends. Please be aware of the parish of belonging and respect the expectations of the diocese and the particular parish.

MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald A. Nunziato, Jr.
Jacob Samson - Airforce
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Jonathan Kelly – Captain, USMC
Brian Litwin – Spec. Army Nat. Guard
Dr. Wm. M Sweeney – Lieutenant, Navy Med. Core

If you would like a name on the Military List for 2024, please notify the parish office (330-533-6839) by February 1, 2024.

MASS FOR LIFE

Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, will preside at a Mass for Life on **Sunday, January 14, 2024, at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral**, 154 West Wood Street, Youngstown. The mass will include a Blessing of Pilgrims going to the National March for Life in Washington, D.C., and a Blessing of Unborn Children and their Families.

A reception will follow. All are welcome – no reservations needed. For more information contact dschmidt@youngstowndiocese.org or 330-744-8451, ext. 272.

Born to Eternal Life

Connie Raupach



Parish Support

December 24, 2023

Amount Received	\$ 9,584.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 5,416.00)
YTD Received	\$389,304.26
YTD Budget	\$390,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 695.74)



December 31, 2023

Amount Received	\$ 16,475.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 1,475.00
YTD Received	\$405,779.26
YTD Budget	\$405,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 779.26

Christmas Collection \$ 39,821.00

Solemnity of Mary \$ 3,300.00

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

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.

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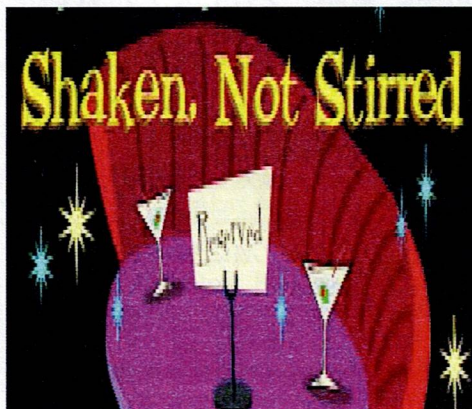
BLESSING OF THE HOME AND HOUSEHOLD ON EPIPHANY



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.

Shaken, Not Stirred



This year, our *Annual Wine Tasting Committee* has decided to *SHAKE* things up. We don't want anyone *STIRRED* up that it will be too different. We are looking to have the same fantastic night of fun, but with a *TWIST*!

So mark your calendars for our Saint Michael Parish **SHAKEN, not STIRRED with a TWIST** Night!

The event will be on **Saturday, February 3, 2024** with the doors opening after the 4:00pm Mass. This year, we will be having stations with foods provided by area restaurants, offering a little *Taste of Canfield*. Our dessert will also pay homage to our area with an *Over the Top Cookie Table*. While we will still offer some great wines, we are "branching out" – a little play on the western Bourbon and Branch. We will have a *Bourbon Table*, a *Tequila Table*, a *Wine Table*, and other drinks available at the bar. There will also be live entertainment!

We will also have our Grand Prize drawings for the \$6,000 pot of cash, with first place getting \$3,000, second place getting \$2,000 and third place getting \$1,000. We will have a raffle for an incredible Liquor Cabinet along with a 50/50 raffle and other items.

We are looking for businesses or individuals to partner with the food and liquor vendors in sponsoring the various tables. The cost of sponsorship for the tables is \$2,500 (two or more groups can go in on a sponsorship). Each full sponsorship will receive 4 complimentary tickets for the event, \$100 in 50/50 tickets and 5 tickets for the liquor cabinet raffle.

The cost of admission to the event is \$75 and can be purchased at the parish office. This great event began as a way to help support the debt reduction of the FLC – we now are at a point in our parish where there are a variety of other projects to secure our parish for the future. Please tell your friends about the evening. It promises to be a great night!

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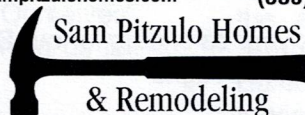
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