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**Monday, September 29**

**Saints Michael, Gabriel & Raphael**

8:00am – Tom Sullivan

**Tuesday, September 30**

**Saint Jerome**

8:00am – Special Intentions

**Wednesday, October 1**

**Saint Therese of the Child of Jesus**

8:00am – Bob Steiskal

**Thursday, October 2**

**The Holy Guardian Angels**

8:00am – Gerald Carter

**Friday, October 3**

No Daily Mass

**Saturday, October 4**

**Vigil-The Twenty-Seventh Sunday  
in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – Brother Christopher Sullivan

**Sunday, October 5**

**The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Nick DePinto



## PRIESTHOOD SUNDAY

**September 28, 2025**

Priesthood Sunday is a special day set aside to honor priesthood in the United States. It is a day to reflect upon and affirm the role of the priesthood in the life of the Church as a central one, without whom the Mass could not be offered, and Sacraments could not be celebrated.

Please pray for our priests, praising God for their courage and generosity. Give them encouragement and show them our gratitude in thoughts and deeds. God Bless our priests! Saint John Vianney, the Patron of Priests says, *"The priesthood is the love of the Heart of Jesus."* Let us PRAY for all Priests today, Priesthood Sunday and every day to see their vocation as a blessing as they strive to live out their calling to be CHRIST to all!

## FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This weekend, we celebrate the Feast of Saint Michael, our Parish Patron. Although the feast day is September 29<sup>th</sup>, it is permissible during ordinary time, to transfer the feast to the nearest Sunday so the greater parish family has the opportunity to participate in the celebration.

### In Our Catholic Tradition

Within our Roman Catholic tradition, Saint Michael the Archangel also known as Archangel Michael, holds a special place. He is often invoked as "Holy Michael, the Archangel" or "Saint Michael" in prayers and liturgies. While not formally canonized as a saint, he is revered as a celestial being with immense significance.

### Four Main Roles in Catholic Teaching

We recognize that Saint Michael has four "offices" or roles.

- **Leader of the Army of God:** Saint Michael is seen as the commander of heaven's forces, leading the angelic host in their battle against the powers of darkness. He serves as a model of spiritual warfare, reflecting the ongoing struggle between good and evil.
- **Angel of Death:** Saint Michael is regarded as the angel of death, accompanying the souls of departed Christians to heaven. At the moment of death, he offers the souls an opportunity for redemption, thwarting the devil's attempts to claim them.
- **Weigher of Souls:** Saint Michael is often depicted holding balanced scales, symbolizing his role in weighing souls during the Last Judgment. This signifies his involvement in the divine judgment of humanity.
- **Guardian of the Church:** Saint Michael serves as the guardian of the Church and the Chosen People. Throughout history, he has been revered by military orders of knights and is considered the patron saint of various cities and countries.
- **Prayers and Devotions:** Catholics frequently turn to Saint Michael for protection and guidance. Saint Michael the Archangel plays a crucial role in our Roman Catholic tradition as a defender of faith, protector of souls, and a symbol of divine justice. His presence and intercession are sought after in times of spiritual warfare and challenges, making him a revered figure in Catholic devotion and liturgy.

*Saint Michael, Pray for us.*

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, September 29

No Events Scheduled

### Tuesday, September 30

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

6:00 -7:30pm – OCIA

### Wednesday, October 1

8:30am – Adoration

6:30pm – 7:45pm – Adult Education

### Thursday, October 2

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture Sharing

### Friday, October 3

**Parish Office Closed**

6:00pm - Rehearsal

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, October 4

1:00pm - Wedding

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm – Rosary

5:30pm – Blessing of Pets

### Sunday, October 5

10:05 – 11:20 – Youth Faith Formation



### Readings for October 5, 2025

#### The Twenty-Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time

Habakkuk 1:2-3; 2:2-4

2 Timothy 1:6-8, 13-14

Luke 17:5-10

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

The third week of the parables program will continue this coming **Wednesday, October 1**. The final session for the parables program will be on **Wednesday, October 8**. The sessions are held in the Parish Hall from 6:30 – 7:45.

Please join us for the final two sessions even if you were unable attend the first two sessions.

Facilitator: Barb Spencer

\*Please bring your Bible with you.



## BLESSING OF PETS

The Annual Blessing of Pets will take place on **Saturday, October 4 at 5:30pm**. (You will have time after mass to go home and get your pet for the blessing!!!)

## A HUGE THANK YOU

My Eagle Scout project is in its final phase. It would not have been possible without the incredible support of generous donors from Saint Michael Parish and its parishioners. Your contributions are more than a gift to me, but a legacy of care, compassion and commitment to the next generation. If you gave a cash donation and I wasn't able to personally thank you, please accept my genuine gratitude now.

The play set is constructed and being enjoyed by kids. Final steps are being completed in the next few weeks. Stop by Lord of Life and view what you helped create!

A heartfelt thank you,  
Nathan Ferguson

### Parish Support

September 21, 2025

|                           |              |
|---------------------------|--------------|
| Amount Received           | \$ 15,038.00 |
| Amount Budgeted           | \$ 15,000.00 |
| Surplus/ (Deficit)        | \$ 38.00     |
| YTD Received              | \$172,907.54 |
| YTD Budget                | \$180,000.00 |
| YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$ | 7,092.46)    |



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

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

|                 |                      |                  |
|-----------------|----------------------|------------------|
| Mindy Cline     | Jay Gettemy          | Patricia Lesho   |
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| Marilyn Fisher  | Bridget Dunn Leonard | Jack D. Slifka   |
| Dorothy Furden  | Barbara Dunn Lowe    | Caroline Zeigler |



## Save the Date

### Boozy Bingo

**Saturday, November 1 after the 4:00 Mass**  
Tickets go on sale this weekend at the Parish Potluck and are available in the parish office during regular office hours. Tickets are \$50.00. More information to follow!!!

## STEWARDSHIP – September 28, 2025

*“My child, remember that you received what was good during your lifetime while Lazarus likewise received what was bad, but now he is comforted here, whereas you are tormented. Moreover, between us and you a great chasm is established...” (Luke 16:25-26)*

When God created the world He declared that it was good and He gave it to all mankind for us to enjoy. However, over the years we have created a chasm between those who have great gifts and those who do not. In today's Gospel we see that with our own generosity we must bridge that gap between those who have much and those who have little, or we may find ourselves on the wrong side of the chasm in the next life.

## VOCATIONS – September 28, 2025

### Priesthood Sunday

*“If they will not listen to Moses and the prophets, neither will they be persuaded if someone should rise from the dead.” (Luke 16:31)*

This Priesthood Sunday, pray for vocations and for those who have answered the call to be witnesses of the Gospel. Write a letter or send a message to a priest who has inspired you, letting them know that you are praying for them, and ask them to pray for you as you discern your vocation. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org) or Father Will Wainio at [wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:wwainio@youngstowndiocese.org)

## FROM DANIEL LAPOLLA...

For the month of September, I have chosen to share about the life and charism of Saint Vincent de Paul- Founder of the Congregation of the Mission, the Ladies of Charity and the Sisters of Charity.

Saint Vincent de Paul was born in the humble village of Pouy France in 1581. Vincent and his five other siblings were raised on their small family farm. Saint Vincent was sent to study under a group of Franciscan friars and would complete his studies at the University of Toulouse. Afterwards, he was ordained to the priesthood. While living in Paris, Saint Vincent met a priest who connected him to the Philip de Gondi, Count of Joigny, to tutor his children.

His time assisting the Gondi family would be the providential spark for his future ministry of serving the poor. One day Madam Gondi told Vincent about a fatally ill beggar who was in desperate need of confession because he had committed many mortal sins. After this encounter, both Saint Vincent and

Madam Gondi would work hard to alleviate the material and spiritual needs of all around them.

After 1617, Saint Vincent would go back to Paris and assist the spiritual needs of the galley-slaves, men who were forced to row large ships used for trade and war. Later, he would be the chaplain to the galleys and gave a mission for the needs of the galley slaves in Bordeaux in 1622 (142).

In 1633, Saint Vincent established the Congregation of the Mission. This group was made up of secular priests, who made four vows: chastity, poverty, obedience and stability (the vow to stay and live with one specific community for the rest of their life). Their mission would be to serve the poor in towns and villages and help direct seminary formation.

This new congregation of priests were accomplishing much, but Saint Vincent still saw more work to be done. Therefore, he established other confraternities of charity to serve the sick in parishes. It was out of these confraternities that Saint Vincent, assisted by Saint Louise de Marillac, established the institute of the Sisters of Charity, whose “convent is the sickroom, their chapel the parish church, their cloister the streets of the city” (143). Saint Vincent would also form a group of wealthy and kind lay women, known as the Ladies of Charity, to help financially assist Saint Vincent's work.

In the autumn of 1660 he died calmly in his chair. He was canonized by Pope Clement XII in 1737, and by Pope Leo XIII he was proclaimed patron of all charitable societies” (144).\*\*\* All information is taken from the “Butler's Lives of the Saints- Second Edition\*\*\*

My brothers and sisters in Christ, Saint Vincent de Paul reminds us that ALL Christians are called to make a continued and diligent effort at alleviating the material and spiritual needs of the poor. After his providential encounter of ministering to the dying beggar, Saint Vincent was moved by the Holy Spirit to continue the work of charity for the poor in his town, the neighboring cities and beyond France. Saint Vincent inspired both lay persons and religious, men and women, to see that each of them has a part to play in the work of charity. IF then everyone has a part, we each daily need to prayerfully ask ourselves, what is my part in helping to alleviate the burdens of the poor? Am I the one serving food in the soup kitchen? Am I the one praying with and encouraging the spiritually wounded? Am I the one offering financial help to any Catholic charitable groups? May the Holy Spirit, through Saint Vincent's intercession, awaken in us the same conviction that the poor are our responsibility and deserve our love!

*St. Vincent de Paul, Pray for us!*





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## FIRST FRIDAY CLUB

The First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown will meet on **Thursday, October 2, 2025**, at Avion on the Water Banquet Center, from 11:30am – 1:00pm. Most Reverend Bishop David J. Bonnar, Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown, will share *"Reflections from Bishop Bonnar"*. The cost is \$25, which includes lunch. Mail reservations to: First Friday Club of Greater Youngstown, P.O. Box 11146, Youngstown, Ohio 44511

For more information, please call 330-720-4498 or visit the website at:

[www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org](http://www.firstfridayclubofgreateryoungstown.org)

## SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. To assure that these people are truly remembered in prayer at each Mass, the opening announcements will ask everyone to first turn to the front cover of the book and if there is a name in memory or honor, please keep that person in prayer throughout the Mass. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each. Thank you for your generosity and remembering our loved ones in prayerful song.

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The Word Among Us is a monthly Catholic publication that contains daily Mass readings and meditations. If you are interested in joining Saint Michael Parishioners who participate in a group subscription for 2026, call Jeanne neville (330-507-4672) by October 13 for more information.

## CONCERT AT THE URSULINE CENTER

Peter Crescimanno will be giving a concert at The Ursuline Center (4240 Shields Road) on October 3, 2025. Doors open at 6:00pm with light refreshments served. The concert is from 7:00 – 9:00pm and the ticket price is \$15.00. Tickets are available on the website: [theannoproject.com](http://theannoproject.com) or at the door. The music will be a mix of classical, folk and light rock primarily on the piano and guitar.

Peter played in the brass at Saint Michael, graduated from Canfield High School in 2016 and from the Cincinnati Conservatory of Music in 2020 on Classical Guitar. For more information, please contact Mary Crescimanno at 330-565-5086.

## OUR LADY OF FATIMA Public Square Rosary Rally

Saturday, October 11, 2025

Shrine of Our Lady Comforter of the Afflicted  
517 S. Belle Vista, Youngstown

Eucharistic Adoration and Confession - 11:00-11:30

Mass offered at Noon.

12:30 pm – Public Recitation of the Rosary

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