

# Saint Michael Parish

300 North Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406



## Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.  
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 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

**Fax** ..... 330-702-0432

**Office of Catechesis** ..... 330-533-5275

**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.

**Transitional Deacon** ..... Rev. Mr. John T. Rovnak

**Pastoral Associate** ..... Maureen Hall

**Pastoral Minister for Catechesis** ..... Marcy Fessler

**Music Ministry Director** ..... Laura Kunkel

**Business Manager** ..... Stephanie Howley

**Administrative Assistant** ..... Maxine Gordon

**Family Life Center Manager** ..... Audrey Geskey

## 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

Celebrated monthly at 12:30 p.m. Expectant or new parents should call the parish office 3-4 months prior to their 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.

## Generations of Faith

Multigenerational Catechetical program for students and families 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](mailto:info@saintmichaelparish.net)

**Web Page** ..... [www.stmichaelcanfield.org](http://www.stmichaelcanfield.org)

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Mass  
Schedule

**Saturday, March 18**

**Vigil, Fourth Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm – The Deceased Members of the  
Sullivan & Webster Families

**Sunday, March 19**

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

9:00am – The People of the Parish  
11:00am – James DeCapua

**Monday, March 20**

**Saint Joseph**

8:00am – Paul Rovnak

**Tuesday, March 21**

8:00am – Betty & Don Ford

**Wednesday, March 22**

8:00am – Dorothy Troxil

**Thursday, March 23**

**Saint Turibius**

8:00am – Margaret Vernal

**Friday, March 24**

8:00 - Mass

8:30 – Stations of the Cross

**Saturday, March 25**

**Vigil, Fifth Sunday of Lent**

4:00pm – Margaret Vernal

**Sunday, March 26**

**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

9:00am – Vilma Wilthew  
11:00am – The People of the Parish

**FEAST OF SAINT JOSEPH**

The Scriptures pay Joseph the highest compliment: he was a “just” man. The quality meant a lot more than faithfulness in paying debts. When the Bible speaks of God “justifying” someone, it means that God, the all-holy or “righteous” one, so transforms a person that the individual shares somehow in God’s own holiness, and hence it is really “right” for God to love him or her. In other words, God is not playing games, acting as if we were lovable when we are not. By saying Joseph was “just,” the Bible means that he was one who was completely open to all that God wanted to do for him. He became holy by opening himself totally to God. The rest we can easily surmise. Think of the kind of love with which he wooed and won Mary, and the depth of the love they shared during their marriage. It is no contradiction of Joseph’s manly holiness that he decided to divorce Mary when she was found to be

with child. The important words of the Bible are that he planned to do this “quietly” because he was “a righteous man yet unwilling to expose her to shame” (Matthew 1:19). The just man was simply, joyfully, wholeheartedly obedient to God—in marrying Mary, in naming Jesus, in shepherding the precious pair to Egypt, in bringing them to Nazareth, in the undetermined number of years in quiet grace and peace. On this Feast of Saint Joseph, the Husband of Mary, may we look to him as our patron and guide to always place Jesus at the center of our lives.

**RECONCILIATION SERVICES**

With the season of Lent moving fast, there are two more opportunities to celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation in our area, remembering that our parish hosted the “Leave the Light On” service on March 8<sup>th</sup>. They are: **Saint Joseph, Austintown – Tuesday, March 21<sup>st</sup> at 7:00pm and Saint James, North Jackson – Thursday, March 23<sup>rd</sup> at 7:00pm.** Please note: there are no confessions here at Saint Michael after March 25<sup>th</sup>. Thank you.

**LAETARE SUNDAY**

Today is the halfway mark of the Sundays of Lent. This Sunday is known as *Laetare Sunday* for the first word of the Introit or Entrance Antiphon *laetare* (rejoice):

*Rejoice ye with Jerusalem; and be ye glad for her, all ye that delight in her: exult and sing for joy with her, all ye that in sadness mourn for her; that ye may suck, and be satisfied with the breasts of her consolations.*

The celebrant has the option to wear rose-colored vestments. This is also the Second Scrutiny in preparation for the baptism of adults at the Easter Vigil. The Church’s liturgy, on this the Fourth Sunday of Lent, invites us to retrace one of the fundamental dynamics of our baptismal re-birth through the Gospel account of the healing of the ‘man born blind’. It is the passage from the darkness of sin and error to the Light of God, who is the Risen Christ. The Solemnity of Saint Joseph is usually celebrated on March 19, but has been transferred to March 20 since the liturgy of the Lenten Sundays take precedence.

**Please Note:**

**The Parish Office will close at Noon on the remaining Fridays of Lent - March 24 and 31.**

*Thank you for understanding.*

## BEREAVEMENT LUNCHEON MINISTRY

Thanks to a wonderful group of people who have dedicated themselves to re-starting our Bereavement Funeral Luncheon Ministry here at the parish, we are ready to offer this to parish families celebrating Masses of Christian Burial here at Saint Michael. To assist in the funding for this ministry, there is a once-a-year envelope in our offertory packets in March, based on the Feast of Saint Joseph, who, among many patronages, serves as the patron of a happy death, as he died in the presence of his Son, our Lord, and the Blessed Mother. Thank you in advance for your generosity, and thank you to all who are offering their service and compassion to this ministry.

## CLEAN UP YOUR ACT FOR LENT

We are collecting personal hygiene and household cleaning items for those in need throughout our community. Any items may be placed in the bins located at the entrances of the Church. All items will then be distributed through Catholic Charities. Thank you in advance for your kindness and generosity.

## Lenten Adult Education Series: The Early Ecumenical Councils

As we journey through this Lenten season, please join us as we explore the early ecumenical councils of the Church. It was in these councils that the Church clarified such questions as what it means to say that Christ is both human and divine, and what it means to say that Christ is the Son of God, as well as many other questions about the nature of Jesus, the Holy Spirit, and the Trinity. These councils developed the Nicene Creed which we still pray at Mass today, as well as setting the tone for how we talk about God, Christ and the Trinity. We will also spend some time reflecting on the readings from John's gospel used for the scrutinies: the woman at the well, the man born blind, and the raising of Lazarus. Please join us on Wednesday evenings March 22 and March 29 from 6:30 -8:00 pm in the Family Life Center.

## GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will meet **Wednesday, March 22 at 7 PM in the Parish Hall.** Our speaker is Lyn Zocollo, who will share experiences from her many years of expertise regarding the Mill Creek Metropark. New members are welcome or anyone who would just like to come and hear our speaker.



## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, March 25 – 4:00 PM

**Lectors:** Barb Spencer (1<sup>st</sup>), Dominic Rich (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Server:** Noah Gilbert

**Euch. Min:** Deacon John Rovnak(X)

Bill Petro (HF)

Kim Gilbert (T)

**Ushers:** Marleen Belfiore, Don Kutsko, Bill Petro, Dan Stout

### Sunday, March 26– 9:00 AM

**Lectors:** Gerry Ricciutti (1<sup>st</sup>), Juanita Sherba (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Servers:** Sarah, Ryan & Zach Hlywa

**Euch. Min:** Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Brandy Tomory (HF)

John Tomory (T)

**Ushers:** Richard Gary, Greg Iaderosa, Brian Kerr

### Sunday, March 26– 11:00 AM

**Lectors:** Judy Richley (1<sup>st</sup>), Roseann Peluso (2<sup>nd</sup>)

**Servers:** Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann

**Euch. Min:** Donna Wainio (X)

Doris Layfield (HF)

Vic Buente (T)

**Ushers:** Russell Layfield, Chuck Wirtz, Tom Wainio

## CATHOLIC FUNERAL AND CEMETERY SERVICES

The Outreach Team from Catholic Funeral & Cemetery Services (CFCS), a Ministry of the Diocese of Youngstown at Resurrection and Calvary Cemeteries will be at Saint Michael Church this **Saturday, March 18, and Sunday, March 19, after each Mass** to discuss our mission programs and services and the spiritual and practical reasons pre-planning for Catholic burials and cremations.

After each Mass, there will be a short presentation and light refreshments along with a question-and-answer session in the Parish Hall. Please take advantage of this opportunity to hear this important information.

## FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteer for all or part of the following times:

Wednesday – 9:00 – Noon

Thursday – 9:00 – Noon

Friday – 9:00 – Noon

& 2:00-8:00

Contact:

Audrey Geskey at 330-533-3181

ageskey@saintmichaelparish.net



*Just a reminder that we are always in need of desserts. They can be dropped off at the Family Life Center on Thursdays from 12-7 or Friday from 8-12.*



## 2023 ANNUAL DIOCESAN APPEAL – ONE IN HOPE, ONE IN MISSION

This weekend's Gospel offers the familiar telling of "the man born blind". In this story, the behavior of the crowd is rather disturbing. On one hand, they are consumed with the perceived sin that they believe placed the blind man in his condition, rather than focusing on how they could help him. And when Jesus provides healing, they are more concerned on his violating their customs, than rejoicing in the restoration of health. How often in our own society do we find people blaming others for their own poverty, and even chastising those who offer help. Jesus himself reminds us that we are called to recognize suffering, and work to alleviate it in our world. Your prayerful response to the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission**, makes possible the compassionate work of Catholic Charities and our ability to extend the mission of the Church throughout our diocese. To date **119 families of Saint Michael Parish** have pledged **\$64,831.00** toward our goal of **\$107,000.00**. This is our share of the \$4,000,000.00 goal for our entire diocesan family. If you have not yet made a pledge, please consider doing so between now and Palm Sunday. For more information about the work of the appeal or to make a gift online, please visit [www.doy.org](http://www.doy.org). Thank you and God bless you. Together, we pray, "That all may be one!"

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



### Saturday, March 18

5:00 pm – DOY Funeral Planning

### Sunday, March 19

10:00 am & 12:00 pm – DOY Funeral Planning

### Monday, March 20

9:00 am – Fitness Fun  
6:30 – 8:00 pm - RCIA

### Tuesday, March 21

11:00 am – Patriotic Rosary  
7:00 pm - Scouts

### Wednesday, March 22

9:00 am – Fitness Fun  
6:00 -7:00 pm – Baptism Prep  
6:30 – 8:00 pm – *Adult Education*  
7:00 pm – Garden Guild

### Thursday, March 23

8:30 am – *Bible Study - FLC*  
10:30 am – *Scripture Sharing – FLC*

### Friday, March 24

9:00 am – Fitness Fun  
4:00 – 7:00 pm – *Fish Fry*  
7:30 pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, March 25

No Events

### Sunday, March 26

2:00 – 3:30 pm – 1<sup>st</sup> Eucharist Class

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marge Belcik	John Hahn	Linda Miller
Michael Belcik	Pat Hoyle	Cindy Morrissey
Kevin Bennett	Dale Hynes	David Morrissey
Peggy Binashesky	Steven Kaczmar	Debbie Morvay
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## SAINT MICHAEL PARISH



### DINE IN or TAKE OUT

### Fridays – March 24 & 31

4:00pm – 7:00pm in the  
Family Life Center

No advance orders or  
"obstacle course" drive thru this year.

Just come on in to gather at a table  
or take your meal home to the family.

Fried or Baked Fish  
*with 2 side selected from:*  
Macaroni & Cheese, Haluski,  
French Fries, or Green Beans

All meals include coleslaw and dessert  
\*beverages for dine in only\*

Cost of each meal - \$15

### Parish Support

March 12, 2023

Amount Received \$ 16,946.75  
Amount Budgeted \$ 15,000.00  
Surplus/ (Deficit) \$ 1,946.75  
YTD Received \$632,653.64  
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## 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 **Wednesday, April 5, 2023, 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:  
Saint Michael Parish - 330-533-6839*

### 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over Wedding Anniversary Celebration

The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a Wedding Anniversary Celebration on **Sunday, May 7, 2:00 p.m.** at Saint Columba Cathedral in Youngstown, honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, and 50<sup>th</sup> and over wedding anniversaries in 2023.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with Bishop David J. Bonnar, renewal of marriage vows, a personalized certificate for each couple and a light reception for the couple and their families. Couples must make reservations in advance by contacting your parish office as soon as possible, **but no later than March 29.**

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

On the remaining Fridays of Lent, March 24 & 31, Mass will be held at 8:00am followed by Stations of the Cross at 8:30. Please plan on making this part of your Lenten Journey.

### MASS INTENTIONS

We still have several days available for Masses for 2023. If you would like to request additional Masses, you can do so at this time. Masses are \$10.00.

**2023 Mass Intention Request Form**

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*Name of Mass Intention*

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*Name of person requesting the intention*

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