

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)

PARISH STAFF

Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D.Min.
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To register your child(ren) for Youth Faith Formation (YFF), to inquire about the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (OCIA), to begin the Annulment process, schedule a Baptism Prep session, or discuss the preparation and celebration of the Sacraments of Initiation: Baptism, First Eucharist (and Reconciliation), and Confirmation, please contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

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

CONTACT US

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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, February 24**

8:00am – Healing for Bella Mae Lynn

Tuesday, February 25

8:00am – Mary Keightly

Wednesday, February 26

8:00am – William Kelly

Thursday, February 27**Saint Gregory of Narek**

8:00am – Daniel Driscoll

Friday, February 28

No Daily Mass

Saturday, March 1**Vigil – The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00pm – Reconciliation

4:00pm – Ed Brennan

Sunday, March 2**The Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Anthony Rulli

THE CHAIR OF SAINT PETER

The feast of the Chair of Saint Peter has nothing to do with a piece of furniture. The “chair” symbolizes the authority of Saint Peter and his successors who have served the Church of Jesus Christ as the Bishop of Rome (the Pope). As a matter of fact, in Rome’s Saint Peter’s Basilica, there is a chair, enshrined in the sumptuous Altar of the Chair of Saint. Peter by the great architect Bernini, but it is a symbol representing the 2,000-year-old papacy and unity the Pope continues to bring to Catholics around the world. Without such unity the Church would splinter into numerous sects and divisions.

So, every year on Feb. 22, the Church celebrates the continuing role of the Pope, the Vicar of Christ, beginning with Saint Peter. The use of the term chair in the feast day comes from the Latin term *cathedra*, meaning the seat of government. But how did such a feast day ever get started? We need to go back to the time of Jesus for the answer.

Following the Resurrection, Jesus confirms Peter’s primacy over the other apostles as well as authority over His Church. He gives Peter the keys to the kingdom, telling him: to “Feed my lambs.... Feed my sheep” (see Jn 21:15-17). This authority, this responsibility given to Peter, is meant to be passed on to each of his successors. Jesus did not intend for the Church to end with Peter.

Saint Peter takes on the role assigned by Christ beginning in the Upper Room. Pope Benedict XVI writes in his book “Holiness is Always in Season” (Ignatius Press, 2011): “So what was the ‘Chair’ of Saint Peter? Chosen by Christ as the ‘rock’ on which to build the Church (cf. Mt 16:18), he began his ministry in Jerusalem, after the Ascension of the Lord and Pentecost. The Church’s first ‘seat’ was the Upper Room, and it is likely that a special place was reserved for Simon Peter in that room where Mary, Mother of Jesus, also prayed with the disciples” (p. 65).

Even before Pentecost, Peter orchestrated the selection of Matthias to replace Judas, which was the first apostolic succession (see Acts 1:15-26). Peter preached on that day of Pentecost and was so inspirational that 3,000 people were baptized after listening to him (Acts 2:41). He was the first apostle to be given the grace to perform a miracle; curing the lame man at “the Beautiful gate” (Acts 3:1-10). King Herod Agrippa had Peter arrested and shackled in prison between two guards, but an “angel of the Lord” saved him (Acts 12:1-10). Peter’s decisive speech at the Council of Jerusalem in A.D. 50 resolved the debate there (Acts 15:6-12). That he was singled out for a special role among all the apostles is undisputable.

On this feast day, the universal Church acknowledges that Saint Peter was the first pope and that his mission continues through the Holy Father today. Simply stated, that mission is to care for the people of God; to carry on the customs, rituals, teachings and truths of Jesus; and to uphold the unity of His Church. Moreover, the Church proclaims that the authority given to Saint Peter by Our Lord has been handed down to Peter’s successors for the past 2,000 years.

As we observe this celebration of Saint Peter and the Papacy, let us also continue to pray for our Holy Father, Pope Francis. May God’s healing hand bring comfort to him during his current illness.



Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, March 10th**, with Mass at 11:30am and lunch and a program to follow. More information will follow on the program for March.

Please RSVP to the parish office (330-533-6839) by **Thursday, March 6**, if you plan to attend.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 24

9:00am – Fitness Fun
6:30pm – OCIA

Tuesday, February 25

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, February 26

8:20 – 9:00 - Adoration
9:00am – Fitness Fun
6:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, February 27

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

Friday, February 28

9:00am - Fitness
7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, March 1

3:15pm - Rosary

Sunday, March 2

10:05 – 11:20 – Youth Faith Formation



VOCATIONS – February 23, 2025

"Love your enemies and do good to those who hate you." (Luke 6:27)

Priests, religious brothers and sisters, and married couples are each called to live out a vocation rooted in love and forgiveness. Is God calling you to witness to His mercy and compassion through a religious vocation?

Talk to your priest or reach out to
Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or
cjohnson@youngwstowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – February 23, 2025

"But rather, love your enemies and do good to them, and lend without expecting anything back..." (Luke 6:35)

Easier said than done, right? But, if we are to imitate Christ, most of us need to practice mercy and compassion more frequently. Start with the little daily annoyances that we experience, the unkind word or hateful glance we receive. Instead of plotting revenge on that person, try saying a quick prayer for that person. Praying for our enemies doesn't change them, it changes us. Mercy and compassion will keep us on the path to holiness.

MILITARY LIST



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

Parish Support

February 16, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 15,744.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 744.00
YTD Received	\$500,919.27
YTD Budget	\$495,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 5,919.27



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

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARENESS MONTH

February is Catholic Charities Awareness Month in the Diocese of Youngstown! Did you know that Catholic Charities receives 60% of the funds raised through the Annual Diocesan Appeal to provide material goods and services to people in our community? To learn more, visit ccdo.org.

February 23, 2025

Christ tells us to be generous as our Father in Heaven is generous, for we shall receive in kind what we have given to others and to God.

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PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

That we may prepare for the coming of Ash Wednesday, we are asking that you bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration to Mass next weekend and place them in the bins by the entrances. Thank you.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH, Canfield, Ohio
Statement of Operations for the period July 1, 2024 to December 31, 2024

PARISH OPERATING REVENUES

Collections	\$ 441,584
Bequests and Gifts	440
Parish Activities	19,696
Designated Project Donations / Stewardship / Capital Campaigns	37,726
Other Church Income	18,839

PARISH NON-OPERATING REVENUES

Investment Income	486
Proceeds from Loan(s)	517,042
Other Parish Income (ex: sale of land, royalty)	
Tuition Income	
Other School Income	

TOTAL REVENUES	1,035,812
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PARISH OPERATING EXPENDITURES (enter as positive number)

Salary and Payroll Tax & Benefit Expenses	166,365
Office Expense	34,740
Rectory Expense	4,333
Sanctuary Expense	28,508
YFF and Adult Education	(78)
Parish Activities	10,991
Building Expenses, Utilities, Maintenance, Insurance & Taxes	114,063
Payments to Diocese (Diocesan Assessment, High School Quota, Elementary Schools)	71,160
Other Parish Expense	26,358

PARISH NON-OPERATING EXPENDITURES (enter as positive number)

Furniture and Equipment Purchases Incl (Rectory Add. & Church Office Renn.)	586,258
Principal and Interest Payments on Loans	32,406
Tuitions subsidy to parish with a school	
Total School Expenses	

TOTAL EXPENDITURES	1,075,105
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NET EXPENDITURES	\$ (39,292)
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CASH IN CHECKING & SAVINGS

Checking/Savings Account(s)	\$ 373,689.71
Certificate of Deposit(s)	\$ 30,768.08

TOTAL CASH	\$ 404,457.79
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TOTAL DUE TO DIOCESE GREATER THAN 30 DAYS	\$ -
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OUTSTANDING PRINCIPAL BALANCE ON LOANS (bank, individuals)

Family Life Center - Farmer's National Bank	\$102,117.03
Capital Improvement Line of Credit - Farmer's National Bank	\$736,773.71

TOTAL OUTSTANDING LOANS	\$838,890.74
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STEP INTO THE NEW YEAR

Our shoe drive for young people in need in our area will end this week. The collection will now be organized and distributed to the various charities in our area.

We would like to send a **HUGE thank you** to everyone who donated shoes for the needy. We were overwhelmed by your response to our project and appreciate your generosity.

God Bless,

Lauren Smallwood and Jenna Wilkenson



SAINT MICHAEL PARISH



DINE IN or TAKE OUT

Fridays – March 7 – April 11

4:00pm – 6:30pm in the
Family Life Center

dinners include choice of:

Fried or Baked Fish
with one side – choose either:
Macaroni & Cheese
or French Fries

All meals include coleslaw and dessert
beverages for dine in only

Cost of each meal - \$15

*Anyone willing to donate home-made desserts,
please drop them off at the FLC on Thursdays
from 8:30 – 4:00 or anytime on Friday after
9am. Thank you.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Jay Gettemy	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Margaret Chizmar	John Hahn	Shirley Morvay
Mindy Cline	Dale Hynes	Theresa Morvay
Dante DeAngelo	Christopher King	Bill Myers
James Dunn, Sr.	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Jack Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Caroline Zeigler

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

Readings for March 1, 2025

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 27:4-7
1 Corinthians 15:54-58
Luke 6:39-45

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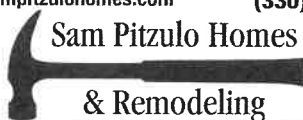
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