

# 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

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## SACRAMENTS AND CATECHESIS

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  
Closed on Friday

## 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, December 1**

8:00am – Tom Pavlich

**Tuesday, December 2**

8:00am – Dominic Raco

**Wednesday, December 3****Saint Francis Xavier**

8:00am – Patricia Jones-Hoyle

**Thursday, December 4****Saint John Damascene**

8:00am – Rose Ann Bonham

**Friday, December 5**

No Daily Mass

**Saturday, December 6****Vigil – The Second Sunday of Advent**

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

**Sunday, December 7****The Second Sunday of Advent**

9:00am – Elizabeth &amp; Stephen Opalick

11:30am – Philip DeAngelo

**FROM THE PASTOR . . .**

This Sunday, we begin a new liturgical year with the season of Advent. This wonderful, yet too often, overlooked, season affords us the opportunity to prepare for the coming of Christ. As the season of Advent begins, we are reminded that there are three comings of Christ we celebrate: [1] his coming into human history at Bethlehem, [2] his coming at the end of human history, [3] and his coming into our hearts. In today's Gospel, Jesus reminds us to be vigilant at all times and pray that we have the strength to escape the tribulations that are imminent and to stand before the Son of Man. Let us take time during this wonderful season of preparation to make ourselves ready for the coming of Christ, not only at Christmas, but for all eternity. During this Advent season, let us welcome the radiant light which is the Lord, Jesus Christ – Emmanuel, into our hearts and into our homes.

**JOHN THE FORERUNNER**

In addition to Christ himself, two people stand as a hallmark of the Advent season – The Blessed Virgin Mary and John the Baptizer.

The icon of **John the Forerunner** depicts him as the adult prophet who is

preparing the world for the coming of Jesus Christ. Illustrated in his camel hair coat and leather belt and with his wild hair, he also holds the scroll announcing to **“repent, for the Kingdom of Heaven is at hand.”** May the image of Saint John during advent challenge us to work to prepare the way of the Lord.

**BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI**

This Advent, we will continue with the beautiful tradition of the **Blessing of the Bambinelli** (the baby Jesus statues). **This blessing will take place at all the Masses the weekend of December 13<sup>th</sup> & 14<sup>th</sup> Gaudete Sunday (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent).** Please bring the baby Jesus figurine from your family nativity scene to Mass. At the time of the blessing, Father will ask everyone to lift up their statue for the blessing. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share in the one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in all our homes during the coming season of Christmas. May God continue to pour forth the blessing of his Son into our hearts & homes this Christmas.



We are also asking that we extend the care for the baby Jesus by bringing donations of disposable diapers to Mass the weekend of November 13/14. They can be placed in the black bins along with the food donations. The bins are located at the doors of the church or in the Sacred Heart Chapel. They will be distributed through Catholic Charities and other agencies to those in need.

**ATTENTION LECTORS: WORKBOOKS FOR 2026 ARE AVAILABLE IN THE SACRISTY. PLEASE PICK YOURS UP AFTER MASS.**



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, December 1

No Events Scheduled

### Tuesday, December 2

8:30am – Breakfast with the Bishop

10:00 – 11:30am – OCIA

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, December 3

8:20am - Adoration

### Thursday, December 4

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

### Friday, December 5

**Parish Office Closed**

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, December 6

10:30am – First Reconciliation/lunch to follow

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm - Rosary

### Sunday, December 7

**Family Packets Due**

9:00am – Liturgy of the Word for Children

10:05 – 11:20 -Youth Faith Formation (YFF)

2:00 – 3:30 – All Sacrament Prep Retreat



## CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

Our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** are up at all the entrances to the Church. As in the past few years, we will again be asking for **cash or check only donations**. The agencies will, in turn, use the financial donations to secure what each family is requesting. **Please return all donations by December 15.**

The **Angel Ornaments** on the wreaths are for you to keep. We ask that when you prepare your home for Christmas that you hang the ornament on your tree and during the holidays, and when you see that ornament, you keep in prayer the family your generosity enabled to have a more joyful Christmas.

All the angel ornaments have an envelope attached. The suggested donations are: light green - \$25; light pink - \$50; gold - \$100. Any amount you can offer is acceptable. We ask that if you wish to make more than one donation, that you take one ornament, and also take other envelopes from the basket near the bulletins. Donations may be dropped off in the secured donation boxes located near the wreaths, in the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office. We are extremely thankful for the overwhelming support our parish family has shown in past years. We are very hopeful that the same generous support will continue this year. God bless you all.



The penitential aspect of Advent urges us to recognize oneself as being a sinner and therefore take the first essential step in returning to God. During this Advent Season as we look forward to celebrating the mystery of Christ's incarnation, let us pray that when he comes again, Christ may find us awake and ready to receive him.

Our parish **Advent Reconciliation Service** will be celebrated on **Monday, December 15 at 7:00pm in the Church.** Please join fellow parishioners as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

## SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is **Monday, December 8, 2025, a Holy Day of Obligation.** Mass on December 8 will be at **12:15 and 6:00pm.**



*Born to Eternal Life*  
Rosemary A. Raver

## Welcome our Newly Baptized

*Hudson Miller*

Son of Jonathan & Kayti Miller

*Henry Wesley Flynn*

Son of Christopher & Jamie Flynn



## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

A reminder to please fill out your Christmas flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Christmas season. **A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the bulletin on December 28, The Feast of the Holy Family.**



In order to have names listed in the bulletin (and posted on our parish website as well), **we must receive the envelopes by Monday, December 15.**

Again, thank you for your kindness. May God bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.

## CATHOLIC DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN ANNOUNCES EMERGENCY FOOD DRIVE

*The initiative is a call to serve the poor and vulnerable in our midst*

Bishop David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, is calling on parishioners and others of good will across the diocese to participate in a non-perishable food drive.

The food drive will run until Christmas to support our brothers and sisters who are struggling with food insecurity.

Bishop Bonnar says, "Let us come together as one diocesan family to live out the Gospel. In this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us do everything we can to bring hope to the hopeless. Thank you for your continued dedication to Christ's mission in this portion of the Lord's vineyard. Together let us pray, *That all may be one.*"

Bins are located at all church entrances and will be there until Christmas for you to drop off your non-perishable food items. All donations will then be given to Catholic Charities.



## STEWARDSHIP – November 30, 2025 First Sunday of Advent

*"Therefore, stay awake! For you do not know on which day your Lord will come." (Matthew 24:42)*

People who have had health issues or near-death experiences generally have a greater appreciation for each day being a gift from God. The rest of us usually take for granted that we will be around tomorrow. But when you start to look at each day as a gift, you realize all the little miracles that happen daily and you begin to see God's active presence in your life. You grow in gratitude, each day, for all that we have been given.

## VOCATIONS – November 30, 2025

### First Sunday of Advent

*"They shall beat their swords into plowshares and their spears into pruning hooks..."*

If you think that God is calling you to serve the Lord of the harvest as a priest, deacon, sister or brother, talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at [vocations@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:vocations@youngstowndiocese.org).

### Parish Support

**November 23, 2024**

**Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday, the offertory report was not available at the time of printing.**

**Thank you for understanding.**



## Readings for December 7, 2025 Second Sunday of Advent

Isaiah 11:1-10  
Romans 15:4-9  
Matthew 3:1-12



Due to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 8, **Young at Heart will not meet in December. Our next Young at Heart will meet on Monday, January 12, 2026, with Mass at 11:30 and lunch and a presentation to follow.**

## RETIREMENT FUND FOR THE RELIGIOUS

**Heartfelt gratitude for your generosity!**

"Thank you very much for your donations, always," says Sister Olivia Bellegante, 93, a member of the Franciscan Sisters of Our Lady of Perpetual Help in Saint Louis, Missouri. Your gift directly impacts thousands of senior religious, providing the support they need in their later years.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Mindy Cline	Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho
Dante DeAngelo	Maureen Gutierrez	Shirley Morvay
Nick Derrico	John Hahn	Theresa Morvay
James Dunn, Sr.	Dale Hynes	Bill Myers
Arline Dyman	Jim Jones	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Jack LeBrun	Jack D. Slifka
Marilyn Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler
Dorothy Furden	Barbara Dunn Lowe	

**Please Note:** Beginning in January the current Prayer List will be removed, and a new Prayer List started. If you would like to have a name on the new list for 2026, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. Thank you.

*If you are interested in bringing up the gifts in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.*





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## ABOUT ADVENT WREATHS



Traditionally, Advent wreaths are constructed of a circle of evergreen branches into which four candles are inserted, representing the four weeks of Advent. Ideally, three candles are purple, and one is rose, but white candles can also be used.

The purple candles symbolize the prayer, penance, and preparatory sacrifices and good works undertaken at this time. The rose candle is lit on the third Sunday, Gaudete Sunday, when the priest also wears rose vestments at Mass. Gaudete Sunday is the Sunday of rejoicing, because the faithful have arrived at the midpoint of Advent, when their preparation is now half over and they are close to Christmas.

The progressive lighting of the candles symbolizes the expectation and hope surrounding our Lord's first coming into the world and the anticipation of his second coming to judge the living and the dead.

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## Communion to the Homebound

If you know of someone who may have recently had surgery or is homebound and unable to attend mass and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839.

## MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato
Lt. William "Bill" Sweeney", Battalion Surgeon, 6 <sup>th</sup> Marines, US Navy
Capt. Lisa Sukenaga - Army

In January we will begin a new military list. If you would like a name on the 2026 list, please call the parish office.

## 2026 MASS INTENTIONS

The mass book for 2026 is quickly filling up. There are no Saturday masses available, a few at 9:00 and several at 11:30. There are plenty of daily masses available. **If you would like to schedule additional masses, you can now schedule 1 weekend mass and 3 daily masses.**

Please complete the form and return it to the office. Additional forms are available at the office. **The form must be completed and include the \$10 stipend.** Thank you.

## 2026 Mass Intention Request Form

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of Mass Intention*

\_\_\_\_\_  
*Name of person requesting the intention*

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*Requested date – Not guaranteed*

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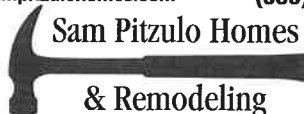
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