

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., *Pastor*

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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, May 25
The Blessed Virgin Mary
 No Daily Mass

Tuesday, May 26
Saint Philip Neri
 8:00am – Healing for Bob Kohut

Wednesday, May 27
Saint Augustine of Canterbury
 8:00am – In Thanksgiving

Thursday, May 28
 8:00am – Ron Carroll

Friday, May 29
Saint Paul VI, Pope
 No Daily Mass

Saturday, May 30
Vigil – The Most Holy Trinity
 4:00pm – Virgil Sammarco

Sunday, May 31
The Most Holy Trinity
 9:00am – The People of the Parish
 11:30am – Rose Anna Bonham

FROM THE PASTOR . . .



PENTECOST SUNDAY

This weekend, the Church celebrates Pentecost, one of the most important feast days of the year that concludes the Easter season and celebrates the beginning of the Church.

Pentecost always occurs 50 days after the resurrection of Jesus. It is important because it reveals the Holy Spirit's mission in the life of the Church. Jesus did not leave his disciples to carry out the gospel by their own strength. He sent the Holy Spirit to guide, sanctify, strengthen and unite them. That is why Pentecost is often called the "birthday of the Church."

At Mass on Pentecost, a red vestment is worn by the priest, symbolizing the fire of the Holy Spirit, and recalling the tongues of fire that rested on the apostles. It also represents zeal, courage, and the willingness to bear witness to Christ.

Three important understandings of our celebration are:

1. Pentecost means '50': Pentecost is from the Greek word 'Pentekostos', which means 'fifty'. It's the 50th day after the Sabbath of Passover week and in Judaism is called the Feast of Weeks. (Leviticus 23:16).

2. Pentecost is the fulfilment of two promises: One promise is in the Old Testament – Joel 2:28, which says "*I will pour out my Spirit on all people*", and one in the New Testament, where Jesus says he will send another Counsellor, the Spirit of truth. (John 16: 5-15).

3. Pentecost is the birthday of the Church. It marks the beginning of Christianity as a purposeful movement and a new community. When Peter preached immediately afterwards, around 3,000 people believed and were baptized.

SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

Wisdom:

Enables one to discern God's will and to make wise decisions.

Understanding:

Allows for a deeper grasp of God's truth and the mysteries of faith.

Counsel:

Provides guidance in making decisions and helping others.

Fortitude:

Gives strength and courage to endure difficulties and stand firm in one's faith.

Knowledge:

Grants a deeper understanding of God's Word and the world.

Piety:

Inspires reverence, respect, and devotion to God.

Fear of the Lord:

Not a fearful awe, but rather a reverence and humility before God's holiness.

Pentecost reminds us that Christian life cannot be lived by human effort alone. We need grace. We need courage. We need the Holy Spirit to renew our hearts and purify our desires. May we receive with great joy the gifts and blessings of the Spirit and go out to all the world – giving new life to the Church.
God bless you all, Father Lavelle



YEAR OF SAINT FRANCIS
May 24, 2026
Saint Bonaventure

Saint Bonaventure was a brilliant theologian, but he knew that true, living faith resides in sincere devotion to God. A humble, uneducated soul could know more about loving God

than someone with a doctorate in theology. What points of pride do you need to replace with humility? How can you be more sincere and fervent in your relationship with God?

Learn more about the Year of Saint Francis in The Catholic Echo, April 2026 issue or at CatholicEcho.org.

Readings for May 31, 2026

The Most Holy Trinity

Exodus 34:4b-6, 8-9
 2 Corinthians 13:11-13
 John 3:16-18

VOCATIONS – May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

“Receive the Holy Spirit.” (John 20:22)

On the day of His resurrection, Jesus breathed the Holy Spirit into His disciples, empowering them to continue His mission of love, truth, and service. In priesthood, consecrated life, and holy matrimony, the Holy Spirit strengthens hearts to answer God’s call courageously, guiding, inspiring, and sanctifying their work in the world. Pray for an outpouring of the Spirit, that more men and women may be filled with His grace and step boldly into their vocations.

STEWARDSHIP – May 24, 2026
Pentecost Sunday

“To each is given the manifestation of the Spirit for the common good.” (1 Corinthians 12:7)

To receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit you must open your heart and invite Him in! Ask the Holy Spirit to guide your thoughts, words and actions every day! Be grateful for all the gifts God has given you! Regardless of our individual circumstances, God has given all of us many blessings. What we do with those gifts is our gift back to God! By generously sharing everything we have and everything we are, we become more “God-centered” and less “self-centered” and our lives truly reflect God’s light, love and mercy.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



Monday, May 25
Memorial Day
Parish Office Closed

Tuesday, May 26
 11:00am – Rosary

Wednesday, May 27
 8:20am - Adoration

Thursday, May 28
 8:30am – Bible Study
 10:00am - Scripture

Friday, May 29
Parish Office Closed
 7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, May 30
 3:00pm – Reconciliation

Sunday, May 31
 No Events Scheduled

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Registration is under way for the 2026-2027 Faith Formation year. Returning families should have their registration packet. If you are new to the parish or have a child entering Kindergarten or First Grade call Marcy at the parish office for information about YFF and to request a registration packet.



First Grade is required in order to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. It is expected that grades three through seven are completed before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparations.

Kindergarten is not required but highly encouraged. We limit the kindergarten class to 10 children. If you are considering registering your child for Kindergarten YFF, be sure to get your registration packet in early to ensure a spot for your child.



Born to Eternal Life
John Kowal

MILITARY LIST

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





SUNDAE
SUNDAY



Join us as we come together to celebrate the beginning of Summer with our

Sundae Sunday

We will gather in the Family Life Center after the 11:30 am Mass on Sunday, June 7. Coffee & lemonade will also be available. This promises to be a great way to kick off the summer of rest and refreshment!

The Fourth Annual BISHOP'S GOLF CLASSIC

Supporting the Seminarians of the Diocese of Youngstown and the Office of Church Vocations



THE LAKE CLUB

1140 Paulin Road
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Monday, June 22, 2026

7:00am Registration

Breakfast, Lunch,
Dinner & Drinks

9:00am Shot Gun Start
\$200 Donation per golfer
\$800 per foursome/team

*** Register at doy.org/golf

HANDICAPPED SEATING

Recognizing that there is a greater need for handicapped seating particularly at the 4:00 Mass on Saturday, we have expanded the handicapped seating area. We have added several more new chairs and another pew in the seating area.

We ask that it only be used by individuals who need it and perhaps 1 person to assist them if necessary.
Thank you.



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Dale Hynes	JoAnn Mortimer
Jim Fisher	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Shirley Morvay
Marilyn Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Janice Rovnak
John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Charles Slivkoff
Betty Hawco	Sharon Mangapora	Caroline Zeigler

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Parish Support

May 17, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 16,404.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 1,404.00
YTD Received	\$699,230.61
YTD Budget	\$660,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 39,230.61



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



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MEMORIAL DAY

REMEMBER AND HONOR



Prayer for Memorial Day

Father, as we observe Memorial Day this Monday, hold our troops, our reserves, and our veterans in your loving hands. Protect them as they protect us. Bless them and their families for the selfless acts they perform for us in all lands and on all seas. Bring to eternal life those who have died defending our country in every decade of our country's history. Amen.

Please note:

The Parish Office will be closed Monday, May 25, for the Memorial Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, May 26 at 8:30am.

Thank you.

FUNERAL LUNCHEON MINISTRY



In an effort to care for our grieving Saint Michael family members, we offer funeral luncheons in the Parish Hall after a funeral mass held here for any parishioner of Saint Michael.

We have about 30 funerals at Saint Michael per year. However, not all families wish to have their luncheon here. Each luncheon takes about 10-15 volunteers including one coordinator. Our goal is to ask each volunteer to serve only 4-5 times a year. In order to realize this goal, we will need many volunteers.

If you think you are called to this ministry, please fill out the form below and put it in the collection basket or return it to the office.,

I am interested in volunteering for the Funeral Luncheon Ministry. Please contact me with more information.

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