

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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Marcy Fessler
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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
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, July 21****Saint Lawrence of Brindisi**

8:00am – Mario Silvestri

Tuesday, July 22**Saint Mary Magdalene**

8:00am – Anthony DeRosa

Wednesday, July 23**Saint Bridget**

8:00am – Ralph Sybolt

Thursday, July 24**Saint Sharbel Makhlūf**

8:00am – Marie & Andy Skrobola

Friday, July 25**Saint James**

No Daily Mass

Saturday, July 26**Vigil – Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, July 27**Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Rose & George Flask

11:30am – Leonard & Lenny Grinstead

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

Registration is under way for the 2025-2026 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.

**FROM THE PASTOR . . .**

Saint Mary of Magdala, whose feast we celebrate this Tuesday, is one of the greatest saints of the Bible and a legendary example of God's mercy and grace. The precise dates of her birth and death are unknown, but we do know she was present with Christ during his public ministry, death and resurrection. She is mentioned at least a dozen times in the Gospels. Mary Magdalene has long been regarded as a prostitute or sexually immoral in western Christianity, but this is not supported in the scriptures. It is believed she was a Jewish woman who lived among Gentiles, living as they did.

The Gospels agree that Mary was originally a great sinner. Jesus cast seven demons out of her when he met her. After this, she told several women she associated with, and these women also became followers. There is also debate over if Mary Magdalene is the same unnamed women, a sinner, who weeps and washes Jesus' feet with her hair in the Gospel of John. Scholars are skeptical this is the same person.

Despite the scholarly dispute over her background, what she did in her subsequent life, after meeting Jesus, is much more significant. She was certainly a sinner whom Jesus saved, giving us an example of how no person is beyond the saving grace of God. During Jesus' ministry, it is believed that Mary Magdalene followed him, part of a semi-permanent entourage who served Jesus and his Disciples.

Mary likely watched the crucifixion from a distance along with the other women who followed Christ during His ministry. Mary was present when Christ rose from the dead, visiting his tomb to anoint his body only to find the stone rolled away and Christ, very much alive, sitting at the place they laid Him. She was the first witness to His resurrection. After the death of Christ, a legend states that she remained among the early Christians. After fourteen years, she was allegedly put into a boat by Jews, along with several other saints of the early Church, and set adrift without sails or oars. The boat landed in southern France, where she spent the remaining years of her life living in solitude, in a cave.

She is the patroness of converts, repentant sinners, sexual temptation, pharmacists, tanners and women, and many other places and causes. Let us look to Mary as a wonderful intercessor as we run to discover Christ present to us and run forth to proclaim his being alive for all of us. Mary of Magdala, pray for us.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 21

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, July 22

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, July 23

8:20 – 9:00am - Adoration

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, July 24

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

Friday, July 25

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, July 26

3:00pm - Reconciliation

Sunday, July 27

10:30am – Catechist Meeting



Back to SCHOOL SUPPLY DRIVE



From July 27 – August 31 we will be collecting school supplies to help students start the year with the tools they need to succeed! Your generous donations can make a huge impact on their education and future. Please place all donations in the bins at the entrances of the church. Donations will then be given to Catholic Charities for distribution to those in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.

Readings for July 20, 2025

Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Genesis 18:20-32

Colossians 2:12-14

Luke 11:1-13



—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

Would you like to give electronically? We offer debit from a checking or savings account (preferred method) as well as VISA, Master Card and American Express.

If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for more information or to sign up. The form is also on our web site to print out, complete and turn into the office.

STEWARDSHIP – July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"...I am a minister in accordance with God's stewardship given to me to bring to completion for you the word of God." (Colossians 1:25)

We are called to evangelize – to convert individuals and society by the divine power of the Gospel. Our faith is more attractive to others by our actions than by our words alone. We may not be called to evangelize like Saint Paul, but we should look for opportunities to share our faith through our actions and words, especially with those closest to us, like our family, friends, and neighbors. Pray for the courage to joyfully express our faith the next time the opportunity arises.

VOCATIONS – July 20, 2025

16th Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Martha, Martha, you are anxious and worried about many things. There is need of only one thing. Mary has chosen the better part, and it will not be taken from her." (Luke 10:41-42)

Consider prioritizing time with God, following Mary's example. Are you being called to dedicate your life to prayer and service in the Church as a consecrated religious?

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

Parish Support

July 13, 2025

Amount Received	\$ 12,709.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 2,291.00)
YTD Received	\$ 26,345.00
YTD Budget	\$ 30,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 3,655.00)



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



Have you been thinking about becoming Catholic but aren't sure where to start? Do you have questions about the Catholic faith but aren't sure if you are ready to become Catholic? Have you been baptized in another faith tradition but attend Saint Michael with your spouse and are feeling called to explore becoming Catholic. Summer is a great time to inquire about becoming Catholic.

Call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to begin the conversation and see if this is the right time for you.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

Prayer for the Sick

God of all goodness, look with mercy on all who suffer any kind of infirmity, sickness or injury, that they may be comforted. Let your hand of healing and protection be upon them. When they are fearful, ease their fear and anxieties. When they are afraid, give them strength and courage. Amen.

SPONSOR GUIDELNE FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

It is an honor to be asked to be a sponsor (godparent) for Baptism or Confirmation. It means that you are seen as someone who is practicing their faith and living a life that reflects the teachings of the Catholic faith. Sponsors need to be:

1. Registered in a parish.
(adult children, 25 years old, need to be registered independently)
2. Attending Mass regularly at their parish of registration.
3. If married, a valid marriage recognized by the Catholic Church.
4. Forming their children in the faith.
(religious education or Catholic School)

You will be asked to submit a letter of eligibility as a sponsor, signed by the pastor of your current parish. These are universal norms for the Catholic faith, found in Canon Law (nos. 872-874).

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This Sacrament can be celebrated before any surgery or if you are experiencing a serious illness. Please call the parish office (330-533-6839) to schedule. Due to the many duties of Father Lavelle, please allow time when calling to schedule a visit.

Baptism

If you would like to have your child baptized please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least 6 months and attend Mass regularly. Parents may need to attend a Baptism Class usually held on the last Wednesday of the month. Godparents must provide a letter of suitability from the parish where they are registered. One godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active members of the parish for at least 6 months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 years old and still registered under your parents registration, you need to register independently. A Pre-Cana class sponsored by the diocese is required as well as meeting with Father Lavelle a few months prior to your wedding.

Born to Eternal Life

C. Kenneth Shaffer



HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have a supply Handel's pint cards that are good through January 2026.

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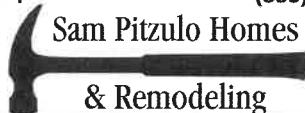


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