

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

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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*

Marcy Fessler
Pastoral Associate

Katherine Garchar
Director of Music

Maxine Gordon
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Facilities Manager

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



**Mass
Schedule**

Monday, July 6
Saint Maria Goretti
 No Daily Mass

Tuesday, July 7
 No Daily Mass

Wednesday, July 8
 No Daily Mass

Thursday, July 9
Saint Augustine Zhao Rong
 No Daily Mass

Friday, July 10
 No Daily Mass

Saturday, July 11
Vigil – The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 4:00pm – Helen & Charles Paros

Sunday, July 12
The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 9:00am – The Sacred Heart Society
 11:30am The People of the Parish

PATRIOTIC ROSARY GARDEN SPONSORS



After weeks of planning, our Patriotic Rosary Garden is finally a reality. Live flowers will be planted in the containers after the 4th of July. Many thanks to Saint Michael Garden Guild for generously offering to maintain the garden.

To sponsor or memorialize loved ones for the garden the following opportunities are available:

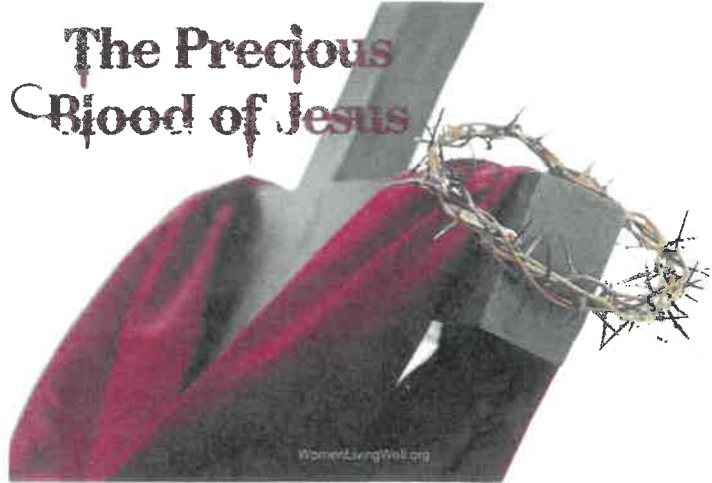
There are 11 large containers available and the cost to sponsor one is \$100.00.

There are 20 tall containers and the cost to sponsor one is \$50.00.

Please put cash or a check made out to Saint Michael in an envelope marked with your name and that it is sponsorship for the Patriotic Rosary Garden. You can turn it into the Parish Office or place it in the collection.

Sponsors for the containers are available on a first-come basis. The names of sponsors will be put in the bulletin, just as we do for the Christmas and Easter Flower Memorial. Also, a list of the names will be placed on the Altar and prayed for from now until our Parish Feast Day on September 29.

FROM THE PASTOR...



The Catholic Church traditionally dedicates the month of July to honor the Most Precious Blood of Jesus, the source of our redemption, healing, and spiritual renewal.

This devotion has been recognized for centuries, dating back to Christ's death on the Cross. Many saints were devoted to the Precious Blood of Jesus, particularly Saint Catherine of Siena, Saint Mary Magdalen de Pazzi, and Saint Gaspar del Bufalo.

Saint Gaspar del Bufalo, founder of the Missionaries of the Precious Blood, and promoter of the devotion, said, "We must let it be known how the Blood of Christ cleanses the souls and sanctifies them, particularly by means of the sacraments."

Pope Pius IX officially instituted a feast dedicated to the Most Precious Blood of Jesus Christ in 1849. Pope Pius X later assigned July 1 as the designated feast. However, after Vatican II, the Catholic Church traditionally dedicated the entire month of July to the Precious Blood.

This devotion invites us to reflect on Christ's sacrificial love and the gift of redemption. Many graces can be obtained from this devotion, including spiritual protection, healing, deliverance from evil, growth in virtue, and a deeper understanding of God's mercy and love. Through His Precious Blood, we are reconciled to God and offered the promise of eternal life.

May the Precious Blood of Jesus bring us closer to eternal life.

Father Lavelle

VOCATIONS – July 5, 2026

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“Come to me, all you who labor and are burdened, and I will give you rest.” (Matthew 11:28)

Christ invites us to lay down our burdens and find true peace in Him. In every vocation—priesthood, consecrated life, or holy matrimony—we are called to follow Him with trust, allowing His grace to strengthen and renew our hearts. Take a moment today to listen for His call and rest in His loving presence. If you feel called to follow God’s path, talk with your priest or contact the Vocation Office at 330-744-8451 or vocations@youngtowndiocese.org.

STEWARDSHIP – July 5, 2026

The Fourteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

“For my yoke is easy, and my burden light.” (Matthew 11:30)

When we think about being good stewards, we may feel that God asks too much of us when He calls us to generously share our time, talent, and treasure. Yet we are not “owners” of anything; we are “stewards” of the gifts God has given us. He simply asks us to return a small portion in gratitude for all we have received.



Faith Formation

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

First Grade is required to prepare for First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade. Students are expected to complete grades three through seven before entering eighth grade and Confirmation preparation.

Kindergarten is not required, but it is highly encouraged. Class size is limited to 10 children, so please return your registration packet early if you would like to reserve a spot for your child.

The deadline for YFF registration is Monday, August 31.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, July 6

No Events Scheduled

Tuesday, July 7

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, July 8

No Events Scheduled

Thursday, July 9

8:30am – Bible Study

7:00pm – Men’s Club

Friday, July 10

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, July 11

Second Collection

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm - Rosary

Sunday, July 12

Second Collection

No Events Scheduled



PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

O merciful God, look with compassion on those who are ill. Grant them healing and strength in body, mind, and spirit. Ease their pain and suffering and restore them to health. Give them patience in illness and trust in Your loving care. May they feel Your presence and find comfort in Your love. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.

Please Note:

There are no more masses available for 2026.

The mass book for 2027 will open sometime in October. Please watch the bulletin for the exact date we will be accepting mass requests for 2027.

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

SACRAMENTAL INFORMATION

Anointing of the Sick

This sacrament may be celebrated before surgery or during a serious illness. To schedule, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Because of Father Lavelle's many responsibilities, please allow adequate time when requesting a visit.

Baptism

To have your child baptized, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839. Parents must be registered parishioners for at least six 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, and at least one godparent must be Catholic.

Marriage

Couples requesting a wedding must be registered and active parish members for at least six months before a date can be reserved. If you are 25 or older and still registered under your parents' registration, you must register independently. A diocesan Pre-Cana class is required, along with meetings with Father Lavelle several months before the wedding.

SPONSOR GUIDELINES FOR BAPTISM AND CONFIRMATION

It is an honor to be asked to serve as a sponsor, or godparent, for Baptism or Confirmation. This means you are recognized as someone who practices the faith and lives according to the teachings of the Catholic Church. Sponsors must be:

1. Registered in a parish.
Adult children age 25 or older must 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 through religious education or Catholic school.

Sponsors will be asked to submit a letter of eligibility, signed by the pastor of their current parish. These universal norms of the Catholic faith are found in Canon Law, nos. 872-874.

Readings for July 12, 2026

The Fifteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 55:10-11
Romans 8:18-23
Matthew 13:1-23

Parish Giving

—SIGN UP FOR ELECTRONIC GIVING—

Would you like to give electronically? We offer debit from a checking or savings account, which is our preferred method, as well as VISA, MasterCard, and American Express.

To learn more or sign up, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. The form is also available on our website to print, complete, and return to the office.

Parish Support

June 28, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 14,261.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 739.00)
YTD Received	\$787,404.10
YTD Budget	\$750,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 37,404.10



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



Welcome our Newly Baptized

Nora Elizabeth Tulachka

Daughter of Amanda & Jacob Tulachka

HANDEL'S PINT CARDS

We have a supply of Handel's pint cards available through January 2027.

Cards are \$6.75 each and may be used at several Handel's locations throughout the area. A portion of each purchase is donated back to Saint Michael Parish.



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Take time to grow yourself;
 only you can grow you.

Take time to trust yourself;
 God trusts you.

Take time to be self-reliant;
 it is better than being dependent.

Take time to share with others;
 they will bless you, and you will bless them.

Take time to have hope,
 you are a child of God.

From A Blessing Before Summer Vacation at catholicdoors.com



SACRED HEART SOCIETY

For the "Sacred Heart Society", you may enroll an individual, couple or family name in the society of \$100 each (example: *John Smith; John and Mary Smith; the Smith family or the Smith & Jones families*). A Sunday Mass each month and a Christmas and Easter Mass will be celebrated for all enrolled in the society. Please complete the "Sacred Heart Society Enrollment" form below and return it to the parish office via the offertory collection. May the Sacred Heart of Jesus lead us ever closer to the joy of the Kingdom.

SACRED HEART SOCIETY ENROLLMENT

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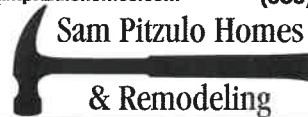
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