

Saint Michael Parish

300 North Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406



Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

Holyday Masses:

12:15 p.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Reconciliation:

Saturday 3:00 p.m.

Office Hours Monday - Thursday 9:00 a.m. - 4:30 p.m.
Friday 9:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.

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Office of Catechesis..... 330-533-5275

Family Life Center 330-533-3181

*Saint Michael Parish is a welcoming Roman Catholic Community united by faith in Jesus Christ.
Called to the mission of Jesus by Baptism, nourished by God's Word and Sacraments,
we join to celebrate our faith and to continue Christ's mission of love, justice and service.
As good stewards, guided by the Holy Spirit, we believe we are called to be Christ to one another,
sharing our time, talent, and treasure with our community and the world, especially with those less fortunate.*

PARISH STAFF:

Pastor Very Reverend John-Michael Lavelle, D. Min.

Transitional Deacon..... Rev. Mr. John T. Rovnak

Pastoral Associate..... Maureen Hall

Pastoral Minister for Catechesis Marcy Fessler

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Family Life Center Manager..... Audrey Geskey

Registration

Arrangements for registration can be made by calling the parish office.

Adult Inquiry/Rite of Christian Initiation (RCIA)

Adults who have questions about the Catholic faith, or who would like to become members of the Catholic Church are invited to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Baptism

Baptisms are done during any weekend Mass. Expectant or new parents must be registered parishioners. Please call the parish office 3-4 months prior to the preferred Baptism date to schedule Baptism preparation.

Bulletin Deadline: Monday at Noon.

See bulletin for holiday schedule/adjustments.

Confirmation

Celebrated for students in the 8th grade. Please call the parish office.

Marriage

Couples are asked to call the Parish Office prior to making other arrangements. A minimum of 6 months is required.

Liturgy

Persons interested in becoming a liturgical minister are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Generations of Faith

Multigenerational Catechetical program for students and families in grades K - 8.

Adult Faith Formation

Please contact a member of the Pastoral Staff for information about adult opportunities for education and spiritual growth.

Hospital

Please call the church office if a family member is in the hospital and would like to be visited.

Homebound/Nursing Home

If parishioner is homebound or in a nursing home and would like to receive Communion, please contact the church office.

Social Justice

Persons interested in becoming involved in ministries to the poor or oppressed are asked to contact a member of the Pastoral Staff.

Catholic Charities Regional Agency Mahoning County (330) 744-3320

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Mass
Schedule

Monday, May 8

11:30am – Ed Ross

Tuesday, May 9

8:00am – James DeCapua

Wednesday, May 10

Saint John of Avila

8:00am – Joseph Webster

Thursday, May 11

8:00am – Tony DeRosa

7:00pm - Confirmation

Friday, May 12

Saints Nereus, Achilleus & Pancras

No Daily Mass

Saturday, May 13

Vigil, Sixth Sunday of Easter

4:00pm – Mothers' Day Intentions

Sunday, May 14

Sixth Sunday of Easter

9:00am – Mothers' Day Intentions

11:00am – Mothers' Day Intentions

FROM THE PASTOR . . .

When I met with Bishop Bonnar and Monsignor Siffrin, the Vicar General of the Diocese, to officially accept the assignment as Pastor of Saint Michael, the matter of the priest residence has been an issue. As presented to me at that time, I would have to make plans for an alternative to the current house. Initially, I planned to renovate the existing house. After some assessments, it was determined that was not the way forward. The option of a condo or house somewhere in the area was raised. There were even discussions about living permanently with another pastor at their parish. My primary goal has always been to live on the parish campus.

To that extent, plans began to be developed to build a new priest residence on the same location as the former house. As plans developed, and building costs increased, I continued to become rather hesitant about this prospect – not about living here, but about the final financial investment. A priest residence is not just another house. There needs to be space for the possibility of a seminary intern, or even a retired priest in residence. There also needs to be some proper entertainment space. The cost of such a structure which would complement the existing buildings on the campus, that while achievable, would redirect money from other needed projects and improvements.

However, with no other alternatives, with the support of the bishop, plans continued to be developed for a future priest residence. The entire time the plans were being developed, I continued to keep my eyes open and reflect on any other possibility, however limited, to achieve the set goal and decrease the final expenditures. Until a shovel hit the ground on the new foundation, I remained open and optimistic. The plans were almost completed and ready to move forward, UNTIL...

The house on the corner of Rt. 46 and Sleepy Hollow (11 Sleepy Hollow - the blue one with the four garage bays in the back) that backs up onto our property went up for sale at the end of March. While it needs various improvements and upgrades to be transformed into a priest residence, the savings between a new build and the purchase and remodel of this house is hundreds of thousands of dollars.

Even more, this option provides more space than the planned new residence would have, it gives the parish an additional acre of land, running from Sleepy Hollow to the far south parking lot, it also gives those living there a little more privacy and, given the distance, does not need to match the other buildings in the same manner, and - if had to be down the road, could be sold with no challenge to the parish (although I would not see that happening).

I presented this idea to Bishop Bonnar and Pat Kelly (the diocesan CFO - who lives in Canfield), and they agreed this is the best option. To that - Bishop Bonnar signed the purchase agreement on April 25th. On a side note, that was the 20th anniversary of my first becoming a pastor – when I had to move into an apartment in Ravenna because the rectory had been determined unlivable. A new build in Ravenna and a complete remodel in Niles and 20 years later – here I am. More importantly, here WE are. This is a great day for us all. This is not a house just for me. This is a residence for those who will also come after me as future pastors. This is a residence for future seminarian interns who will benefit from ministering in this faith community as they continue their formation. This is a residence for possible retired priests who can share their wisdom and faithfulness with us all. This is a residence that gives permanency for the future of this wonderful parish. I consider myself blessed to be one of many who will benefit from this dwelling.

We hope to begin plans for the renovation in the next week or so and hopefully, have it all completed before the first snow fall (not the one expected as I am writing this article on Tuesday!) Thank you and God bless you all.

On Wings, We Rise – Father Lavelle

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

As we continue in the Easter season, each week, we will be challenged to select one of the three possible ways of living out the example of the First Believers in our own journey toward the joy of the Resurrection. Each week, three possibilities – to be adapted to your own ability, will be presented based on Time, Talent and Treasure through the Acts of the Apostles reading for that week.

“...there widows were being neglected in the daily distribution. So the twelve called together the community of disciples and said: It is not right for us to neglect the word of God to serve at table”. *Acts of the Apostles*

From this emerged the formation of the diaconate – men called to serve the Church by primarily serving the needs of “widows and orphans”. These groups – code for those who cannot provide for themselves, are no longer just the responsibility of deacons, but of all the baptized faithful. What do we do to serve those in need?

TIME: Plan to offer some time over the coming summer months to volunteer – either at the Soup Kitchen, Catholic Charities, or any other organization that provides help & hope.

TALENT: This about some way you can use a talent you have to assist others in need – whether that need is physical, spiritual, or emotional.

TREASURE: Offer some financial resource or in-kind gift to an agency or organization that helps provide food or clothing to those in need.

“The Word of God continued to spread, and the number of the disciples in Jerusalem increased greatly”



All students who have been preparing for the Sacrament of Confirmation will receive this special Sacrament at a Mass with Bishop Bonnar on Thursday, May 11th at 7:00pm, with a light reception to follow in the family life center.

Please keep all our young people in your prayers over these coming days.

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, May 13 – 4:00 PM

Lectors: Dominic Rich (1st), Michelle Billy (2nd)

Servers: Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: Mark Billy (X)

Linda Kneen (HF)

Tim Kneen (T)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Mark Graham, Dan Stout

Sunday, May 14– 9:00 AM

Lectors: Sharon Harpster (1st), Gerry Ricciutti (2nd)

Server: Hailey Tomory

Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Mark Curtis (HF)

Karen Curtis (T)

Ushers: Richard Gary, Mario Silvestri, Brian Kerr, Greg Iaderosa, Jim Basista

Sunday, May 14– 11:00 AM

Lectors: Barb Spencer (1st), Laura Lonardo (2nd)

Server: Allison Farley

Euch. Min: Deacon John Rovnak (X)

Kim Gilbert (HF)

Ed Costello (T)

Ushers: Russell Layfield, Luke Scolieri, Chuck Wirtz

THANK YOU

To everyone who participated in the Night at the Races last Saturday. Not only did everyone have fun, but many people walked away winners, especially Evelyn “Cookie” Dwyer, who won the last of our 2022-2023 Raffle Prizes - \$1,000. We also raised \$1,000 for the Soup Kitchen on the Auction Race, with a nice donation back from the big winners. Save April 27, 2024, for the next Race!

Help Protect the Dignity of Life in Ohio

Life in its earliest and most vulnerable stages is threatened by groups proposing an amendment to the Ohio Constitution for the November 2023 ballot to expand and enshrine abortion at the expense of protections for preborn children and women. The Catechism of the Catholic Church proclaims that “human life must be respected and protected absolutely from the moment of conception.” The Church accompanies and supports women facing unexpected pregnancies and mothers through programs like Walking with Moms in Need and the services of Catholic Charities.

The bishops of Ohio strongly encourage Catholics statewide to unite in prayer and work to defeat this proposed amendment and its grave consequences for women and preborn children in Ohio.

Learn more about the **Protect Them Both** campaign and access resources online at ohiocathconf.org/protect

Thank you to Father Korda for filling in for me this weekend while I am celebrating 1st Eucharist in Leetonia and Salem. Please pray for all of our young people who are celebrating their 1st Eucharist.

Young at Heart

Our monthly Young at Heart gathering will be on **Monday, May 8th**. As always, we will begin with Mass at 11:30am, and then have lunch and a presentation to follow in the parish hall. The topic for this month is *"Mary in the Easter Season"*. The cost of the gathering is \$5.00.

Thank you, and we hope to see you on the 8th!

MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Colonel Gerald A. Nunziato, Jr.
Jacob Samson - Airforce
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Jonathan Kelly – Captain USMC
Brian Litwin – Spec., Army Nat. Guard



First Step for Change

Campaign held from Mother's Day – Father's Day

This annual effort provides assistance to low income pregnant women and families with young children in obtaining infant supplies, such as formula, diapers and clothing; as well as case management and parenting support.

More information to follow next week.

The Catholic Echo is Arriving!

Have you received the first edition of *"The Catholic Echo"*, our diocese's new magazine? The Catholic Echo is replacing the Catholic Exponent. Every Registered household in the parish will be receiving a copy – but if you are a new parishioner and aren't on the mailing list yet, please find extra copies at the doors of the Church.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marge Belcik	Donna Gostey	Patricia Lesho
Michael Belcik	Richard R. Gregg	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Kevin Bennett	John Hahn	Mary Lou Mack
Peggy Binashesky	Pat Hoyle	Linda Miller
Bruce Brunner	Dale Hynes	Cindy Morrissey
Mary Louise H. Buck	Steven Kaczmar	David Morrissey
Dante DeAngelo	Mary Jo Latera	Janice Rovnak
John Deley	Patty Sweeney Lavalpa	Maryann Rovnak
James Dunn, Sr.	Jack LeBrun	Lenore Slotterback
Jay Gettemy	Bridget Dunn Leonard	George Wild



Born to Eternal Life
Anthony DeRosa

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, May 8

9:00am – Fitness Fun
12:00pm – Young at Heart
6:00 – 8:00pm - GoF



Tuesday, May 9

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary
7:00pm - Scouts

Wednesday, May 10

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, May 11

8:30am- Bible Study
10:30am – Scripture Sharing
7:00pm – Confirmation

Friday, May 12

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Saturday, May 13

3:00pm - Reconciliation

Sunday, May 14

9:45 – 11:00am – Mother's Day Breakfast

Parish Support

April 30, 2023

Amount Received	\$ 10,191.29
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 4,808.71)
YTD Received	\$747,212.43
YTD Budget	\$660,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 87,212.43
Holy Thursday to date	\$ 2,193.00
Good Friday to date	\$ 2,380.00
Easter to date	\$ 32,951.75
Seminarian Support	\$ 2,428.00



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

SAINT MICHAEL MEN'S CLUB

Mother's Day Breakfast



The Men's Club is inviting Saint Michael Parishioners and their guests to our annual Mother's Day Breakfast in the Parish Hall on **Sunday, May 14th** following the 9:00am Mass and serving until

11:00am. We will be featuring scrambled eggs with or without ham, French toast, sausage, donuts, Ladies champagne, coffee, etc.

Donation request is \$10.00 for adults, \$5.00 for ages 5-10 and kids under 5 are free

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CONGRATULATIONS ON MEETING OUR GOAL LET'S KEEP GOING!

We are just a few weeks away from the end of Phase One of the **Annual Diocesan Appeal: One in Hope, One in Mission**. When we celebrate the end of the Easter season on Pentecost, we hope that the fire of the Spirit will have enkindled in many of us a strong desire to offer a share of our resources to bring both help and hope to those in need, as well as extending the mission and ministry of the Church. To date, our parish family has pledged **\$108,014** toward our parish goal of **\$107,000**. This is our share of the **\$4,000,000** total goal of the Diocese of Youngstown in support of the work of Catholic Charities and the many ministries throughout our diocesan community. On behalf of Bishop Bonnar, thank you to everyone who has already made a gift and to those who are prayerfully considering their gift. May these remaining days of the Easter season challenge us to offer the best of ourselves for and with each other.



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