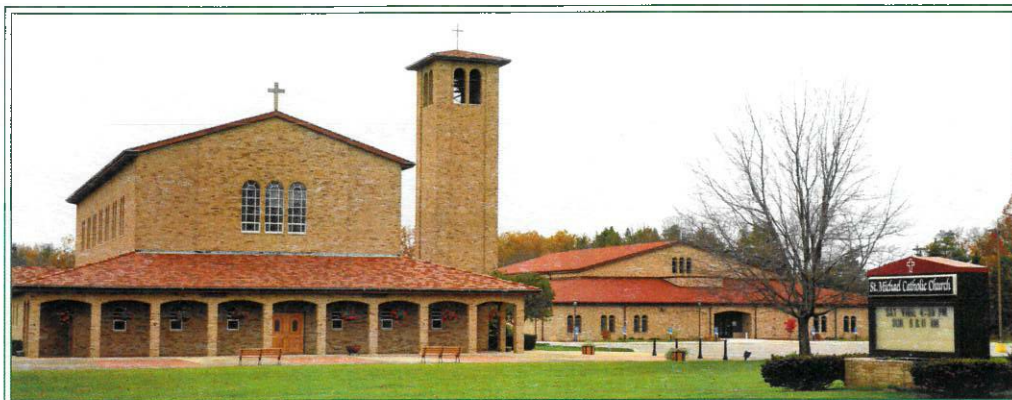


Saint Michael Parish

300 North Broad Street, Canfield, Ohio 44406



Weekend Masses:

Saturday 4:00 p.m.
Sunday 9:00 a.m. & 11:30 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.

Parish Office 330-533-6839

Fax 330-702-0432

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.

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**Pastoral Associate for
Youth Faith Formation** Marcy Fessler

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Business Manager Stephanie Howley

Administrative Assistant Maxine Gordon

Family Life Center Manager Audrey Geskey

Maintenance Joe Serenko

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.

Youth Faith Formation

Catechetical program for students 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, January 29

8:00am – Tim Mikes

Tuesday, January 30

8:00am – Mary Ann Rovnak

Wednesday, January 31

Saint John Bosco

8:00am – Anthony Rulli

Thursday, February 1

8:00am – Anthony J. Sano

Friday, February 2

The Presentation of the Lord

No Daily Mass

Saturday, February 3

Vigil – 5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00pm – Reconciliation

4:00pm – Leslie Topoleski

Sunday, February 4

5th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – The Sacred Heart Society

11:30am – The People of the Parish



February's Young at Heart, on **Monday, February 12th**, will have a presentation by Stephen DeRosa on *"How to Recognize and Avoid Scams."* We will begin with Mass at 11:30am followed by a luncheon and the program. Please RSVP to the parish office (330-533-6839) if you plan to attend.

THE PRESENTATION (CANDLEMAS DAY)

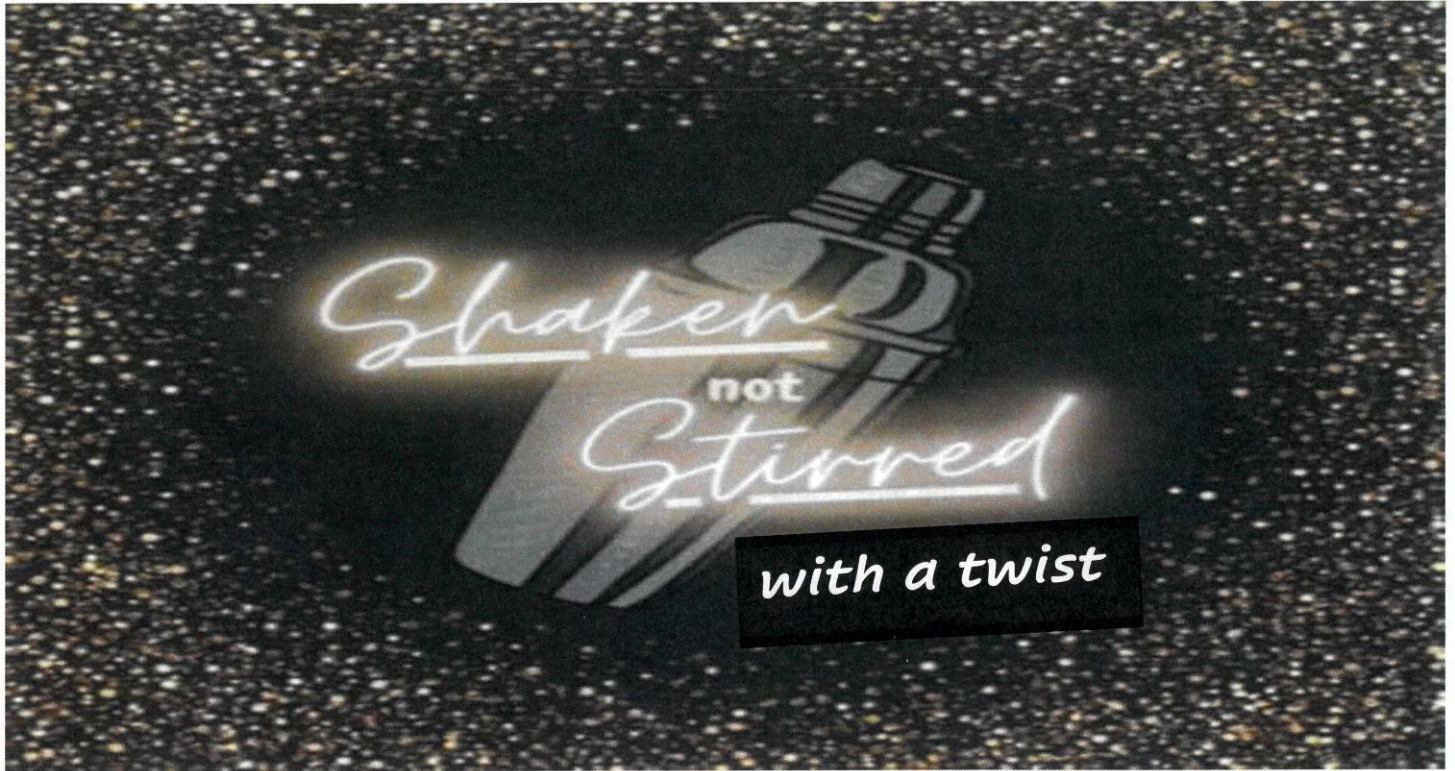
Traditionally, the Church has set aside this Thursday, February 2, in observance of the **Presentation of the Lord** – or the day in which Joseph and Mary presented Jesus to the priests and elders in the Temple. For years, this feast – which in the United States is only formally celebrated when it falls on a Sunday – marked the end of the Christmas season. In old days, the Presentation was often referred to as "Candlemas" and was celebrated by a candle-lit procession into the church, signifying Christ as the "light of nations." Known originally as the Feast of the Purification of the Blessed Virgin, the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord is a relatively ancient celebration. We know

that the Church at Jerusalem was observing the feast as early as the first half of the fourth century, and likely earlier. According to Jewish law, the firstborn male child belonged to God, and the parents had to "buy him back" on the 40th day after his birth, by offering a sacrifice of "a pair of turtledoves, or two young pigeons" (Luke 2:24) in the temple — thus the "presentation" of the child. On that same day, the mother would be ritually purified — thus the "purification." Mary and Joseph kept this law, even though, since Mary remained a virgin after the birth of Christ, she would not have had to go through ritual purification. In his Gospel, Luke (2:22-39) recounts the story. Originally, the feast was celebrated on February 14, the 40th day after Epiphany (January 6), because Christmas wasn't yet celebrated as its own feast, and so the Nativity, Epiphany, the Baptism of the Lord (Theophany), and the feast celebrating Christ's first miracle at the wedding in Cana were all celebrated on the same day. By the last quarter of the fourth century, however, the Church at Rome had begun to celebrate the Nativity on December 25, so the Feast of the Presentation was moved to Feb. 2, 40 days later. When Christ was presented in the temple, "there was a man in Jerusalem named Simeon, and this man was just and devout, waiting for the consolation of Israel." When St. Mary and St. Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Cantic of Simeon: "Now dismiss your servant, O Lord, according to your word in peace; because my eyes have seen salvation, which you have prepared before the face of all peoples: a light to the revelation of the Gentiles, and the glory of your people Israel" (Luke 2:29-32). Because of the words of the canticle — "a light to the revelation of the Gentiles" — by the 11th century, the custom had developed in the West of blessing candles on the Feast of the Presentation. The candles were then lit, and a procession took place through the darkened church while the Cantic of Simeon was sung. Because of this, the feast also became known as Candlemas. While the procession and blessing of the candles is not often performed in the United States today, Candlemas is still an important feast in many European countries. *As there is no Mass on Friday, we will bless a representation of the candles used throughout the liturgical year at Mass on Thursday.*

PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

That we may prepare for the coming of Ash Wednesday, we are asking that you bring your palms from last year's Palm Sunday celebration to Mass next weekend and place them in the bins by the entrances. Thank you.

Join us for our ***Saint Michael Parish***



Saturday, February 3, 2024 in the Family Life Center

Doors open at 5pm – Food Stations at 6pm



The event includes:

Area Restaurant & Catering Stations

Wine, Bourbon & Tequila Stations

A “Mahoning Valley” Cookie Table

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cost of the evening is \$75 per ticket – at the parish office (330-533-6839)

FEAST OF SAINT BLAISE

The miraculous cure of the boy suffering from the fish bone — and because Blaise had been a physician — created the belief that Saint Blaise could cure most illnesses but especially those of the throat. As early as the ninth century in the Western Church, he was invoked for throat ailments, and by the 15th century, the blessing of the throat ritual had begun. During the Middle Ages, his cult as a miraculous saint was widespread throughout Europe. In the traditional blessing of Saint Blaise, on his feast day — February 3rd, the candles used in the blessing of throats may be those blessed on Candlemas, February 2. We will extend the blessing of Saint Blaise at the conclusion of all Masses next weekend, February 3rd & 4th. The blessing for those who cannot be with us is as follows: "Through the intercession of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, may God deliver you free from every disease of the throat, and from every other disease. In the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit." May Blaise and all the Saints lead us to the ever-increasing light of Christ.

REAL PRESENCE BOOK STUDY

What does it mean when we say that Christ is truly present in the Eucharist? Join us for our Lenten book study and find out! As a part of our observance of the Eucharistic Revival, we will be enhancing our understanding of the real presence of Christ in the Eucharist, using Timothy O'Malley's book *Real Presence: What Does it Mean and Why Does It Matter?* Groups will meet **Tuesday evenings from 6:30-8:00pm on February 13, 20, and March 5, 12, and 19, and on Thursday mornings from 8:30-10:00am, on February 15, 22, and March 7, 14, and 21.**

If you would like to join us, please call the parish office by February 5, so we can be sure to have enough books. Hope to see you there!

Parish Support

January 21, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 16,089.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 1,089.00
YTD Received	\$459,029.26
YTD Budget	\$450,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 9,029.26



Christmas Collection \$ 40,356.00

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

COOKIES AND GIFT CARDS

We are in need of cookies and gift cards (worth at least \$10) for our **"Shaken not Stirred with a Twist" fundraiser on February 3.** If you are able to bake or provide cookies for the event, please contact Audrey at 330-533-6839 or email at: ageskey@saintmichaelparish.net



Cookies can be brought to the Family Life Center during the week of January 29 – February 2 between the hours of 9 - 4:30. We can freeze them if needed. Gift cards can be put in the collection basket or dropped off at the office any time before February 2.

Thank you for your generosity in helping to make this fundraiser a success!

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, February 3 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Dominic Rich

Server: Lauren Smallwood

Euch. Min: Marleen Belfiore (X)

Mark Billy (HF)

Kim Gilbert (T)

Ushers: Marleen Belfiore, Dan Stout

Sunday, February 4 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Sue DePinto

Servers: Elise & Sean Campbell

Euch. Min: Barbara Cumings (X)

Shirley Dunn (HF)

Janet LeClair (T)

Ushers: Jim Naples, Marty Repasky, Russ Miklos, Kevin Henchar, Mike Fabian

Sunday, February 4 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Laura Lonardo

Servers: Benjamin & Daniel Herrmann

Euch. Min: George Beelen (X)

Fran Brayer (HF)

Steve DeCapua (T)

Ushers: Tom Eaton, Luke Scoleri

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In addition to receiving millions of dollars in scholarship offers each year from colleges across the country, Ursuline seniors are also more prepared for college than their peers, leveraging a superior academic foundation, a strong sense of self, fully formed personal values, and a keen social awareness to succeed and lead at the college level and beyond.

ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE FOR ALL STUDENTS

While Ursuline has National Merit Scholars, AP Scholars, and Ivy League students, our classrooms are actually filled with students of all learning abilities who are taking advantage of passionate teachers, on-site tutors, and a one-of-a-kind learning environment to excel beyond what they and their families believed possible. We engage students individually, ensuring honor students, average students, and struggling students receive the professional resources, one-on-one guidance, and personal affirmation they need in order to take full advantage of their individual, God-given potential.

FIND YOUR FAITH

We not only teach religion at Ursuline, we live it. From the first bell each morning until the last voices fade from our hallways at day's end, we empower students to truly embrace their Faith rooted in our Catholic tradition and inspired by The Ursuline Sisters of Youngstown who founded Ursuline in 1905.

FIND YOUR NICHE. EXPLORE YOUR TALENTS.

There is something for everyone at Ursuline. Try something new and develop your unique talents and gifts, develop leadership skills, and develop relationships with adult mentors and others who share your values and interests.

OPEN HOUSE

Sunday, February 4 | 12:30 - 3:30 pm | Ursuline Cafeteria

Register at www.Ursuline.com/rsvp

7TH GRADE DAY

Thursday, March 7 | 8:30 am

Visit www.ursuline.com/rsvp for more information and to register.

SCHOLARSHIP & PLACEMENT EXAM

Saturday, March 9 | 8:30 am - 12:30 pm | Ursuline Cafeteria

Register at www.Ursuline.com/rsvp

All students seeking admission to Ursuline High School must take this test to be considered for admission.

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AP Spanish
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AP Studio Art - 2D Art & Design
AP Studio Art - Drawing
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FALL SPORTS

Cheerleading
Cross Country
Football
Boys' & Girls' Golf
Boys' & Girls' Soccer
Girls' Tennis
Volleyball



CLASS OF 2023 STATS

97% Enrolled in a Four-Year College or University
\$17 Million in Scholarships
22 AP Scholars
30% of the graduates in the Class of 2023 passed an AP exam

WINTER SPORTS

Cheerleading
Bowling
Boys' & Girls' Basketball
Boys' & Girls' Swimming
Indoor Track



EDUCATIONAL TECHNOLOGY

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SPRING SPORTS

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THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 29

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Tuesday, January 30

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, January 31

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:00 – 7:00pm – Baptism Prep

Thursday, February 1

8:30am – Bible Study

Friday, February 2

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, February 3

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm – Rosary

5:00pm – Shaken not Stirred with a Twist

Sunday, February 4

10:05 – 11:20am Youth Faith Formation
Parent Session



MILITARY LIST

Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot

Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.



If you would like a name on the Military List for 2024, please notify the parish office (330-533-6839) by February 1, 2024.

FISH FRY VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Thank you to everyone who volunteered and helped at the fish fry last year. Your help is needed again as well as anyone else who would like to volunteer this year. **Volunteers are needed on Wednesday from 9:00am until noon to help set up. On Friday we are asking for volunteers from either 9:00am – noon or 3:00 – 8:00pm.**

The Fish Fry dates are February 16, February 23, March 1, March 8, March 15, and March 22. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the form below and either drop it in the collection basket or at the parish office during regular business hours.



Name: _____

Phone: _____

Email: _____

Dates Available: February 16 _____

February 23 _____

March 1 _____

March 8 _____

March 15 _____

March 22 _____

Times available:

Wednesday 9:00 – noon _____

Friday 9:00 – noon _____

Friday 3:00 – 8:00 _____

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