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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)

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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

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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, January 13

Saint Hilary

11:30am – Tony Mueller

Tuesday, January 14

8:00am – Michael Stefko

Wednesday, January 15

8:00am – Vocations to the Priesthood

Thursday, January 16

8:00am – Robert M. Palma

Friday, January 17

Saint Anthony

No Daily Mass

Saturday, January 18

Vigil – Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

3:00pm – Reconciliation

4:00pm – Marjorie Fries

Sunday, January 19

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – Marjorie Yerman

FEAST OF THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

After all the people had been baptized and Jesus also had been baptized and was praying, heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from heaven, "You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased." Luke 3:21-22.

Today's Feast serves as a "hinge" feast, marking the conclusion of the Christmas Season and the beginning of Ordinary Time. It's a feast of transition from Jesus' hidden life to that of His public ministry. It also echoes the theme of the Epiphany in that the Baptism of the Lord is another manifestation announcing Jesus' divinity to all of His first followers and to the disciples of John the Baptist.

First of all, it needs to be pointed out that Jesus did not need the baptism of John. John was baptizing as a call to and sign of interior repentance. Jesus had no need to repent. But, nonetheless, He comes to John. John resists at first but Jesus insists. Why did He receive baptism?

First, by accepting the baptism of John, Jesus affirms all that John has said and done and affirms his sacred role of preparing the way for Jesus and for a new era of grace. Therefore, the Baptism of Jesus acts as a bridge between the Old Testament

prophets (of which John was the last) and the New Testament era of grace and truth.

Second, it has been said that when Jesus entered the waters of baptism, He was not baptized by the waters, rather, His Baptism was one in which all the created waters of this world were, in a sense, "baptized" by Him. By entering into the waters, Jesus sanctified water and poured forth His grace making all water the future source of salvation.

Third, the Baptism of Jesus was an epiphany. It was a moment of manifestation. As He emerged from the waters, "Heaven was opened and the Holy Spirit descended upon him in bodily form like a dove. And a voice came from Heaven, 'You are my beloved Son; with you I am well pleased.'" This manifestation of the Sonship and divinity of Jesus took place in a physical, audible and visible form so that all present would know, without question, that Jesus was the Son of the Father. Thus, His baptism is a way in which the Father introduced His Son and His Son's mission to the world.

As we prepare to begin Ordinary Time, reflect, today, upon these words of the Father at the Baptism of Jesus. Hear the Father speaking to you about the divinity of His Son. Turn your eyes to Jesus and prepare yourself to follow Him and to heed every word He speaks. He was sent into this world to draw us to the Father, allow Him to fulfill that mission in your own life.

Lord, I believe that You are the Son of the Eternal Father and the Savior of the World. I believe that You have brought about a new era of grace and truth and that I am called to follow You wherever You lead. As we begin this liturgical season of Ordinary Time, may it be a time of extraordinary grace in which I daily heed Your voice. Jesus, I trust in You.

DIOCESAN COMMUNICATIONS

The Diocesan Communications Department exists to serve the people in the diocese. Their various programs – Wineskins, the Catholic Echo podcast, televised Masses, the Catholic Echo magazine and website, diocesan social media and even many of the announcements that you see in this bulletin are geared toward inspiring, informing and engaging you. Please support these initiatives through your Communications Envelope found in your January envelop packet.

THANK YOU

Thank you to those who assisted in removing the Christmas environment from the sanctuary and preparing us for Ordinary Time, as well as the many who "adopted" our Christmas poinsettias.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, January 13

9:00am – Fitness Fun
12:00pm – Young at Heart

Tuesday, January 14

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, January 15

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, January 16

8:30am – Bible Study
10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, January 17

9:00am - Fitness
7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, January 18

No Events Scheduled

Sunday, January 19

No Events Scheduled



CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently planning for our 2nd Annual **“SHAKEN NOT STIRRED”** event which will take place on Saturday, February 1, 2025. The Youngstown Cookie Table was such a huge success last year that we plan on doing it again! If you have a favorite cookie that you bake, please consider donating some for the event. Cookies can be brought to the Family Life Center the week of January 27 – 31.



We are also looking for gift card donations and sponsors for our food and liquor stations.

If you are interested in sponsoring a station, please call the parish office. For gift card donations, you can bring them to the parish office or drop them in the collection basket and mark them for **SHAKEN NOT STIRRED**. Thank you in advance for your support!

MASS CANCELLATION POLICY

Saint Michael Parish will follow the Canfield Schools cancellation schedule for snow and cold. If the Canfield Schools are closed or on a two-hour delay due to the weather, the 8:00am Mass will be cancelled, and the intention rescheduled. The office and any other activities will also be cancelled or delayed, depending on the timing. Thank you.

VOCATIONS – January 12, 2025

“You are my beloved Son; with you, I am well pleased.” (Luke 3:22)

God takes great pleasure in those who respond to His call. Do you hear His voice? He may be calling you to the priesthood or consecrated life. Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org

STEWARDSHIP – January 12, 2025

“John answered them all, ‘I baptize you with water; but he who is mightier than I is coming...he will baptize you with the Holy Spirit...’” (Luke 3:16)

The Catholic Catechism states the “Jesus’ immersion in the water is a sign for all human beings of the need to die to themselves to do God’s will.” In other words, as baptized Catholics there is only one gift that we need to give to Jesus — the gift of ourselves. Surrender yourself to God, place your trust in Him and allow the Holy Spirit to work through you for the greater glory of God.

Readings for January 19, 2025

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 62:1-5
1 Corinthians 12:4-11
Johon 2:1-11

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Debbie Cancio	Marilyn Fisher	Bill Myers
Margaret Chizmar	Jay Gettemy	Janice Rovnak
Mindy Cline	Christopher King	Jack Slifka
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Caroline Zeigler
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	
Jim Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	
Leslie Fisher	Theresa Morvay	

If you would like a name on the 2025 prayer list, please call the parish office at 330-533-6839.

Born to Eternal Life

Linda Schulte
Grace Crump



MILITARY LIST



Abby Cruz – Navy Pilot
Ryan Cruz – Captain, Marine Corp.
Philip McLaughlin - USMC
Colonel Gerald Nunziato



POVERTY AWARENESS MONTH

It doesn't take a special month for Catholic Charities to be aware of poverty in our communities. The compassionate and caring staff witness the effects of poverty every day as they work to provide help and create hope for individuals and families living at or below the poverty line.

Nearly 12% of people in the United States live in poverty. A significantly greater percentage are barely making it paycheck to paycheck. The cost of such things as housing, childcare, food, transportation and health care far outpaces the rate of inflation, making it doubly difficult for poor and working poor families to make ends meet.

During this **Poverty Awareness Month**, consider one or more of the following:

- Pray** for those struggling to provide for themselves and their families
- Learn** more about the challenges that people in poverty face
- Advocate** for just policies that benefit those striving for greater financial self-sufficiency
- Forego** the purchase of something you don't really need in order to stand in solidarity with those who must always do without.

As the need for utility assistance continues to rise, Catholic Charities asks for your support. Donations can be dropped in the collection basket in an envelope marked "Warm Hearts for Warm Homes" during the month of January. Donations can also be sent to Catholic Charities, Warm Hearts for Warm Homes, 144 West Wood Street, Youngstown, Ohio 44503. Donations can also be made securely online at www.ccdoy.org.

Thank you for all that you do to support Catholic Charities' important ministry of service to God's people.

Rachel Hrbolich – Diocesan Director
Catholic Charities, Diocese of Youngstown

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS



The Knights of Columbus thank you for your support in 2024.

Your generosity helps the Knights to care for the needy in our area and beyond.



Our first Young at Heart for the new year will be on **Monday, January 13, 2025**. Mass will be at 11:30 with a luncheon and a program to follow. Barb Spencer will focus on SPIRITUAL New Years Resolutions by taking approximately 13 characters/images from the two gospels and relate some spiritual resolution or insight that they can give us to help us grow spiritually.

Please call the office by Friday, January 10 to make a reservation

Parish Support

December 22, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 9,913.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 5,087.00)
YTD Received	\$368,838.27
YTD Budget	\$375,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$	6,161.73)



December 29, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 15,151.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 151.00
YTD Received	\$383,989.27
YTD Budget	\$390,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) (\$	6,010.73)

January 5, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 11,275.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 3,704.00)
EFT December	\$ 11,990.00
YTD Received	\$407,254.27
YTD Budget	\$405,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit) \$	2,254.27

Christmas Offering \$ 38,838.00

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

2024 TAX STATEMENTS

We are in the process of posting the final contributions for 2024, including the many offertory gifts received for Christmas. As such, 2024 tax statements will be available beginning **Monday, January 27th**.



To obtain a statement, *please call* the office and it will be ready in two days (beginning on the 27th). **Statements will not be done while you wait.**

Step into the New Year!



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THE MAYONNAISE JAR

When things in your life seem almost too much to handle -- when 24 hours in a day is not enough; remember the mayonnaise jar and 2 cups of coffee.

A professor stood before his philosophy class and had some items in front of him. When the class began, wordlessly, he picked up a very large and empty mayonnaise jar and started to fill it with golf balls. He then asked the students if the jar was full. They agreed that it was.

The professor then picked up a box of pebbles and poured it into the jar. He shook the jar lightly. The pebbles rolled into the open areas between the golf balls. He then asked the students again if the jar was full. They agreed it was.

The professor next picked up a box of sand and poured it into the jar. Of course, the sand filled up everything else. He asked once more if the jar was full. The students responded with a unanimous 'yes'.

The professor then produced two cups of coffee from under the table and poured the entire contents into the jar, effectively filling the empty space between the sand. The students laughed.

"Now," said the professor, as the laughter subsided, "I want you to recognize that this jar represents your life. The golf balls are the important things -- God, family, children, health, friends, and favorite passions. Things that if everything else was lost and only they remained, your life would still be full.

The pebbles are the things that matter like your job, house, and car. The sand is everything else -- the small stuff.

"If you put the sand into the jar first," he continued, "there is no room for the pebbles or the golf balls. The same goes for life. If you spend all your time and energy on the small stuff, you will never have room for the things that are important to you."

So...

"Pay attention to the things that are critical to your happiness -- God, family, children, health, friends, and favorite passions. In other words, take care of the golf balls first--the things that really matter. Set your priorities. The rest is just sand." There will always be time to clean the house and fix the dripping tap.

One of the students raised her hand and inquired what the coffee represented. The professor smiled, "I'm glad you asked. It just goes to show you that no matter how full your life may seem, there's always room for a couple of cups of coffee with a friend."



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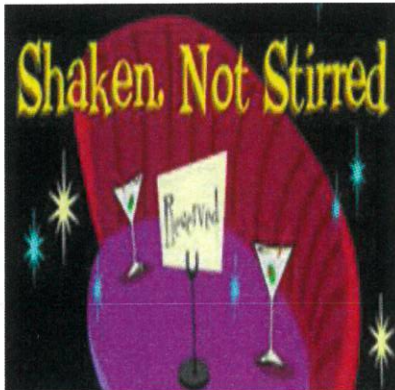
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Prayer for the New Year

Help us, O God, to fulfill all the duties which life brings to us. Help us to honor our families, to be loyal to our friends, to be true to our loved ones. Help us to be diligent in our studies, to be conscientious in our work, to be wise in our pleasure. Help us to be brave in danger, to be strong in temptation, to be uncomplaining in pain, to be cheerful in disappointment. Help us to remain humble in prosperity, to remain hopeful in adversity. Help us at all times to live that our life and conduct may make it plain that we belong to you.

Give us the strength to bear lightly our joys and our sorrows. Give us the strength to make our love fruitful in service. Give us the strength never to disown the poor or bend our knees before insolent might. Give us the strength to raise our minds high above daily trifle. And give us the strength to surrender our strength to your will with love. Amen.



This year, we have again decided to *SHAKE* things up. We don't want anyone *STIRRED* up that it will be too different. We are looking to have the same fantastic night of fun, but with a *TWIST*!

So mark your calendars for our Saint Michael Parish **SHAKEN, not STIRRED with a TWIST** Night!

The event will be on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**, with the doors opening after the 4:00pm Mass. This year, we will be having stations with foods provided by area restaurants, offering a little *Taste of Canfield*. Our dessert will also pay homage to our area with an *Over the Top Cookie Table*. While we will still offer some great wines, we are "branching out" – a little play on the western Bourbon and Branch. We will have a *Bourbon Table*, a *Tequila Table*, a *Vodka Table*, a *Wine Table*, and other drinks available at the bar. There will also be live entertainment!

We will also have our Grand Prize drawings for the \$6,000 pot of cash, with first place getting \$3,000, second place getting \$2,000 and third place getting \$1,000. We will have a raffle for several liquor baskets along with a 50/50 raffle and other items.

We are looking for businesses or individuals to partner with the food and liquor vendors in sponsoring the various tables. The cost of sponsorship for the tables is \$2,000 (two or more groups can go in on a sponsorship). Each full sponsorship will receive 4 complimentary tickets for the event, \$100 in 50/50 tickets and 5 tickets for the basket raffle.

The cost of admission to the event is \$80 and can be purchased at the parish office. This great event began as a way to help support the debt reduction of the FLC – we now are at a point in our parish where there are a variety of other projects to secure our parish for the future. Please tell your friends about the evening. It promises to be a great night!

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