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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*

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Marcy Fessler <i>Pastoral Associate</i>	Katherine Garchar <i>Director of Music</i>
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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
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

**Monday, February 2****The Presentation of the Lord**

8:00am – Joseph Maxin

Tuesday, February 3**Saint Blaise****Saint Ansgar**

8:00am – Gerri Coates

Wednesday, February 4

8:00am – Jim Kagarise

Thursday, February 5**Saint Agatha**

8:00am – Catherine & Pete Lucko

Friday, February 6**Saint Paul Miki and Companions**

No Daily Mass

Saturday, February 7**Vigil – The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

Sunday, February 8**The Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Dee Otte

11:30am – Daniel Teminsky

**THE PRESENTATION (CANDLEMAS DAY)**

Traditionally, the Church has set aside this Monday, 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, forty 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 Saint Mary and Saint Joseph brought Christ to the temple, Simeon embraced the Child and prayed the Canticle 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 Canticle 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.

Christ suffers with us in all of our trials. It is through joining others in their own tribulations that we build up our compassion, our love for God and others.

We will bless a representation of the candles used throughout the liturgical year at Mass on Monday.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, February 2

No scheduled events

Tuesday, February 3

10:00am - OCIA

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary



Wednesday, February 4

8:20 – 9:00am – Adoration

Thursday, February 5

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am – Scripture

Friday, February 6

Parish Office Closed

7:30pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, February 7

Second Collection

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm - Rosary

5:00pm – Wine & Cheese Social

Sunday, February 8

Second Collection

9:00am – Children's Liturgy of the Word

10:00 – 11:15am – Coffee & Donuts

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

Readings for February 8, 2026

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isaiah 58:7-10

1 Corinthians 2:1-5

Matthew 5:13-16

CHURCH OVERSEAS COMBINED COLLECTION

Last weekend, the Diocese of Youngstown sponsored the **Church Overseas Combined Collection** for ministries to needy people. Thank you for your participation in this important collection. If you did not have the opportunity to respond last week, there is still time to contribute to this combined collection.

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



VOCATIONS – February 1, 2026

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

The Beatitudes guide us in living holy and generous lives no matter the vocation He has placed on our heart. We are all called to embody these virtues, serving God and His people with humble hearts. Pray for discernment and openness to where God might be inviting you to follow Him.

Talk to your priest or reach out to the Diocese of Youngstown Office of Church Vocations at vocations@youngstowndiocese.org.

STEWARSHIP – February 1, 2026

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

"Blessed are the poor in spirit, for theirs is the kingdom of heaven." (Matthew 5:3)

The phrase "poor in spirit" can be confusing. Think of it in this sense – poor in spirit means depending on God's providence and not depending on our own self-reliance. Being detached from earthly things (power, money, and comfort) and being attached to heavenly things (charity, sacrifice, and mercy). Denying ourselves from satisfying our desires and helping others obtain their basic needs.

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Dante DeAngelo	Stella Fryda	Patricia Lesho
James Dunn, Sr.	John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Jim Fisher	Dale Hynes	Shirley Morvay
Marilyn Fisher	Jack LeBrun	Janice Rovnak
	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler

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

2025 TAX STATEMENTS

To obtain a 2025 statement, please call the parish office (330-533-6839) and it will be ready in two days. **Statements will not be done while you wait.**

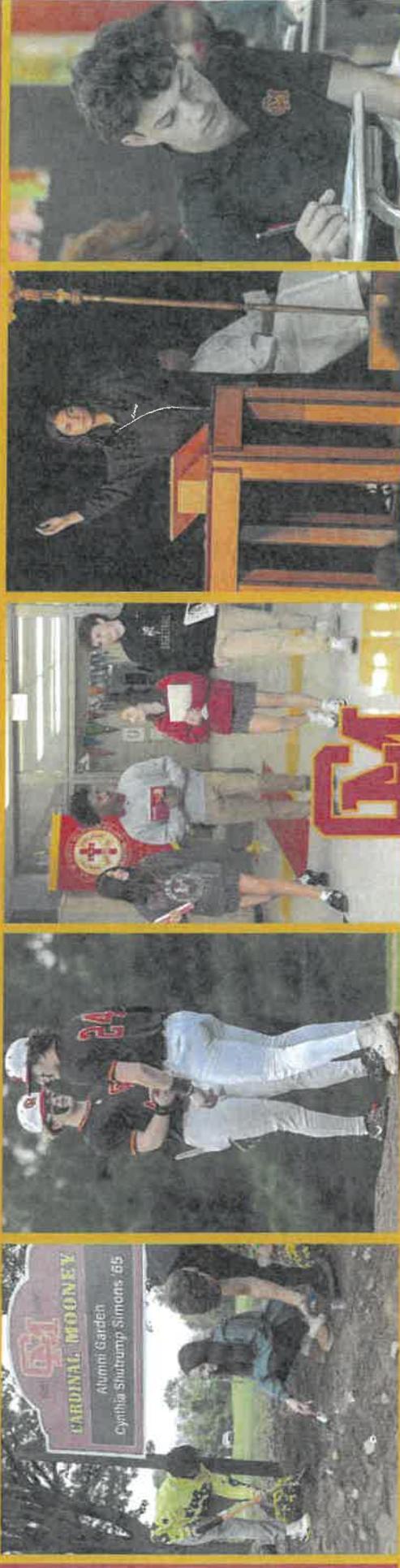


PALMS FOR ASH WEDNESDAY

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.

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APRIL 1

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MARCH 5
MARCH 21
APRIL 1

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FEBRUARY IS CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARENESS MONTH

The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, has designated February as "Catholic Charities Awareness Month" in the Diocese of Youngstown. This occasion provides an opportunity for Catholic parishioners and the community to learn more about the important ministry of Catholic Charities, whose mission is to provide service to people in need, to Advocate for justice in social structures, and to call the entire Church and other people of good will to do the same.

Did you know that you do not have to be Catholic to receive assistance from Catholic Charities? We serve people in need regardless of their faith or religious background, as our resources allow.

To learn more visit ccdoj.org.

Parish Support

January 25, 2026

Amount Received	\$ 8,302.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 6,698.00)
YTD Received	\$435,526.12
YTD Budget	\$420,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 15,526.12



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

Young at Heart

Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, February 9th**, with Mass at 11:30am and lunch and a program to follow.

Please RSVP to the parish office (330-533-6839) by **Thursday, February 5**, if you plan to attend.

PARISH SOCIAL

Please join fellow parishioners next weekend, **February 7/8** after the 4:00 Mass on Saturday for a Wine & Cheese Social and Coffee & Donuts on Sunday from 10:00-11:15 between the 9:00 and the 11:30 Masses.

WORLD DAY FOR CONSECRATED LIFE

The World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated on February 2, 2026. This day is an opportunity for gratitude and renewal for all consecrated men and women, as established by Pope John Paul II in 1997. This Feast is also known as Candlemas Day; the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is the light of the world. So too, those in consecrated life are called to reflect the light of Jesus Christ to all people.

Please pray for all those who have made commitments to the consecrated life and thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God's gift of their vocation.

DIOCESAN CEMETERIES

We welcome family and friends to a monthly mass offered for our community, for those entrusted to our care, and for all who seek comfort, hope and peace through Christ as we come together in worship, reflection, and remembrance. May this celebration of the eucharist be a source of grace, healing, and unity for all who attend.

The service will be held in the Cemetery Chapel from 12:15-1:00

Calvary Cemetery – Friday, February 13

Resurrection Cemetery – Wednesday, February 11

SONG BOOK SPONSORSHIP

If you would like to sponsor a book in memory or honor of someone, please fill in the form below. The opening announcements will ask everyone to first turn to the front cover of the book and if there is a name in memory or honor, please keep that person in prayer throughout the Mass. The cost of sponsorship is \$20 each.

Thank you for your generosity and remembering our loved ones in prayerful song.

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ANNUAL WHITE MASS

The Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown will preside over the 30th annual White Mass on Wednesday, February 11, 2026, at 12:10 pm at Saint Columba Cathedra, 154 West Wood Street in Youngstown. The Mass will remember in a special way those who are sick. Members of healthcare, human services, and healing professions, as well as those who attend to the physical, emotional, and spiritual needs of others in a nonprofessional capacity, are encouraged to attend. A light lunch will follow in Saint Columba Parish Hall.

The 2026 White Mass will be held on the Feast of Our Lady of Lourdes, which was first designated as World Day of the Sick by Saint John Paul II in 1912. Our Lady of Lourdes, one of many names for the Blessed Mother, Mary, appeared to a young woman, Bernadette Soubirous (later Saint Bernadette) in 1958. A grotto was constructed on the site where the Apparitions occurred in Lourdes, France. Millions of pilgrims each year visit the Grotto of the Apparitions seeking physical and spiritual healing.

For more information contact Rachel Hrbolich,
Diocesan Director of Catholic Charities at
330-744-8451, ext.328.



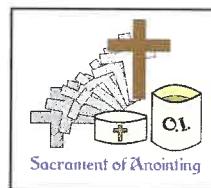
Would you like to give electronically? We offer debit from a checking or savings account (preferred method) as well as VISA, Master Card and American Express. If you are interested, please call the Parish Office for more information or to sign up. The form is also on our web site to print out, complete and turn into the office.

GUIDELINE 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).



THE SACRAMENT OF ANointing OF THE SICK

Please contact the parish office if you would like Father Lavelle to administer the Sacrament of Anointing. Due to Father Lavelle's many responsibilities both at our parish and the diocese, please allow time when scheduling the sacrament. *Thank you for understanding.*

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