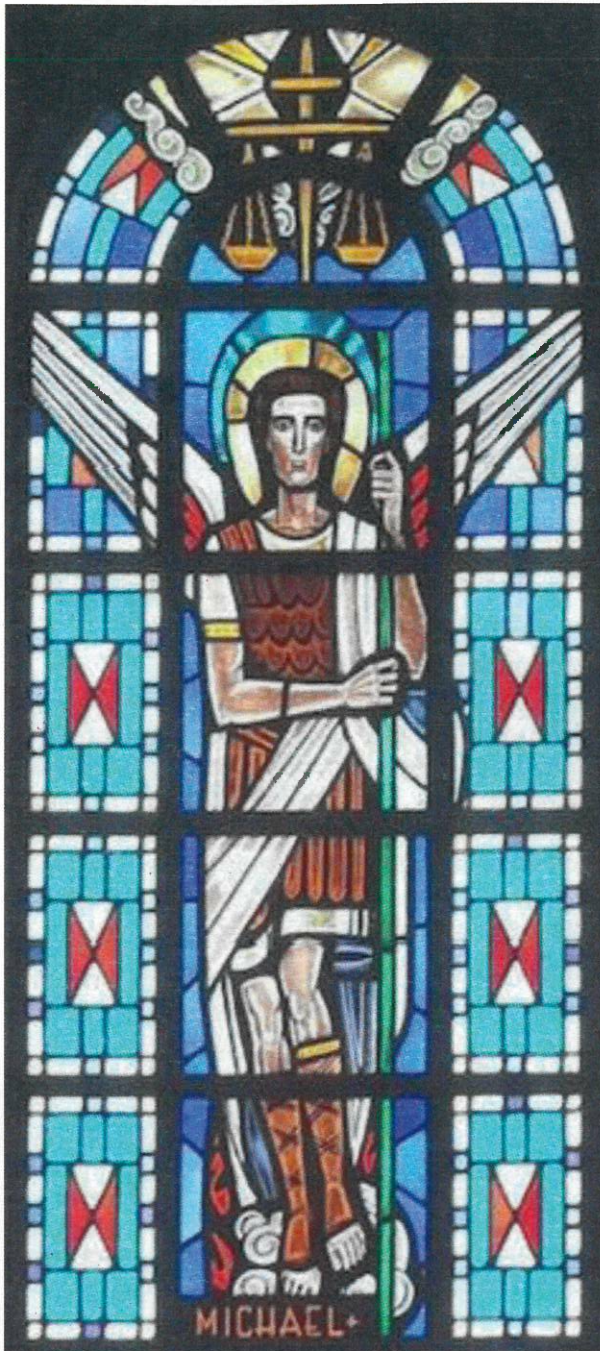


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A ROMAN CATHOLIC COMMUNITY IN THE DIOCESE OF YOUNGSTOWN



## 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)

## PARISH STAFF

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

Marcy Fessler  
*Pastoral Associate*

Katherine Garchar  
*Director of Music*

Maxine Gordon  
*Administrative Assistant*

Stephanie Howley  
*Business Manager*

Audrey Geskey  
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*Maintenance*

## 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  
Friday: 8:30am – 3:00pm

## 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, September 2

Labor Day

Parish Office Closed

No Daily Mass

### Tuesday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great

8:00am – Deceased Members of the DeCapua  
Family

### Wednesday, September 4

8:00am – Nick DePinto

### Thursday, September 5

8:00am – Tim Mikes

### Friday, September 6

No Daily Mass

### Saturday, September 7

**Vigil –The Twenty-Third Sunday in  
Ordinary Time**

3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm – Mike Geskey

### Sunday, September 8

**The Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – Robert Palma

11:30am – The People of the Parish

## YFF REGISTRATION

This week, the vast majority of our young people have headed back to school with others having a little more summer break until that first day arrives. We wish all our young people a wonderful start to the new year and pray that it will be filled with much success.

A reminder that our **Youth Faith Formation Program begins on Sunday, September 8<sup>th</sup> from 10:05am – 11:20am.** Our program runs from September through April. **In order to be in class on the first day, students MUST be registered.** If you have not yet registered, contact Marcy Fessler, our Pastoral Associate. **Please note that our Kindergarten class is full.**

Remember that faithful participation in the Sunday celebration of Mass is also required. We are looking forward to a great year as we move forward and grow stronger in our faith.



## “A CATHOLIC VIEW OF LABOR DAY”

Labor Day, observed on the first Monday of September in the United States, is often seen as the unofficial end of summer—a time for family gatherings, cookouts, and rest before the busy fall season. However, its deeper significance lies in the celebration of the dignity of work and the contributions of laborers to society. For Catholics, this day offers a profound opportunity to reflect on the Church’s teachings about the sanctity of work, human dignity, and our role in building a just society.

### The Dignity of Work in Catholic Tradition

Catholic teaching has long upheld the dignity of work as central to the human experience. Work is not simply a means to earn a livelihood but a vital part of our vocation as God’s children. Through work, we participate in God’s creation, cooperating with His divine plan and contributing to the common good. The Church Fathers, the saints, and countless Church documents affirm this truth.

### The Rights and Duties of Workers

Labor Day also reminds us of the Church’s consistent defense of workers’ rights. The right to just wages, safe working conditions, reasonable hours, and rest are not simply privileges but are essential to respecting the dignity of the human person. These rights are closely linked to our duties—to work honestly, to respect the common good, and to use our talents in service to others.

### Rest and Reflection on Labor Day

Labor Day is also an occasion to recognize the importance of rest, which the Church teaches is essential for our well-being. The rhythm of work and rest, as ordained by God, is a pattern for human life. The Lord’s Day, in particular, is a time set aside for rest, worship, and the renewal of our spirits.

### Conclusion

As Catholics, Labor Day is a time to reflect on the deeper significance of work in our lives. It is a day to thank God for the gift of labor, to honor those who contribute to society through their work, and to remember the Church’s teachings on the dignity and rights of workers. It is also a moment to renew our commitment to justice, ensuring that all labor is respected and valued.

In the spirit of the saints who saw work as a path to holiness, let us pray that our labors may always be pleasing to God, that we may find joy and purpose in our work, and that we may contribute to the building of a more just and charitable society. As we rest on this Labor Day, may we do so with hearts full of gratitude, mindful of our call to serve God and our neighbor through the work of our hands.

# Young at Heart

Mark your calendars for our first Young at Heart of the new season. We will meet on **Monday, September 9, 2024**, at 11:30am for Mass, followed by lunch and a presentation to follow. More information on the presentation will follow.

The cost this year is still just \$5.00 for lunch. **Reservations are required by the Thursday afternoon prior to the gathering (September 5<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm).** *Please plan to join us.*

## SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION FOR ADULTS



The celebration of the Sacrament of Confirmation for adults will be held on **Sunday, November 24, at 4:00pm at Saint Columba Cathedral.** This is a special opportunity for anyone (age 18 or older) who has not received the

sacrament to join with other adults of the diocese.

Candidates must register with our parish and be eligible to receive the sacrament by verifying baptism and marital status. A preparation program will be held at our parish. Sponsors must be a baptized, confirmed, practicing Catholic and may not be the candidate's parent.

**Please contact the parish office (330-533-6839) no later than September 15, 2024, to register and verify eligibility to receive the sacrament.**

### Parish Support August 25, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 9,700.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 5,300.00)
YTD Received	\$111,110.00
YTD Budget	\$120,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 8,890.00)



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

## VOCATIONS – August 25, 2024

*“Keep the commandments of the Lord”*

Seek a life deeply aligned with His divine will and purpose. If you feel He is calling you to become a priest or religious brother or sister, talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH



**Monday, September 2**  
**Labor Day**  
**Parish Office Closed**

**Tuesday, September 3**  
11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

**Wednesday, September 4**  
9:00am – Fitness Fun

**Thursday, September 5**  
8:30am – Bible Study  
10:00am - Scripture

**Friday, September 6**  
9:00am – Fitness Fun  
7:30pm – AA Meeting

**Saturday, September 7**  
3:15 Rosary

**Sunday, September 8**  
10:05 – 11:20 – Youth Faith Formation

## MEN'S CLUB STEER & EAR DINNER

The Men's Club will have its **Annual Steer and Ear Steak Dinner** on **Thursday evening, September 12<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm** in **Saint Michael Parish Hall.**



All club members and their spouses are invited along with spouses of deceased members as well as those interested in joining the Men's Club.

The cost of the dinner is \$20 per person and BYOB. To secure your reservation, send a **check made out to Saint Michael Parish**, and mail to:

Saint Michael Parish  
Men's Club  
300 North Broad Street  
Canfield, Ohio 44406

Checks can also be dropped off at the Parish Office during regular business hours.

**The deadline for reservations is Tuesday, September 10 by 4:00pm.**

*As always, expect great food, conversation, and fellowship!!!*

**The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, September 2 for the Labor Day holiday. We will reopen on Tuesday, September 3 at 8:30am.**  
*Have a safe holiday weekend!*

## IF INTERESTED IN JOINING A CHOIR

It is in the Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy, one of the documents produced by the Second Vatican Council, that we hear the often-quoted phrase of "fully conscious and active participation in the celebration of the Mass." The full, active participation at the Eucharistic liturgy involves conscious presence, praying, singing, and acting in union with the whole assembly. While the entire assembly is called to offer their praise in song, there is a great need for them to be led. We are very happy to have the talents of Kathy Garchar as our music director (with wonderful instrumental and vocal skills). We are looking to establish a choir to assist in leading the entire congregation in singing. While the greatest desire would be to have the same level of music at all three Masses (I always find it odd that one of the three would be exalted in some way), we are aware that this is most likely not possible. As this is all in the early discussions, we are simply at this time asking anyone who is interested in uniting their singing abilities to lead everyone else to sing as well to contact the parish office. Please do so by September 4<sup>th</sup>. At that time, we will schedule a session to discuss the scope and parameters of the new choir. Thank you.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Marylou Buck	Dale Hynes	Edward Mosca
Mindy Cline	Christopher King	Bill Myers
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Eileen Novotny
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Mike Roussos
Leslie Fisher	Patricia Lesho	Janice Rovnak
Jim Fisher	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Carol Ryan
Marilyn Fisher	Jayne Lynn Lowe	Jack D. Slifka
Jay Gettemy	Mary Lou Mack	
John Hahn	Vincent Mastromatteo	

## OCIA (formerly RCIA)

OCIA, the Order of Christian Initiation of Adults is the process by which non-Catholic adults join our faith. If you have never been baptized or baptized in another Christian tradition or faith, the OCIA process is your opportunity to learn about the Catholic faith and become Catholic. We will be working together with Saint Charles and Saint Luke Parishes starting in September on Monday evenings. If you are interested in becoming Catholic, please call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839 for more information and details.

## READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 8, 2024

### TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 35:4-7a  
James 2:1-5  
Mark 7:31-37

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, September 7 – 4:00 PM

**Lector:** John Morvay

**Server:** Noah Gilbert

**Euch. Min:** Joyce Sutton (X-H)

Barb Kubitzka (Font-C)

Diane Graham (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Don Kutsko, Mark Graham, Bill Petro

### Sunday, September 8 – 9:00 AM

**Lector:** Kelly Frammartino

**Servers:** Nate Ferguson

**Euch. Min:** Kim Maciukiewicz (X-H)

Brandy Tomory (Font-C)

John Tomory (Ambo-C)

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

### Sunday, September 8 – 11:30 AM

**Lector:** Judy Richley

**Server:** Daniel Herrmann

**Euch. Min:** Christy Berlin (X-H)

Tom Eaton (Font -C)

Brian Berlin (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Chuck Wirtz, Russell Layfield, Luke Scolieri

## 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over

### Wedding Anniversary Celebration



The Diocese of Youngstown is sponsoring a **Wedding Anniversary Celebration** on **Sunday, October 27, at 2:00pm at the Basilica of Saint John the Baptist in**

**Canton**, honoring couples observing their 25<sup>th</sup>, 40<sup>th</sup>, 50<sup>th</sup> and over wedding anniversaries in 2024.

The Wedding Anniversary Celebration will include Mass with the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of Youngstown, with the blessing of couples celebrating significant anniversaries. Each couple will receive a personalized certificate. Following the Mass, there will be a reception for the couples and their families in the parish hall. **You must make advanced reservations for this event by contacting your parish office and obtaining your pastor's signature before September 23<sup>rd</sup>.**

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### PRAYER FOR LABOR DAY

God, in your goodness, you have made a home for the worker. Make a place in our hearts for compassion to the men and women who labor tirelessly for basic necessities. Ensure a place for the men and women who are struggling to find work. Grant us your wisdom to greet and care for those who are unable to work due to illness or circumstances that prevent their participation. Be with the children who are not able to run and play, but instead must put in a hard day's work to help their family afford to eat, to live. Be with us all, Christ Jesus, as we go about the busyness of our work. Hold us accountable not only for our actions, but most importantly to each of our neighbors. May we continue to work together to bring about your reign! We ask this in your holy name, through the power of the Holy Spirit. Amen.

# PARISH



**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 29<sup>TH</sup>**  
**AFTER THE 11:30AM MASS**

Our Parish Picnic will be on the Piazza in front of the Church.

This year, we are asking families to bring either a side dish or a dessert, based on the first letter of your last name: **A - K – side dishes L - Z – desserts** (with enough for at least 12 servings).

The parish will provide the main entrée and beverages, along with place settings.

We will have a few surprises for our young people, and we will kick off our **2024-2025 Raffle Season** with the first drawing of **\$1,000** drawn that day! The 2024-2025 raffle packet will be mailed soon and will provide chances throughout the year for **\$10,000 in prize money**.

Please complete the portion below to make your reservation for the picnic.

### SAINT MICHAEL PARISH PICNIC RSVP

Family Name \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_ Number of children 12 and under \_\_\_\_\_

Side Dish or Dessert you are bringing \_\_\_\_\_

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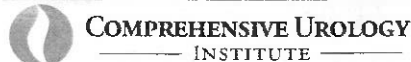
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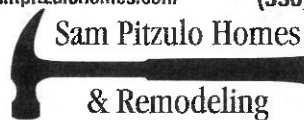


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