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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

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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  
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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, December 30

8:00am – Marie & Andy Skrobola

### Tuesday, December 31

**Vigil – The Solemnity of Mary**

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

### Wednesday, January 1, 2025

**The Solemnity of Mary**

10:00am – The People of the Parish

### Thursday, January 2

**Saint Basil the Great**

**Saint Gregory Nazianzen**

8:00am – Mary Louise Buck

### Friday, January 3

No Daily Mass

### Saturday, January 4

**Vigil – The Epiphany of the Lord**

3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm – The Sacred Heart Society

### Sunday, January 5

**The Epiphany of the Lord**

9:00am – Eileen Novotny

11:30am – The People of the Parish

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, December 30

Parish Office Closed

### Tuesday, December 31

Parish Office Closed

### Wednesday, January 1

Parish Office Closed

### Thursday, January 2

8:30am – Bible Study

10:30am – Scripture Sharing

### Friday, January 3

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, January 4

8:00-10:00am – Soup Kitchen

3:00pm – Reconciliation

3:15pm - Rosary

### Sunday, January 5

10:05-11:20am Youth Faith Formation



## WORLD DAY OF PEACE

Pope Francis on Thursday released his message for the 58th World Day of Peace, commemorated annually on Jan. 1, with three concrete proposals for people to embark upon a profound “journey of hope” in the 2025 Jubilee Year.

According to the pope, the path toward “a true and lasting peace” in the world is rooted in the petitions of the Lord’s Prayer and requires a desire for change on a personal, cultural, and structural level “in order to confront the present state of injustice and inequality.”

Renewing the appeals for peace of his predecessors St. John Paul II, Pope Benedict XVI, and St. Paul VI, the Holy Father called for the development of a new financial framework based on solidarity; the elimination of the death penalty in all nations; and, using a fixed percentage of money “earmarked for armaments,” to establish a global fund to sustainably eradicate hunger and promote education in poorer countries.

“If we take to heart these much-needed changes, the Jubilee Year of Grace can serve to set each of us on a renewed journey of hope, born of the experience of God’s unlimited mercy,” the pope wrote in his Dec. 12 message on peace.

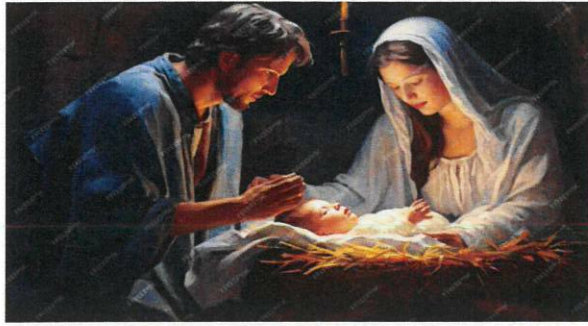
Prefect of the Dicastery for Promoting Integral Human Development Cardinal Michael Czerny, SJ, told journalists on Thursday that a “constant renewal of mind and heart” is needed to bring about future changes to improve the lives of the world’s most vulnerable.

“The Holy Father speaks about the poor countries. In our time, he says this must include the conversion of hearts,” he shared. “Conversion is a path traced by love for Christ that inspires, transforms, orients, and energizes us.”

“‘Love is patient’ says St. Paul (1 Cor 13:14) because it moves us from immediate needs and consumption and a logic of waste and self-interest to seeking authentic communion, service, the common good, the gift of oneself, ‘integral human development,’” he continued.

Executive Director of Catholic Mobilizing Network Krisanne Vaillancourt Murphy said this year’s theme “Forgive Us Our Trespasses: Grant Us Your Peace” affirms the American organization’s work dedicated to end to the death penalty, advance mercy, and achieve “restorative justice.”

Coinciding with the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, the World Day of Peace was instituted by Pope Paul VI in 1968 and has since been observed “as a hope and as a promise” each year “to give to the history of the world a more happy, ordered, and civilized development.”



*Please keep the following people in your prayers during the Christmas season.*

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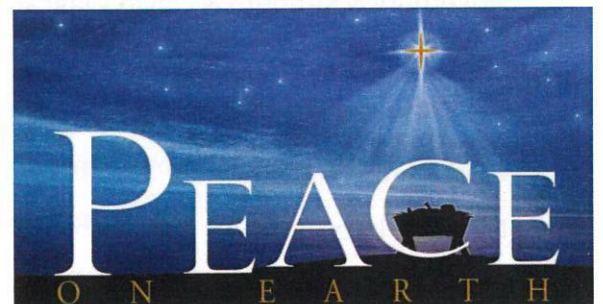
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### Readings for January 1, 2025

Mary, The Holy Mother of God  
Numbers 6:22-27  
Galatians 4:4-7  
Luke 2:16-21

### Readings for January 5, 2025

The Epiphany of the Lord  
Isaiah 60:1-6  
Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6  
Matthew 2:1-12

### YOUNG AT HEART

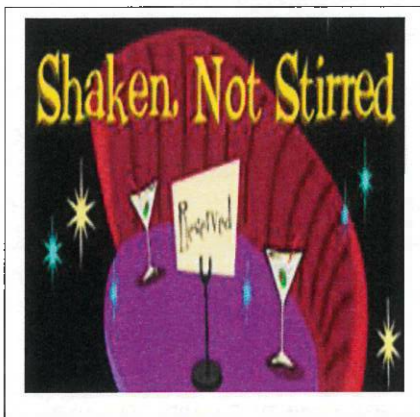
Our next Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, January 13, 2025**, with Mass at 11:30 and lunch and a presentation to follow.

### PARISH OFFICE

The offices will re-open on **Thursday, January 2, 2025**, at 8:30am.

### 2025 PARISH CALENDAR

Our 2025 Parish Calendars are available at the doors of the church. Please take only 1 per family. Thank you.



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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