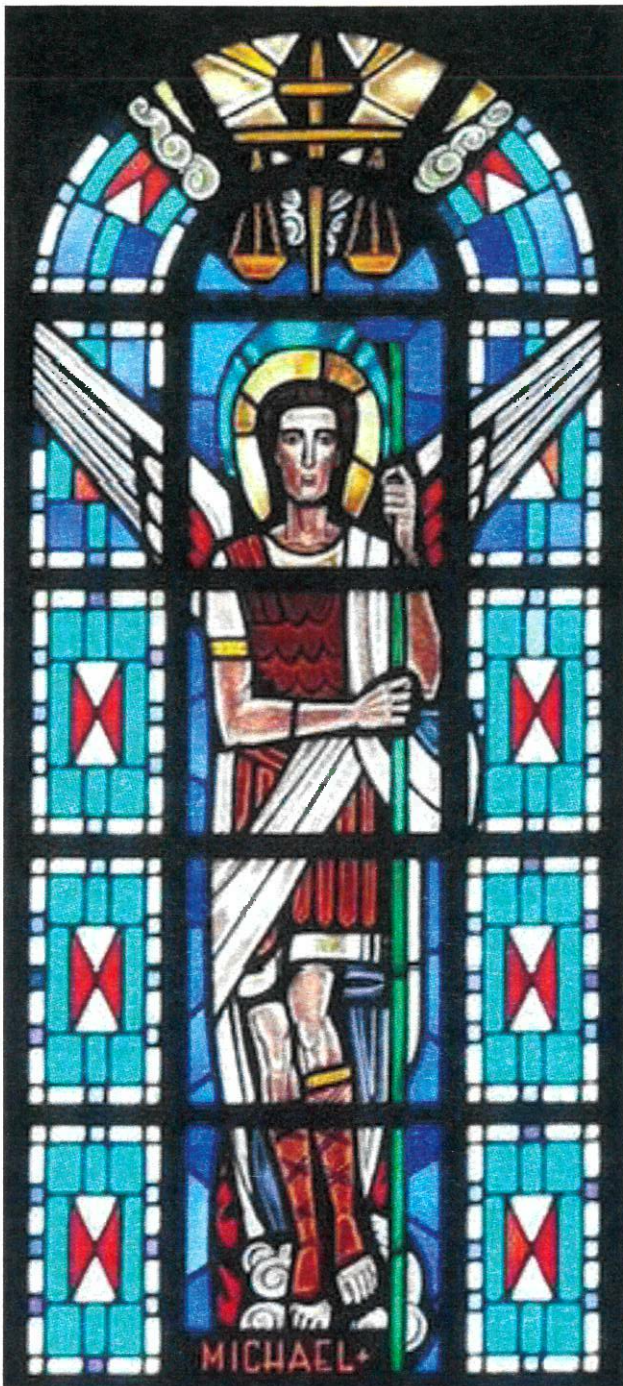


# SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

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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*

Marcy Fessler  
*Pastoral Associate*

Katherine Garchar  
*Director of Music*

Maxine Gordon  
*Administrative Assistant*

Stephanie Howley  
*Business Manager*

Audrey Geskey  
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Joe Serenko  
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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 Fridays (Memorial Day – Labor Day)

## 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, August 26**

No Daily Mass

**Tuesday, August 27****Saint Monica**

No Daily Mass

**Wednesday, August 28****Saint Augustine**

No Daily Mass

**Thursday, August 29****The Passion of Saint John the Baptist**

No Daily Mass

**Friday, August 30**

No Daily Mass

**Saturday, August 31****Vigil –The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm – Tony DeRosa

**Sunday, September 1****The Twenty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**

9:00am – The People of the Parish

11:30am – The Sacred Heart Society

**FROM THE PASTOR . . .**

Thank you to Father Keengwe of the Comboni Missionaries for presenting the Annual Missionary Appeal which happens in every parish throughout the Summer in the Diocese of Youngstown. A reminder that a special collection in support of the Missions will be taken next weekend, in response to Father Keengwe's homily.

As announced last weekend, Bishop Bonnar has asked that I assume the temporary role of Administrator of the newly merged Saint Pope John XXIII Parish in Niles (the former Our Lady of Mount Carmel and Saint Stephen Parishes). This is in addition to my responsibilities as Pastor of Saint Michael Parish, Canfield; Vicar for Missionary Discipleship; Diocesan Director of the Office of Development and Stewardship; and Diocesan Director of the Office of Communications. Father Bala Marneni will assist in the sacramental ministry of the parish while I will attend to the administration of the parish, along with an occasional weekend (possibly monthly). Thank you for your understanding during this time. It should be no great disruption to our schedule or activities here at Saint Michael.

There are a variety of ongoing projects here at Saint Michael. Work on the parish residence continues. I want to again remind everyone that various options were discussed. Initially, there were thoughts to renovate the existing rectory. However, it was made clear that there were too many issues. Then the thought of building a new residence on the property was presented. Unfortunately, a building that would match the other buildings and accommodate the possibility of an additional priest in residence and perhaps a seminarian intern from time to time, was cost prohibitive. Finally, the house on Sleepy Hollow came up for sale. Once renovated to meet the same occupancy described above, the cost is far less than a new building. Once completed, I will personally be covering the costs of all furnishings and contents. I have long held that as pastor, I am provided a living, not a lifestyle (that is up to me). I hope to be in the house by Thanksgiving.

We continue to make ready for the stained-glass windows to be installed between the church and hall buildings. Additional exterior lighting and landscaping, along with an additional piazza are in the plans. All of this has been discussed at one time or another. We look forward to having the Church in all its beauty on display. Thank you for your patience and understanding as we work on these projects.

**Boy Scouts of America**

Many know that unfortunately there are no longer any Parish-sponsored Scout Troops here at Saint Michael. I know there has been a long-standing tradition of scouting here and I know I have been held responsible for the change. I want to include a letter received by all parishes and schools formerly associated with scout troops. This statement is from our diocesan attorneys.

"As you may be aware, the Diocese has had concerns about liability arising out of Boy Scout Troops and other Scouting organizations regularly conducting activities on Parish and other Diocesan properties. The Diocese has spent over a year working with the Boy Scouts of America, which will be known as Scouting America next year, but the parties were not able to reach an agreement that would have provided an acceptable level of protection. Therefore, the Diocese has determined that its parishes and school facilities will no longer be made available to Scouting Units (Boy Scouts, Cub Scouts, Girl Scouts, Brownies, etc.) for meetings or activities, and parish and school officials will not serve as charter organizations for Scouting Units in their official capacities. This decision is based on liability exposure and potential conflict with Catholic teaching."

# 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 18, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 11,261.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 3,739.00)
YTD Received	\$101,410.00
YTD Budget	\$105,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 3,590.00)
Assumption	\$ 1,854.00



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

*Born to Eternal Life*  
*Alison Eichmann*



## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, August 26

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Tuesday, August 27

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, August 28

9:00am – Fitness Fun

6:00-7:00pm – Baptism Prep

### Thursday, August 29

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

### Friday, August 30

**Parish Office Closed**

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, August 31

No Events Scheduled

### Sunday, September 1

No Events Scheduled



## 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.



## Welcome our Newly Baptized

*Donald Duda IV*

Son of Donald & Ann Duda

*Maeve Rothermel*

Daughter of Andrew & Eva Rothermel

*Mia Grace Guarendi*

Daughter of John Guarendi & Alexis Stane



## 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.

## PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

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

## 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.

### READINGS FOR SEPTEMBER 1, 2024

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Deuteronomy 4:1-2, 6-8  
James 1:17-18, 21b-22, 27  
Mark 7:1-8, 14-15, 21-23

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, August 31 – 4:00 PM

**Lector:** Linda Kneen

**Server:** Volunteer Needed

**Euch. Min:** Ed Costello (X-H)

Maxine Gordon (Font-C)

Audrey Geskey (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Marleen Belfiore, Mark Graham

### Sunday, September 1 – 9:00 AM

**Lector:** Gerry Ricciutti

**Servers:** Michael & Nick Smallwood

**Euch. Min:** Tom Naples (X-H)

Juanita Sherba (Font-C)

Paul Sherba (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Richard Gary, Jim Naples, Jerry Laska, Denny Sanders

### Sunday, September 1 – 11:30 AM

**Lector:** Laura Lonardo

**Server:** Noah Gilbert

**Euch. Min:** Leslie Lewis (X-H)

Steve DeCapua (Font -C)

Roseann Peluso (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Jim Cleeland, 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>.**

## VOCATIONS – August 25, 2024

*"You have the words of eternal life."*

Could God be calling you to be a vessel of his eternal love and wisdom that guides and inspires others? Follow Him into a life of service to others as 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).



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### BLESSING FOR THE NEW SCHOOL YEAR

Lord God, your Spirit of wisdom fills the earth and teaches us your ways.

Look upon our students. Let them enjoy their learning and take delight in new discoveries. Help them to persevere in their studies and give them the desire to learn all things well.

Look upon their teachers. Let them strive to share their knowledge with gentle patience and endeavor always to bring the truth to eager minds.

Grant that students and teachers alike may follow Jesus Christ, the way, the truth, and the life, forever and ever.

Amen.

### HOMEBOUND MINISTRY

If you are homebound or know of someone who is homebound and would like to receive the Eucharist, please call the Parish Office (330-533-6839) so they can be put on the schedule.



### DESKS AND FILING CABINETS

With the recent renovation of the parish offices and preparing our catechetical space, we have a variety of metal desks and filing cabinets no longer in use. If anyone is interested in something, please come to the FLC this Monday – Thursday between 9:30am and 3:30pm. There is no charge, the items just have to be removed by this Thursday. Thank you.

### 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!!!*

### MILITARY LIST



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

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