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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  
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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



## Mass Schedule

### Monday, August 19

#### Saint John Eudes

8:00am – Ella Mae Serenko

### Tuesday, August 20

#### Saint Bernard

8:00am – Karen & Mark Curtis in honor of their  
50<sup>th</sup> Wedding Anniversary

### Wednesday, August 21

#### Saint Pius X, Pope

8:00am – William Michael

### Thursday, August 22

#### The Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary

8:00am – Celeste & Lawrence Teaberry

### Friday, August 23

#### Saint Rose of Lima

No Daily Mass

### Saturday, August 24

#### Vigil –The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

#### No Reconciliation

4:00pm – The People of the Parish

### Sunday, August 25

#### The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:00am – David Yatsco

11:30am – The Deceased Members of the  
Calvaruso Family

### FROM THE PASTOR . . .

This week, the Church marks two different observances focusing on two different mothers. The first of these mothers is celebrated in many ways throughout the year – Mary, our Blessed Mother. Having celebrated her in the Solemnity of the Assumption this past Thursday, this coming Thursday, we observe the Queenship of Mary. Having been assumed into heaven, she takes her rightful place as Queen of Heaven. Like a good and loving mother, she takes her place near her Son to intercede on our behalf. As faithful Catholics in every generation, we are encouraged to bring our prayers to her, trusting she will carry them to the heart of Jesus. How blessed we are to have such a model of goodness and generosity as our Mother in Heaven.

On Tuesday, August 27, the church observes the memorial of Saint Monica. Saint Monica is the mother of one of the great theologians in the history

of the church, Saint Augustine of Hippo. But he didn't start out such great saint. While legend has Monica's years of tears finally securing his conversion, it is true that he spent many years living a life of grave sin, much like his own father. After many years, finally with the assistance of Saint Ambrose (through Monica's intercession), Augustine converted to the faith and lived a life completely focused on the Lord.

Both mothers lived lives centered on their sons. And both mothers did so through their faith in God, the Almighty Father. Mary's trust in God brought Christ into the world. Monica's trust in God had her pray and work unceasingly for her son's conversion. Let us each, regardless of gender or role, invite the example of both Mary and Monica into our lives. May we strive to place our complete trust in God, following his will, and remain faithful to him always. And may our journey of faith serve as an invitation, not an obstacle to gathering others to a life of discipleship.

The placement of these two observances is preceded and followed by the Sunday obligation of Mass. It is here that our response to be more faithful to God is strengthened. We gather in Word and Sacrament to be sent forth on Mission and Ministry. The work of securing individuals to be more faithful to God is not the work of Mary or Monica alone. We are called to share in this mission. Take time this week to pray over someone you need to invite back to Church. Ask them to join you next weekend for the celebration of Mass. May the trust and faithfulness of Mary, and the constant prayers of Monica inspire us to draw ever closer to the Lord, and invite others to the same journey, which ultimately leads us to stand with Monica, Augustine, and all the Saints before our Risen Lord, in the company of Mary, the Queen of Heaven.

Have a blessed week.

On wings – we rise, Father Lavelle

**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 later.

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.

## THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

### Monday, August 19

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Tuesday, August 20

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

### Wednesday, August 21

9:00am – Fitness Fun

### Thursday, August 22

8:30am – Bible Study

10:00am - Scripture

### Friday, August 23

#### Parish Office Closed

9:00am – Fitness Fun

7:30pm – AA Meeting

### Saturday, August 24

No Events Scheduled

### Sunday, August 25

No Events Scheduled



### Parish Support

August 11, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 18,569.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 3,569.00
YTD Received	\$ 90,149.00
YTD Budget	\$ 90,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 149.00



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

## YFF REGISTRATION

Registration has begun for the 2024-2025 Youth Faith Formation Year, Kindergarten through Grade 8. We have limited spots for kindergarten, so be sure to register soon.

**Per Diocesan guidelines, children are required to attend Faith Formation classes for two years prior to receiving any sacraments. NO EXCEPTIONS.**

Active participation in all grades is expected in order to be accepted into Confirmation Preparation.

**Registration forms are available at the parish office and are due by September 4.**

Contact Marcy (330-533-6839) with any questions.



## BIBLE STUDY

Faith sharing about the Holy Spirit will begin September 12 in the Family Life Center from 1:00pm – 3:00pm and will take place monthly until May. Facilitated by Barb

Spencer, this adult faith formation program will be a combination of exploring the role of the Holy Spirit in the Bible as well as within our own life along with guided questions to reflect upon.

We will use the text *The Holy Spirit and Spiritual Gifts* by Stephen Binz, which will need to be purchased prior to the September session.

If you are interested, or need more information, please phone Barb ASAP (330-503-4756). Please note that you are to prepare at home with guided material from Barb/text prior to each session.



## YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

We need a few new volunteers to join our teams of catechists in grades 7-8. Every grade level has teams of catechists who work together and back each other up. Our current catechists will happily share their experiences from last year and answer some preliminary questions.

For additional information please call Marcy at the parish office (330-533-6839) to set up an appointment to talk about the expectations, requirements, and the Safe Environment process.

*Born to Eternal Life*  
Lawrence Ferranti



## 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	Vincent Mastromatteo
Dante DeAngelo	Jack LeBrun	Edward Mosca
James Dunn, Sr.	Bridget Dunn Leonard	Eileen Novotny
Jay Gettemy	Patricia Lesho	Mike Roussos
John Hahn	Barbara Dunn Lowe	Janice Rovnak
Dale Hynes	Jayme Lynn Lowe	Jack D. Slifka
	Mary Lou Mack	

## VOCATIONS – August 18, 2024

*“Always give thanks for all things.”*

Give thanks to the priests, sisters, and brothers who answered God’s call with open hearts to serve Him. Is Christ calling you to serve as a priest or in the consecrated life? Talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or [cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org](mailto:cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org).

## STEWARDSHIP – August 18, 2024

*“Whoever eats my flesh and drinks my blood remains in me and I in him.” John 6:56*

This line from Scripture is what ultimately separates Catholics from our Protestant brothers and sisters. Jesus is really present in the bread and wine that are consecrated at Holy Mass. It is His actual body and blood that we consume. This is the greatest gift that we can receive. The Eucharist shows us how great of love that Jesus has for each of us.

## 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.



**Just a Reminder: The Parish Office is closed on Fridays through Labor Day.**

## LITURGICAL MINISTERS

### Saturday, August 24 – 4:00 PM

**Lector:** Judy Richley

**Server:** Noah Gilbert

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

Diane Graham (Font-C)

Bill Petro (Ambo-C)

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

### Sunday, August 25– 9:00 AM

**Lector:** Sharon Harpster

**Server:** Nate Ferguson

**Euch. Min:** Mark Curtis (X-H)

Barb Woerner (Font-C)

Barbara Cummings (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Richard Gary, Greg Iaderosa

Mario Silvestri, Denny Sanders

### Sunday, August 25 – 11:30 AM

**Lector:** Roseann Peluso

**Server: Volunteer Needed**

**Euch. Min:** George Beelen (X-H)

Brian Berlin (Font -C)

Kay McCarthy (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Chuck Wirtz, Tom Wainio, Tom Eaton,

### **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>.**

### READINGS FOR AUGUST 25, 2024

#### **TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

Joshua 24:1-2a, 15-17, 18b

Ephesians 5:21-32

John 6:60-69



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## NEXT WEEKEND WE WELCOME FATHER MOSE CHRISANTUS KEENGWE

Father Keengwe is a part of the Comboni Missionaries which he joined in 2006. He has been director of a school, a parish priest and is currently opening a new mission in Kenya where he will construct a church, a rectory and a small school. There he will provide evangelization, education and workshops to the children and parents of the area.

The Comboni Missionaries of the Heart of Jesus were founded in 1867 by Saint Daniel Comboni, the first Bishop of Central Africa. Today, the Comboni Missionaries number close to 1,500 with an equal number of Comboni Missionary Sisters. Together, they serve in over forty countries in Africa, Europe, the Americas and Asia.

The Comboni Missionaries remain true to their original calling as missionaries, and often serve where the Church is new and where people are just forming their Christian identity. They also serve in marginalized communities, including some of the most impoverished places on earth. Their parishes can be the size of American states or within the slums of the developing world. Emphasis is given to evangelization, and to service to people who are poor, many of whom have no place else to turn.

Funds collected through the Missionary Cooperative Plan are directed to projects in Africa and Latin America to evangelize, to educate (especially girls and young women), and to create better living conditions, through clinics and the provision of clean water. Beneficiaries range from street vendors in Peru to the Pygmies in the Central African Republic to desert dwellers in Ethiopia, Eritrea and Kenya.

We will have a second collection the weekend of August 24 & 25 to support the Comboni Missionaries.

*Thank you in advance for your support.*

## 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>, 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

If you are interested in bringing up the gifts in the Offertory Procession, please see the ushers before Mass begins.



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