

# 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.  
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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  
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, December 9

#### The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

12:15pm – The People of the Parish

6:00pm – The People of the Parish

### Tuesday, December 10

#### Our Lady of Loreto

8:00am – Mr. & Mrs. Frank Panchik

### Wednesday, December 11

#### Saint Damasus I, Pope

8:00am – Celeste Teaberry

### Thursday, December 12

#### Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:00am – Father Terry Hazel

### Friday, December 13

#### Saint Lucy

No Daily Mass

### Saturday, December 14

#### Vigil – Third Sunday of Advent

3:00pm - Reconciliation

4:00pm – Frances & Frank Powers,  
Frank & David Kukura

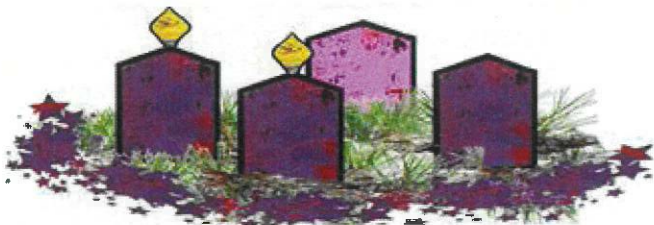
### Sunday, December 15

#### Third Sunday of Advent

9:00am – Tim Mikes

11:30am – Richard Panchik

### FROM THE PASTOR . . .



The word of God proclaimed today is like the shoot that sprouts from the stump of Jesse. God's living word blossoms in this place and shows us the ways of justice and peace. John the Baptizer announces the coming of the Word-made-flesh, calling us to prepare the way of the Lord. Each of us is called to work toward the day of the Lord, when there will be no more war, no more violence. It will be a day when peace blossoms in our hearts and around the world. May we work for peace in our time. *Come, Lord Jesus, Come*

### BLESSING OF THE BAMBINELLI

This Advent, we will continue with the beautiful tradition of the *Blessing of the Bambinelli* (the baby Jesus statues). This blessing will take place at all the Masses next weekend, December 14<sup>th</sup> & 15<sup>th</sup> *Gaudete Sunday (the 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of Advent)*. Please bring the baby Jesus figurine from your family nativity scene to Mass. At the time of the blessing, Father will ask everyone to lift up their statue for the blessing. This is a wonderful opportunity for us to share in the one Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, in all our homes during the coming season of Christmas. May God continue to pour forth the blessing of his Son into our hearts & homes this Christmas.

We are also asking that we extend the care for the baby Jesus by bringing donations of diapers, formula and other infant needs to Mass next weekend. They may be placed in the blue bins at the doors of the church or in the Sacred Heart Chapel (the bell tower). The items will be distributed through Catholic Charities and other agencies to those in need.

Thank you in advance for your generosity.



The penitential aspect of Advent urges us to recognize oneself as being a sinner, and therefore take the first essential step in returning to God. During this Advent Season as we look forward to celebrating the mystery of Christ's incarnation, let us pray that when he comes again, Christ may find us awake and ready to receive him.

Our parish **Advent Reconciliation Service will be celebrated on Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm in the Church.** Please join fellow parishioners as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

### SOLEMNITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

The Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to **Monday, December 9, 2024, a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass on December 9 will be at 12:15 and 6:00pm.**





**CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM**

Our **Christmas Giving Wreaths** are up at all the entrances to the Church. As in the past few years, we will again be asking for cash or check only donations. The agencies will, in turn, use the financial donations to secure what each family is requesting. **Please return all donations by December 16.**

The **Angel Ornaments** on the wreaths are for you to keep. We ask that when you prepare your home for Christmas that you hang the ornament on your ornament, you keep in prayer the family your generosity enabled to have a more joyful Christmas. All the angel ornaments have an envelope attached. The suggested donations are: light green - \$25; light pink - \$50; gold - \$100. Any amount you can offer is acceptable. We ask that if you wish to make more than one donation, that you take one ornament, and also take other envelopes from the basket near the bulletins. Donations may be dropped off in the secured donation boxes located near the wreaths, in the offertory basket or by mail to the parish office. We are extremely thankful for the overwhelming support our parish family has shown in past years. We are very hopeful that the same generous support will continue this year. God bless you all!

**CHRISTMAS FLOWERS**

A reminder to please fill out your Christmas-flower envelope with the names of loved ones to be prayed for during the Christmas season. A listing of all names in memoriam will appear in the bulletin on December 29, The Feast of the Holy Family.



In order to have names listed in the bulletin (and posted on our parish website as well), we must receive the envelopes by **Friday, December 16**. Again, thank you for your kindness. May God bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.

**MILITARY LIST**



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

**THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH**

- Monday, December 9**  
Parish Office Closed
- Tuesday, December 10**  
11:00am – Patriotic Rosary
- Wednesday, December 11**  
9:00am – Fitness Fun
- Thursday, December 12**  
8:30am – Bible Study  
10:00am – Scripture Sharing  
1:00-3:00pm – Monthly Bible Study  
7:00pm – Men’s Club
- Friday, December 13**  
9:00am – Fitness Fun  
7:30pm – AA Meeting
- Saturday, December 14**  
8:00 – 10:00am – Soup Kitchen
- Sunday, December 15**  
10:05-11:20am – Youth Faith Formation



<u>Parish Support</u>	
November 24, 2024	
Amount Received	\$ 15,461.41
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 461.41
YTD Received	\$303,667.41
YTD Budget	\$315,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 11,332.59)
December 1, 2024	
Amount Received	\$ 16,122.56
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	\$ 1,122.56
YTD Received	\$319,789.97
YTD Budget	\$330,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	(\$ 10,212.03)

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

*Born to Eternal Life*

- Dominic Raco*
- Kathleen Scarmack*
- Dayna Cooper*



**MASS CANCELLATION POLICY**

Saint Michael Parish will follow the Canfield Schools cancellation schedule for snow and cold. If the Canfield Schools are closed or on a two-hour delay due to the weather, the 8:00am Mass will be cancelled, and the intention rescheduled. The office and any other activities will also be cancelled or delayed, depending on the timing. Thank you.

**LITURGICAL MINISTERS**

**Feast of the Immaculate Conception**

**Monday, December 9 – 12:15PM**

**Lector:** Cindy Cleeland

**Euch. Min.:** Kim Maciukiewicz (X-H)  
Doris Layfield (Font-C)  
Kay McCarthy (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Marleen Belfiore, Don Kutsko, Bill Petro

**Monday, December 9 – 6:00PM**

**Lector:** Kelly Frammartino

**Server:** Nate Ferguson

**Euch. Min.:** Donna Wainio (X-H)  
Sue DePinto (Font-C)  
Sharon Harpster (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Chuck Wirtz, Tom Wainio

**Weekend Liturgies**

**Saturday, December 14 – 4:00 PM**

**Lector:** Jim Krivanek

**Server:** Lauren Smallwood

**Euch. Min:** Marleen Belfiore (X-H)  
Maxine Gordon (Font -C)  
Audrey Geskey (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Marleen Belfiore, Bill Petro,  
Anthony Nacarato

**Sunday, December 15 – 9:00 AM**

**Lector:** Brian Kerr

**Servers:** Michael & Nick Smallwood

**Euch. Min:** Janet LeClair (X-H)  
Sue DePinto (Font -C)  
Barb Woerner (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Richard Gary, Greg Iaderosa,  
Denny Sanders, Mario Silvestri

**Sunday, December 15 – 11:30 AM**

**Lector:** Roseann Peluso

**Server:** Abigail Riblet

**Euch. Min:** Christy Berlin (X-H)  
Brian Berlin (Font -C)  
Steve Hlavac (Ambo-C)

**Ushers:** Jim Cleeland, Tom Eaton, Luke Scolieri



*Welcome Our  
Newly Baptized*

*Amelia DiGuilio Moeller  
Romeo DiGuilio Moeller*

Daughter & Son of Christopher & Dominique Moeller

*Alina Tofilski*

Daughter of Christopher & Kaitlin Tofilski

**STEWARDSHIP – December 8, 2024**

*“And this is my prayer: that your love may increase ever more and more in knowledge and every kind of perception, to discern what is of value...”*

*(Philippians 1:9-10)*

During the Christmas shopping season, it is easy to get caught up in the frenzy of buying gifts. But is that “gift” truly an expression of your love for the other person. Or are you just fulfilling your “obligation” to give them something? To grow in friendship with someone, you need to spend time with them and learn what is of value to them. Maybe this year, buy less “stuff” and spend more time with those you love.

**VOCATIONS – December 8, 2024**

*“Prepare the way of the Lord, make straight his paths.” (Luke 3:4)*

John the Baptist’s call to prepare for Christ can also be a call to prepare your heart for a vocation. Is Christ calling you to serve Him 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).

**Readings for December 15, 2024**

**Third Sunday of Advent**

Zephaniah 3:14-18a

Philippians 4:4-7

Luke 3:10-18

**PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL**

Margaret Chizmar	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Dante DeAngelo	Jayme Lynn Lowe
James Dunn, Sr.	Francis Luongo
Leslie Fisher	Mary Lou Mack
Jim Fisher	Vincent Mastromatteo
Marilyn Fisher	Edward Mosca
Jay Gettemy	Bill Myers
John Hahn	Mike Roussos
Dale Hynes	Janice Rovnak
Christopher King	Jack D. Slifka
Jack LeBrun	Don Streb
Bridget Dunn Leonard	Caroline Zeigler

**Please Note:** Beginning in January the current Prayer List will be removed, and a new Prayer List started. If you would like to have a name on the new list, please call the Parish Office at 330-533-6839. Thank you.





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## GARDEN GUILD

Saint Michael Garden Guild will hold their Installation Dinner on **Wednesday, December 11 at 4:00pm at the Blue Wolf Restaurant, 1295 Boardman-Canfield Road.**



# Young at Heart

Due to the Feast of the Immaculate Conception on December 9, **Young at Heart** will not meet in December. Our next Young at Heart will meet on **Monday, January 13, 2025**, with Mass at 11:30 and lunch and a presentation to follow.

## CALL FOR RECIPES

The Catholic Echo magazine would like to feature your favorite recipes in an upcoming print edition! All recipes are welcome. We will prioritize recipes for which the Echo staff can find photos to accompany the entries. For more information or to submit a recipe, email [catholicecho@youngtowndiocese.org](mailto:catholicecho@youngtowndiocese.org).

**Please Note: The Parish Office will be closed on Monday, December 9 for the Feast of the Immaculate Conception. The office will reopen on Tuesday, December 10 at 8:30. Thank you.**

## DIOCESAN CELEBRATION OF OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE

**When: Thursday, December 12, 2024**

**Time: 5:00 Holy Rosary and procession  
of the roses**

**6:00 Holy Mass** presided by the Most Reverend David J. Bonnar, Bishop of the Diocese of Youngstown and Priests from the church that has Spanish Mass.

**Where: Cathedral of Saint Columba  
154 West Wood Street  
Youngstown, Ohio 44503**

Following the Mass, we will have a reception at the Basilica of Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 343 Via Mount Carmel Avenue, Youngstown, Ohio

Come to celebrate Our Lady on her day with song, prayer, food and traditions. After the celebration of the Mass, you are invited to the Basilica to celebrate and enjoy food which will be provided by local restaurants. There will be a presentation of traditional dances.

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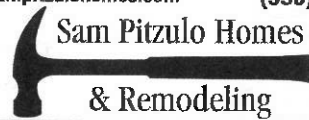


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