

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

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Director of Music

Maxine Gordon
Administrative Assistant

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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



Monday, December 16
8:00am – Special Intentions

Tuesday, December 17
8:00am – Ben Mangapora

Wednesday, December 18
8:00am – Mary Ann Rovnak

Thursday, December 19
8:00am – Richard Panchik

Friday, December 20
No Daily Mass

Saturday, December 21
Vigil – Fourth Sunday of Advent
3:00pm - Reconciliation
4:00pm – Rose & George Flask

Sunday, December 22
Fourth Sunday of Advent
9:00am – The People of the Parish
11:30am – Jerry Carter



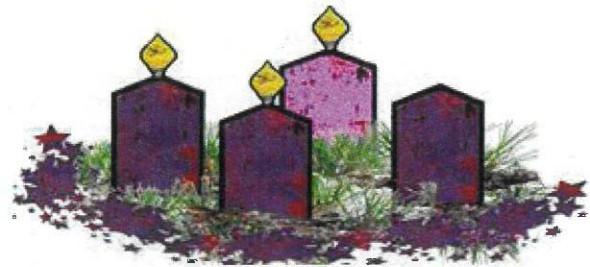
Our parish **Advent Reconciliation Service** will be celebrated on **Monday, December 16 at 7:00pm in the Church.** Please join fellow parishioners as we prepare for the birth of Christ.

BAMBINELLI SUNDAY

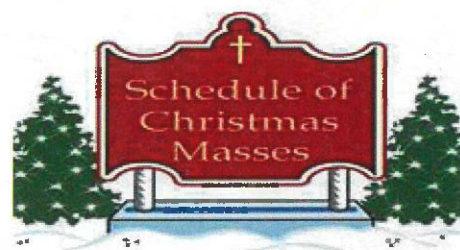
On this joyful Sunday of the Advent season, as we prepare to welcome the new-born King of Kings at Christmas, let us ask for God’s blessing upon our hearts and homes, family and friends. Let us pray for God’s blessing upon the images of the infant Jesus that will grace our homes during the Christmas season:

God of every nation and people, from the beginning of creation you have made manifest your love: when our need for a Savior was great, you sent your Son to be born of the Virgin Mary. To our lives he brings joy and peace, justice, mercy and love. Lord God, bless all who will look upon the image of the Christ Child in our nativities; may he remind us of his humble birth, and raise our thoughts to him, who is God-with-us and Savior of all, and who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen.

FROM THE PASTOR . . .



In this celebration of the *Third Sunday of Advent*, we are invited to look ahead. This day, once called *Gaudete Sunday*, resplendent in the rose-colored vestments and the lighting of the rose candle, invites us to see that as the journey of preparation continues, we are almost there, but not yet. The joys of Christmas and the Birth of our Lord are not far away. And yet, we may have reached a point where, although Christmas is not yet here in our liturgical celebration, the secular trappings have us ready for Christmas to be over by now. Sometimes we forget that the Church will begin a celebration of Christmas that continues well into January, with the celebrations of the Holy Family; Mary, the Holy Mother of God; Epiphany; and transitioning into Ordinary Time with the Baptism of the Lord. Yet, due to the worldly atmosphere we live in, we are ready to stop celebrating as soon as the last gift is opened. Let us continue with joyful hearts to prepare for Christ’s coming, and not rush the anticipation and celebration of His Birth. On wings we rise, Father Lavelle



The Solemnity of the Birth of our Lord (Christmas)

Tuesday, December 24, 2024
4:00pm & 6:00pm

Wednesday, December 25, 2024
12:00am (Midnight Mass) & 10:00am

The Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God

Tuesday, December 31, 2024 – 4:00pm
Wednesday, January 1, 2025- 10:00am



CHRISTMAS GIVING PROGRAM

THANK YOU to everyone who so generously and lovingly supported our annual Christmas Giving Program. The outreach made possible this Christmas is a true testament to the core value of loving one another. We are grateful to the team who prepared the ornaments, replenished the wreaths, and assisted in forwarding the funds provided to the various agencies, who, in turn, will provide the gifts and food necessary to provide a glorious Christmas for so many. While the vast majority of the contributions have been received, there are always some last-minute needs with which your gift could assist. Given this continuing need, we will keep the wreaths up through Christmas so we may provide for those who come to us even in the days following Christmas. Thank you, and as we prepare for our Christmas celebration, let us keep in prayer all served by this year's Christmas Giving Program. 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 **Monday, December 16**.

Again, thank you for your kindness. May God Bless us all with joyful hearts and loving remembrance during this coming Christmas Season.

Born to Eternal Life
James S. Paris



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.

THIS WEEK IN OUR PARISH

Monday, December 16

9:00am – Fitness Fun
6:30pm – OCIA
7:00pm – Penance Service

Tuesday, December 17

11:00am – Patriotic Rosary

Wednesday, December 18

9:00am – Fitness Fun

Thursday, December 19

8:30am – Bible Study
10:00am – Scripture Sharing

Friday, December 20

9:00am – Fitness Fun
5:00pm – AA Meeting

Saturday, December 21

8:00 – 10:00am – Soup Kitchen

Sunday, December 22

No Events



Parish Support

December 8, 2024

Amount Received	\$ 13,548.00
Amount Budgeted	\$ 15,000.00
Surplus/ (Deficit)	(\$ 1,452.56)
EFT November	\$ 13,913.00
YTD Received	\$347,250.97
YTD Budget	\$345,000.00
YTD Surplus (Deficit)	\$ 2,250.97



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

STEWARDSHIP – December 15, 2024

"Have no anxiety at all, but in everything, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, make your requests known to God." (Philippians 4:6) Saint Paul reminds us that God is an abundant God – He is the ultimate giver of gifts. He promises to give us all that we need. Remember, that we are created in God's image and likeness. We, too, are made to be generous with all of our gifts as well. Placing our trust in God frees us from being a slave to possessions. It allows us to gratefully and generously share ourselves and our goods with others.

Readings for December 22, 2024

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Micah 5:1-4a
Hebrews 10:5-10
Luke 1:39-45

LITURGICAL MINISTERS

Saturday, December 21 – 4:00 PM

Lector: Sister Dorothy Pawlus
Servers: Abby & Andrew Tuscano
Euch. Min: Linda Kneen (X-H)
 Tim Kneen (Font -C)
 Jeanne Neville (Ambo-C)
Ushers: Don Kutsko, Anthony Nacarato

Sunday, December 22 – 9:00 AM

Lector: Jane Kramer
Servers: Ryan & Zach Hlywa
Euch. Min: Barbara Cummings (X-H)
 Vic Buente (Font -C)
 Tom Naples (Ambo-C)
Ushers: Mike Fabian, Kevin Henchar, Jerry Laska,
 Jim Naples, Marty Repasky

Sunday, December 22 – 11:30 AM

Lector: Steve DeCapua
Server: Noah Gilbert
Euch. Min: Kim Gilbert (X-H)
 Mia Richardson (Font -C)
 Doris Layfield (Ambo-C)
Ushers: Tom Wainio, Chuck Wirtz, Russell Layfield

VOCATIONS – December 15, 2024

“Rejoice in the Lord always.” (Philippians 4:4)

Are you filled with joy at the Lord’s invitation to serve Him in the priesthood or consecrated life? This deep sense of joy is a sign that God may be calling you to share His love with others in a special way. If you are interested, talk to your priest or reach out to Father Chad Johnson at 330-744-8451 or cjohnson@youngstowndiocese.org.

PARISH OFFICE

The parish offices will be open through Monday, December 23, 2024 until noon. **The offices will close at noon on Monday, December 23, and re-open on Thursday, January 2, 2025, at 8:30am.** This will allow our parish staff some time with their families and friends, and a little rest from the very busy time leading up to Christmas. The answering service will forward emergency calls only. Thank you for your cooperation.

MILITARY LIST

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



EMERGENCY CALLS DURING CHRISTMAS

As has been the pattern for several years here at Saint Michael, the parish facilities will be closed the weekdays between Christmas and New Year, this includes daily Mass (Masses of Christian Burial will be celebrated as needed). The answering service will forward **emergency calls only** (the need for anointings or scheduling of a Mass of Christian Burial). All other calls will be forwarded to the office to be answered beginning January 2nd at 8:30am. Thank you for your appreciation of all the hard work our parish staff does throughout the year and recognizing their need to not only celebrate the holiday, but to take some needed rest before the new year unfolds.

CAN YOU HELP?

We are currently planning for our 2nd Annual **“SHAKEN NOT STIRRED”** event which will take place on **Saturday, February 1, 2025**. The Youngstown Cookie Table was such a huge success last year that we plan on doing it again! If you have a favorite cookie that you bake, please consider donating some for the event. Cookies can be brought to the Family Life Center the week of January 27 – 31.

We are also looking for gift card donations and sponsors for our food and liquor stations. If you are interested in sponsoring a station, please call the parish office. For gift card donations, you can bring them to the parish office or drop them in the collection basket and mark them for **SHAKEN NOT STIRRED**. Thank you in advance for your support!

PLEASE PRAY FOR THOSE WHO ARE ILL

Margaret Chizmar	Patricia Lesho
Mindy Cline	Barbara Dunn Lowe
Dante DeAngelo	Jayne Lynn Lowe
James Dunn, Sr.	Francis Luongo
Leslie Fisher	Mary Lou Mack
Jim Fisher	Edward Mosca
Marilyn Fisher	Bill Myers
Jay Gettemy	Mike Roussos
John Hahn	Janice Rovnak
Dale Hynes	Linda Schulte
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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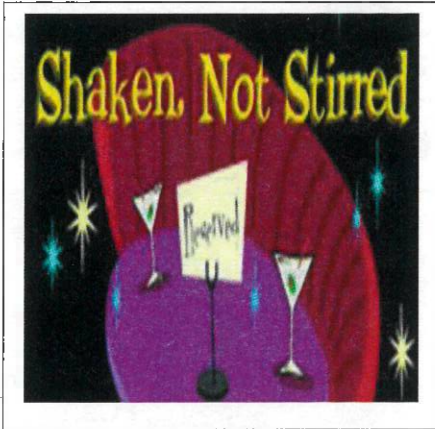
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CALL FOR RECIPES

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.

BLESSING OF THE CHRISTMAS TREE

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we illuminate this tree. May the light and cheer it give be a sign of the joy that fills our hearts. May all who delight in this tree come to the knowledge and joy of salvation. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen.



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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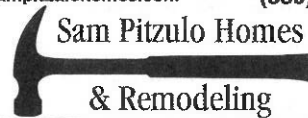


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