

St. Ambrose Church and St. Michael Church

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**First Sunday of Advent
December 2, 2018**



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**Sacrament of the Eucharist
Mass Schedule**

September - May

St. Ambrose Church
 Saturday.....5:00 pm
 Sunday.....11:15 am
 Weekday.....8:00 am

St. Michael Church
 Sunday.....9:00 am

Holy Day.....watch the bulletin
for location and time

June - August (to be announced)

Sacrament of Reconciliation

Confessions are heard the first Saturday at 4:00 PM at St. Ambrose and the first Sunday at 8:15 AM at St. Michael, or anytime by appointment. Communal Reconciliation services are celebrated during Advent/Lent.

Sacrament of Baptism

Please call the rectory to make arrangements for the celebration of Baptism.

Sacrament of Marriage

Engaged couples must contact the parish priest at least six months in advance of the intended wedding date. Marriage preparation includes sessions with the Priest and with a Sponsor Couple.

Sacrament of Confirmation

Confirmation is celebrated every two years in the fall. Preparation sessions for candidates and sponsors are mandatory.

Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick

Anointing of the Sick is available upon request. Please notify the rectory when parishioners are hospitalized. Communal Anointing is held each Spring and Fall. The Eucharist is distributed regularly to the homebound by the Priest and Eucharistic Ministers.

Sacrament of Holy Orders

Men who are discerning a vocation to the priesthood or permanent diaconate are invited to call the rectory or the Diocesan Vocation Office (330-744-8451). Women discerning a call to religious life are invited to call the rectory or the Diocesan Vocation Office.

Religious Education Classes

PSR and Youth Ministry (September through April) Sundays 10:00 to 11:00 AM at the J. A. Garfield Elem. School (PSR) and St. Ambrose church hall (Youth Ministry).

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults

Adults desiring to become Catholic are invited to participate in the R.C.I.A. The "R.C.I.A. Adapted for Children" is for children in the third grade or older who have not been baptized or celebrated their first Eucharist. For more information, please contact the rectory.

Parish Registration

New parishioners are asked to please call or stop by the rectory to register. If you are changing your address or moving out of the parish, please notify us.

Bulletin Deadline

Please submit all articles for the bulletin no later than Monday of each week.

MASS INTENTIONS FOR THE WEEK

Saturday, Dec. 1, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SA) Marie Jakubec (Ryser Family)
Sunday, Dec. 2, First Sunday of Advent
 9:00 a.m. (SM) Tommi Kudravy (Dad, Mom & Family)
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Howie Smith (Wife, Carolee)
Monday, Dec. 3, St. Francis Xavier
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Alpha Humenik
 (Jerry & Diane Humenik)
Tuesday, Dec. 4, Advent Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Elizabeth Mack (Norm & Pat Mack)
Wednesday, Dec. 5, Advent Weekday
 No Mass
Thursday, Dec. 6, Advent Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Vocations to the Priesthood &
 Religious Life (A & R Society)
Friday, Dec. 7, St. Ambrose
 8:00 a.m. (SA) For the Parishioners
**Friday, Dec. 7, The Immaculate Conception of the
 Blessed Virgin Mary**
 7:00 p.m. (SA) Edgar & Mary Delbarre (Family)
Saturday, Dec. 8, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SA) Elizabeth Lennert (Family)
Sunday, Dec. 9, Second Sunday of Advent
 9:00 a.m. (SM) Marcia Byich (Andy & Karen Olson)
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Mary Korber (Family)

Church Key: (SA) - St. Ambrose (SM) - St. Michael

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 2:1-5; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27-31
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4;
 Eph 1:3-6, 11-12; Lk 1:26-38
 Sunday: Bar 5:1-9; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 1:4-6, 8-11; Lk 3:1-6

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Dec. 8-9

Saturday, Dec. 8
 5:00 p.m. (SA)
 Altar Server: A. & S. Blohm
 Euch. Min.: K. Painley, J. Hammar,
 P. Schwendeman
 Lector: L. Barcikoski
 Usher/Greeter: K. & C. Painley
Sunday, Dec. 9
 9:00 a.m. (SM)
 Altar Server: S. Esposito
 Euch. Min.: P. Nutter, R. Adams
 Lector: G. Pietra
Sunday, Dec. 9
 11:15 a.m. (SA)
 Altar Server: L. & W. Orlowski
 Euch. Min.: D. McCullough,
 D. Eggert, P. Johnston
 Lector: C. Milko
 Usher/Greeter: C. Gravatt, G. Kuhn,
 A. Bennett

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
 (Psalm 25)
To you, O Lord, I lift my soul.
To you I lift my soul.

The Promise of Justice

We are in fairly good company when we ask God for justice. Often enough we hear and agree with the lament of the people of Israel asking God why the wicked prosper. However, when we call out for justice, we usually want someone to get his or her comeuppance. God's justice is something other than this, of course. God's justice comprises a wonderful rightness between God and humankind. Today, Jeremiah looks ahead to a time when a just one will sprout from the shorn-off stump of Jesse of the house and family of David. Life was not fair in Jeremiah's time. Israel's kings held the promise of God's fidelity, but it was difficult to see how God's promise could be realized through them. Nevertheless, Jeremiah lifts his voice and announces that the Promised One will come. Luke's Gospel echoes that announcement, and Paul is filled with sturdy encouragement. And so Advent begins with a promise. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Advent

The Season of Advent

This Sunday marks the beginning of Advent. It is during this time that we are asked to prepare the way of the Lord within our hearts and homes. Traditionally, we use the symbol of the Advent Wreath to prepare for the coming of Christmas. We look for the light of the Lord to help us with our everyday preparations. With this thought in mind, you may now start to look for a little candle (☉) within this bulletin. Next week look for two candles to symbolize the Second Sunday of Advent, and so on, and so on.

Save these Dates!

Santa Claus is coming to town! The men of Windham K of C will have lunch with Santa this Sunday, Dec. 2 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Michael hall. Hot dogs and chips will be served. The men of St. Ambrose K of C will be having their annual Breakfast with Santa on next Saturday, Dec. 8.

Immaculate Conception



Holy Day - Immaculate Conception

Saturday, Dec. 8, is the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of Mary. It remains a holy day of obligation even though it is on Saturday. Mass for the holy day is scheduled at St. Ambrose Church on Friday, Dec. 7, at 7:00 p.m. **Liturgical ministers are not assigned for the Holy Day so volunteers will be appreciated. Please call the rectory at 330-527-4105.**

St. Ambrose Christmas Concert

The annual St. Ambrose Christmas Concert will be held on Sunday, Dec. 16, at 3:00 p.m. Mark your calendars!

PSR AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

CCD and Youth Ministry

Classes resume today, Sunday, Dec. 2 at 10:00 a.m.

A Fuzzy Friend For You...

The Social Action Committee and our PSR program are again sponsoring a collection of **new, average-sized stuffed animals** to be distributed to nearby children's hospitals. This project is in memory of Melana Matson as she was an avid animal collector. She went home to Jesus after suffering an incurable brain tumor. Animals can be brought to PSR from Nov. 4 through Dec. 9.



Pennies From Heaven

This year, as in the past, we will be collecting "pennies" to purchase gift baskets for our St. Ambrose homebound parishioners. We will be collecting money from Nov. 4 through Dec. 9. We are requesting that each child donate one dollar. This will total over \$100.00 and we can purchase some very nice gifts. Please be generous!

From the Desk of Fr. Steve FYI...

Our office hours in the rectory are Monday to Friday from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. If you have a need beyond these hours, please make arrangements with Gloria or Fr. Steve. Thank you!

Communal Penance Service & Confessions

The Portage County Deanery will be holding one Advent Communal Penance Service on Tuesday, Dec. 11, at 7:00 p.m. at Immaculate Conception. Confessions will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 18, from 7:00 p.m. until 8:00 p.m. here at St. Ambrose Church.



Ministry of Care: Prayer Request

If you have a special prayer request, please let Trish Danku know. You can call Trish at home in the evenings at 330-802-2463 or email her at gdanku@neo.rr.com. Please put St. Ambrose Prayer Team in the subject line when you email her.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Anyone interested in reforming the Prayer Shawl Ministry should contact Marie Elium at 330-322-8561 or email her at eliums4gmail.com. We will be meeting in early December to resume knitting and crocheting prayer shawls for parishioners and others in need

Peterson Nuts

The women of the 2019 renewal team are selling Peterson's Nuts after masses at St. Ambrose and St. Michael, just in time for your holiday table or gifting. Your contribution to our fund raiser helps pay for women attending our CRHP renewal weekend on May 4-5, 2019.



Christmas Flower Envelope

Parishioners are encouraged to please use the Christmas Flower envelope. Your contribution helps to defray the cost of our Christmas flowers and decorations. Thank you very much for your generosity!

Discernment Retreat

Men (18 & older) who would like to find out more about the calling God has for their life, are invited to attend a discernment retreat the weekend of Dec. 14 - 16. The retreat will begin on Friday evening at 6:00 p.m. and conclude on Sunday at noon and will be held at Villa Maria Retreat Center in Villa Maria, PA. Men will have the opportunity for prayer – personal and communal – discussions with men who are actively discerning – informational conferences and time to speak with our seminarians about their discernment. There is no cost to attend. For more information call the Vocations Office at 330-744-8451 or email Fr. Christopher Luoni at cluoni@youngstowndiocese.org. To register, go to: youngstownvocations.org

Youth Ministry Mass for Life in Washington DC

St. Ambrose and St. Michael Youth Ministry will be attending the national March for Life and Youth Mass for Life in Washington DC on January 18, 2019. This will be a charter bus trip and several other area Youth Groups will be attending with us. We have been fundraising all year, but this is an expensive, yet worthwhile, endeavor. Our cost ends up being around \$60.00 per attendee. If you would like to financially support for our trip, please consider sponsoring one of our young attendees. We hope to have about twenty of us attend. Your donation could be dropped in the offering basket or sent to the rectory, payable to St. Ambrose Youth Ministry.

Project Rachel Outreach

Do you know someone suffering after abortion? There is Hope and Healing available. For CONFIDENTIAL help contact Project Rachel of N.E. Ohio at 888-259-4806.

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, December 2
 10:00 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
 10:00 a.m. Youth Ministry (hall)
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Tuesday, December 4
 6:45 p.m. Bingo (hall)

Wednesday, December 5
 7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)

Friday, December 7
 7:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass (church)

Saturday, December 8
 10:00 a.m. Breakfast With Santa (hall)
 4:25 p.m. Praying the Rosary (church)

Sunday, December 9
 10:00 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
 10:00 a.m. Youth Ministry (hall)
 8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Sunday's Collection (11/18/18): \$2,158.00
Last Sunday's Collection: \$1,596.00
Religious Retirement Collection \$1,462.00

Bingo at St. Ambrose

Doors open on Tuesday, Dec. 4, at 5:45 p.m. Games (early bird) start at 6:45 p.m. in the parish hall. Workers: M. Ryser, T. Motz, P. James, D. Crane, K. Motz, K. Brahler, A. Bennett.

Happy Feast Day!

This Friday, Dec. 7, is the Feast of St. Ambrose. Mass will be celebrated at 8:00 a.m.

Christmas Ca\$h Winners

The daily drawing began on Dec. 1 and runs through Christmas day, when the winning ticket will win \$500.00. Because the bulletin is sent out early in the week to the company who prints it, we will publish the winners of each week in the following week's bulletin.

Sister Parish Envelope

In your contribution packets, there is a specially marked envelope for those who wish to make a monetary donation to our brothers and sisters at our "sister parish" in El Salvador, San Rafael. You can be assured that whatever you can give will be greatly appreciated and will help further the mission of the Church in one of the poorest areas of our world.

Membership For The Diocesan Library

Did you know that St. Ambrose parish has a membership for the Diocesan Library? That means every parishioner, teacher, or catechist can get library resources mailed to their home FREE from the Diocesan Library. To sign up, call 330-744-8451 ext. 297 or email library@youngstowndioces.org. You can search the library catalog online 24/7, or call for suggestions.

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Thursday, Dec. 6
 7:00 p.m. Bingo (hall)

Sunday's Collection (11/18/18): \$509.00
Last Sunday's Collection: \$781.00
Religious Retirement Collection \$285.00

Bingo at St. Michael

Doors open this Thursday, Dec 6, at 5:30 p.m. Games start at 7:00 p.m. in the parish hall. **Floor Crew:** A. Olson, N. Kendrick, J. Crofford. **Kitchen Crew:** D. Kostrub, T. Kendrick

Hall Rental

If you would like to rent St. Michael Parish Hall, please contact Barry Cree at 330-326-2420.