

# St. Ambrose Church and St. Michael Church

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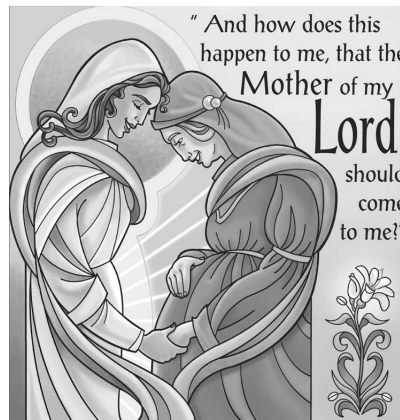
## Parish Staff

Mrs. Susan Pickett  
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## Fourth Sunday of Advent December 23, 2018



## 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, December 22, Sunday Liturgy**  
 5:00 p.m. (SA) Santo Scopilliti (Scopilliti Family)

**Sunday, December 23, Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
 9:00 a.m. (SM) Marcia M. Byich (Husband, Sam)  
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Frank Podojil, Jr.

**Monday, December 24, Vigil of Christmas**  
 5:00 p.m. (SA) Melana Matson (Norm & Joyce Fashing)  
 5:00 p.m. (SM) For the parishioners  
 9:00 p.m. (SA) James Baroni (Wife, Marianna)

**Tuesday, December 25, The Nativity of the Lord**  
 10:00 a.m. (SA) Francis Friedel (Family)

**Wednesday, December 26, St. Stephen**  
 No Mass

**Thursday, December 27, St. John**  
 8:00 a.m. (SA) For the parishioners

**Friday, December 28, The Holy Innocents**  
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Marian Macie (A Friend)

**Saturday, December 29, Sunday Liturgy**  
 5:00 p.m. (SA) Ralph Brookover (Dolores Leffler)

**Sunday, December 30, The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph**  
 9:00 a.m. (SM) For the parishioners  
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Howie Smith (Family)

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

**Liturgical Ministers Schedule for  
 Dec. 24, 25, 29 and 30**

**Monday, December 24**  
 5:00 p.m. (SA)  
 Altar Server: S. Dunn, S. Shea  
 Euch. Min.: K. Trzeciak  
 Lector: D. Smith  
 Usher/Greeter: L. & J. Barcikoski

5:00 p.m. (SM)  
 Altar Server: N. Baker, J. Walker  
 Euch. Min.: J. Knapp, M. Roubic  
 Lector: J. Crofford

9:00 p.m. (SA)  
 Altar Server: A. & C. Lysiak  
 Euch. Min.: L. Barcikoski, P. Schwendeman,  
 L. Stapleton  
 Lector: P. Fisher  
 Usher/Greeter: D. Minisall, K. Trzeciak

**Tuesday, December 25**  
 10:00 a.m. (SA)  
 Altar Server: J. & O. Mculough  
 Euch. Min.: B. White, C. Bailey, L. Rivera  
 Lector: D. Vincent  
 Usher/Greeter: J. Pesecky, T. Danku

**Saturday, December 29**  
 5:00 p.m. (SA)  
 Altar Server: S. Dorrance, O. Orlowski  
 Euch. Min.: C. Painley, K. Trzeciak,  
 L. Barcikoski  
 Lector: L. Barcikoski  
 Usher/Greeter: K. & C. Painley

**Sunday, December 30**  
 9:00 a.m. (SM)  
 Altar Server: S. Esposito  
 Euch. Min.: J. & T. Crofford  
 Lector: K. Olson

11:15 a.m. (SA)  
 Altar Server: M. Walker  
 Euch. Min.: D. Ashachik, D. Eggert,  
 P. Johnston  
 Lector: A. Ryser  
 Usher/Greeter: C. Gravatt, G. Kuhn

**Responsorial Psalm**

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:  
 (Psalm 80)  
**Lord, make us turn to you;  
 Let us see your face and we shall be saved.**

**Memories and Dreams**

Throughout our lives, we retain the language and habits of our native region and family of origin. Should we return to our home after a long absence, we quickly revert to its familiar speech and practices. Our deep memory is reflected in old stories and words and speech patterns. This familiarity runs like an underground river and accompanies us wherever we go. Not only do we remember, we are incorporated into and made part of a greater memory. In remembering and recollecting, we are in turn gathered up and re-collected. Today we remember Mary, a small figure travelling the country roads to visit Elizabeth. All the great pronouncements and dreams of the prophets point to this time when the Lord's words to Mary would be gathered and fulfilled. The memories of her people are alive in her, and memories of her nourish our own living faith. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**Many Thanks**

....to all those who came this past week to help decorate our churches for the Season of Christmas. May God bless you for taking the time to help make our churches a fitting place to celebrate the birth of our Savior.

**Christmas Mass Schedule**

Christmas Eve --- 5:00 p.m. (St. Ambrose)  
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 Christmas Eve --- 9:00 p.m. (St. Ambrose)  
 Christmas Day --- 10:00 a.m. (St. Ambrose)

**Oplatke (Christmas Wafer)**

For those who observe this tradition of using the "Christmas Wafer" with their Christmas Eve or Christmas Day meal, the wafer is available in the vestibule. Each envelope contains four wafers. A \$2.00 donation is asked for each envelope.

**Extra! Extra!**

If you need a Christmas offering envelope, they are available in the vestibule.

**Dear Parishioners of St. Ambrose/St. Michael,**

The Baby born on Christmas night gave all the world His peace and light, and may the joy He came to share be in your heart and everywhere! Wishing each one of you a Blessed Christmas and a joyful, peace-filled, healthy New Year! **Father Steve**

**PSR AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS**

**No PSR and Youth Ministry**

There will be no PSR or Youth Ministry today Sunday, Dec. 23, and Sunday, Dec. 30. Classes resume on Jan. 6.

**Confirmation Classes**

Confirmation classes will begin Jan. 13. The classes will be held at JAG Elementary School from 10:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. in Room PD1. All candidates and their sponsors are required to attend. The schedule is: Jan. 13, Jan. 20, Feb. 3, Feb. 10, Feb. 17. Confirmation retreat will be Jan. 26 & 27 at St. Joseph in Mantua. Confirmation will be held on April 6 at 1:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral.

**With Heartfelt Thanks**

Thank you to all who contributed to the success of our annual PSR Christmas Program. Special thanks:

- to the Kindergarten, First and Seventh graders who did a marvelous job of re-enacting the arrival of our Savior,
  - to their catechists for a great job of directing,
  - to those of you who donated the wonderful goodies,
  - to our maintenance personnel who helped set up & clean-up,
  - to the jolly Old Elf himself for visiting our youngsters.
- May God bless all of you for your dedication and commitment to our fine religious education program. **Sue Pickett**

### 2018 Annual Contribution Statement St. Ambrose and St. Michael

If you would like your contribution statement for tax purposes, please fill out the form below. Statements will be prepared **only** for those who request them. You may place the form in the collection basket or bring it to the rectory. Thank you.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Envelope Number \_\_\_\_\_

### Memorial Tree

Our tree in the vestibule is a "Memorial" Tree. You are invited to bring in an ornament with the name of a loved one attached and place it on the tree. We will remember them in our prayers.

### Dinner and Doctrine

The third gathering of Dinner and Doctrine will be on Tuesday, Jan. 15. This session is titled "United In Jesus" by Tom Sauline, from the Diocese of Youngstown. The tickets remain the same, \$25.00 for the meal and presentation. Call the rectory if you would like to purchase a ticket.

### Save the Date

CRHP Women's Renewal Team will be hosting their Annual Italian Night on Saturday, Jan. 26, from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. at St. Ambrose Church hall. Please join us for lasagna, socializing and a silent auction.

### New Parish Calendars

Once again this year Carlson Funeral Home has provided us with our parish calendars. They are available in the vestibule.

### "Giving Tree" Thank You

A big heartfelt thank you to all who donated to our Giving Tree. The joy you have spread is priceless! Thank you.



### New Year's Mass Schedule

Masses for New Year's will be on Monday, Dec. 31, at 4:00 p.m. (SA) and Tuesday, Jan. 1, at 10:00 a.m. (SA). Begin the new

year in prayer as we ask God's blessing and peace upon our families and within our world.

### Masses for Life

Each year in January we recall the infamous Supreme Court decision Roe v. Wade that effectively legalized abortion on demand throughout the United States. The Diocese of Youngstown hosts two Masses for Life as a prayerful reminder that we must protect and nurture human life at every stage of its existence. Bishop Murry will preside at the Masses for Life on: Sunday, Jan. 13, at noon at St. Paul Parish (North Canton, 241 S. Main Street) & Sunday, Jan. 20, at 4:00 p.m. at St. Columba Cathedral (Youngstown, 159 W. Rayen Avenue).

### 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 our trip, please consider sponsoring one of our young attendees. We hope to have about twenty of us attend. Your donation could be

### THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

#### Sunday, December 23

8:00 p.m. AA (hall)

#### Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (church)

9:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (church)

#### Tuesday, December 25 Merry Christmas

10:00 a.m. Christmas Mass (church)

#### Saturday, December 29

4:30 p.m. Praying the Rosary (church)

#### Sunday, December 30

8:00 p.m. AA (hall)

dropped in the offering basket or sent to the rectory, payable to St. Ambrose Youth Ministry.

### Immaculate Conception Collection: \$285.00

### A Bingo "Free Space"

Because Christmas and New Years Day fall on Tuesday this year, there will be no Bingo on Dec. 25 and Jan. 1. Bingo will resume on Tuesday, Jan. 8.

### Musical Rest

There will be no rehearsal this week for the adult choir.

### Children's Envelopes

The 2019 church envelopes for use by the children of the parish are in the vestibule.

### Christmas Ca\$h Winners

The Christmas Ca\$h raffle has been a great success thanks to the many who purchased tickets. The daily drawing began on December 1 and runs through Christmas day when the winning ticket will win \$500.00. Congratulations to the following winners:

December 10 – \$ 50.00 – Fr. Steve

December 11 – \$ 50.00 – Margaret Gearhart

December 12 – \$ 50.00 – Joe & Tracie Bookover

December 13 – \$ 50.00 – Adam & Maggie Timmons

December 14 – \$ 50.00 – Ruth Herrington

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.

### Food Collection Sunday

Next weekend is the first one of the month, so we remind you to brown-bag-it for the Food Shelf. Please check the expiration date of the food items before you donate them to the food shelf.

### Merry Christmas

As you leave Mass this Christmas be sure to pick up a copy of "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" - a special gift

### THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

#### Monday, December 24

5:00 p.m. Christmas Mass (church)

#### Thursday, December 27

7:00 p.m. Bingo (hall)

from Fr. Steve, St. Ambrose Church and Dynamic Catholic. Enjoy, Merry Christmas!

### Immaculate Conception Collection: \$55.00

### Bingo at St. Michael

Doors open this Thursday, Dec. 27, 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. Please come and support St. Michael Bingo! There is a chance to win one of several jackpots!