

St. Ambrose Church and St. Michael Church

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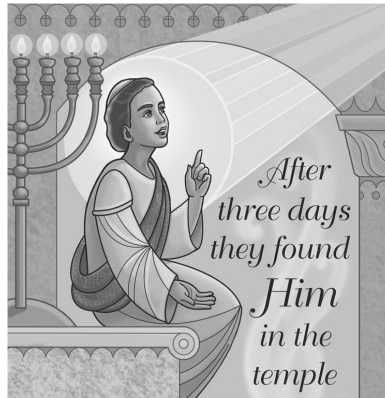
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The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph December 30, 2018



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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, 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)
Monday, December 31, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 4:00 p.m. (SA) Bev Sheller (Family)
Tuesday, January 1, Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God
 10:00 a.m. (SA) For the parishioners
Wednesday, January 2, SS. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
 No Mass
Thursday, January 3, Christmas Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) For the souls of the faithful departed
Friday, January 4, St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
 8:00 a.m. (SA) For the souls of the faithful departed
Saturday, January 5, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SA) Roger & Virginia Winchell (family)
Sunday, January 6, The Epiphany of the Lord
 9:00 a.m. (SM) For the souls of the faithful departed
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Edgar Delbarre (Family)

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: 1 Jn 2:18-21; Ps 96:1-2, 11-13; Jn 1:1-18
 Tuesday: Nm 6:22-27; Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8; Gal 4:4-7; Lk 2:16-21
 Wednesday: 1 Jn 2:22-28; Ps 98:1-4; Jn 1:19-28
 Thursday: 1 Jn 2:29 — 3:6; Ps 98:1, 3cd-6; Jn 1:29-34
 Friday: 1 Jn 3:7-10; Ps 98:1, 7-9; Jn 1:35-42
 Saturday: 1 Jn 3:11-21; Ps 100:1b-5; Jn 1:43-51
 Sunday: Is 60:1-6; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13; Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6; Mt 2:1-12

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for Dec. 31, Jan 1, 5 & 6

Monday, December 31

4:00 p.m. (SA)
 Altar Server: A. & S. Blohm
 Euch. Min.: K. Painley, J. Hammar
 P. Schwendeman
 Lector: L. Simpson
 Usher/Greeter: M. & J. Viggiani

Tuesday, January 1

10:00 a.m. (SA)
 Altar Server: I. & C. Johnston
 Euch. Min.: C. Bailey, S. Novak, L. Rivera
 Lector: C. Milko
 Usher/Greeter: J. Leonard, B. Voytko

Saturday, January 5

5:00 p.m. (SA)
 Altar Server: L. Barcikoski, H. Timmons
 Euch. Min.: P. Schwendeman, L. Stapleton,
 K. Trzeciak
 Lector: M. Schmidt
 Usher/Greeter: K. & C. Painley

Sunday, January 6

9:00 a.m. (SM)
 Altar Server: N. Baker, J. Walker
 Euch. Min.: P. Nutter, R. Adams
 Lector: M. Roubic

Sunday, January 6

11:15 a.m. (SA)
 Altar Server: L. & I. Blohm
 Euch. Min.: R. Coz, D. McCullough,
 M. Szabaga
 Lector: O. McCullough
 Usher/Greeter: D. & C Crane, M. Pesecky

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
 (Psalm 84)

Blessed are those who fear the Lord and walk in his ways, and walk in his ways.

Home is Where the Family Is

The idea, dream, and reality of family is so strong and durable that we use it to describe all that is best about human gatherings. We speak of the family of nations, of our church and parish families. The greatest compliment we can pay a friend or gracious host is to say that we feel at home with them, we feel part of the family. Families are the first crucibles in which love is tested and tempered. Jesus himself was one of three people who lived in the shadow of each other. This family, like our own, did not always “get it right,” but they always tried to. These three “amateurs” were on holiday, and one of them got lost. Two were worried sick and took great measures to find the third, a boy after all, who was seeking the meaning of his calling. He found his vocation—to do his Father’s work—but he also returned home with his parents. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



New Year’s Mass Schedule

Masses for New Year’s will be this 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.

Daily Mass Intentions

We are in need of intentions for our *weekday* Masses. If you have a special intention or would like to have a deceased loved one remembered, please call us at the rectory. The Mass intentions for our weekend Masses are scheduled for the next several months. However, there are plenty of dates open for our weekday Masses. The usual stipend is \$10.00.



What a Beautiful Sound!

Many thanks to the St. Ambrose Adult Vocal Choir for the beautiful Christmas concert! What a wonderful way to celebrate the season with God’s gift of music and song! How truly blessed we are at St. Ambrose to have the quality music program we have...one we should never take for granted. A big “*God Bless You!*” and “*Holiday Thank You!*” to all. A very special “*thank you*” goes out to Tess who brings the thousands and thousands of musical notes together to create the joyful sounds of the season!

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.

PSR AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

PSR and Youth Ministry

There will be no PSR or Youth Ministry today, Dec. 30. Classes will 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.

**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 _____

A Long List of "Thank You" Notes!

Preparing for the great celebration of Christmas takes a lot of time and work from many parishioners. We are truly grateful for those who volunteered so much to make Christmas 2018 at St. Ambrose & St. Michael such a beautiful and prayerful experience.

- We extend a very special thank you to the members of the Worship Committee and all those who helped to decorate our churches for Christmas.

- Thank you to all those involved with our music ministry: the vocal choir, the soloists and instrumentalists. With joyful hearts you helped us lift up our praise to God in song. Your many hours of rehearsals and the sharing of your talents are greatly appreciated.

- Thank you to all those who were involved in liturgical roles during our Christmas Masses: lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, altar servers, greeters, ushers, and music ministers.

- Thank you also to our families for your generous Christmas contributions. Your selfless giving enables us to pay the monthly bills as well as continue the mission of Jesus. May God bless you for your generous hearts. Christmas offering envelopes are still coming in. We will have a final total for our Christmas offering in the next few weeks.

- Thank you to all who gifted us at the rectory with cards, personal gifts and holiday goodies.

- But most of all, thank you to the families of St. Ambrose and St. Michael for your continued witness to the love of God, for your faith that gives strength, and for your dedication to your parish.



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 dropped in the offering basket or sent to the rectory, payable to

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

- Sunday, December 30**
8:00 p.m. AA (hall)
- Monday, December 31**
4:00 p.m. Holy Day Mass (church)
- Tuesday, January 1**
10:00 a.m. Holy Day Mass (church)
- Saturday, January 5**
4:30 p.m. Praying the Rosary (church)
- Sunday, January 6**
10:00 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
10:00 a.m. Youth Ministry (hall)
8:00 p.m. AA (hall)

St. Ambrose Youth Ministry.

Sunday's Collection (12/16/18): \$2,277.00

Christmas Ca\$h Winners

Congratulations to the following winners in our Christmas Ca\$h raffle:

- December 15 – \$ 50.00 – Frank & Elaine Barney**
- December 16 – \$100.00 – George Pach**
- December 17 – \$ 50.00 – Bob May**
- December 18 – \$ 50.00 – Bill Voytko**
- December 19 – \$ 50.00 – Maria Schmidt**
- December 20 – \$ 50.00 – Mark Rainey**

Next weekend's bulletin will announce the Christmas day \$500.00 Christmas Ca\$h winner. Many thanks to everyone who supported the raffle. It was a huge success!

A Bingo "Free Space"

Because New Years Day falls on Tuesday this year, there will be no Bingo on Jan. 1. Bingo will resume on Jan. 8.

Choir News

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

Food Collection Sunday

Next Sunday, Jan. 6, is the first Sunday of the month, and we ask that every parishioner help keep the shelves stocked.

Married Couples

Worn out from the Holidays? Feeling stressed? Are you looking for a way to avoid the winter blahs? Bring some warmth and refreshed intimacy back into your marriage with a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. Winter dates: Jan. 19-20 at St. Paschal Baylon in Highland Heights, or Feb. 15-17 at the Hartville Comfort Suites. Info: www.GreatMarriagesOhio.org or call 330-305-9963.

Merry Christmas

As you leave Mass today be sure to pick up a copy of "The Biggest Lie in the History of Christianity" if you didn't receive a

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

- Thursday, January 3**
7:00 p.m. Bingo (hall)

copy at Christmas.

Sunday's Collection (12/16/18): \$906.00

Bingo at St. Michael

Doors open this Thursday, Jan. 3, 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:** J. Duman, A. Malone, B. Nutter, A. Olson.

2019 Offering Envelopes for St. Michael

The 2019 church offering envelopes for use by the parishioners are in the back of the church.

Hall Rental