

St. Ambrose Church and St. Michael Church

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Fourth Sunday of Lent March 31, 2019



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Sacrament of the Eucharist Mass Schedule

St. Ambrose Church
Saturday.....5:00 pm
Sunday.....11:15 am
Weekday (Monday, Tuesday,
Thursday, Friday).....8:00 am

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

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

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, March 30, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SA) For the parishioners

Sunday, March 31, Fourth Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. (SM) Robert Adams (Rich Adams)
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Donald Bartunek (Wife, Marilyn)

Monday, April 1, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) For the souls of the faithful departed

Tuesday, April 2, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) For the souls of the faithful departed

Wednesday, April 3, Lenten Weekday
 No Mass

Thursday, April 4, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) For the souls of the faithful departed

Friday, April 5, Lenten Weekday
 8:00 a.m. (SA) Margaret Blum
 (David, Denise McCullough & Fm.)

Saturday, April 6, Sunday Liturgy
 5:00 p.m. (SA) John & Ann Marie Getts
 (Larry & Kathleen Stapleton)

Sunday, April 7, Fifth Sunday of Lent
 9:00 a.m. (SM) For the souls of the faithful departed
 11:15 a.m. (SA) Ginny Blauvelt
 (Sisters, Toni & Vernie)

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

Readings for the Week

Monday: Is 65:17-21; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13b; Jn 4:43-54
 Tuesday: Ez 47:1-9, 12; Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9; Jn 5:1-16
 Wednesday: Is 49:8-15; Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18;
 Jn 5:17-30
 Thursday: Ex 32:7-14; Ps 106:19-23; Jn 5:31-47
 Friday: Wis 2:1a, 12-22; Ps 34:17-21, 23;
 Jn 7:1-2, 10, 25-30
 Saturday: Jer 11:18-20; Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-12; Jn 7:40-53
 Sunday: Is 43:16-21; Ps 126:1-6; Phil 3:8-14;
 Jn 8:1-11

Liturgical Ministers Schedule for April 6-7

Saturday, April 6
 5:00 p.m. (SA)
 Altar Server: A. & C. Lysiak
 Euch. Min.: K. Painley, P. Schwendeman,
 L. Stapleton
 Lector: L. Simpson
 Usher/Greeter: L. & J. Barcikoski

Sunday, April 7
 9:00 a.m. (SM)
 Altar Server: N. Baker, J. Walker
 Euch. Min.: P. Nutter, R. Adams
 Lector: D. Kohut

Sunday, April 7
 11:15 a.m. (SA)
 Altar Server: I. & C. Johnston,
 Euch. Min.: D. Eggert, S. Novak,
 M. Szabaga
 Lector: 8th Grade Mass
 Usher/Greeter: J. Pesecky, T. Danku

Happiness

Happiness will never be ours if we do not recognize to some degree that God's blessings were given us for the well-being of all. — Anonymous

Responsorial Psalm

The Responsorial Psalm for this weekend is:
 (Psalm 34)
Taste and see the goodness of the Lord.

God Forgives

The Lord said to Joshua, "Today I have removed the reproach of Egypt from you." After forty years of wandering in the desert, this hard-headed people have finally reached the Promised Land. No more do they eat the manna in the desert, but they partake of the fruits of their new homeland. God has kept the promise to their parents in Egypt. Even though they were a sinful people, many times questioning God and even worshipping false gods, God has forgiven them and fulfilled the promise. The "take-away" for us is that there is no sin that is unforgivable. We may have offended our neighbors, given a bad example to someone, even worshiped the false gods of money and power. But God is a merciful God, true to the words spoken to us. God forgives all and calls us back to love. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.



Confirmation Affirmation Reception

This year we have **28 students** who will be confirmed on Saturday, April 6, at St. Columba Cathedral in Youngstown. **On Sunday, April 7, the confirmed and their sponsors will be recognized at the 11:15 a.m. Mass.** After the Mass we will have a reception in the church hall. Since there are so many being confirmed, I am asking for donations of crockpot items, finger-foods, or desserts. If, by chance, you can help me out, I would greatly appreciate your contribution. Please be sure to mark your name and telephone number on any items that you would like returned to you. Please call Sue Pickett at 330-204-5568 to let her know what you would be willing to contribute so that she can plan accordingly. Thanks to all of you, in advance, for your heartfelt generosity.

PSR AND YOUTH MINISTRY NEWS

Thank You!

A big soup kettle full of thanks for all those who joined us for soup and bread on Friday, March 29. The donations will be given to the area food shelf to benefit the hungry in our area.

Lenten Food Drive

Grades K thru 8 will be collecting canned goods and paper products thru April 14 for the food cupboard. Students should bring items to PSR. The class that collects the most items per child will enjoy breakfast at McDonald's.

Malley's Candy Sale

Our PSR students are selling Malley candy bars in five varieties. If you would like to purchase any candy bars, please call the rectory at 330-527-4105. **Candy orders will be at PSR on April 14. Also, all money for candy bars is due by Sunday, April 14 along with unsold candy bars**

Jesus Day

A reminder to second grade **students** and **parents** ... the First Eucharist mini-retreat, "Jesus Day," will be held on Sunday, April 14, from 12:30 to 2:30 p.m. in the St. Ambrose church hall.

Is Jesus Calling You?

Are you being called to teach the Catholic faith and proclaim the Gospel of Jesus Christ? Do you like working with children and helping them to develop their own personal faith and catholic identity? Would you enjoy passing along the teachings and values of the Catholic Church? Are you interested in becoming a catechist? The PSR program at St. Ambrose is looking to fill positions for our next school year (2019-2020). We are in need of catechists/co-catechists for grades 2, 4, and 6. If you are interested, please call Sue Pickett at 330-527-4105 or 330-204-5568 for more information. Please prayerfully consider the opportunity to inspire our youth in the love of our Catholic faith and the Good News of Jesus Christ.

2019 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church

A heartfelt *THANK YOU* to those who made a commitment to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal for Catholic Charities and Church. However, we need the support of all members if we are to be successful in reaching our parish goals of **\$13,543.00** for St. Ambrose and **\$4,991.00** for St. Michael. If you have not responded to the 2019 Bishop's Appeal, please do so by using the commitment envelopes available in the vestibule.

Eat, Pray and Give: Lenten Fridays

Eat, Pray and Give will begin this Friday, April 5, at 6:00 p.m. in the hall with a light, meatless meal. Following the meal we will be praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet in church. This week's charitable donations will be for the benefit of the Wounded Warrior.

Easter Egg Hunt and Breakfast!

Every young one is invited to the St. Ambrose K of C Annual Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 13. The Youth Ministry Group will provide a delicious breakfast at 9:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. with the Easter Egg Hunt starting at around 10:00 a.m. **Come Rain, Snow or Shine!**

Bike Blessing and Picnic

Our annual Bike Blessing at St. Michael is scheduled for Sunday, April 28. The success of the Bike Blessing is dependent upon your help!! As this event has grown (approximately 800 motorcycles last year), our need for help BEFORE, DURING and AFTER has increased! We also need picnic sides (salads - tossed, potato and macaroni & desserts - cookies, cupcakes and brownies), pop and water. We need volunteers to assist in many areas. Contact Tricia at 330-326-1230, Karen at 330-326-2972 or Tess at 330-978-1160. **A meeting will be held next Sunday, April 7, at 10:00 a.m. in the church hall.**

Calling All Cooks

We need your recipes!!! Please put your most tasty & treasured recipes: in the basket in the vestibule

email them to stambrosecookbook2019@gmail.com

enter into website at www.typensave.com

(user name: stambrose, password: potato768).

Send us as many recipes as you like---this includes **MEN** and **KIDS**, as there will be a separate section for them!! You may send in your favorite recipes **in memory of a loved one**. Please provide names and phone # for all submissions. Only names will be listed in cookbook. **Final date for recipe submission is APRIL 30!!!** For info/questions please call Robin at 216-403-5474 or email her at rapop428@gmail.com.



Save the Date - Family Bowling!

St. Ambrose Parish Social Life Committee will be hosting a Family Bowling Party on Sunday, May 26, from 2:00 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. at Sky Lanes Bowling Alley. Even if you don't bowl, it's a great way to socialize with other parishioners.

Altar Servers Needed

If you are in the 4th grade or above (adult) and have received First Communion and are interested in being a server, please call the rectory. New schedules will start on May 4-5.

Wedding Anniversaries

The Office of Marriage and Family Ministry, Diocese of Youngstown, will be sponsoring two Wedding Anniversary Celebrations honoring couples who will observe their 25th, 40th, 50th and over, wedding anniversary in 2019. The celebration will be held at 2:00 p.m. on Sunday, June 2, at St. Columba Cathedral, Youngstown. You must make reservations in advance for this event by contacting your parish office before May 1. Another celebration will be offered again in October in Canton.

THIS WEEK AT ST. AMBROSE PARISH

Sunday, March 31

10:00 a.m. PSR (J. A. Garfield Elem. School)
10:00 a.m. Youth Ministry (hall)
12:30 p.m. Confirmation Practice (church)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Tuesday, April 2

6:45 p.m. Bingo (hall)

Wednesday, April 3

7:00 p.m. Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)

Friday, April 5

6:00 p.m. Eat, Pray & Give (church/hall)

Saturday, April 6

4:25 p.m. Praying the Rosary (church)

Sunday, April 7

10:00 a.m. Youth Ministry (hall)
10:00 a.m. PSR (JAG Elem. School)
11:15 a.m. Confirmation Affirmation Mass/Reception (church/hall)
11:15 a.m. 8th Grade Mass (church)
8:00 p.m. AA Meeting (hall)

Last Sunday's Collection: \$1,773.00

Bingo at St. Ambrose

Doors open on Tuesday, April 2, at 5:45 p.m. Games (early bird) start at 6:45 p.m. in the church hall. **Workers:** M. & A. Rysler, P. James, C. Gravatt, M. & D. Rainey, L. Hurley.

A & R Society Rummage Sale

Time to clean house and donate any GENTLY used, CLEAN items for the A & R Society Rummage/Bake Sale on April 26/27. Please bring items to the right side of the garage at St. Ambrose Church. Help will be needed and appreciated on Wednesday, April 24, at 3:00 p.m. to move items from the garage to the hall. Many hands make light work! Thank you!

75th Anniversary Celebration! Save The Date!

On Saturday, June 8, St. Ambrose Parish will be hosting a dinner/dance at Roby Lee's Restaurant in Newton Falls. This year is the **75th Anniversary** of our parish! St. Ambrose Parish is picking up the tab for your dinner and also for an "open bar" for the first hour. Please plan on joining us on June 8!



Food Bank is in Desperate Need

The first Sunday of the month is always the time parishioners show their generosity by "brown bagging" donations for the local food pantry. While the need is greater than ever the food pantry is struggling to keep up. So if you have never donated before perhaps next weekend you will consider bringing a bag of non-perishable food or cleaning products. Just leave your bag in the vestibule!

Labels For Education

St. Ambrose Knights of Columbus have teamed up with JAG Schools for a "Box Tops for Education" or "Labels for Education" drive. There is a collection box in the vestibule. Please help the kids and JAG Schools. Thank you!

THIS WEEK AT ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Thursday, April 4

7:00 p.m. Bingo (hall)

Last Sunday's Collection: \$895.00

Bingo at St. Michael

Doors open this Thursday, April 4, 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:** K. Olson **Please come and support St. Michael Bingo! There is a chance to win one of several jackpots.**