

Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church

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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Available before/after liturgies.

Holy Mysteries of Baptism, Chrismation, & Eucharist Contact the parish office.

Holy Mystery of Anointing Contact the parish office.

Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the parish office at least 8 months prior to wedding.

Religious Education Classes Tuesdays at 6:00 p.m. at Hall.

ByanTEEN Youth Group Parochial/Community activities; see Keri.

GCU Call Ed Stanko at 330-758-4190.

St. Michael's Civic Club Call Nick DuBos at 412-726-8527 or email him at nicholasdubos@gmail.com.

St. Michael Hall, 405 Robinson Road Contact parish office for rentals.

St. Michael Cemetery, Sanderson Avenue Call Jerry Shirilla at 330-534-9104.

Your Will Please be so kind as to remember St. Michael's in your last will and testament. Secure our future.



WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 6:00 p.m. Sun: 11:00 a.m. HOLYDAYS: 6:00 p.m.

PRE-SANCTIFIED LITURGIES: Wednesdays 6:00 p.m.

Wisdom from St. John Climacus

"To admire the labors of the saints is good; to emulate them wins salvation; but to wish suddenly to imitate their life in every point is unreasonable and impossible."

"A servant of the Lord is he who in body stands before men, but in mind knocks at Heaven with prayer."

"To judge others is a shameless arrogation of the Divine prerogative; to condemn is the ruin of one's soul."

"In all your undertakings and in every way of life, whether you are living in obedience, or are not submitting your work to anyone, whether in outward or in spiritual matters, let it be your rule and practice to ask yourself: Am I really doing this in accordance with God's will?"

"The Christian is one who imitates Christ in thought, word and deed, as far as is possible for human beings, believing rightly and blamelessly in the Holy Trinity."

"Let your prayer be completely simple. For both the publican and the prodigal son were reconciled to God by a single phrase."

"Do not say, after spending a long time in prayer, that nothing has been gained; for you have already gained something. And what higher good is there than to cling to the Lord and persevere in unceasing union with Him?"

"Some people with a hot temper do not worry about it and ignore the remedies that would heal them. They forget, unfortunately, what is written: 'Surely anger kills the fool, and jealousy slays the simple,' (Job 5:2)."

"A charitable and sensible mind takes careful note of whatever virtues it sees in anyone. But a fool looks for faults and defects. And of such it is said: 'They have searched out iniquity and expired in the search.' Do not condemn, even if you see with your eyes, for they are often deceived"

FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST MEMORY OF OUR HOLY FATHER JOHN CLIMACUS



Icon of the Ladder of Divine Ascent



Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!



SAT., MAR 29
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)
+Francis Kotasek

requested by: M/M E. Tirpack

SUN., MAR 30

THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – The Sunday of St. John Climacus



10:40 a.m.

Holy Mystery of Chrismation of Lucia Marie Beatty

11:00 a.m.

+Joseph John Kinnick
(25th anniversary of passing 3.24)

requested by: Son: Joe Kinnick



TUES., APR 1
6:00 p.m.

ECF classes at our St. Michael Hall

WED., APR 2
6:00 p.m.

5th Wednesday of the Great Fast - No Meat OBLIGATED
The Pre-Sanctified Liturgy

FRI., APR 4

5th Friday of the Great Fast - No Meat OBLIGATED

SAT., APR 5
6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)
+Raymond Tirpack
(remembrance of 83rd birthday 4.17)

requested by: Atty. Brian J. Macala

SUN., APR 6

THE FIFTH SUNDAY OF THE GREAT FAST – The Sunday of St. Mary of Egypt

11:00 a.m.

+Dorothy H. Lisko
(2nd anniversary of passing 3.26)

requested by: Lynn DeChellis
& John Lisko



March 30 – Dr. Frank Turocy
March 31 – Connor Bigley, Bethany Manhollan
April 4 – Ed Stanko, David Vasilchek

Church Attendance

Saturday 3/22 – **53** (6:00 pm)
Sunday 3/23 – **44** (11:00 am)
Monday 3/24 – **17** (6:00 pm)
Wednesday 3/26 – **43** (6:00 pm)
Saturday (All Souls) 3/29 – **7** (9:00 am)

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: March 28, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Michael Drotar, Irene Fedorek, Ted Fesz, Greta Marks, Vera Orosz, Lucille Puhak, Martha Swantek, Ed Tirpack.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Boulevard, Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.
Vista Center At The Ridge (3379 Main Street, Mineral Ridge, OH 44440) – Ken Zahorsky.
Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Road, Columbiana, OH 44408) – Anne Thomas.

Church offerings from Mar 22 & 23, 2025

Sunday Offering \$1,750.00
Loose Currency \$64.00
Candles \$100.00
Holyday (Mar 25) \$45.00
TOTAL: \$1,959.00
Cemetery: \$400.00



March 23rd TOTAL:
\$170.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage) Overage
Mar 23	\$1,959	\$2,850	(\$891)
YTD	\$25,324	\$34,200	(\$8,876)



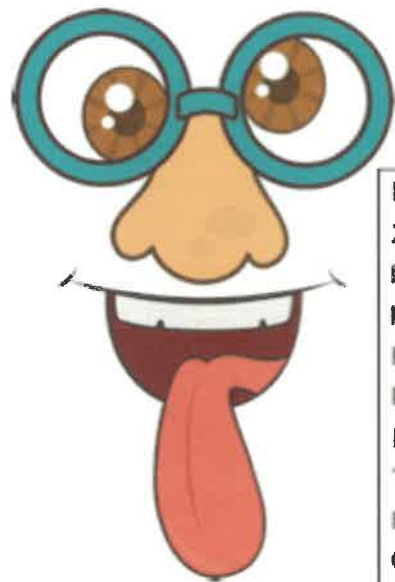
Quote of the Week

“When you put down your phone, it's easier to lift up your eyes.”

— Wendy Speake



WE SAID A PRAYER BEFORE THE GAME AND WE PULLED OUT A VICTORY ... I DON'T THINK THAT THERE WAS ANY WAY WE COULD'VE DONE IT WITHOUT GOD'S HELP



April Fools Day

April First

DIRECTIONS:
Find and circle the
vocabulary words
in the grid. Look
for them in all
directions including
backwards and
diagonally.

B U S I N E S S B D L E V I T Y T W C
X E K Y T X I J A N Q Y S G P Y R Y A
N H D S D F C U M U K R Z E Q J I M Y
M O K U X R E L B O I E J W S U C Q H
R O D R L R D Z O F T L Q A O E K J X
R D A P T E K O O B X O M C N H K A G
E W B R E Y D R Z M R O I K Q E O O Q
T I H I E Z L U L U N F S Y Q H T J J
H N S S L D J L E D V M C B R R F S O
G K Q E Y M L Y I N I O H F E S T N M
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A G L F I K I L W E N R E M A L U D N
L U E X F R K T S E S I F A C K U S K
T W G S K B P T G T B Q E L N P A U E
U S N A G I N A N E H S C A E Y Q I Y
F H B E N F W C P V U B R R V K C N I
S U O R E T S O P E R P A K U S F F Y
M T N F P P J R E O F E F E X H F W T
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APRIL
BAMBOOZLE
BEFUDDLE
BEMUSE
BEWILDER
BUSINESS
CAPER
DELUDE
DUMBFOUND
DUPE

FARCE
FIRST
HOAX
HOODWINK
JEST
JOKES
LAUGHTER
LEVITY
MALARKEY
MISCHIEF

MONKEY
PRANK
PREPOSTEROUS
SHENANIGANS
SILLY
SURPRISE
TOMFOOLERY
TRICK
WACKY



Deeper Prayer

Without prayer, we cannot even hope to establish a relationship with God. Prayer is that precious gift that allows us to communicate with God. Even our Lord Jesus Christ Himself prayed! Now while Jesus had said to us that our Father in Heaven already knows what we need even before we need it, He still commanded us to ask our Father in heaven for what we need. We need to turn to God whenever we are fearful, angry, sad, lost, or even happy. Prayer is that means of sharing our life with Him – remember, God provides to the one who asks! But we can only receive what we need when we truly turn to God with all of our heart, mind, and soul. We have the gift of free will – hence, we need to freely ask God for what we need. Prayer draws us closer to God and improves our relationship not only with Him, but in fact with the rest of the world. Love of God makes love of ourselves and love of others possible. Prayer helps train us to avoid sin and purifies us in a way to be receptive of God's graces in restoring His divine image in all of us.

Our first duty, above all else, is prayer. When we pray, we offer up our love to God and communicate this love to Him, and by extension, to others. Prayer is the means to attaining a divine intimacy with God. Unfortunately, it is way too easy to find excuses for not praying. Thus, when we pray, there are a couple of things we need to have in mind, especially if we want to discern what God has planned for us. Specifically these are:

--1. **Pray with all of your heart, mind, and soul.** It is much better obviously to humbly recite one Our Father with all of your being, with meaning and love of God, rather than reciting the Jesus Prayer 2000 times robotically and mechanically. Remember, we are trying to establish a relationship from our hearts with God, not simply go through mechanics. We are not here to pay lip service to God, but to really love Him and be intimate with Him.

--2. **Let God lead you.** The ultimate goal of prayer is union with God. God sometimes might be leading you into deeper prayer, such as meditation or contemplation. Sometimes, during your daily routine, you might even be led by the spirit to spontaneously pray an Our Father or Hail Mary. Don't fight the Holy Spirit, but let Him work in your heart.

--3. **Be sincere and humble of heart and remember who you are praying to.** Do not be like the proud Pharisee who haughtily boasted to God in his prayer that he was not like the sinful Publican, who instead did not approach near the altar and tearfully asked, "God, be merciful to me a sinner." God was angered by the Israelites of old for offering sacrifices to Him while openly sinning before Him. Remember to be humble and sincere, just as if you were to approach and dialogue with your grandparents or with a benefactor or ruler of state. Do not be proud, boastful, or wish evil on anyone. As St. Ephrem says in his prayer, to keep "my sins always before me." Be instead like the Publican and approach God with a spirit of conversion and humility.

--4. **Before any prayer, meditation, or liturgy, pause and gather yourself to remove any distractions.** This is important, because in prayer, we need to wholly devote ourselves to God. This is not possible if we are thinking about the latest sports scores, shopping lists, etc., or if our cell phones are going off in church. Shut off your cell phones, put away any distractions, and clear your mind before engaging in prayer. You know how distracting and rude it is when someone is talking with you and during your conversation is idly texting away on his or her phone. It goes the same when dialoging with God in prayer!

--5. **Set up a rule of prayer.** Think of prayer as a means of working your "spiritual muscles." Without a routine of working out, you will never achieve fitness of body. In the same way, one cannot achieve fitness of soul and develop their relationship with God unless they have a regular set practice of prayer. One suggestion is that you give yourself 5-10 minutes each day to say a prayer or read a scripture passage to yourself.

Spaghetti dinner in 2 weeks



The annual spaghetti dinner will be on **Palm Sunday, April 13th**. The dinner will be eat-in or take out. The price per dinner for adults is \$12.00; children's dinner is \$6.00. The time of the dinner is 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m. Your help is needed. Please sign the list in the narthex if we can count on you to help out.

Spring lottery basket raffle

A \$100.00 lottery basket raffle is now underway. 6 tickets for \$5. You can buy tickets in the narthex and at the spaghetti dinner. The winner will be drawn at the spaghetti dinner at 2:00 p.m.

Pirohi & Soup sale this Friday

This **Friday, April 4th** will be a Pirohi (potato, sweet cabbage, lekvar) (\$10 per dz) and vegetable barley soup sale (\$10 per qt). Drive Thru 2:00 -6:00 p.m. You may pre-order by signing up in the narthex or call/text Regina at 330-720-2100.

Guest Confessors available on Holy Tuesday

On **Holy & Great Tuesday, April 15th**, our Parish will have visiting priests helping our pastor with confessions following the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy at 6:00 p.m. We will also welcome faithful from area Byzantine Catholic Parishes. A reception will follow at our Hall. The priest confessors will be: **Fr. Miron Kerul-Kmec Jr., Fr. Michael Farynets, and Fr. John Welch, & Fr. Richard Lambert.**

Note to Altar Servers – plan schedules now

All parish altar servers are encouraged to serve Holy Monday-Thursday, and **REQUIRED for Good Friday, Holy Saturday, & Easter Sunday.** Servers please arrive at least 20 minutes prior to each service.

Everyone invited to feast on Holy Saturday

Following the blessing of baskets on Holy Saturday evening **April 19th**, everyone is invited to stay in the Hall to eat of the blessed Paschal foods. Paschal foods and drinks will be provided.

Last call for invite to Warren Church Centennial

SS. Peter & Paul Byzantine Catholic Church in Warren, Ohio, is celebrating their 100th Anniversary on **Sunday, June 29, 2025**. They are extending an invite to those who would like to join them on their milestone. They are charging \$50.00 per individual over 12. Under age 12 is complimentary. If you would like to receive an invitation, please sign the special sheet in the narthex by TODAY.


Our Holy Week Schedule will be published this coming week



SEALED WITH THE HOLY SPIRIT

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Congratulations to **LUCIA MARIE BEATTY** who will receive the Holy Mystery (Sacrament) of Chrismation on Sunday, March 30, 2025. This will now make her Byzantine Catholic. She will make her first Confession on May 8th and First Solemn Communion on May 10th. May God grant to His newly enlightened handmaid, Lucia, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita.

ECF Announcements...




Here Comes Peter Cottontail.....

Important Reminders

- 'Byzkids' annual outing to Kraynaks' "Easter Bunny Lane" is on **Saturday, April 5th @ 11:00 a.m.** Afterwards, everyone is invited to lunch. If your family is planning on attending, please text Keri at 330-770-9213. We hope that everyone can join us!
- On **Holy Tuesday, April 15th** we will gather @ 6:00 p.m. for the Pre-Sanctified Liturgy followed by an opportunity for confession. We attend this Liturgy as an ECF group.
- There is **NO ECF Class on Bright Tuesday, April 22nd** & our last class for this year is **April 28th.**

***The schedule for our ECF students to participate in Holy Week/Easter services will be forthcoming!**



Easter egg hunt on Easter Sunday for our kiddos

The annual "EASTER EGG HUNT" will be **Easter Sunday, April 20th** following the 10:30 a.m. Paschal Divine Liturgy. All children are invited.

IF YOU CHASE
JESUS AS HARD AS
YOU CHASE THE
THINGS YOU
THINK YOU WANT,
YOU WILL END UP
WITH MORE THAN
YOU EVER NEED.



Nothing will divide the
church so much as the love
of power.

St. John Chrysostom