

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 (ECF) Resumes January 13, 2026.

BryanTEEN 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.

Our Faith and Christ's Action

The liturgical service takes place on earth, but it belongs to the realm of heavenly realities. In fact, it was not instituted by a human being or an angel, but by the Spirit himself, so that those who are still living in the flesh should think of performing the service of angels.

O what mercy, O what love of God for human beings! Christ who is seated with the Father in highest heaven is at that moment grasped by the hands of all and does not hesitate to give Himself to anyone who wants to embrace Him and be bound to Him.

He whom the eyes of faith perceive is possessed by everyone.

You remember how Elijah was surrounded by a great crowd and had in front of him the victim for sacrifice placed on the stone (see 1 Kings 18). Everyone stood stock still. The silence was complete. Only the prophet raised a prayer. Suddenly from heaven came down fire on the victim. It was a marvelous spectacle that filled everyone with amazement.

Here, however, something much more than a marvelous spectacle is unfolded. Something is happening that is greater than any marvel. Here the priest draws down not fire but the Holy Spirit Himself.

St. John Chrysostom

TWENTY-SIXTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Healing of the Ten Lepers (Luke 17:12-19)



Glory to Jesus Christ!
 Glory Forever!

SAT., DEC 6

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Victor G. "Mr. Vic" Vrabel
(16th anniversary of passing 12.9)

+Rosemary Dubos
(remembrance of 90th birthday 12.7)

requested by: Wife, Children,
 & Grandchildren

requested by: Peggy Voytilla

SUN., DEC 7

11:00 a.m.

THE 26TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST — 4th

Sunday of St. Philip's Fast

+Nicholas Ihnat
(remembrance of 89th birthday 12.17)

requested by: Margaret & Ed Puhak



Home Traveling Vocation Icon Participants for December 7-13:
 The Bigley Family

MON., DEC 8

6:00 p.m.



The Feast Of The Immaculate Conception — Solemn Holy Day

+Francis Kotasek

requested by: Ed & +Maria Tirpack

SAT., DEC 13

6:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Margaret Wayda
*(remembrance of 97th birthday &
 13th anniversary of passing 11.20)*

requested by: Margaret & Philip Ford

7:00 p.m.

Parish Christmas party at Hall



SUN., DEC 14

11:00 a.m.

**THE SUNDAY OF THE OLD TESTAMENT
 FORE-FATHERS — 2nd Sunday Before Christmas**

+Brandon M. Puskarcik Sr.
(1st anniversary of passing 12.11)

requested by: Wife: Melina & Family



December 7 – Marge Arendas
 December 8 – Matthew Macala "50"
 December 9 – Bob Wasko
 December 10 – Keri Lynn Vokish "50"
 December 13 – Denise Kotasek

Church Attendance

Saturday 11/29 – **53** (6:00 pm)

Sunday 11/30 – **46** (11:00 am)

Friday 12/5 – **15** (6:00 pm)

Pray For The Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: Dec 6, 2025

RESIDING AT HOME – Michael Drotar, Geraldine Dubos, Marian Katula, Greta Marks, Frank Phillips,
 Martha Swantek, Ed Tirpack.

The Inn at Ironwood (6699 Ironwood Blvd., Canfield, OH 44406) – Dorothy Leone.

Windsor House at St. Mary's (1899 W. Garfield Rd., Columbiana, OH 44408) – Anne Thomas.

McMurray Hills Manor (249 W. McMurray Rd., McMurray, PA 15217) – Rita Romza-Smochko.

Church offerings from Nov. 29 & 30, 2025

Sunday Offering....\$3,060.00

Loose Currency....\$45.00

Candles....\$78.00

Christmas....\$50.00

Holydays....\$20.00

TOTAL: \$3,253.00



November 30th TOTAL:

\$1,002.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses			
Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Nov. 30	\$3,253	\$2,850	\$403
YTD	\$113,832	\$136,800	(\$22,968)



Quote of the Week

"A good conscience is
 a continual Christmas."

— Benjamin Franklin

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

- BINGO
- BLACK TIE
- BONFIRE
- BOSS
- CANDLES
- CANDY CANES
- CAROLS
- COCOA
- COLLEAGUES
- COOKIES
- EGGNOG
- FRIENDS
- GAMES
- GARLAND
- GIFT EXCHANGE
- LAUGHTER
- MINGLE
- MISTLETOE
- MOVIES
- NEIGHBORS
- PARTY
- PUNCH
- SANTA
- SCAVENGER HUNT
- TREATS
- UGLY SWEATER
- WREATH



Attitude of Church

Part of our Christian praxis is communal prayer and worship. Even though we go through these motions each and every day, holydays, Sundays, whenever we attend church, we sometimes miss the communal aspect of the practice. We go to church looking for something, looking to be made happy, looking to be made whole, looking for God to speak to "me."

What we must remember is that God speaks to each and every one of us in His own way, on His time. To go to church to "get something out of it" may be the wrong approach. Instead, we should think "what did I put into church today?" What do we contribute when coming together as the Body of Christ? Do we come into church bearing grudges or with ill thoughts in our minds? Have we intentionally wronged someone or spoken ill of someone in the congregation, or even our pastor? As with a chain, these elements cause weak links, and it is important for us to mend these links, putting our efforts into our own soul to help enhance the life of our church family and the lives of those who have yet to be exposed to the beauty and richness of our traditions.

This is why the Mystery of Repentance is so important for us. It allows us to review our mistakes, confess them, and make the greatest of efforts to change our lives, again contributing something, not only for our own salvation, but to help others see Christ's great mercy and love for all of us. Let us not take this responsibility lightly! As we approach the feast of the Nativity, let us keep these things in mind in order to better contribute to the services we have. Pray, sing, take an elderly person who has no ride to church, give the pastor positive feedback for his work he has in the church(es) and Archeparchy, and above all, attend with the spirit of giving as opposed to the spirit of taking.



The Feast of the Immaculate Conception on Monday



This feast is similar on its basic idea to the conceptions of Christ and St. John the Baptist. St. John the Baptist was conceived by St. Elizabeth who was before thought barren. The angel's announcement to Zachary that she would conceive is analogous to the situation of St. Anne and the news of the conception of the Mother of God to one thought barren—St. Anne! Joachim and Ann were advanced in years like Zachary and Elizabeth. They were disappointed in that they had no children. This was a great disgrace for Jewish women because although the Jews do not recognize Jesus to be the savior, still each Jewish woman hoped to be His mother. St. Anne gave birth to the God Bearer, Mary, and her reproach was turned into joy at such a wonder. The dogma of the Immaculate Conception was solemnly defined by Pope Pius IX on December 8, 1854 stating: "that the Most Blessed Virgin Mary in the first instant of her conception, by a singular grace and privilege granted to her by almighty God through the merits of Christ Jesus, Savior of Mankind, was preserved from all stain of original sin is a doctrine revealed by God and therefore must be held firmly and constantly by all faithful Christians." **Join us for the Holyday Liturgy this Monday, December 8th at 6:00 p.m.**



Retired deanery priest falls asleep in the Lord

+MONSIGNOR ALEXIS E. MIHALIK, 87, fell asleep in the Lord on Sunday, November 30, 2025. His Funeral Divine Liturgy for a Priest will be offered on Saturday, December 13, 2025 at Infant Jesus Byzantine Catholic Church, Boardman, with Archbishop William C. Skurla as celebrant. May God grant to His departed priestly servant, +Msgr. Alexis, blessed repose and eternal memory, vicnaja jemu pamjat.

Parish Christmas party Saturday

Our Parish Pre-Christmas party is **THIS Saturday, December 13th**. It will begin at 7:00 p.m. with apps followed by dinner. DJ Medu will play our Christmas favorites, a Christmas photo booth will be available, the popular candy station, kids activity, Santa will make a visit, a few raffle prizes, and 50/50 raffle. Today is the final day to RSVP.



MENU

Appetizers (veggie tray; cheese/cracker platter)
Dinner: chicken milanese * carved ham * holupki * pasta * potatoes
vegetable * salad * dessert * hot/cold beverages * open bar



Party set-up schedule

Volunteers are asked to be at Hall on **Thursday, December 11th at 5:30 p.m.** for set up for our Christmas party. The more help we have, the sooner we will get done. Please offer a little time.

Hall Christmas decorating

Hall decorating will be **this Monday** beginning at noon. Please come and help out. For any info or questions, see or call Annette Hospodar.

Church Christmas decorating 🏠

Church decorating will begin this week. All helpers are welcome. For any questions or times, see or call Linda Stanko.

Civic Club meeting next Sunday

The St. Michael's Civic Club will meet **next Sunday, December 14th at 12:15 p.m.** to discuss Night At The Races. See Nick DuBos for further information or questions.

Christmas "In Heaven" Candles 🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️🕯️

Our St. Michael Church will have memorial candles to be displayed in the church window sills for Christmas Eve and through all of Christmas week. A label with your intention will be attached to the candle. \$3 each. There are forms in the narthex you can use to order or you may text or call Annette at 330-540-4334. Deadline to order is next Sunday, December 14th.

Toys for Tots items delivered...A special THANK YOU to ALL who supported the Toys for Tots drive. All items were picked-up. Pics are on our church's facebook page.

Happy 50th "Golden" Birthdays

Our Saint Michael Parish offers Happy Birthday wishes to our ECF Coordinator **KERI VOKISH** who will celebrate her **50th** birthday on Wednesday, December 10th. May the Lord God grant to His handmaid, Keri, peace, health, and happiness, for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! Happy 50th birthday Keri!



Our Saint Michael Parish offers Happy Birthday wishes to **MATT MACALA** who will celebrate his **50th** birthday on Monday, December 8th. May the Lord God grant to His servant Matt, peace, health, and happiness, for many years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita! Happy 50th birthday Matt!

Group outing to see Christmas musical

Our ECF program is having a trip on **Friday, December 19th** to see, "*Rudolph The Red-Nosed Reindeer: The Musical*," at 7:30 p.m. at the New Castle Playhouse, New Castle PA. Sign-ups are in the narthex to anyone from our church who would like to attend. ECF students are free to attend.

Halushki & Pirohi sale this Friday



Our St. Michael's famous homemade Halushki Sale is this **Friday, December 12th** from 2:00 p.m.-6:00 p.m. or until sold out. Only \$10 per quart. Also, pirohi (\$10 per dozen - **Potato/Cheese - Sweet Cabbage - Lekvar**) will be sold. No need to get out of your car, just follow the signs, pull up to the door and someone will bring your order to you. Pre-Order by contacting Regina by phone or text at 330-720-2100. Walk-ins welcome, but pre-orders are guaranteed.



Homemade Christmas Cookie Trays - 5 doz



Little Nut Rolls (Kolachi) - Apricot Stars (Kolachi) - Clothespin Cookies - Snowballs - Buckeyes - Pizzelles (vanilla) - Chocolate Chip - Peanut Butter Blossoms - Spritz - 7 Layer Cookies - Pecan Pie Bars - Raspberry Jam Bars - Decorated Cutout Cookies - Butter Dreams. Call/Text Regina at 330-720-2100 Cookies baked by St. Michael parishioners.

Kitchen Volunteer work

Tuesdays, December 9,16: – 10:00 a.m.

Fridays, December 12,19: – 9:00 a.m.

Come celebrate New Years Eve...it is really fun



Over the past several years, we have had a New Years Eve get together and it's been super fun. Let's do it again. There will be a New Years Eve get together at our hall on **WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31st** beginning at 7:30 p.m. Heavy Appetizers and drinks will be provided. You can also bring board games or card games or come anytime or leave anytime. **THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR THIS EVENT.** Sign-up in narthex or call/text our Pastor with RSVP's so he knows how many to prepare for.

Dear Parish Families & Friends:

The Christmas season is all about giving. But the first gift was not the kind of thing that fits in a box or under a tree. The first gift was the gift of Love made flesh in the person of Jesus Christ. Perhaps you have had a moment when you caught a glimpse of God's infinite, unconditional love for you. Unfortunately, we usually walk away and go right back to our daily lives. This is why we gather every Sunday. We need to be reminded on a weekly basis of God's love for us. It is no mistake that when Jesus was born He was laid in a manger. Come this Christmas to God's manger, the Church, and as we receive the great "I love you!" from Jesus, we can respond with our own, "I love You, too!"

Everyone, your family members, neighbors, co-workers, and friends are most invited and welcome to attend our worship services at our St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Churches in Campbell, OH and Hermitage, PA this Christmas season and each and every weekend. Don't miss saying "I love you" to our new born Savior!

-Very Rev. Kevin E. Marks

Your Pastor & Protopresbyter

Extra Confession Times - St. Michael, Campbell

Monday, December 15th – 4:30 p.m.

Sunday, December 21st – 12:00 noon

Extra Confession Times - St. Michael, Hermitage

Saturday, December 20th – 12:00 noon

Sunday, December 21st – 8:15 a.m.



2025

Nativity & Theophany Liturgical Services



St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Churches

Campbell, OH

Hermitage, PA



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www.stmichaelbyzcampbell.org

CHRISTMAS EVE, Wednesday, December 24th

8:30 p.m. Christmas Carols & Nativity Procession

***9:00 p.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

CHRISTMAS DAY, Thursday, December 25th

***11:00 a.m. CHRISTMAS DIVINE LITURGY**

The Feast Of The Synaxis, Friday, December 26th

5:00 p.m. Holyday Divine Liturgy

Saturday Vigil, Saturday, December 27th

also commemorating St. Stephen

***6:00 p.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, December 28th

***11:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

New Years Eve, Wednesday, December 31st

6:00 p.m. Vigil Solemn Holyday Divine Liturgy

Saturday Vigil, Saturday, January 3rd

***6:00 p.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

Sunday, January 4th

***11:00 a.m. Sunday Divine Liturgy**

THEOPHANY, Tuesday, January 6th

***6:00 p.m. THEOPHANY DIVINE LITURGY with
the Great Sanctification of Water**

**fulfills obligation requirement*



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2230 Highland Road, Hermitage, PA
www.stmichaelbyzhermitage.com

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