



# **St. Michael**

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## Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

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**Most Reverend John Michael Botean**

Bishop of the Romanian Greek Catholic Diocese of Canton, OH

Diocese website: [romaniancatholic.org](http://romaniancatholic.org)

**Administrator – Rev. Father Remus Orian**

**Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm**

Cantors and Readers (Cantori ai Bisericii)

Saturday: Diane Moreau, Lynn Matyas, Denise Matyas

Sunday: Ana Muresan, Marius Misca, Ioan Ileni

**December 15<sup>th</sup> , 2024**

**11<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Holy Cross**

This Sunday: T5, Epistle Col 3:4-12, Gospel Lk 14:16-25

**Weekly Liturgy Schedule**

**Monday, December 16, 2024: Office closed** - No Divine Liturgy

**Tuesday, December 17, 2024:** - No Divine Liturgy

**Wednesday, December 18, 2024:** 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Mary Ann Signorelli by Jim and Susan Banks

**Thursday, December 19, 2024:** 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Susan Banks by Jim Banks

**Friday, December 20, 2024:** - No Divine Liturgy

**Saturday, December 21, 2024:** 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

**Sunday, December 22, 2024:** 10:00 AM Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

**CONFESSION: AT ANY TIME BY REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT FATHER REMUS DIRECTLY at 330-809-2500**

Please pray for our sick and others: Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Leon Saros, Susan Banks, Bob Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Tudor Mathew Soncodi, Emily Thill, Carol Bristow, Gabriel Manu and all others who are confined to their homes or are in nursing homes.

\*\*\*Please let Father Remus know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc., so we can place your name on our prayer list.

**Collection: December 7 and December 8, 2024**

- Weekly Offerings: \$1,680.00
- Building Fund: \$585.00
- Candles: \$233.00
- Loose: \$67.00
- Cemetery: \$135.00
- Membership: \$200.00
- Heat/AC: \$30.00
- Christmas flowers: \$65.00
- Martyred Bishop Collection: \$20.00

**Total Offerings: \$3,015.00**

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## **Can a priest reveal what he has heard to others?**

No. A priest can never reveal the sins a person has confessed. This is known as the “Seal of Confession,” which admits of no exceptions (CCC 1467).

If a priest were to violate the seal of confession he would be automatically excommunicated (CIC 1388).

Over the centuries several priests have died, and many have been imprisoned because they refused, even under threat of torture and execution, to break the inviolable seal of confession.

This is one of the most beautiful aspects of the sacrament and of the priesthood: the priest who hears our confession, in order to protect the secrets, we have whispered to God through him, will allow himself to be imprisoned, tortured or even killed.

That is how seriously he and the Church take the seal and the sacrament.

## **• Donation Envelopes**

The 2025 Donation Envelope Packets are on the table in the narthex. If you were not assigned a packet and would like one, please contact Father.

There is still time to make your charitable deductible 2024 donation to church. We are asking parishioners to make their donations by Dec. 31, 2024 to be included on their 2024 donation letter.

## **• Sarmale For Christmas Sale**

Pick up will be on December 22<sup>nd</sup> between 2pm and 5pm. Please see the flyer for more information.

## **• Christmas Party**

Join us for the St. Michael Christmas Party on Sunday, Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup>. We will be caroling directly following the Divine Liturgy, and then everyone is welcome in the Church Hall for the party. We will have a special visit from Santa!

## **• Candles**

During the month of **December 2024**, our candles have been graciously donated anonymously.

We are also in need of donations for future months. The total costs for altar candles, incense, and another liturgy supplies for one month is \$100.

- **Office**

\*\*\*To facilitate accurate accounting, please make sure that you use separate checks/cash for the Special Collection, Candles, Heat and A/C, Building Fund, Cemetery, and Saturday and Sunday collection envelopes.

\*\*\*For Holy Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least one month prior to the date requested.

\*\*\*For Weddings, contact the Parish Office at least six months prior to the date requested. **No exceptions!**

\*\*\*For Funerals, please contact Fr. Remus **before** making the arrangements with the funeral home.

• **Online donations:** Check out our online offering page! You can also sign up for Online donations to St. Michael Church by scanning the QR Code below.



### **To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊**

A mechanic dies, and not being a very religious man, gets sent to hell. While in hell, the mechanic meets Satan, and he is shown the ins and outs of Hell. While wandering around, the mechanic starts doing the thing he is best at fixing stuff. In a matter of weeks, Hell has air conditioning, working TV's and indoor plumbing, all being maintained and improved by the mechanic.

Seeing this from heaven, God calls Satan over and demands to have the mechanic because Hell is supposed to be an awful place and should not have any luxuries. Satan refuses, and God threatens to sue him for the mechanic.

"Sue me?" Satan asks. "Where are you going to find a lawyer?"

### **December Birthdays Happy Birthday! La multi ani!**

**Dec 2: Nina Matesan**

**Dec 6: Lauren Welsch**

**Dec 5: Florin Iuhas**

*If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please inform Father, so it will be listed in the future.*