ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

 PO Box 103

 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

 Rev. Fr. Jerzy Auguscik, OFM Conv. MASSES:

Administrator Saturday 4:00 pm

814-495-9640 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

 10:30 am

 Secretary & Bookkeeper: Daily Mass: Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

 Michele Panick 9:00 am

DRE: Laurie Sloan No Mass on Monday

 PHONES: Holy Days: See Bulletin

 Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 Office Hours:

 Fax: (814) 495-9424 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Closed Wednesdays

Parish Website Confessions:

[www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com) Saturday 3:15 pm

Secretaries’ E-mail Sunday 7:15 am

saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com 9:45 am

Facebook page: By Appointment

St. Michael Catholic Church/St. Michael, PA

 Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 January 21st, 2024

BAPTISM: By Appointment. Reserve at least one month in advance.

MARRIAGE: Plan at least nine months in advance.

 Preparation sessions are necessary.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home.

REGISTRATION Those new to the area, newlyweds, and single adults, (even if

 and registered before with their families) are asked to register by calling

MEMBERSHIP: the Parish Office. Every parishioner must be registered. This is a condition for admission to our Program and reception of the Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, First Penance, First Eucharist, and Matrimony; also, for testimonial letters or sponsorship of Baptism and Confirmation outside the Parish.

VISITATION: We are concerned and want to be advised when someone is ill at home or in the hospital. Call the office to have the shut-in placed on our monthly Holy Communion calls or seriously ill prayer list.

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Articles are due to the Parish Office by Noon on Tuesday

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The Month of The Holy Name of Jesus

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (January 23 – January 28, 2024)

Monday, January 22 No Mass

Tuesday, January 23 9:00 AM +Ed Myers req. by Karen & Family

Wed., January 24 9:00 AM +Joe Zibura req. by Children

 *The Conversion of St. Paul, Apostle*

Thursday, January 25 9:00 AM +Margaret Snyder req. by Paul & Susan Snyder

Friday, January 26 9:00 AM +Bernard Brown req. by Ginny & Owen Croyle

Saturday, January 27 4:00 PM +Michael Yauneridge req. by His Loving Wife

Sunday, January 28 8:00 AM +Cathrine Tedjeske req. by Clare Kundrod & Family

 10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 27 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Donald Dipko Bryan & Amy Spangler

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Choir Minister: Susan Blazosky

Altar Server: Ana Spangler & Bella Bambino

Cantor: David Zajdel

Sunday, January 28 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terri Leach Catherine Tedjeske

Minister of the Host: Sally Kolar Family

Choir Minister: Eric Tedjeske

Altar Server: Kaden & Walter Christ

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Sunday, January 28 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: James Lashinsky John & Michelle Vitez

Minister of the Host: Jennifer Steele

Choir Minister: Haidyn Koch

Altar Server: Cameron Vitez & Alexis Henderson

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Sunday, January 28 Collection Counters

 Chris Smay, Sara Zybura

 Mary Ann DeRosa

Weare placing names of the sick in the bulletin for prayer providing they give permission. *May the* *Divine Physician send healing grace for those for* *whom we pray:* Colin Wingard, Christine Sherry, Fr. Charles Bodziak, Daniel Deighan, Brian Lawton, Anne Robinson, Mary Fyock, Helen Soohy and all of the sick of our parish, the homebound, those in nursing homes, those who care for them, and those in the military along with their families. *(Please call the Rectory to have your name removed from the list when no longer seriously ill. Thank You.)*



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It must have been difficult for Zebedee to watch his sons walk away and follow Jesus. It was the end of “Zebedee and Sons Fishing, Inc.” Our children were never ours. They are only on loan to us. We raise them to let them go.

 Evil turned to good.

No one wants to be criticized, but I know I need loving guidance to help me when I am not at my best. It’s easy to get caught up in the swirl of life and neglect (even if unintentionally) what’s important. Jonah was given the unpleasant task of pointing out to the people of Nineveh their failings. Unlike many communities who resisted God’s words, by the end of the first day of Jonah’s anticipated three-day trek across the city, “the people of Nineveh believed God; they proclaimed a fast and all of them, great and small, put on sackcloth.” For all the evil they had done, and the rebellion they had demonstrated, the people there weren’t irredeemable. They simply needed Jonah to point out how they had gone astray, and the grace of open ears and hearts to receive the message. The message of this weekend is that God the Father is more concerned about the people’s repentance than he is concerned about judging them for their sin.

SANCTITY OF HUMAN LIFE SUNDAY ~ LIFE. Worth Defending. Today is Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, an important day to pray, mourn the lives of the preborn who’ve been lost, and advocate for a culture of life that protects the most vulnerable. Handouts can be found at the entrances of the Church with more information about Precious Life, their mission.

CHURCH CARPETING ~ Dates for the carpet installation in the Church are this week, January 22nd – 26th. The weekday Masses this week will be held in the St. Paul Room. Please use the St. Paul Room door located at the back of the Church (handicapped Parking Lot).

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $502.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

SOUP SALE ~ The Holy Name Society would like to thank everyone for making the soup sale very successful! There will be extra soup for sale after each Mass this weekend in the Church hall.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ~ There will be a Pastoral Council meeting on Monday, January 22nd, in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING ~ There will be a Finance Council meeting on Tuesday, January 23rd, in the Church Hall at 4:00 PM.

HOUSE BLESSING ~ Fr. Jerzy will be doing House Blessings beginning the week of January 15th. Anyone wanting to have their house blessed, please call the office during office hours to arrange an appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS ~ You are welcome to submit your Mass Intentions for the 2024 Year. Either call the Parish Office or place Intention in an envelope & drop it off in the offertory or the black drop-off box outside the office door.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION ~ Are you in need of Spiritual Direction? Anyone wanting Spiritual Direction (Spiritual Counseling) is to call the Parish Office at 814-495-9640.

 Plenary Indulgence



In celebration of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi creating the first Nativity scene in Greccio, Italy, Catholics who visit a Franciscan parish and pray before the Nativity scene in that church can receive a plenary indulgence. The indulgence, which is a remission of the temporal punishment for sins, is available until February 2, 2024 – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Besides visiting the church and praying before the nativity, one must, as usual, celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation and pray for the Pope’s intentions. Those who are ill or otherwise physically unable to visit a church during this time may receive an indulgence by offering their sufferings to the Lord and through prayer. Among the parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown blessed by Franciscan ministry and presence, and therefore appropriate locations to visit to receive the indulgence, are St. John Vianney in Mundys Corner, Holy Family in Portage, St Anthony of Padua in Windber, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anne, & St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Johnstown and our very own St. Michael Parish! We have an outdoor Nativity beside the Rectory (by the large statue of Jesus).

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~ The Parish Office has closed the books for 2023 parishioner’s contributions. You may request a statement of your tax-deductible donations at any time by calling the office at 814-495-9640. If a contribution was made to the CMD, you should have received a statement from the diocese. Please remember to notify the Office of any changes in address or telephone numbers. If your cellphone is your primary house phone, please call us or drop a note in the collection basket.

GREATER JOHNSTOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS ~ Do you like to sing? The Greater Johnstown Community Chorus is accepting new members. We are a local performing and social group of singers who enjoy all forms of music from classical to pop. Under the direction o Zing Allsopp, we meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM at Mount Calvary United Methodist Church on Scalp Ave. in the back lower level. If you are interested, we will be starting the New Year on Tuesday, January 23rd. Come and join us or you can contact Anita Lorek 814-487-7769, 814-243-0149 or email wlorek1852@comcast.net for additional information.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-39) ~ Theology on Tap returns January 31st from 6-8 PM at The Boulevard Grill (165 Southmont Boulevard). January guest speaker is Remil Teny – Education Director of the PA Pro-Life Federation. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith, fellowship, and free food with a cash bar! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at 814-659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

FRANCISCAN FRIARS, TOR LENTEN SERIES ~ At St. Bernardine Monastery on Wednesdays, February 21st, 28th, March 6th, & 13th. First 30 registrants will be assigned to the Daytime Lenten Reflections which will begin at 10 AM. This workshop will be $20 per class or $60 for the four-week series. If there is enough demand, we will host Evening Lenten Reflections which will begin at 6:30 PM. Evening class will be $10 per class or $30 for the four-week series. All classes will be held at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, To register for the workshop, please send your payment to: Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box 139, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. For questions, please call 814-695-3802.

 Religious Education And Christian Helping

January 21, 2024

2024 Religious Education Class Schedule

K—5 Classes continue this Thursday, January 25th.

Grades 6—11 Classes will continue Sunday, January 28th.

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*Confirmation Retreat /*  Saturday, February 10, 2024

All students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will take part in their annual confirmation retreat.



This retreat will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 1—6:30 PM. The retreat

will focus on the three required retreat topics of ~ “Baptism”, “Gifts of the Holy Spirit”

and “Parables”.

The program will begin in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. for the students only. All students in grades 9, 10 & 11 will come to the parish hall and join classmates for specific topic discussions with their grade level leader in designated classrooms for their specific retreat from 1 to 3 PM.

At 3:00 PM, sponsors and/or parents are asked to join the confirmation students for a Rosary lead by our 11th grade Confirmation Class followed by the 4 PM Mass. During this Mass, the 9th grade students will celebrate their “‘Rite of Blessing” and the 10th Grade students will celebrate their “Rite of Commitment” as part of their confirmation journey.

Mass will be followed by a pizza social in the parish hall for all students, parents and sponsors, including time for reflection on the day and time for the confirmation candidates and their sponsors to spend time together discussing their sponsor / candidate session activities.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

2nd GRADE RETREAT & SACRAMENT CELEBRATION

There will be a Penance & Reconciliation Retreat held on Sunday, February 11, 2024, for all 2nd grade students and their parents. The Retreat will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will conclude in our church with the Celebration of the Sacrament of First Penance & Reconciliation for our 2nd grade children. This celebration will end at approximately 3 p.m.



We will share a covered dish luncheon together in the parish hall to begin the retreat. After lunch, our students and parents will participate in retreat activities as preparation for these students to receive their sacrament of First Penance and Reconciliation. Following the retreat portion of the afternoon, the group will join Fr. Jerzy in the church and our 2nd grade children will receive their Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the First time.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for their sacrament. A detailed letter of information has been mailed to all 2nd Grade families. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873.

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Our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has posted the schedule for Confirmation Masses being celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak in the Easter season of 2024.

Our Saint Michael Parish Confirmation Mass is scheduled for *Thursday, April 4, 2024,*

at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

 Sunday, January 21 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

 Confessions / 7:15 AM & 9:45 AM / Confessional

 HS Religious Education / Hall / 9:00 – 10:15 AM

 Girl Scouts Meeting / Hall / 4 – 5:30 PM

 Monday, January 22 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Pastoral Council Meeting / Hall / 6:00 PM

 Church Carpet Installation

 Tuesday, January 23 Mass ~ 9:00 AM / St. Paul Room

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Finance Council Meeting / Hall / 4:00 PM

 Wednesday, January 24 Mass ~ 9:00 AM / St. Paul Room

 Thursday, January 25 Mass ~ 9:00 AM / St. Paul Room

 K – 5 Religious Education / Hall / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, January 26 Mass ~ 9:00 AM / St. Paul Room

 Mass at Rose of Sharon Nursing Home / 10:15 AM

 Saturday, January 27 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Hall Rental



 UPCOMING EVENTS

 February 2 First Friday Communion Calls

 Adoration, Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

 February 3 & 4 Throat Blessings after all Masses

 February 10 Grades 9, 10, & 11 Confirmation Retreat

 February 10 & 11 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 February 11 2nd Grade Reconciliation Retreat & First Reconciliation

 February 14 Ash Wednesday

 St. Valentine’s Day



SQUARE DANCES ~ Saturday, January 27th, February 3rd & 17th, March 2nd & 16th at New Germany Grove Hall, New Germany from 7 – 10 PM. Music by Klassic Country. Cost is $10 per person which includes food & drinks. Proceeds benefit Pro-Life.

SLOVAK CLASS ~ Queen of Angels Parish, Central City, will host a lecture by Joseph Bieleki on Monday, January 22nd in their activity center (738 Sunshine Ave.) Will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 PM & includes refreshments. To register please call the Queen of Angels Parish office, 814-754-5224.