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

 Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 January 28th, 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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

January 28th, 2024

The Month of The Holy Name of Jesus

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (January 30 – February 4, 2024)

Monday, January 29 No Mass

Tuesday, January 30 9:00 AM +Steve Pepoy req. by Karen Myers

Wed., January 31 9:00 AM +Pete Parisi req. by Michael Kundrod

Thursday, February 1 9:00 AM +Theresa Ropiejko

 *Presentation of the Lord*

Friday, February 2 9:00 AM +Eileen Zibura req. by Children

Saturday, February 3 4:00 PM +Bill Kostan req. by Elaine Barton

Sunday, February 4 8:00 AM +Tom & Magdalene Plummer req. by Patty Hammond

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

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, February 3 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Bill Kostan Family

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Chase Williamson & Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Sunday, February 4 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Peter Bernard Plummer Family

Minister of the Host: Cathy Faher

Choir Minister: Ellen Grattan

Altar Server: Michael Kresic

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Sunday, February 4 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Dorothy Stroz Jim & Heidi Fisher

Minister of the Host: Michael Steele

Choir Minister: Robert Oshaben

Altar Server: Cameron Vitez & Landon Fisher

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Monday, February 5 Collection Counters

 George & Pauline Minor

 Dorothy Stroz

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, Mildred Andrykovitch 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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 Deceased Members of the Leach Family

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Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 1:21-28

Today’s gospel reminds us “unclean spirits” haunt our families. These “spirits” thrive inside our grudges, punishing silence, impatience and abruptness. Today Jesus offers you the “authority” to cast out these spirits from your life and your family.

 Going public

St. Mark reports that the people in Capernaum’s synagogue were astonished at Jesus’ teaching and all were amazed. They’re astounded at his teachings because he taught with authority and not like the scribes who normally taught in that place. Today we pray that we might be invested in the authority of Christ, an authority that flows not just from what we say, but from who we are as Christlike people going public to witness him before men.

CANDLEMAS DAY ~ February 2nd is a major Catholic Feast Day – the “Feast of the Presentation of the Lord in the Temple” in Jerusalem by Mary and Joseph. This day is also called “Candlemas Day”, the day on which candles are blessed symbolizing Christ who is *The Light of the World!* Starting on Friday, February 2nd, after the 9:00 AM Mass, blessed candles (two to a box) or one glass candle will be available in the back of the Church for those who want them. We ask an offering of $3.00 per box or $5.00 per glass candle to help cover expenses.

ST. BLAISE THROAT BLESSINGS ~ The traditional blessing of throats in honor of St. Blaise, bishop and martyr, will be given individually after all weekend Masses on February 3rd & 4th.

WORLD DAY OF CONSECRATED LIFE ~ World Day for Consecrated Life will be celebrated in the Church on Sunday, February 4th. Please pray for all those who have made commitments in the Consecrated Life and be sure to thank them on their special day. May they continue to be inspired by Jesus Christ and respond generously to God’s gift of their vocation.



 SCOUT SUNDAY ~ Next Sunday, February 4th, during the 10:30 AM Mass, the parish will celebrate Scout Sunday to

 honor Girl & Boy Scouts.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HALUSKI MAKING ~ On Tuesday, February 13th - $5 a pound. You can place your order on the sign-up sheets found at the entrances of the Church. Orders can be picked up on Tuesday, February 13th from 11 AM - 1 PM, Ash Wednesday, February 14th after all Masses, Friday, February 16th after the Stations of the Cross, and after all Masses the weekend of February 17th & 18th.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ The Spring Lay Ministry Schedules can be found on the wall inside the front doors.

HOUSE BLESSING ~ Fr. Jerzy will be doing House Blessings until Ash Wednesday, February 14th. 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 this Friday, 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 of Zing Allsopp, we meet Tuesdays 6:30-8:30 PM at Mount Calvary United Methodist Church on Scalp Ave. in the back lower level. Come and join us or you can contact Anita Lorek 814-487-7769, 814-243-0149 or email wlorek1852@comcast.net for additional information.

PUBLIC ROSARY ~ To Pray for World Peace, Thursday, February 8th at 6:30 PM, St. Clement Church, Upper Yoder & Saturday, February 17th at Noon, St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Downtown Johnstown, St. Ann Shrine.

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 28, 2024

2024 Religious Education Class Schedule

K—5 Classes continue this Thursday, February 2nd.

Grades 6—11 Classes will continue Sunday, February 4th.

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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 28 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

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

 Monday, January 29 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, January 30 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, January 31 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, February 1 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

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

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, February 2 Mass ~ 9:00 AM ~ Presentation of the Lord

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 First Friday Communion Calls / 10:00 AM

 Adoration / After 9:00 AM Mass

 Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy / 3:00 PM

 Candlemas Day / Blessed Candles for Purchase

 Saturday, February 3 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Throat Blessings after Mass



 UPCOMING EVENTS

 February 4 Throat Blessings after all Masses

 Scout Sunday / 10:30 AM Mass

 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 13 Holy Name Society Haluski Making

 February 14 Ash Wednesday

 St. Valentine’s Day



SQUARE DANCES ~ Saturday, 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.

ITALIAN CULTURE ~ All Saints Parish (Somerset County) will offer a lecture on Italian culture by Sam Patti on Monday, February 5th at 6:30 PM at their parish hall (505 Center St.) entitled “Understanding Italian American Culture: Reading, Listening, Watching and Googling into Clarity.” Refreshments will be served. For more information or to register, please contact the Boswell parish office 814-629-5551.