ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Brian Warchola, Administrator MASSES:



(814) 266-9718 / Ext. 507 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Susan Poldiak 10:30 am

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PHONES: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

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www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com 10:00 am to 10:15 am

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 5

SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

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

 Preparation classes are necessary.

MARRIAGE: Make arrangements at least nine months in advance.

 Preparation sessions are necessary.

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

 Eulogies should be given at the funeral home at the time of the wake service or at the luncheon.

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

 and before with their families) are asked to register by calling the Parish Office.

MEMBERSHIP: 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 rectory to have the shut-in placed on our monthly Holy Communion calls or seriously ill prayer list.

SACRAMENTAL Requires parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism

POLICY: and Marriage.

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

Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time January 29, 2017

**Month of the Holy Name of Jesus**

MASS INTENTIONS: (January 30 – February 5, 2017)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Eugene Krupka req. by Bernard Brown & Nanette Parkinson

Wednesday 9:00 AM Walter “Buck” Christ req. by the Metzgar Family

Thursday 8:00 AM Judith Mary Pepoy req. by Anna & Nick Franze & Family

First Friday 9:00 AM Sick & Shut-ins req. by St. Michael Funeral Committee

Saturday 4:00 PM Beatrice Myers req. by Sam & Grace Martin

Sunday 8:00 AM Josh Faher req. by Mom, Dad & Family

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, February 4 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino Ed & Karen Myers

Minister of the Host: Theresa Carlson

Ministers of the Cup: Karen Myers & Helen Slonac

Altar Servers: Ashley & Haley Cook

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Joanne Thomas

Sunday, February 5 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Cathy & Joe Faher

Minister of the Host: Eric Tedjeske

Ministers of the Cup: Walter Christ & Robert Grattan

Altar Servers: Elyssa Nagy & Ana Spangler

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Lori George

Sunday, February 510:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carole Kakabar Bob & Regina Blanchetti

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Ministers of the Cup: Greg Stiffler & Joan Oshaben

Altar Servers: Haidyn & Amilyah Koch

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: Mary Ann Oravis

Sunday, February 5 Collection Counters

 John Bizzarri, Rod Kundrod

 Mary Ann DeRosa, Phyllis Slonac



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for

the health and well being of Sharon Poldiak

requested by Susan Poldiak

the week of January 29, 2017.

*Liturgical Reflection...*

In a time when the Sacrament of Marriage is not celebrated as often as in preceding decades, the Church holds up the holiness and dignity of the sacramental covenant between a man and a woman. The matrimonial covenant, by which the two spouses establish a life-long partnership between themselves, derives its force and strength from creation as proclaimed in the Book of Genesis. And for the Christian faithful it is raised up to a higher dignity, since it is numbered among the Sacraments of the new covenant.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

Weare placing names of the sick in the bulletin for prayer providing they give permission. Although we remember all sick and shut-ins at every Mass, we would like our parish family to be aware of the need for special prayer intentions because of a most serious illness or hospital stay. *May the* *Divine Physician send healing grace for those for* *whom we pray:* Josephine Koshute, Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Bernice Myers, Dwight Fyock, Lori Facciani, Dylon Wills, Dawn Hagen, Debbie Dibert, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Remy Beaver, Mary Lou Offman, Marian Chuckalovcak, Arlene Diamond, Mary Zangaglia, Dorothy Rosemas, Natalie Zerby, Patricia Grata, Michael Wadsworth, Valencia & Frank Tursi, Homer Locher, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Allison Krischer, Ted Paluch, Brandt Hutzel, Nicholas “Hop” Kolar, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Loretta Panick, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Maria, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Heidi Allison, Melinda Jerome, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Katie Ansell, Mary McCall, Suzie Thomas, Sean, Holly, Shane, Joan McDowell, Melisa Ruddek, Joanne Serre, Scott N., Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Christine Baxter, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Jayden Scott Beam, Derrick Varnish, Karen Myers, Mark Baloga, Sharon Poldiak, 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.)



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,408.00

Loose $ 260.25

Youth $ 43.75

Monthly $ 103.00

Maintenance Fund $ 414.00

Candles $ 39.00

Initial Offering $ 28.00

All Saints $ 1.00

All Souls $ 1.00

Solemnity of Mary $ 10.00

Total $4,308.00

We sincerely thank and ask God’s blessing upon all who have care and concern for our parish.

FATHER BRIAN’S MESSAGE ~ Starting Monday, January 23rd our church will be open from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please come during those hours,if you wish to spend more intimate time with our Lord Jesus Christ.

LITURGY MEETING ~ A meeting of the Liturgy Committee will be held on Sunday, February 5th at 9:00 AM. Fr. Warchola will be setting times and events through the Easter Season.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of February through April are available this weekend. They can be found on the wall inside the front doors.

MOM’S HOUSE COLLECTION THANK YOU ~ Thank you from the Knights of Columbus and Mom’s House to everyone who donated to this worthy cause. The collection totaled $1,009.94. If you would still like to donate, envelopes can be found at the entrances to our church.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~The Parish Office has closed the books for 2016 parishioner’s contributions. You may request a statement of your tax-deductible donations at any time by calling the rectory at 495-9640 or sending an email to saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com. Tax laws state that any amount given as a donation needs to have documentation if you are claiming the donation for tax purposes. If a contribution was made to the ACA, you should have received a statement from the diocese.

We are updating our parish records, so please remember to notify the Rectory Office of any changes in address or telephone numbers. If you no longer have a land line and your cellphone is your primary house phone, please call us or drop a note in the collection basket.

ENVELOPE REMINDER ~ In order to make the Collection Counters and the Secretaries life a little easier, please remember to mark the amount of your donation on the outside of the envelope. This will also help insure you get proper credit for your donation.

CHOIR PRACTICES ~ Practice for Sunday Choir will be held on Mondays at 7:00 PM.

Practice for the Saturday Choir will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

January 29th Matthew 5:1-12a

It is in our family where we learn to be merciful and comforting to others. The Beatitudes of the Kingdom of God begin at home and depend on you. Parents lead the way.

One Sunday in a Midwest City, a young child was "acting up" during the morning Mass. The parents did their best to maintain some sense of order in the pew but were losing the battle. Finally, the father picked the little fellow up and walked sternly up the aisle on his way out. Just before reaching the safety of the vestibule, the little one called loudly to the congregation, "Pray for me! Pray for me!"

Religious Education And Christian Helping

 January 29, 2017

Upcoming Required Spring Confirmation Sessions

9th Grade ~ Session 9B—Prayer: Communion with God

~ Sunday, February 12, 2017, 9—10:30 a.m.

10th Grade ~ Session 10B – Witness: Word, Worship, Community & Service

~ Sunday, February 19, 2017, 9—10:30 a.m.

Diocesan Safe Environment Program / Parental Notification Form

 TO: Parents of St. Michael Catholic Church Religious Education Students

 SUBJECT: Safe Environment Program

 The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has implemented a program for the protection of our youth known as our Youth Protection Program. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in 2002, requires each parish or school to provide formation for children in areas of safety and the integrity of their person. This program is mandatory for all Parish Religious Education programs and Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The philosophy is to directly involve parents in the formation of their children with the available lesson material. A classroom presentation of safety issues, adapted for grades 1, 5 and 9 and covering the required lessons will be offered during one of the regular January class times.

 If you have any questions, please contact The Religious Education Office at 495-4873. You may request to review the specific content material. If you decide you do not desire your child to participate, there is a Parent Verification/Refusal form, which indicates that this mandated instruction is being offered, and that you choose not to have your child participate. This form is also required if your child is absent the day the instruction was given. You may visit the Protecting God’s Children™ program at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

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*Junior High Youth Day ~ March 19, 2017 / Students in Grades 6, 7 & 8* can attend. Parents, plans are being made for this year’s Junior High Youth Day 2016 and Registration Forms will be distributed to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in their Religious Education Classes. JHYD is held at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM featuring Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak. Bishop Mark has made it known that attending these youth events with our young people are among his favorite things to do as our Bishop.

This year’s theme is *“Stand Up! Being The UNIQUE YOU God Creater!!”* Parents, please talk to your kids now about attending and sign them up! Your encouragement is needed to get our kids involved.

Our *REACH funds will pay the $20 registration fee for their day* which includes a T-Shirt ~ Games ~ Food ~Fun ~ Friendship! We are looking forward to another great diocesan youth event that will allow them to grow in their faith and spend a wonderful day with other youth from all over our Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. *Registration Deadline is March 10th.*

Questions? Call the RE Office at 495-4873.

 Sunday, January 29 Religious Education / Grades 6, 7, 8 & 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 Monday, January 30 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, January 31 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Sacraments Class / Fr. Grimme / 6:30-8:30 PM / Hall

 Wednesday, February 1 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Thursday, February 2 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Ground Hog Day Religious Education / Grades K - 5 / 3:30—4:30 PM / Hall

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 First Friday, February 3 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Saturday, February 4 Blessing of Throats

 Sunday, February 5 Blessing of Throats

 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 Liturgy Meeting / 9:15 AM / Rectory Dining Room

UPCOMING EVENTS

 Sunday, February 12 Coffee & Donuts / after 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday Masses / Hall

*Written by Rachelle Kramer*

Recently, reading the news online, I found myself discouraged and defeated. Click after click led me to yet another story in which the powerful trampled on those who have no voice. I came upon messages of misogyny by leaders in the political sphere and in faith institutions; I read about people in Syria trapped in battle zones; and I discovered yet more corruption in companies which destroyed the lives of others with little or no consequences. It was all so overwhelming. And then I read the Scriptures for this coming Sunday.

Those readings all speak about the lowly, those without power or a voice, and the blessings and abundance they are receiving and will receive from God: “Blessed are the poor in Spirit; the kingdom of heaven is theirs!” (Gospel); “God chose the weak of the world to shame the strong (Second Reading)”; and “the Lord secures justice for the oppressed . . . the Lord raises up those who are bowed down” (Responsorial Psalm). While it is discouraging to see injustice, greed, selfishness, and corruption, we are reminded that the powerful who trample on others will not have the final word. The resurrection *always* triumphs over “the ways of the wicked,” and God's love truly endures forever. So let us remain steadfast and faithful in times of discouragement and challenge ourselves to speak on behalf of those in our communities who have no voice.

**Prayer**

Ever-faithful God, you have lifted up the lowly,

secured justice for the oppressed, and thwarted the ways of the wicked.

Sustain us when our faith weakens and we become weary,

so that we may be people of light and hope to those with whom we minister. Amen.

*Catholic Theological Union*, *Chicago, Illinois*