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

 Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 February 4th, 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

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

February 4th, 2024

The Month of The Holy Family

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (February 6 – February 11, 2024)

Monday, February 5 No Mass

Tuesday, February 6 9:00 AM +Betty & Earl Penatzer req. by Diane & Paul Ledwich

Wed., February 7 9:00 AM +Josh Faher req. by Mom & Dad

Thursday, February 8 9:00 AM +Jim Fisher req. by wife, Janet, Children & Grandsons

Friday, February 9 9:00 AM +Mary Ann Bertolino req. by Helen Slonac & Family

Saturday, February 10 4:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Sunday, February 11 8:00 AM +Bernard Grattan req. by Karen Myers

 10:30 AM +Thomas Murin req. by Mary Ann Murin

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, February 10 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Bryan Spangler Dennis & Babe Richards

Minister of the Host: Dorothy Stroz

Choir Minister: Karen Myers

Altar Server: Ana Spangler & Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Sunday, February 11 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Cathy Faher Bob & Ellen Grattan

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Choir Minister: Terri Leach

Altar Server: Kaden & Walter Christ

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Sunday, February 11 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carole Kakabar Bob & Joan Oshaben

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Amanda Williamson

Altar Server: Alexis & Jackson Henderson

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Sunday, February 11 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, Mildred Andrykovitch, Katie, Dolores Yanzetich 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.)*

During the week of February 4th, 2024

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

 Richard Homer

requested by Helen Slonac & Family

and the Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn in memory of

Josh Faher

requested by Mom & Dad

will



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $3,971.00

Maintenance $ 472.00

Solemnity of Mary $ 30.00

Total $4,473.00

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Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time Mark 1:29-39

In today’s gospel Jesus went to the ”house of Andrew and Simon” to relax but discovered that “Simon’s mother-in-law was very ill.” Like Jesus, we come home to relax but are confronted with problems. Take a tip from Andrew and Simon who “told Jesus about it at once.”

 In Job’s shoes

There was so much sickness, so much misery at the time of Job as it is today. Job suffered – the saints suffered – the righteous have suffered – Jesus Christ suffered. And so will we. The question is: What are you going to do about it? If we do nothing, we will have nothing left to do but complain and shake our fists at God. Is that pose going to work out, I don’t think so. We can’t do everything…We are all too aware of our limitations…so, we ask the Lord to help us do what we can do, well! We may come to the realization that to remain faithful in the service of the Lord, we must embrace a spiritual mind so that we can understand the things of God in daily life, life where there is time for prayer, reflection and coming closer to God; Jesus needed prayer to find the will of his Father and he shows us the way to pray to discover the will of God.

CANDLEMAS CANDLES ~ Blessed candles (two to a box) or one glass candle is 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 this weekend, 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 ~ This Sunday, February 4th, during the 10:30 AM Mass, the parish will celebrate Scout Sunday to honor

 Girl & Boy Scouts.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ~ Next weekend is our Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection. Please bring non-perishable food items or toiletries with you. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ Will hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, February 11th in the Church Hall after the 8:00 AM Mass.

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.

HOLY FAMILY CANDLE ~ In addition to the Sanctuary and the Our Lady of Grace candles, the Holy Family Candle is now available to light. Please call the office during office hours to request the Holy Family Candle.

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.

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.

LENT ~ Ash Wednesday, the first day of Lent, falls on February 14th this year. Blessed ashes will be distributed during a 9:00 AM and a 6:00 PM Mass that day. Plan now to attend. Ash Wednesday is a day of Fast and Abstinence – no meat, no eating between meals and only one “big meal”.

ASH WEDNESDAY MANDEVILLE COLLECITON ~ On Ash Wednesday, we will take up a special collection for those living within the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica – one of the poorest regions in the Americas. As we begin the Season of Lent, may our generosity be a reflection of God’s own generosity to us. This diocese has been adopted by our diocese for special support. The envelope can be found in your packet.

LENTEN “LITTLE BLACK BOOK” ~ Once again, the parish is providing the Lenten “Little Black Book” free of charge to all parishioners. The “Little Black Book” can be found at the entrances of the Church.

CRS RICE BOWLS ~ Catholic Relief Services Rice Bowls can be found at the entrances of the Church for anyone that wants one. Your Rice Bowl donations will support the Catholic Relief Services in Uganda, El Salvador & Indonesia. Please, one per family.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ We will pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 6:30 PM starting on Friday, February 16th.



EASTER FLOWERS ~ If you would like to donate towards an Easter flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by using the Easter Flower envelope in your packet. The normal offering is $10.00. Please return the envelopes on or before March 24th. Extra envelopes can be found at the entrances of the Church.

LENTEN REFLECTION CLASSES ~ Lenten Reflection classes are now being formed for Tuesday mornings during Lent following the 9 AM Mass, starting Tuesday, February 20th.

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.

MEN’S CONFERENCE ~STRENGTH IN CHRIST men’s conference on March 3rd from 11:30 AM – 5:00 PM at Mt. Aloysius College in Cresson. The theme is J2J: *Journey to Jesus.* Speaker & musician Cooper Ray will be the keynote presenter. The day includes lunch & Mass at 5 PM with Bishop Mark. No cost. Seating is limited, so register before February 23rd online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form on our Bulletin Boards at the entrances of the church.

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.

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

February 4, 2024

2024 Religious Education Class Schedule

K—5 Classes continue this Thursday, February 8th.

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

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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, February 4 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

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

 Individual Throat Blessings / After all Masses

 Scout Sunday / 10:30 AM Mass

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

 Monday, February 5 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM



 Tuesday, February 6 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, February 7 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, February 8 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 9 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Saturday, February 10 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Grades 9, 10 &11 Confirmation Retreat / Hall / 1 – 6:30 PM

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection



 UPCOMING EVENTS

 February 11 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 2nd Grade Reconciliation Retreat & First Reconciliation

 Holy Name Society Meeting

 February 13 Holy Name Society Haluski Making

 February 14 Ash Wednesday / Mandeville Collection

 St. Valentine’s Day

 February 16 Stations of the Cross



SQUARE DANCES ~ Saturday, February 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.