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

 First Sunday of Lent

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 February 18th, 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 Family

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (February 20 – February 25, 2024)

Monday, February 19 No Mass

Tuesday, February 20 9:00 AM +Frank Grattan req. by Karen Myers

Wed., February 21 9:00 AM +Paul J. Kundrod Sr. req. by Galen, Ann Marie & Andrew

 *The Chair of St. Peter The Apostle* Martin

Thursday, February 22 9:00 AM +Bernie Brown req. by Karen Neff & Lenny Fornadel

Friday, February 23 9:00 AM +Pete Parisi req. by Paul & Susan Snyder

Saturday, February 24 4:00 PM + Steve Pepoy req. by Joe Daniels

Sunday, February 25 8:00 AM +Stanley Brezovec req. by Mike & Lucia Ann Brezovec

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

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, February 24 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Karen Myers & Ellen Grattan

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Bella & Adam Bambino

Cantor: David Zajdel

Sunday, February 25 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Mike & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Minister of the Host: Terri Leach

Choir Minister: Sally Kolar

Altar Server: Kaden & Walter Christ

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Sunday, February 25 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: James Lashinsky Michael & Jen Steele

Minister of the Host: Haidyn Koch

Choir Minister: Michael Steele

Altar Server: Alexis & Jackson Henderson

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Sunday, February 25 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, 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.)*

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First Sunday of Lent Mark 1:12-15

Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors ‘bug’ you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

 Lent – Confrontation with Sin

The 40 days of Lent are about loving Jesus. We spend this time looking for ways to grow in our love for our Savior. We fight off temptation with Him. Jesus also had His times of trial. The first we know about was during His time out in the desert immediately prior to beginning His public ministry. He experienced being alone and abandoned, with only His own resources to rely upon. He had his desert experience; we have ours. He knew temptation and trial just as we know them. The chief weapon of the devil is to corrupt what is good. Evil, you see, truly is the corruption of Goodness, and the battle is going on deep within us, in our very own immortal souls. And so Christ teaches us to ask His Father to “…lead us not into temptation and deliver us from the trial.” Let’s keep praying during Lent, to make ourselves safe from any sin of corruption.

PARISH OFFICES ~ The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, February 19th for President’s Day.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $706.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY HALUSKI ~ Orders can be picked up after all Masses this weekend, February 17th & 18th. Extra Haluski is also available for purchase.

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.

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.

CONFESSION GUIDE/DAILY OFFERING CARDS ~ Confession Guides/I am a Catholic & Daily Offering cards are available for anyone who wants one free of charge. They can be found at the entrances of the Church.

COMBINED CHOIR ~ Combined Choir rehearsals for Easter will begin on Friday, February 23rd after Stations of the Cross from 7:30-8:30 PM. Please watch the Bulletin for future dates. New members are always welcome.

BLACK & INDIAN COLLECTION ~ This weekend, our parish will take a second collection for the 140th annual National Black & Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American & Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support. Envelopes can be found in your packet.

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.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Joanne Thomas whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, February 12th, 2024. May she know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. Please pray for the consolation of all her family and friends.

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.

WORD AMONG US ~ The Word Among Us Daily Meditations booklet for February 14th – March 31st is available for anyone wanting one. The booklets 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. Your Rice Bowl donations will support the Catholic Relief Services in Uganda, El Salvador & Indonesia. Rice Bowls can be returned anytime during the Triduum.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM.



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 this Tuesday, February 20th.

WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT ~ A night filled with prayer, reflection, reconciliation, & friendship. Tuesday, March 5th at St. John Catholic Church, Summerhill with 5:30 PM Rosary, 6 PM Light Supper, 7 PM Stations of the Cross “Mary’s Way of the Cross”, 7:20 Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

ZOOM CLASS ~ Patrology taught by Deacon Michael Russo. Wednesday from 6:30 – 9:00 PM (running for 8 weeks) beginning March 6th. To register please visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry). Registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the Church or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at

814-361-2000.

MEN’S CONFERENCE ~ Register today for the Men’s Conference on March 3rd from 11:30 AM-5:00 PM at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The theme is J2J: *Journey to Jesus.* Cooper Ray will be the keynote presenter. The day includes lunch & Mass at 5 PM with Bishop Mark. No cost. Register before February 23rd online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration form from our Bulletin Boards at the entrances of the church.

MUSEUM OF THE BIBLE ~ Bus trip to the Museum of the Bible, DC – Wednesday, April 17th - $115 (Adult & ages 11+) & $99 (Ages 4-10) Price includes: Transportation, Admission, & Dinner. Restaurant & gift shop will be open. To reserve your seat or if you have questions, please contact Robyn Murphy 814-931-5683 or Diane O’Leary 814-935-2114. Deadline for reservations is February 25th. Make checks payable to Freedom Excursions.



“Pilgrim Icon” of St. Joseph

Coming to St. Michael

 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, the “Pilgrim Icon” of

St. Joseph will be at our parish church on Tuesday, February 27th.

We will hold a prayer service including the Holy Rosary. A booklet will be

provided for the service, and we ask that you please return the booklet at the

end of the service. Please bring a rosary. The service will be in the church,

beginning at 6:30 PM. Plan now to attend.

MOM’S HOUSE COLLECTION ~ Mom’s House provides safe, secure, and totally free childcare to low-income single parents wishing to continue their education. Clients also receive counseling, tutoring and advocacy support. Mom’s House offers a practical alternative to the despair of abortion and the tragedy of welfare. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for Mom’s House using an envelope attached to this weekend’s bulletin and collected the weekend of February 24th & 25th. Please put your name, amount & envelope number on the Mom’s House envelope. All the money collected will be given to the local Mom’s House in Johnstown.

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HALUSKI WORKERS ~ Thanks to the Holy Name Society and the women that helped make Haluski. There is extra Haluski left and is being sold after all Masses this weekend in the Church Hall. And Thanks to ALL that support The Holy Name Society!

 Religious Education And Christian Helping

February 18, 2024

 First Reconciliation ~ Congratulations to our Second-Grade students who

 received their Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time on

 Sunday afternoon, February 11th.

 Members of the class that celebrated are:

 Case Christ, Sadie Hershberger, Rachael Hribar,

 Wynston Hritz, Brielle Raptosh, Eva Shirk,

 Madelyn Vogel, Matthew Wantiez and Leyna Webb.

Please remember these children in your prayers as they

 continue to prepare for the reception of their sacrament of

 First Holy Communion, scheduled for May 5, 2024.

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Junior High Youth Day ~ Sunday, March 17, 2024 ~ Grades 6, 7 & 8

All our Saint Michael students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th are invited to join an Amazing Journey to the Cross with JESUS! on Sunday, March 17th. JHYD will begin at 11:00 AM with a celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak, which will fulfill the Sunday Mass attendance obligation. Following lunch, we will set out on a Journey to the Cross with Jesus.

ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND WALK WITH JESUS?

Set out on a Journey to the Cross with Jesus. The sacrifice that won for us our salvation! Experience and learn about all the places and things that Jesus went through leading you his death on the cross. And ending with His Resurrection!

Information and registration papers were sent home with students. A completed registration/permission form is required and is due back to the RE Office by Sunday, February 25th so we can register our Saint Michael Group.

 Sunday, February 18 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

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

 Black & Indian Mission Second Collection

 Haluski Sale / Hall / After all Masses

 Monday, February 19 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 President’s Day / Parish Offices Closed

 Tuesday, February 20 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, February 21 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, February 22 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 23 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

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

 Stations of the Cross / 6:30 PM

 Combined Choir Practice / 7:30 – 8:30 PM

 Saturday, February 24 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Knights of Columbus Mom’s House Collection

 Catholic Ministries Drive Announcement/Kickoff

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 February 25 Catholic Ministries Drive Announcement/Kickoff

 Knights of Columbus Mom’s House Collection

 February 27 St. Joseph Icon Devotion

 March 2 & 3 Catholic Ministies Drive Commitment Weekend

LENTEN FISH FRY ~ The St. Michael Fire Department is hosting their annual Lenten Fish Fries-Every Friday during lent thru Good Friday-Feb. 23rd, March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Fried or Baked Fish Dinners - $13, Shrimp Dinner - $14. Takeout only & local delivery. Hours are 11 AM – 6 PM. Please phone 814-495-4111.

FISH BUFFET ~ All Fridays in Lent, thru Good Friday, Mar. 29th. New Germany Grove Hall, New Germany from 4-6:30 PM. Dine-in or Drive Thru Take Out Line. Adults $15, Children 6-11, $7.50. No Phone Orders.

NUT ROLLS ~ Most Holy Tinity, South Fork. Easter Nut Roll order form can be found in the back of the church. Rolls are $12 each. Order by March 8th or call Rita at 814-495-5169 & leave a message. Pick up is Friday,

March 15th from 9 AM-Noon or after all weekend Masses at Most Holy Trinity.