ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

751 Locust Street

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 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

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

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Parish Website Sunday 7:30 am to 7:45 am

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

Secretaries’ E-mail Anytime Requested

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 8

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.

Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time February 19, 2017

**Month of the Holy Family**

MASS INTENTIONS: (February 20 – 26, 2017)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Ruth Hennessy req. by Mike Hudak, Sr.

Wednesday 9:00 AM Nick Gilles req. by Helen Soohy

Thursday 8:00 AM Ann Blazosky req. by Steve Pepoy

Friday 9:00 AM Lois Jean Papcunik req. by Robert & Hermine Sivec

Saturday 4:00 PM Helen Golian req. by sister, Agnes Golian

Sunday 8:00 AM Stanley Brezovec req. by Mike & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, February 24 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Ushers

Minister of the Host: Karen Myers

Choir Minister: Theresa Carlson

Altar Servers: Evan & Dylan Kundrod

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, February 26 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Brezovec Family

Minister of the Host: Walter Christ

Choir Minister: Robert Grattan

Altar Servers: Quinn & Eva Spangler

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, February 2610:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Madison Kundrod John & Michelle Vitez Family

Minister of the Host: Greg Stiffler

Choir Minister: Bob Oshaben

Altar Servers: Haidyn & Amilyah Koch

Cantor: Shannon Kudlawiec

Greeter: Mary Ann Oravis

Sunday, February 26 Collection Counters

 John Bizzarri, Rod Kundrod,

 Mary Ann DeRosa & Phyllis Slonac



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Aloysius Neff requested by wife, Louise & Family

and

The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn for the health and well being of Mary Ann and Charlie Bertolino requested by Helen Slonac and Famly

during the week of February 19, 2017.

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, Melisa Ruddek, Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Jayden Scott Beam, Derrick Varnish, Karen Myers, Mark Baloga, Sharon Poldiak, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute 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 $3,198.00

Loose $ 149.00

Youth $ 45.50

Monthly $ 391.00

Maintenance Fund $ 55.00

Mandeville Diocese $ 10.00

Total $3,848.50

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

*Liturgical Reflection...*

By the Sacrament of Matrimony Christian spouses signify and participate in the mystery of unity and fruitful love between Christ and the Church. Man and woman, both in embracing conjugal life and in accepting and educating their children, help one another to become holy. As a married couple they have their own place and particular gift among the People of God. The faithful are enriched by the example of the married couple who give themselves wholeheartedly and unselfishly to one another. The love of God is visibly seen in the love of husband and wife.

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

Carmelite Community of the Word offers Opportunities for Spiritual Enrichment

CCW Sunday Sabbath Series: Spend a Sunday afternoon enriching yourself spiritually!

Sunday February 26, 2017

The Letters is based on her true story. THE LETTERS explores the life’s work of Nobel Peace Prize recipient Mother Teresa, one of the greatest humanitarians of all time. Told through a series of personal letters, this powerful film is an unforgettable journey of faith, courage and compassion.

Sunday Sabbath gatherings begin at 1:30 PM and end at 4:30 PM. It includes the DVD presentation and time for prayer and reflection. There is no charge for the session but a free will donation will be welcomed. Pre-registration is required the Friday before each session.

Overnight Silent Retreat Opportunities February 24-25, 2017: Living in the Present Moment

Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 PM; ends on Saturday at 3 PM. and will include presentations on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection. An opportunity for personal Spiritual direction will be made available. Cost for the overnight retreat: $40/person or $50/married couple. Includes overnight accommodations, meals and all materials. Pre-registration with fee is required by the Tuesday before each retreat.

Lenten Study Series Walk in Her Sandals: Experiencing Christ’s Passion through the Eyes of Women. Mondays, March 13, 20,27 and April 3 & 10, 2017. Two sessions will be offered; 9:30-11:30 AM and 6:30-8:30 PM.

The series focuses on the six universal gifts of women—receptivity, sensitivity, generosity, prayer, maternity and the Holy Spirit—through the eyes of women in the Gospels. The study will guide participants through a prayerful and creative journey through the events of Holy Week, Easter and Pentecost. The series is open to both men and women but focuses specifically on the gifts of women through the eyes of women in the Gospels. Pre-registration is required with fee by Wednesday March 1, 2017. Cost for the series is $20. Book fee: $12.

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The third Monday in February is when America celebrates Presidents' Day.

'This telephone is an amazing invention but who would want to

use one of them?'  *American President, Rutherford Hayes 1876*.

FATHER BRIAN’S MESSAGE ~ Please be advised that anytime we experience severe weather where travel for one would be dangerous or if one is experiencing an illness, you are not obliged to attend a Sunday Mass.  I have decided that, unless otherwise noted, we will not cancel any Mass when the local schools are closed or delayed.  In the future, if I am away on vacation, retreat, etc., weekday Masses will simply be canceled.  I prefer to not have Communion services, unless there would be an extreme reason to do so.  Canonically those services are to be held only when there is no other Mass celebrated for a long period of time.  We are still very blessed in our diocese and local area to have several other parishes that offer the Mass; we should attend those Masses on days when none is celebrated at Saint Michael parish.   *God bless! Fr. Brian L. Warchola*

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.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of February through April are available this weekend for anyone who did not pick up one last weekend. They can be found on the wall inside the front doors.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thanks to everyone who gave to the Second Sunday Food Collection for the Forest Hills Food Pantry. We collected many food items and $380.00.



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.

*February 19th Mt. 5:38-48*

*Giving the shirt off your back, turning the other cheek or walking/driving the*

*extra mile is normal stuff in families. We do that for one another. Today’s*

*gospel reminds us all people, even those we don’t like are our brothers and*

*sisters. Our family should prepare us to be FAMILY to others.*

**Meet the President: A True Funny Tale**

 When Will Rogers was being taken to the White House to meet President Calvin Coolidge,

Vice President Dawes cautioned him not to try to be funny because the President had no sense

of humor whatsoever. Undaunted, Rogers bet Dawes that he could have Coolidge laughing within

20 seconds. When the formal introduction was made, Dawes began by saying, 'Mr. President, may I introduce my friend, Mr Will Rogers.' Rogers held out his hand with a questioning look and said, 'Pardon me, I didn't quite get the name.' Coolidge roared with laughter, and Rogers won the wager.

Why do Americans choose from just two people to run for president and 50 for Miss America?



Religious Education And Christian Helping

 February 19, 2017

Snow Tubing at Seven Springs Resort – Our REACH Youth Ministry is taking a trip to Seven Springs Resort for a Snow Tubing Session on Saturday, March 11, 2017. REACH students will get a Free Snow Tubing Trip along with a Pizza Party prior to tubing. The REACH students can also invite a guest to attend. Guests will only be responsible to pay their Snow Tubing admission cost of $25.00. REACH funds will cover the cost of the bus transportation and the pizza social for all in attendance.

We will meet for a Pizza Social here at our church hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will then board a bus from the church hall to Seven Spings for a Tubing Session from 8—10 p.m. and return again to the hall for pick-up at approximately 11 p.m. We are also in need of parent chaperones(with proper clearances)for this event. Both Parish Permission forms and Snow Tubing Liability forms have been sent home with our grade 6-12 students that are interested in attending. Signed forms for all students, guests and chaperones need to be returned no later than next Sunday, February 26, along with guest payments so we have an accurate count of attendance prior to our trip. Any further questions can be directed to Missy Burkardt at 418-3560.

 *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 2017 and Registration Forms were 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 5th.*

Questions? Call the RE Office at 495-4873.



The National Catholic Youth Conference is a powerful, biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. The 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference is November 16-18, back in Indianapolis, with the theme *Called/Llamados*.

Who Can Attend NCYC?

Any high school aged member of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown aged 16 or over and their adult chaperones (with proper clearances) are invited to attend the pilgrimage to NCYC. Young people must register through their parish or Catholic High Schools.

*Saint Michael Parish is planning to attend NCYC 2017!*

 We are offering this trip opportunity to REACH students that will be age 16 or over in the fall of 2017 and also adult chaperones. Fundraising for this trip will start with our annual Spring fundraiser. (*See Insert in this bulletin)* Anyone interested in this trip can use their own proceeds of this sale towards the $100.00 Registration Fee that is Due as their commitment to their reservation. A payment plan is offered after the initial deposit is made.

Many additional “NCYC fundraisers” will be scheduled to raise funds towards the remaining cost of the trip. Once attendees are registered, there are also possible scholarship opportunities to apply for and more information will follow from the diocese. Please visit: [www.ncyc.info](http://www.ncyc.info) for more information including promotional videos.

NCYC Registration forms are available in the RE Office. *All registrations, along with an initial registration deposit fee of $100.00 is due in the RE Office no later than March 12, 2017 to hold a reservation for this trip. Registrations and deposits will then be sent to the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Office by their registration deadline to confirm our group registration.*

The Cost of the trip is $625 per person.

Trip Package Includes:

* Deluxe motor coach travel (round trip) leaving from pick-up spots in Altoona and Ebensburg to Indianapolis (Bus departs late November 15 and returns early November 19)
* 3 nights’ accommodations (based on Quad occupancy)
* Continental breakfast at hotel each morning
* Sandwiches for lunch (ex. Panera, Subway meals)
* A pizza party on Thursday
* A Special Luncheon with Bishop Mark Bartchak on Friday
* NCYC Conference Registration, Administrative Fees, Taxes and Tips
* Official NCYC Diocesan T-shirts and sweatshirt

Initial Deposit of $100.00…………………………………………….….Due March 12, 2017

Additional questions can be directed to the RE Office at 495-4873.

 Sunday, February 19 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 Confirmaion Session 10B / Grade 10 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 Hall Rental

 Monday, February 20 No Mass (Presidents’ Day Holiday)

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, February 21 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

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

 Girl Scouts Cookie Sorting / Hall

 Wednesday, February 22 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Thursday, February 23 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

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

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 Friday, February 24 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Sunday, February 26 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

 Ash Wednesday, March 1 Masses are at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

 Mandeville Diocese Collection

 Sunday, March 5 Holy Name Society Meeting / after 8:00 AM Mass / Hall

 Coffee & Donuts / after 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses / Hall

DANCE ~ There will be a Polka Dance at the St. Michael American Legion on Sunday, December 19th from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. Music will be provided by Bronco and the Rhinelanders. Everyone is welcome to attend!

Basilica of St. Michael-Loretto - Winter/Lent Adult Faith Education Classes – Deacon Richard Golden & Jane Golden will present an opportunity for adult faith formation *The Bible & the Virgin Mary*. The class will be presented in the basilica hall at 6PM. Let’s grow in our faith together! Classes will begin Thursday, February 23rd and run for six weeks. Registration/workbook cost is $10. To register, call our Parish Office at 472-8551 or parish e-mail sherri0530@verizon.net or you may contact Deacon Golden at rjgold@csrlink.net or 241-0975. Please bring your Bible to class.

SAINT PATRICK’S DAY PARTY – Join in the Fun at the Resurrection Roman Catholic Church Saint Patrick’s Day Party on Saturday, March 11, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM featuring the Michael O’Brian Band. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The entrance fee is $5.00. Irish Food, Soda and Beer available for purchase. For reservations, please call Greg Babik at 322-6884 or MaryBeth at the Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788 Ext 4. Please call early as seating is limited.

The Ancient Order of Hibernians will celebrate their annual St. Patrick’s Day Dinner Dance on Saturday, March 11th.  This year's speaker will be Barnard A. Joyce.  Social begins at 5:00 pm followed by dinner at 6:00 pm.  Tickets are $20 for adults and $15 for students.  The event will be held at the Bavarian Hall in Altoona.  For tickets, please call Tim Hallinan at 814-944-6143.  No tickets will be sold at the door.

February 19, 2017

REACH Spring Fundraiser—9”Hoagie & Gob Sale*:* It’s time for our annual Spring Hoagie & Gob fundraiser. REACH is taking pre-orders February 19th through March 5th. Hoagies and Gobs will be available for your pick-up in the church hall the weekend of *March 11th and 12th.*

The Gobs will come from Livingston Bakery and our premium 9” Hoagies will be made fresh by our REACH students the morning of March 11th. We will package our hoagie toppings separately so you can use them to your personal liking for a “Custom Made” hoagie of choice!

Orders will be ready for student delivery pick-ups by 10:30 a.m., March 11th. Parishioner pick-ups will also be available from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11th or after any of the weekend masses March 11th and 12th. *Please indicate your pick-up/delivery preference on the order form.*

*(This will help us to better organize our orders).*

Orders can be placed by using the order form on the opposite side of this bulletin insert. Extra forms are also available on the church entrance tables. Orders will be accepted until March 5th.

Make checks payable to "St. Michael REACH".

Order forms can be returned along with payment: 1) by placing in an envelope marked “REACH Fundraiser” and placing in the weekend collection baskets, or 2) place in the “Green Tub” outside the Rectory door, or 3) return orders to RE class or place by calling the RE Office at 495-4873 or the Rectory at 495-9640.

St. Michael REACH Spring Fundraiser—9” Hoagies & Assorted Gobs

Orders DUE by Sunday, March 5th ~ Available Saturday, March 11th

Order forms can be returned along with payment in 3 ways: 1) by placing in an envelope marked “REACH Fundraiser” and placing in the weekend collection baskets, or 2) place in the “Green Tub” outside the Rectory door, or 3) return during any Religious Education class. Orders can also be placed by calling the RE Office at 495-4873 or the Rectory at 495-9640.

Hoagie and Gobs Orders will be ready for student delivery pick-ups and Parishioner pick-ups at 10:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11th, or after any of the weekend masses March 11th or 12th.

*Please indicate your pick-up or delivery preference on the order form.*

*(This will help us to better organize our orders).*

Make checks payable to “St. Michael REACH”

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| Our 9” Premium Hoagiesare made freshand all toppingswill be packaged separately*Toppings include:*LettuceTomatoesPicklesOnionsMild Pepper RingsItalian Dressing Packet  | 9” Premium Hoagies  $6.00 Each | Hoagie / Total $ Due | Livingston Bakery Gobs$1.50 Each = (1)$7.00 = ½ Dozen (6) $14.00 = 1 Dozen (12)  | Gob / Total $ Due | (Hoagie $ + Gob $)= Grand Total $ Due |  PAYMENTWITHORDER | PAYWHENPICKEDUP | PICK-UPMarch11thAt10:30 amORAfterMassesMarch11th & 12th 4:008:0010:30 |
| 9”Turkey &Provolone$6.00 | 9”Ham & Provolone$6.00 | 9”Italian( Ham, Salami, & Provolone )$6.00 | Chocolate(Regular filling) | Banana | Pumpkin | Chocolate(Peanut Butter filling) |
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