ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

 Rev. Msgr. David A. Lockard, Administrator MASSES:

(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm



 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary & Bookkeeper: 10:30 am

 Michele Panick Daily Mass: M, T, Th, F Noon

 Wed. 6:00 PM

 DRE: Laurie Sloan Holy Days: See Bulletin

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PHONES: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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

Fax: (814) 495-9424 Confessions:

Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Saturday 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Parish Website Sunday 10:00 am to 10:15 am

[www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.co](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.co)m By Appointment

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St. Michael Catholic Church/St. Michael, PA

 Third Sunday of Lent

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 March 7th, 2021

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

SACRAMENTAL Parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism is

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

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

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Month of Saint Joseph

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (March 8 – March 14, 2021)

Monday, Mar. 8 Noon Rose Hudak req. by Children

Tuesday, Mar. 9 Noon Albert & Katherine Demko req. by Carl & Pam Freidhoff

Wednesday, Mar. 10 6:00 PM Ellen Meier req. by Matilda Blozevich

Thursday, Mar. 11 Noon Hermine Sivec req. by Grandchildren & Great-grandchildren

Friday, Mar. 12 Noon Donald Cotchen req. by Nick & Pauline Minor

Saturday, Mar. 13 4:00 PM Edward Bukovsky req. by Mike & Connie Yauneridge

Sunday, Mar. 14 8:00 AM Barbara Malchesky req. by Catherine Tedjeske

 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 13 4:00 PM

Lector: Susan Poldiak

Minister of the Host: Susan Blazosky

Altar Server: Ana Spangler

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Sunday, March 14 8:00 AM

Lector: Arnold Bernard

Minister of the Host: Marie Bernard

Altar Server: Michael Kresic

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Sunday, March 14 10:30 AM

Lector: Mike Barton

Minister of the Host: Amanda Williamson

Altar Server: Ian Dobbins

Cantor: Elizabeth Dobbins

Monday, March 15 Collection Counters

 George & Pauline Minor

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:* Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Bernice Myers, Dwight Fyock, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Mary Zangaglia, Natalie Zerby, Valencia Tursi, Homer Locher, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Ted Paluch, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Kristen Sinosky Long, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Jennifer Hagans, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Derrick Varnish, Vincent Koshute, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Izzy Bihun, Dorothy Kaminsky, Patricia Oshaben, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Alina Rusnak, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Anne Robinson, Carter Bobak, Vince Arena, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Nancy Edmiston, Leonard Oshaben, Adam, Janice Dipyatic, Lily Maloney, Scott, Lisa, Audrey Costlow, Cathy Sossong, Rosanne Krug, Becky Kakabar, Howard Delaney, Dolores Mucko, Elliana, Ashlee, Helen Soohy, Carol K. Fabrizio, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Seder, Rosalie Ambrose, Pearl Borlie, Joe (Runk) Slonac, Diane Neri, Sharon Poldiak, Patty Gdula 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 $2,939.00

Loose $ 105.00

Youth $ 20.00

Monthly $ 445.00

Candles $ 6.00

Maintenance Fund $ 248.00

Initial Offering $ 10.00

Solemnity of Mary $ 15.00

Easter Flowers $ 265.00

Black & Indian $ 55.00

Mandeville Diocese $ 65.00

Total $4,173.00

We sincerely thank and

ask God’s blessing upon

all who have care and

 concern for our parish.

*Stewardship Reflections…*

In the cleansing of the temple Jesus initiated something new. No longer was worship a matter of offering sacrifice in the temple, nor was fidelity a matter of following the law. In the Gospel of John, we read that Jesus, “was well aware of what was in man’s heart.” Sin causes people to turn in on themselves; to grow accustomed to conducting relationships not by the standards of generous stewardship, but by the calculus of self-interest: “What’s in it for me?” (*Stewardship: A Disciple’s Response*; USCCB, 1992) Do you rely on God’s signs and wisdom or those of the world? Be a sign of Christ’s presence in the world today by offering your presence to someone in need. Pray that you may become a better steward of God’s wisdom and not your own. Begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



During the week of March 7th, 2021

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Edward Bukovsky

requested by Mike & Connie Yauneridge

MAY HE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Edward Myers whose funeral Mass was on Wednesday, March 3rd, 2021. May he know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. Please pray for the consolation of all his family and friends.



BAPTISM ~ On Saturday February 27th, 2021, we celebrated the baptism by Msgr. David Lockard of Molly Catherine Brandle daughter of Luke and Anna (Yakicic) Brandle. Molly Catherine became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism.



BAPTISM ~ On Sunday February 28th, 2021, we celebrated the baptisms by Msgr. David Lockard of Nora Leigh and Jovie Ann Sloan daughters of Robert and Brittany (Graffius) Sloan IV. Nora Leigh and Jovie Ann became new creations in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING ~ There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Sunday, March 7th in the Church following the 10:30 AM Mass.

THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION ~ Next week our parish will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and help Jesus in disguise. Learn more about the collection at [*www.usccb.org/catholic-relief*](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief)*.*

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION ~ Next Saturday, March 13th at 1:30 PM, Msgr. Lockard, along with Fr. Joseph Nale from Most Holy Trinity & St. Bartholomew Parishes, will be hearing confessions here at St. Michael Church.

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

MOST HOLY TRINITY EASTER NUT ROLLS ~ Nut, nut/raisin, apricot, poppy, & poppy/raisin rolls are $9 each. If you wish to order, please call Rita at 495-5169 and leave a message. Orders are due by Friday, March 12th. Pick up is Friday, March 19th from 9:00 AM – Noon or after weekend Masses at Most Holy Trinity, South Fork.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

 March 7, 2021

Religious Education News

Home Lesson Packet #6 is being distributed to all students in Grades K—11. Our K—5 packets were distributed on Thursday, March 4th and our Grades 6—11 catechists will have packets available to pick-up on Sunday, March 7th from 9—10:20 AM. Completed lessons from previous lesson packets should be returned at this time.

 For those that missed previously scheduled pick-up times, an alternate pick-up option is available. There is a Big Blue Tote outside the Parish Office door marked: "Religious Education Pick-Ups & Drop Offs".  It can be accessed anytime to make it easier to Pick-up missed lessons and also Drop-off the completed ones.  Look for your "Family Name" on the name tag attached to the bag.

You can stop anytime at your convenience even after office hours.  Completed lessons can also be placed in the tote and will be given to each grade’s catechist.

Junior High Virtual Youth Day 2021 is scheduled for Sunday, March 21st. Students in grades 6, 7 & 8 can attend from home via ZOOM. Look for information in this week’s Lesson Packet #6.

Registration forms are due back to the Religious Education by March 14th.

10th Grade Gifts of the Holy Spirit Retreat: Our 10th grade confirmation candidates have been participating in their virtual Gifts of the Holy Spirit Retreat this week. They will be attending their third Zoom Session this evening and reflecting on their journey this past week as they continue preparation towards receiving their sacrament of confirmation.

FEBRUARY 2021 PARISH TICKET WINNERS

UNSOLD TICKETS/NOT RETURNED TICKETS ~ If the winning number is a ticket that was not sold or returned, the money will be split with the number above the winning number and the number below the winning number. If the number above or below the winning number was not returned, we will go above or below that number.



Day Date Amount Number Winner

Friday February 26, 2021 $75 124 Terry Hunter

Saturday February 27, 2021 $100 183 Mr./Mrs. Joseph L. McCloskey

Sunday February 28, 2021 $100 158 Larry Kush

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE ~ Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The Church encourages voluntary fasting on other days of Lent. Fasting refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise during the day. Those who have reached their 18th birthday and not yet their 59th birthday are obliged to fast. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14th birthday are obliged to abstain.

WEDNESDAY EVENING MASS ~ We will be having an evening Mass on Wednesdays at 6:00 PM through March 31st for Lent. This is a wonderful opportunity to attend a daily Mass to help us in our Lenten journey. There will be NO Noon Mass on Wednesdays during Lent.



STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ We will pray the Stations of the Cross on the Fridays of Lent at 6:00 PM.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS BOOKLETS ~ Stations of the Cross Booklets are available on Fridays for anyone to take home and bring back with you every Friday. Please one per family.

WEEKLY CONFESSIONS ~ Msgr. will be hearing confessions every Friday following the Stations of the Cross until 7:00 PM in addition to the regularly scheduled confessions on Saturday & Sunday.



EASTER FLOWERS ~ Easter flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by legibly signing the Easter Flower envelope in your packet. The normal offering is $10. Please return the envelopes on or before March 28th.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS & LENTEN FOLDERS ~ Anyone wanting a Little Black Book, or a Lenten Folder can either call the Parish office or stop in at the office during Parish office hours: Mon., Tues., Thurs., Fri., 8:00 AM – 3:00 PM.

HYMNALS ~ During Lent we need to resume using our parish hymnals. In order to prevent the transmission of the COVID Virus and other germs, we ask you to do the following:

Take a hymnal from the box at the church entrances (one per family please) and use it for Mass. Then take it home with you, put your name on it, and bring it with you to church every time you come to Mass. Treat it like the Missals we used in “the old days.” Since you are the only one using it, that should prevent transmission of the virus, etc. to others.

PRECIOUS LIFE ~ 8th Annual Spring Breakfast with guest speaker Melissa Ohden, an abortion survivor. Saturday, March 20th at 9:00 AM at Anthony’s Restaurant, 725 Scalp Avenue, Johnstown. Tickets are a $10 donation and may be purchased by calling the office 814-269-4391. A free-will offering will be taken. Thank you!

CATHOLIC CHARITIES ~ The 2021 Catholic Ministries Drive encourages us to “Be a Disciple of Hope.” People in this area get the help that they need because of your support towards Catholic Charities. Each year, 100% of the gifts made are allocated to the 14 ministries throughout our diocese and one of those ministries is the Catholic Charities. In 2019-2020, Catholic Charities received $480,000 – making it possible to help nearly 8,000 individuals by providing hot meals, warm beds, and open hearts during the most difficult year for local communities. These services are available to those in need regardless of their religious affiliation, race, disability, etc. Help Catholic Charities today by mailing your gift, placing it in the parish offertory, or donating online at dioceseaj.org. 100% of your donation will go to the ministries to give help, build hope, and change lives.



 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE ANNOUNCEMENT WEEKEND

Our Catholic Ministries Drive – BE A DISCIPLE OF HOPE – launches today throughout our Diocese.

The annual Catholic Ministries Drive supports 14 ministries through which people are accompanied in their journey. There are so many gifted and generous laypersons in our diocese who share their time and talent to support our Catholic ministries. Without their help and your help, we could not fulfill our mission. This year, more so than others, our world, our nation, our communities, our parishes, and our families need tangible expressions of hope.

Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation when it arrives this week and return your pledge card in next weekend’s offertory.

The year 2021 is a time for everyone to BE A DISCIPLE OF HOPE!

St Michael Parish Goal is: $27,192.

All contributions received beyond our parish target will be used to purchase and install new gas furnaces for the Church, Hall, and Rectory. Thank you for supporting these vital ministries with sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!

Pope Francis Prayer and Novena Prayer



Pope Francis’ deep devotion to Saint Joseph was highlighted when he chose his inaugural day to be on a March 19th, the Solemnity (Feast) of Saint Joseph. Writing *Patris Corde* during the Covid-19 Pandemic, he was inspired that Saint Joseph, “has helped us see more clearly the importance of ‘ordinary’ people who though far from the limelight, exercise patience and offer hope every day. In this, they resemble Saint Joseph, the incomparable role in the history of salvation’.” (<https://www.vatican> news.va/en/pope/news/2020-12)

In the closing of *Patris Corde*, Pope Francis shared the prayer of trust he has prayed for over 40 years at the conclusion of Morning Prayer: *“Hail, Guardian of the Redeemer, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary. To you God entrusted his only Son; in you Mary placed her trust; with you Christ became man. Blessed Joseph, to us too, show yourself a father and guide us on the path of life. Obtain for us grace, mercy and courage, and defend us from every evil. Amen.”*

Faithful believers pray the ancient Nine Day Novena Prayer to Saint Joseph during the Church Year all throughout the world. It is extremely powerful to begin the Nine Days leading up to March 19, the Feast of Saint Joseph. This year the 9 days would begin on Wednesday, March 10 and conclude on the Eve of the Feast Day. For the full Novena see: https//www.praymorenovenas.com 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center*, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.



 Sunday, March 7 Mass ~ 8:00 & 10:30 AM

 Confessions / 10:00 – 10:15 AM / St. Paul Room

 Liturgy Committee Meeting / Church / After 10:30 AM Mass

 Catholic Ministries Drive Announcement Sunday

 Monday, March 8 Mass ~ Noon

 NO Sunday Choir Practice

 Tuesday, March 9 Mass ~ Noon

 Boy Scouts / 7:30 - 9:00 PM

 Citizens Concerned for Human Life Meeting / 7:00 PM



 Wednesday, March 10 Mass ~ 6:00 PM

 Thursday, March 11 Mass ~ Noon

 NO Saturday Choir Practice

 Friday, March 12 Mass ~ Noon

 Stations of the Cross / 6:00 PM

 Abstinence from Meat

 Confessions after Stations of the Cross until 7:00 PM

 Saturday, March 13 Mass / 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:30 – 3:45 / St. Paul Room

 Confessions with Msgr. Lockard & Fr. Joseph Nale / 1:30 PM

 Catholic Relief Services Collection

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Catholic Ministries Drive Commitment Sunday

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 March 14 Daylight Savings Time Begins

 Catholic Relief Services Collection

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Catholic Ministries Drive Commitment Sunday

 Parish Council Meeting

 March 20 Katie Owens/Evan Link Nuptials

LOCAL FISH FRY ~ The St. Michael Fire Department is holding their Lenten Fish Fries each Friday during Lent. Meals are by Take out only or local delivery. Fried Fish, Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinners are available. Sides include your choice of Mac & Cheese, French Fies, or Pierogies. Dinners also include a roll and cole slaw. Meals begin at 11 AM thru 6 PM.

FISH FRY ~ Take out only! No need to get out of your car! Immaculate Conception Parish in Summerhill, PA. On the following dates ONLY: March 5th, 12th, 19th, 26th and Good Friday, April 2nd from 4 – 6:30 PM at the New Germany Grove Hall, 1635 New Germany Road. Drive through only – NO phone orders! Adult size only, cost for each dinner is $10. All Dinners include: Choice of: Baked or Fried Fish, Baked Potato only (NO French Fries), Mac & Cheese, Haluski, Green Beans, Cole Slaw; and cake of the week. There will be no fish sandwiches. Thank you for your continued support!