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

 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 September 17th, 2023

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.

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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The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 19 – September 24, 2023)

Monday, September 18 No Mass

Tuesday, September 19 9:00 AM +Frank Snyder req. by Paul & Susan Snyder

Wed., September 20 9:00 AM +Walter M. Lorek req. by wife, Anita & Family

Thursday, September 21 9:00 AM +Philip Hillegas req. by Reba Vasas

Friday, September 22 9:00 AM +Albert & Katherine Demko req. by Carl & Pam Freidhoff

Saturday, September 23 4:00 PM +Catherine “Kitty” Yakicic req. by Isabella Yakicic

Sunday, September 24 8:00 AM People of the Parish

 10:30 AM Blue Mass

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 23 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Amy Spinos Catherine Yakicic

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac Family

Choir Minister: Karen Myers

Altar Server: Caden Roberts

Cantor: David Zajdel

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Sunday, September 24 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terri Leach Bob & Ellen Grattan

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Choir Minister: Sally Kolar

Altar Server: Kaden Christ

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, September 24 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Jacob Stiffler First Responders

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Cameron Vitez

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: REACH Students

Monday, September 25 Collection Counters

 George & Pauline Minor

 Dorothy Stroz

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:* Patricia Murphy, Dwight Fyock, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Ted Paluch, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, 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, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Dick Wilson, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Alina Rusnak, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Rhonda, Carter Bobak, Mike Morris, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Leonard Oshaben, Adam, Lily Maloney, Scott, Lisa, Audrey Costlow, Rosanne Krug, Becky Kakabar, Elliana, Ashlee, Helen Soohy, Carol K. Fabrizio, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Seder, Pearl Borlie, Joe (Runk) Slonac, Lori Gramling, Ruth Ferchalk, Mildred Andrykovitch, Colin Wingard, Betty Duray, Jim Fisher, Bill Gideos, Corrine Onder, Anne Robinson, Joseph Litzinger, Rosalie Ambrose, Rebecca Brunberg, Gardner Stoker, Barbara Reighard, Danielle Pearson, Kim Morgan, Vivian Michaels Tsakeris, Jim Lambert, Devin Yochimowitz, Fr. Charles Bodziak, Margaret Kowalski, John Patterson, Linda Miko, Trey Sinosky, Paul Slonac Jr., Sharon Poldiak, Kathy McClemens 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 September 17th, 2023

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Paul & Anna Pavlik

requested by Helen Slonac

and the Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn for our

Religious Education Students and Teachers

and for the success of our Religious Education Program

will



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $4,995.00

Maintenance $ 130.00

Holy Days $ 65.00

Religious Ed. $ 573.00

Diocesan Collections $ 50.00

Total $5,813.00

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Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren’t condoning the injustice. We just don’t let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Flossie Sivec whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, September 9th, 2023. 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.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $542.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

ST. MICHAEL BLUE MASS ~ We will be having a Blue Mass honoring all first responders for their service at the 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday, September 24th. A small luncheon will follow for first responders and their families in the Church Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~ Religious Education Fund envelopes can be turned in any weekend of September.

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS ~ Please remember to notify the Parish 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.

PRIESTS’ MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION ~ Next weekend, September 23rd & 24th, there will be a second collection for the medical and retirement needs of our diocesan priests. Your generous response will provide relief to the men who bring us closer to Christ through worship, service, and community. Please use the special envelope provided in your packet.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the winter months of October through January 2024. Please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by this Sunday, September 17th. And please contact Suzi with your Holiday preferences (Any Holy Days, Christmas, and New Year’s). Lay ministers are being sought for all Masses and all ministries – Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, Greeters, and Cantors.

MAINTENANCE FUND TICKETS ~ Please return the money, stub, or ticket(s) as soon as possible but no later than September 27th. If you are unable to sell or don’t want the ticket, PLEASE don’t throw it away, but return it as soon as possible as we always have people looking for extras. If paying by check, please make check payable to St. Michael Church. The money raised from the sale of these tickets will help to build our Maintenance Fund.

PLEASE NOTE! ~ We apologize if anyone has been accidentally missed. If you would like a ticket or if anyone is wanting extra tickets, please call the office during office hours. If you no longer want tickets, please call the office and we will take you off the list. Thank you.

 *Fr. Jerzy Auguscik, Administrator*



ST. MICHAEL PARISH SURVEY ~ We want to hear from you!

*The St. Michael Stewardship Team* (previously known as *The St. Michael Leadership Team*) would like to determine the needs of our parish in order to enhance our spiritual life. A parish survey will be distributed over the weekend of September 30th – October 1st. All parishioners are encouraged to participate! Your feedback will help guide future projects and bring to light areas of interest in our community.

Paper surveys will be made available and collected in the church. Digital surveys will also be available using

a QR code, which will be posted in the church and in the weekend bulletin. \*Please note that *The Stewardship Team* recommends using the digital version if possible.

Any questions or comments for *The St. Michael Stewardship Team* can be directed to Kelsey Deighan-Lafferty in the parish office at 814-495-4873.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) ~ Are you interested, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to grow in faith understanding or has not been confirmed for one reason or another? The R.C.I.A. sessions will resume in October here at St. Michael. For more information, please call Suzi Blazosky at 814-495-5287 or email sublazosky@gmail.com.

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WOMEN’S DAY OF REFLECTION ~ St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Inspirational Speaker, Ximena DeBroeck, STL, Ph. D for A Women’s Day of Reflection, “Called and Anointed for Mission” This one-day event will be held from 8:30 AM – 4 PM September 30th. The day will start off with a walk with the Women of the Old and New Testament as you discover the meaning of being called. The day will include Mass, Adoration, confession & fellowship. This event is free & open to all. Lunch & Refreshments will be served so an RSVP is required. For more information contact St. Benedict Rectory at 814-266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

SPEAKER ~ Brenda Garcia, a faithful Catholic & Hollywood stunt woman, will speak at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg on Tuesday evening, October 3rd at 7 PM. She has appeared in movies and has also worked on many TV series. Open to all, free of charge & no registration needed. A free will offering will be taken.

BINGO ~ Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg on Sunday, September 24th at 1 PM. Doors open at Noon. Admission $25. For info call 814-472-7500 EXT 103.

BASKET PARTY ~ Holy Family Parish, Portage, on Sunday, October 1st at 2 PM. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Tickets are $5 for 25 chances & 1 door prize chance. Complimentary cake & coffee. Pre ticket Sales available in the Parish Hall before & after all weekend Masses.



BASKET RAFFLE ~ To benefit Trinity McCall, 3 yr. old daughter of Dylan & Kayla McCall, Granddaughter of Thomas & Marsha McCall and Tony & Cindy Maticic with multiple degenerative & terminal medical conditions. Sunday, October 8th at Most Holy Trinity Church 550 Main St. South Fork. Doors open at 1 PM, Drawing at 3 PM. Basket Tickets - $5/25 tickets.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 17, 2023

 Religious Education Schedule

Our Religious Education classes will begin this Thursday, September 21 for Pre-K—Grade 5 students, 3:30—4:30 p.m. and next Sunday, September 24th for Grades 6—12, 9:00—10:20 a.m.

*\*Parents – check your e-mail for an important Religious Education newsletter.*

Thursday K—5 Parents, please look for a School Bus Permission Slip attached to your email. If you want your child(ren) to ride the Forest Hills Elementary Bus provided to Thursday RE, You must print, fill out and return this School Bus Permission slip to the Forest Hills Elementary Office giving them your permission to allow your student to ride to our Saint Michael Church in place of their regular return home bus. These Permission slips needed to be returned by Friday, September 8, giving the school and our RE Department time to compile a list of students riding on Thursday afternoons.

If you have not yet turned in a Bus Permission slip to the Elementary School, please contact BOTH the Forest Hills Elementary School Office and our Saint Religious Education Office to assure that your student(s) have valid permission signed and are added to the RE Bus list at the Forest Hills Elementary School and here at our Saint Michael Parish RE Department.

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Our REACH, Religious Education And Christian Helping year has officially started for our 2023—2024 Religious Education year. Students can earn service time when participating in any service projects scheduled within the parish and any service performed outside anywhere in our communities. Outside Individual Service forms are available in the Religious Education Office. All services will count towards "total service" for Diocesan requirements for students in their Confirmation Process in grades 9, 10 & 11.

Senior High Youth Conference ~ SHYCON 2023

Our Saint Michael students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will be attending SHYCON on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at Saint Francis University Stokes Center.

This theme for SHYCON 2023 is:

“*The Son of Man himself did not come*

*to be served but to serve.”*

Gathering of young people in grades 9—12 not only is an opportunity to grow in their faith, but to see themselves as members of Christ’s body, the young church, on a bigger scale than just their parish.

 The day will begin with a group check-in at 11:00 AM. Bishop Mark will be joining us as the celebrant of our Liturgy and this liturgy will fulfill our Sunday Mass attendance obligation.

 Registration Forms will be given to the students in grades 9—11 in their RE classes.

Registration forms are due back by Sunday, October 1, 2023

\*During the three-year process of confirmation formation, candidates in grades 9, 10 and 11

are required to attend a minimum of one diocesan youth conference (SHYCON).

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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, September 17 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

 Girl Scouts Meeting / Hall / 4:00 – 5:30 PM

 Monday, September 18 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, September 19 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, September 20 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, September 21 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Pre-K – 5 Religious Education / Hall / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Knights of Columbus Meeting / Hall / 6:00 PM

 Friday, September 22 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Saturday, September 23 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Retired Priests Medical Expenses Second Collection

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 UPCOMING EVENTS

 September 24 Retired Priests Medical Expenses Second Collection

 Blue Mass

 September 26 Parish Council Meeting

MOST HOLY TRINITY PUMPKIN ROLLS ~ Pick up will be Friday September 22nd, 9 AM – 12 noon or after weekend Masses at Most Holy Trinity, South Fork, church hall.

CHICKEN BBQ AND MINI-BAZAAR ~ St. Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin, Sunday, September 24th in the parish Activity Center, 714 Foster St., Gallitzin. Takeout dinners are $12 each. Dine in seating will be available. There will be a flea market, baked goods, games & a basket raffle. Dinner served 11 AM until sold out.

PIE & CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP SALE ~ St. Benedict Church Altar Rosary Society, Carrolltown - on Saturday, September 30th, from 10 AM – 2 PM in the Church Hall. Large pies-$9, small pies-$7, apple dumplings-$3, homemade chicken noodle soup-$7 per qt. Soup & sandwich bar available.

STEELER TICKET LOTTERY ~ The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is currently selling tickets for the Steelers vs. the Baltimore Ravens Game at 1 PM on Sunday, October 8th. Tickets cost $10 & include seating for 4 people at the game on the 40-yard line, ten seats up, transportation to the game by way of the Steeler bus and $200 mad money. If you would like to purchase some tickets, call the parish rectory @ 814-536-6110.