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, W, Th, F

DRE: Laurie Sloan 9:00 am

Maintenance: Rodney Turgeon Holy Days: See Bulletin

PHONES: Office Hours:

 Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Fax: (814) 495-9424 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Closed Wednesdays

Parish Website Confessions:

[www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com) Saturday 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Secretaries’ E-mail Sunday 7:30 am to 7:45 am

saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com 10:00 am to 10:15 am

Facebook page: By Appointment

St. Michael Catholic Church/St. Michael, PA

 Twenty-fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 September 19th, 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

 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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 Month of the Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 20 - September 26, 2021)

Monday, Sept. 20 9:00 AM Philip Hillegas req. by Reba Vasas

Tuesday, Sept. 21 9:00 AM John Vandzura req. by Eric Tedjeske

Wednesday, Sept. 22 9:00 AM Derek Yoder req. by Joe & Jenny Yoder

Thursday, Sept. 23 9:00 AM Eva Stahr-Kessler req. by Walter & Mary Christ

Friday, Sept. 24 9:00 AM Mary Sivec req. by Deb & Kira Oshaben

Saturday, Sept. 25 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, Sept. 26 8:00 AM Jane Plummer req. by Nick & Pauline Minor

 10:30 AM Helen Picklo req. by Mary Ann Murin & Family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 25 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Bryan Spangler Family

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Choir Minister: Karen Myers

Altar Server: Brooke Williamson

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Sunday, September 26 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Jane Plummer Family

Minister of the Host: Sally Kolar

Choir Minister: Terri Leach

Altar Server: Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, September 26 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: James Lashinsky Michael Steele Family

Minister of the Host: Haidyn Koch

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Alexis Henderson

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Reach Students

Sunday, September 26 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:* Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Bernice Myers, Dwight Fyock, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, 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, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Alina Rusnak, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Anne Robinson, Carter Bobak, 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, Dolores Mucko, Elliana, Ashlee, Helen Soohy, Carol K. Fabrizio, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Seder, Rosalie Ambrose, Pearl Borlie, Joe (Runk) Slonac, Patty Gdula, Judy Barr, Ric Szelong, Lori Gramling, Babe Richards, Ruth Ferchalk, Morgan Divita 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

Regular Offertory $4,631.66

Maintenance $ 10.00

Religious Ed. Fund $ 724.00

Diocesan Collections $ 50.00

Total $5,415.66

We sincerely thank

and ask God’s blessing

 upon all who have care

 and concern for

our parish.

September 19, 2021 Mark 9:30-37

Disagreements are commmon in families. However, what would you say if Jesus posed the same question “What are you arguing about?” Is it silly and petty? Is it an attempt to impose your will and control on another? Today Jesus tells us and his disciples to give it up. We are meant to serve each other, not control.

During the week of September 19th, 2021

the Sanctuary Candle will burn for the success of our

Religious Education Program

and

the Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn for our

Religious Education Students and Teachers



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~ In your packet of envelopes there is an envelope for our Religious Education Fund – dated September 12th. All money collected will go into our Higher Education Account. Envelopes can be turned in any weekend of September.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $1,030.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE ~ Due to scheduling conflicts, Sunday’s Choir will be practicing on Wednesdays until further notice.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ~ There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting this Sunday, September 19th in the Church Hall, Room #2 after the 10:30 AM Mass.

PRIESTS MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION ~ Next weekend, September 25th & 26th, 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. Thank you.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of October through January are now being made up. Anyone who would like to serve as an Altar Server, Reader, Cantor, Greeter, or any current minister who has scheduling preferences at his time, should call Suzi Blazosky at 814-495-5287 or email her at sublazosky@gmail.com . Deadline is September 19th, 2021.

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. program will commence in October. For more information, please call Suzi Blazosky at 814-495-5287 or email sublazosky@gmail.com.

ANNUAL NOVENA ~ St. Therese Church will be holding their Annual Novena in honor of St. Therese of the Little Flower of Jesus starting Thursday, September 23rd and will continue for nine days. Masses will be held at 9 AM & 7 PM except on Saturday and Sunday, which will be Saturday at 9 AM, 4 PM, & 7 PM and Sunday at 7:30 AM, 10:30 AM, and 7 PM. Sunday Sept. 26th will be the anointing of the Sick Mass at 2 PM. The closing of the Novena will be Friday, Oct. 1st with refreshments served after the 7:50 AM, 9 AM and 7 PM Mass in the Church Hall. To have your intentions placed on the altar during the Novena, send them to the St. Therese Church rectory.

PA MARCH FOR LIFE ~ Free Bus Trip! Monday, September 27th. PA State Capitol, Harrisburg, PA 11 AM: Rally, 12 Noon: March. Call 814-269-1470 for LOCAL BUS Reservations/Details. For more info: PAMarchForLife.org.

FEAST OF ST. FRANCIS – DAY OF CELEBRATION ~ Saturday, October 2nd. Rummage/Garage Sale and Friar’s Nook Gift Shop Fall Sale starting at 10:00 AM. Rosary (3 PM), Pet Blessing (3:30 PM), and Mass (4 PM). Food and Baked Goods for Sale. Bring a lawn chair or blanket!

SPECIAL MASS AND BANQUET ~ Once again it is time to hold a special celebration for Columbus Day in conjunction with a time of prayer. The affair will be held at the St. Michael Basilica in Loretto on October 17th. Bishop Bartchak will celebrate Mass at 2 PM. Immediately following Mass, a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. Knights, along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration. Cost of the dinner is $15 for adults and $7.50 for children 12 yrs. old and younger. Reservations must be made in advance. No money transactions will be made at he door the evening of the banquet. Those wishing to attend should submit their names along with a check to: William Stasko, CPA, 8 Entrance Dr., Johnstown, PA 15905. In order to prepare name tags in advance, names should be submitted singly, rather that as Mr. & Mrs. THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS IS OCTOBER 9.

ANNUAL PRO-LIFE PRAYER BREAKFAST ~ Saturday, October 23rd, New Germany Grove Hall 9 AM – 12 Noon.

Hosted by the Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Cambria-Somerset Chapter.

CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~ Fridays in the Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto at 3 PM. – Please join us as we gather to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for our country, world, and religious freedom.

*Stewardship Reflections…*

In the gospel today, Christ is speaking not only of youngsters, but all “little ones,” those who are vulnerable or needy in anyway, through poverty, physical or mental illness, and advanced age or those living in difficult family situations. St. Teresa of Calcutta would call these children, “Jesus in distressing disguise.” They are all around us if we open our eyes. Like Jesus, we can put our arms around the little ones in our world and channel some of our energy, ambition and talent towards them. Giving the best of ourselves to these brothers and sisters may be a little messy at times. It may put us in situations that are far outside our comfort zones. Maybe our colleagues and neighbors will not understand us.

An Urgent Request to Everyone in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

In a matter of 72 hours (August 14-16), the Caribbean country of Haiti was struck by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake that destroyed countless homes, churches, and schools, and flooding by Tropical Storm Grace impeded rescue efforts.

I am asking everyone in our diocese young and old to contribute to a special second collection for Haiti that is to be taken up at all the Masses on the weekend of September 18-19. Online donations are also encouraged through the GIVING section of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website. All proceeds will be given to Catholic relief Services for immediate distribution.

Please be generous in responding to our neighbors in their time of need. Please be a Good Samaritan!

Thank you for your prayers and financial donations for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak

Please make checks payable to St. Michael Church. Put your donation in a plain envelope marked “Haiti Victims” with your name & envelope number on it & place in the second collection basket at Masses this weekend, September 18 & 19.

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MAINTENANCE FUND TICKETS ~ We are asking that each active parish household (and active adult children living in the household) sell or buy one ticket for $10.00 and return the money and ticket stub as soon as possible, but no later than September 26th. The tickets start on October 1, 2021 and continue the whole month of October. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing. The October Maintenance Fund tickets are on the table at the back of the Church. They will be in the Church for the next 2 weeks. Tickets will no longer be mailed to Parishioners. 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 checks payable to St. Michael Church. The money raised from the sale of these tickets will help to build up St. Michael Maintenance Fund to purchase gas furnaces for the hall, and rectory.

PLEASE NOTE! If you did not purchase or sell your June and February 2021 tickets, you were not issued the October 2021 ticket. If you did not get a ticket and would like to purchase the October 2021 ticket, please call the office. 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 at 814-495-9640. Thank you.

 *Parish and Finance Council Members*



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

 September 19, 2021

Catechetical Sunday

 Today, we are celebrating Catechetical Sunday. A special blessing goes out to all of our dedicated catechists who give of themselves to help spread the joy and good news of our Catholic Faith to our parish children. Our catechists for this 2021—2022 Religious year are: Kindergarten, Susan Poldiak; First Grade, Ellen Grattan; Second Grade, Pauline Minor; Third Grade, Mary Ann Spangler; Fourth Grade, Ken Burkardt; Fifth Grade, Laurie Sloan; Thursday K—5 Aid, Kelsey Deighan; Sixth Grade, Kathy McClemens; Seventh Grade, Diane Skoner; Eighth Grade, Nancy Wessel; Ninth Grade, Pauline Minor; Tenth Grade, Susan Blazosky; Eleventh Grade, Michael Barton; Twelfth Grade, Susan Wieczorek.



 Religious Education Start Dates:

 Grades 6—12 begins on Sunday, September 19th

 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

 Grades K—5 begins Thursday, September 23rd

 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

 Religious Education Registration

Religious Education registration is taking place for our 2021 / 2022 CCD Year.

Registration information must be returned BEFORE Parish children can attend CCD class.

New registration packets containing forms and information for our upcoming year have been mailed out to all registered families of our Saint Michael Parish with school aged children. Please complete and return the forms for enrollment in our 2021 / 2022 Religious Education Year Parents of K—5 students must also return a Bus Permission card to the Elementary School Office if you want your K—5 student(s) to ride the CCD from the Elementary school to the parish Hall for Thursday Classes. Any questions, call the RE Office at 495-4873.

 Sunday, September 19 Mass ~ 8:00 & 10:30 AM

 Confessions / 7:30 – 7:45 AM & 10:00 – 10:15 AM / In the Confessional

 Second Collection for “Haiti Earthquake Victims”

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

 Pastoral Council Meeting / Hall Rm #2 / After 10:30 AM Mass

 Monday, September 20 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Knights of Columbus / Hall / 7:15 PM



 Tuesday, September 21 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Boy Scouts / Hall / 7:30 – 9:00 PM

 Wednesday, September 22 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Thursday, September 23 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 K - 5 Religious Ed. / Hall / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

 Friday, September 24 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Saturday, September 25 Mass / 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:30 – 3:45 / In the Confessional

 Retired Priests Medical Collection / Second Collection

 Madeline Docherty & Justin Gdula Nuptials / 1:00 PM

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 September 26 Retired Priests Medical Collection / Second Collection

 Ticket Money Due

 October 9 & 10 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 October 10 Holy Name Society Meeting

 Coffee & Donuts

 October 17 Liturgy Committee Meeting

BBQ CHICKEN DINNER ~ St. Demetrius Church in Gallitzin will be holding their Famous BBQ Chicken Dinner on Sunday, Sept. 26th as a Take-Out Dinner only. Cost: $12/dinner will include their Delicious ½ BBQ Chicken, 2-Sides and Dessert. Dinners will be available from 11 AM until sold out. Basket raffle, theme games, and other small games of chance will be available as well. Location: Parish Activity Center at 714 Foster St. (enter below 616 Church St.).

FOOD FEST AND BASKETS ~ St. Anthony of Padua, Windber will have a Food Fest and Baskets on Saturday, October 2, 3-7 PM and Sunday, October 3, 11 AM – 4 PM. Your favorite Ethnic Festival Food for Take-out only. Porkettes, Rigatoni & Meatballs, Gnocchi & Meatballs, Sausage & Meatball Sandwiches, Pizza, Pigs, Haluski & Gobs! We will also have chances on Baskets, 25 chances for $5.