ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

Rev. Brian Warchola, Administrator MASSES:



(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Michele Panick 10:30 am

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

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: 2018 NUMBER: 48

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

BAPTISM: By Appointment. Reserve at least one month in advance.

 Preparation classes are necessary.

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 rectory 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 encouraged

POLICY: and is required for Marriage.

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

 First Sunday in Advent December 2, 2018

 Month of The Immaculate Conception

MASS INTENTIONS: (December 3 – December 9, 2017)

Monday 8:00 AM Agnes Bertolino req. by Linda & Kelly Garanich

Tuesday 8:00 AM Levia Kuhar req. by Mr. & Mrs. Mike Steele & Daughters

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 8:00 AM For Catholics to return to the Church

First Friday 8:00 AM Rose & Fern Danel req. by Family

 6:00 PM Claudia McCloskey req. by John Slivenik

Saturday 9:00 AM Joseph Olszewski req. by Joan & Bob Oshaben

 4:00 PM Wayne C. Cook req. by Stephanie & Steve Voss

Sunday 8:00 AM People of the Parish

 10:30 AM Deceased Members of the Volker Family req. by David J. Volker

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, December 8 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Ed & Karen Myers

Minister of the Host: Theresa Carlson

Ministers of the Cup: Babe Richards & Susan Blazosky

Altar Servers: Ana & Eva Spangler

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Greeter: Carole Mucker

Sunday, December 9 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: David Knepper Nick & Sally Kolar

Minister of the Host: Walter Christ

Ministers of the Cup: Beth Kundrod & Ellen Grattan

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Michael Kresic

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Greeter: Pauline Minor

Sunday, December 910:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Nancy Wessel & Family

Minister of the Host: Dave Knobloch

Ministers of the Cup: Susan Wieczorek & Edie Knobloch

Altar Servers: Colby Rearick & Alex Bambino

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Deborah Macy

Sunday, December 9 Collection Counters

 Mary Ann DeRosa, Phyllis Slonac

 Christine Smay

*FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

*Holy Day of Obligation*

Friday December 7 6:00 PM Saturday December 8 9:00 AM

Lector: Joseph Faher Lector: Pauline Minor

Minister of the Host: Marie Bernard Minister of the Host: Robert Grattan

Ministers of the Cup: Cathy Faher & Ministers of the Cup: Paul Kundrod &

 Sally Kolar Marie Jo Plummer

Altar Servers: Ericka Frombach & Altar Servers: Luke Docherty &

 Alexia Steele Evan Burkardt

Cantor: Anita Lorek Cantor: Theresa Arena

Greeter: Phyllis Slonac Greeter: Karen Myers

Offertory Procession: McCloskey Family Offertory Procession: Joan & Bob Oshaben

GROUP PICTURES FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY ~ There will be group pictures of our church ministries taken next weekend, December 8-9, after each Mass. Pictures will be taken of the Cantors, Collection Counters, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Readers, Ushers and Sunday Choir Members. Please plan to spend a few extra minutes after Mass and bring your best smile. Thank you for your cooperation.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring Schedule which covers February through May 2019. If you have a request for dates you are not available or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by Sunday, January 20th. Lay ministers are being sought for all masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters. Please contact Fr. Brian or Suzi for further details or if you would like to volunteer.

SALVATION ARMY TREASURES FOR CHILDREN PROJECT ~



* Return your UNWRAPPED gift(s) with the tag attached to the St. Michael Catholic Church St. Paul Room by December 9th so that we can check them off and deliver them to the Salvation Army in time for distribution to the families.
* If you wish, you could provide an “extra” gift of your choice to be used for those tags that are not chosen at all. Gifts and larger clothing for pre-teens ages 11-13 are particularly hard to fill.

AN ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT ~ *What Sweeter Music: A Choral Christmas of John Rutter* will be

held 7 PM, Saturday, December 22 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Youth Chorale. The choral groups will be accompanied by the Hilltop Chamber Music Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free will offering will be taken.

*Stewardship Reflections*…

Let us begin this great season of Advent with a vow to be “vigilant”. (Luke 21:36). In the wise stewardship of everything entrusted to us that we will be held accountable for *our* actions, independent of the action of others.

 Catholic Ministries Drive $24,043.00

 Raised: $12,180.00

 Balance: $11,863.00

 Number of Responses: 89

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the *2018 Catholic Ministries Drive.* Please join them in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, you may give online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org).



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for Melissa Cordek

 requested by

Tony & Michele Panick and Family

during the week of December 2, 2018.





MAY HE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Glenn Hoffman whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Wednesday November 28th by Fr. Brian Warchola. 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.

FRIST FRIDAY ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament will be First Friday, December 7th with adoration from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM. Sign-up sheets can be found at the entrances of the Church.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS ~ Advent Confessions will be here at St. Michael Monday, December 10th at 6:00 PM. A couple priests will be present to assist Fr. Brian. Mark your calendars now. We will combine with Most Holy Trinity, South Fork. Everyone welcome!

OPLATKI ~ Oplatki will be available next weekend (December 8 & 9) at all Masses.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ If you would like to purchase a Christmas flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by using the Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The normal offering is $10.00. Extra envelopes can be found at the church entrances.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY 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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ There will be a Holy Name Society Meeting next Sunday, December 9th, after the 8:00 AM Mass.

COFFEE & DONUTS ~ There will be coffee & donuts after the 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses on Sunday, December 9th, sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ~ A donor writes, “your flyer touched my heart – seeing the retired religious, such memories surfaced.” Do you remember the sisters, brothers, or religious order priests who made a positive difference in your life? Today many are elderly and need assistance. Their religious communities struggle to meet retirement needs while continuing to serve the People of God. Please give to next week’s second collection. (December 9 & 10). Envelopes can be found in your packet of envelopes.

COMBINED CHRISTMAS CHOIR ~ Combined Choirs for Christmas will rehearse Friday, December 7th at 7:00 PM (after 6:00 PM Vigil Holy Day Mass) and Wednesday, December 12th at 7:00 PM. Other dates and times TBA.

FH COMMUNITY BAND ~ 1st Christmas concert of the season is Sunday, December 2nd at 6:00 PM at

Mt. Hope UM Church. All are welcome. Free admission. More concert dates to follow.

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, Lori Facciani, Dylon Wills, Debbie Dibert, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, 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, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, Derrick Varnish, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Izzy Bihun, Erica Mitzelfeld, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ed Ripper Sr., Patricia Oshaben, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Mary Sivec, Danika Faith, Alina Rusnak, Marcia Costlow, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Mary Ann Cover, Helen Bowen, Bill Gideos, James Macy, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Dan Strinkoski, Anne Robinson, Marlene McCrory, Sharon Poldiak, Carter Bobak, Vince Arena, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Marian Madison, Mildred Andrykovitch, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Mary Secriskey, Owen Croyle, Colton Snyder, Betty Delaney, Sam Martin, Nancy Edmiston 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 $3,020.00

Loose $ 140.00

Youth $ 26.50

Monthly $ 106.00

Maintenance Fund $ 459.00

Candles $ 26.00

All Saints $ 5.00

All Souls $ 5.00

Christmas Flowers $ 979.00

Catholic Charities $ 82.00

Total $4,848.50

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

December 2, 2018 Lk 21:25-28, 34-36

At this time of the year we are very conscious of our family as we make preparations for Christmas. Today’s gospel warns us not to be consumed by all the consumer activity. This Advent appreciate the gift of people in your life. The best gift this season might be your appreciation of others.



Religious Education And Christian Helping

 December 2, 2018

Our annual REACH Basket Social this Sunday, December 2nd!

Tickets will be available at the door for $5.00 each which includes 25 perforated basket chances and 1 door prize chance. Multiple tickets may be purchased. *Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. with 'chancing off' beginning at 2:00 p.m.* Come early to purchase your tickets and have ample time to view all baskets available and place your chances before the drawing begins.

*Attention—Parents of REACH Students:* We are asking each REACH student from grades 6—12 to donate the following items to help with our Basket Social fundraiser. All items can be dropped off in the church hall by Noon on Sunday, December 2nd.

 Grades 7 & 11 Bag of chocolate candy (Asst. minis, snack size or kisses)

 Grades 6 & 8 Cake / Dessert

 Grade 12 Two 2-liters of soda

 Grade 9 Bags of snacks (potato chips or pretzels)

 Grade 10 One Gallon of Iced Tea

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Fall Confirmation Sessions

Grade 11 ~ Session 11B ~ Sacraments and the Paschal Mystery ~ Sunday, December 9, 2018 ~ All 11th Grade students All will attend their Fall Session 11B from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Saint Paul Room to fulfill this session requirement. \*

*\* If the students miss this scheduled session, they are required to attend another*

*parishes scheduled session to fulfill these requirements.*



*REACH Holiday Service Projects*

*Holy Name K—5 Treats ~* Our Holy Name Society will sponsor a Christmas Pizza Party for our K—5 students on Thursday, December 20th. REACH student volunteers are needed to help pack the Christmas treats that they distribute to students. They will be gathering for this task on Tuesday, December 18th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



 Any interested students should stop in or contact the RE Office at 495-4873 to sign up.

 Sunday, December 2 High School Religious Ed. / 9:00 AM – 10:20 AM

 REACH Basket Party / 2:00-4:00 PM

 Girl Scouts / 4 – 5:30 PM

 Monday, December 3 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, December 4

 Wednesday, December 5 No Mass

 Thursday, December 6 K – 5 Religious Ed / 3:30-4:30 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 First Friday, December 7 Exposition of Blessed Sacrament with Adoration / 8:30 AM-3:00 PM

 Immaculate Conception Vigil Mass / 6:00 PM

 Combined Christmas Choir / 7:00 PM

 Saturday, December 8 Immaculate Conception Mass / 9:00 AM / Holy Day of Obligation

 Retirement Fund for Religious / Second Collection

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

UPCOMING EVENTS

 December 9 Retirement Fund for Religious / Second Collection

 Holy Name Society Meeting and Coffee & Donuts

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Baptism

 Girl Scouts

 December 10 Advent Confessions / 6:00 PM

 December 14 Girl Scouts

CONGRATULATIONS ~ Congratulations to Camillus Long and his family for being selected

October’s “Family of the Month” for Knights of Columbus Council 2275. Camillus and his wife Betty have 3 daughters and live in Mount Hope. Some of his qualifications were: Faithful Knight of Council 2275 for 54 years. Member of Holy Name Society. He has done numerous maintenance and other large projects here at St. Michael. A member of the Armed Forces and a member of St. Michael American Legion. Served in the Army during the Korean War and has done numerous other services in our community.

On the 15th day of each month – from August through July – 100 “Family of the Month” reporting forms are drawn at random from among all entries received at the Supreme Council Office. A family does not need to be a Knights of Columbus Member to be entered. For more information, contact the Parish office. The following factors should be considered in search for a “Family of the Month”:

* Has the family made significant contributions to the Church, community and /or council?
* Does family enjoy one another?
* Does family share experiences?
* Does family communicate openly & honestly?
* Does family pray & attend Mass together?
* Does family spend its time together interacting?