ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

751 Locust Street

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Rev. Brian Warchola, Administrator MASSES:



(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

 10:30 am

Secretary: Michele Panick Daily Mass See Bulletin

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 YEAR: 2018 NUMBER: 49

 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.

 Second Sunday in Advent December 9, 2018

 Month of The Immaculate Conception



MASS INTENTIONS: (December 10 – December 16, 2017)

Monday 8:00 AM Josephine Danel req. by Neal & Mary Kay Sivec

Tuesday 8:00 AM Fritzie, Michael & Remy Beaver req. by Family

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 8:00 AM Mario Di Marino Sr. req. by Robert Podrebarac Family

Friday 8:00 AM Barbara Brezovec req. by Elaine Barton

Saturday 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 AM Hank Dibble req. by Loving Family

 10:30 AM Terry McClemens Sr. req. by mother, Helen McClemens

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, December 15 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Donald Dipko Rod Kundrod Family

Minister of the Host: Helen Slonac

Ministers of the Cup: Vince Arena & Karen Myers

Altar Servers: Carson & Dylan Kundrod

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Mary Ann Spangler

Sunday, December 16 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Cathy Faher Hank Dibble Family

Minister of the Host: Terri Leach

Ministers of the Cup: Eric Tedjeske & Pauline Minor

Altar Servers: Quinn & Eva Spangler

Cantor: David Knepper

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, December 1610:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Caddy Terry McClemens Family

Minister of the Host: Michael Steele

Ministers of the Cup: Amanda Williamson & Jennifer Steele

Altar Servers: Kristyn & Cameron Vitez

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: REACH Students

Sunday, December 16 Collection Counters

 George & Janet Minor

 Rod Kundrod

The Sanctuary Candle will burn as a

birthday remembrance for

Stephen Yanzetich Jr. requested by Mom

and The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn in

memory of Margaret Minor

 requested by Son, Nick Minor & Family

during the week of December 9, 2018.



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 & St. Bartholomew, Wilmore. Everyone welcome!

OPLATKI ~ Oplatki is available this weekend 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 ~ This 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 this 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 this weekend, December 9th, sponsored by the Holy Name Society.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ~ Senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests ministered for years for little to no pay. Their sacrifices now leave their religious communities without adequate retirement savings. Your gift to today’s second collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious helps to provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. Please be generous.

COMBINED CHRISTMAS CHOIR ~ Date Change! Combined Choirs for Christmas will rehearse Tuesday, December 11th at 7:00 PM. Other dates and times TBA.

FIRESIDE BIBLES ~ We still have three Burgundy Family Bibles – New American Bible Revised edition. This would be a perfect Christmas Gift! The cost of the Bible is $20.00. If interested in purchasing one of them, please call the rectory.

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, 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 $3,831.00

 Loose $ 153.90

 Youth $ 57.50

 Monthly $1,092.00

 Maintenance Fund $ 91.00

 Candles $ 32.00

 All Saints $ 11.00

 All Souls $ 11.00

 Immaculate Conception $ 91.00

 Christmas Offering $ 103.00

 Christmas Flowers $ 373.00

 Catholic Charities $ 43.00

 Religious Retirement $ 20.00

 Total $5,909.40

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

December 9, 2018 Lk 3:1-6

Today’s Gospel shows John the Baptist and parents have similar vocations. Like the Baptist, parents are asked to make “rough ways smooth” and to “prepare the way of the Lord” for their families. This Advent ask: Does my life hinder or help my family to know Jesus?

GROUP PICTURES FOR CHURCH DIRECTORY ~ There will be group pictures of our church ministries taken this 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.

ADULT ENRICHMENT CLASS ~ The class *Sacraments* will be offered at two locations this January. Msgr. Robert Mazur will be teaching a 6-week course (2 ½ hour classes) beginning Monday January 7 from 6:30-9:00 PM at Cathedral, Seton Suite, Altoona and Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching an 8-week course (2-hour classes) from 6:30-8:30 PM beginning Tuesday January 8 at St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael. The cost of the course which includes registration and all material is $65. Participants will explore the history of the sacraments and the post Vatican II Theology of the Sacraments within the context of Christology, Ecclesiology and Ministry. For further information and registration forms visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry) or contact the Office of Adult Enrichment at 814-361-2000. All are welcome!

*Stewardship Reflections*…

Paul prays that all in the faith community increase their love and their knowledge to “discern what is of value”

(Phil 1:10). We grow as stewards and disciples of Jesus Christ by making decisions daily that demonstrate just how much we value our faith.

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).



 Catholic Ministries Drive $24,043.00

 Raised: $12,180.00

 Balance: $11,863.00

 Number of Responses: 89



Religious Education And Christian Helping

December 9, 2018

REACH Basket Social ~ Our REACH Basket Social was held last Sunday, December 2nd. A great big THANK YOU to all the volunteers who contributed many hours of their time to help make it a success.

Also, a big “THANK YOU” to everyone who attended our social. To all of our REACH parents, thanks for all the generous donations of items for baskets, and desserts, drinks, favor candy and snacks! To all of our wonderful parishioners for your generous donations and support! We could not have done it without ALL OF YOU. See you all again next year!

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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.



*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.



*Religious Education Schedule for the Christmas & New Year’s Holiday*

*We will have a holiday break for our Religious Education students and catechists. Religious Education Classes will not be held over the holiday break including the following dates:*

*No Class on Thursday, December 27th for Grades K-5*

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 *No Class on Sundays, December 23rd and December 30th for Grades 6—12.*

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 3rd for K~5 and Sunday, January 6th for Grades 6~12.

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

 Gr. 11 / Fall Confirmation Session / 9 – 10:30 AM

 Retirement Fund for Religious / Second Collection

 Holy Name Meeting / After 8:00 AM Mass

 Coffee & Donuts / After 8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Baptism / After 10:30 AM Mass

 Monday, December 10 Advent Confessions / 6:00 PM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, December 11 Combined Christmas Choir / 7:00 PM

 Wednesday, December 12 No Mass

 Thursday, December 13 K – 5 Religious Ed / 3:30-4:30 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, December 14 Girl Scouts

 Saturday, December 15

UPCOMING EVENTS

 December 16 Girl Scouts

 December 18 Holy Name Christmas Treats Packing

 December 20 K – 5 Pizza Party

 Girl Scouts Service Unit Meeting

FH COMMUNITY BAND ~ Christmas concerts of the season will be Friday, December 14th, Forest Hills Elementary School Cafeteria @ 7:30 PM; Saturday, December 15th, Ebensburg Center (Mini Mall Road) @ 1:30 PM; Sunday, December 16th, Galleria Mall, Richland @ 2:00 PM. All are welcome. Free admission.

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.

THE FRIAR’S NOOK GIFT SHOP – CHRISTMAS HAPPENINGS ~ Finish up (or start) your Christmas shopping by stopping at The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop, located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. Save 20% off your entire purchase on all items storewide December 15-22! Christmas Cookie Sale: December 20. Take the stress out of Christmas cookie prep by stopping at The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop’s Christmas Cookie Sale on Thursday, December 20th. There will be a variety of ethnic and traditional Christmas cookies, so stop by early while supplies last. Hours are Monday – Saturday, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM. Follow us on Facebook for updates and events!

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS ~ On Sunday, December 30th, at 3 PM, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8th Avenue and 11th Street, Altoona, PA 16602, a relaxing concert with Seasonal Music and audience participation will be held. The organists

will be Agoston Solzi and James Dengler. All our welcome to attend. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Pipe Organ Campaign.