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 ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 PO Box 103

 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

 Rev. Brian L. 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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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

saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com

 YEAR: 2018 NUMBER: 37

 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.

 Eulogies should be given at the funeral home at the time of the wake service or at the luncheon.

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

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

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



 Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 September 16, 2018

 **Month of The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother**

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 17 – September 23, 2018)

Monday 8:00 AM Albert Andrykovitch req. by Elaine Barton

Tuesday 8:00 AM John L. Podrebarac req. by Linda Malisko

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:00 AM John “Tom” Plummer req. by Betty (Wirfel) McMahon & Family

Friday 8:00 AM Lois Jean Papcunik req. by Dan & Shelley DeLuca

Saturday 4:00 PM Wayne C. Cook req. by Dorothy Katchur

Sunday 8:00 AM Paul Gressick Sr. req. by Bill & Jess Gressick

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 22 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino Wayne C. Cook Family

Minister of the Host: Theresa Carlson

Ministers of the Cup: Vince Arena & Susan Blazosky

Altar Servers: Mykala Drobnick & Elisabeth Zajdel

Cantor: David Zajdel

Greeter: Phyllis Slonac

Sunday, September 23 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Peter Bernard Gressick Family

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Ministers of the Cup: Sally Kolar & Terri Leach

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Michael Kresic

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Pauline Minor

Sunday, September 2310:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: James Lashinsky John & Michelle Vitez Family

Minister of the Host: Robert Oshaben

Ministers of the Cup: Greg Stiffler & Amanda Williamson

Altar Servers: Kristyn & Cameron Vitez

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: REACH Students

Sunday, September 23 Collection Counters

 Debbie Dupnock, Sharon Paterson

 Robert Casti, Barry Seese, Bill Thomas

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, Dawn Hagen, 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, Craig Kraber, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Mary Sivec, Danika Faith, Stacy Jarvis, Alina Rusnak, Fern Swartzentruver, Marcia Costlow, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Charles Smith, Mary Ann Cover, Helen Bowen, Bill Gideos, James Macy, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Dan Strinkoski, Anne Robinson, Marlene McCrory, Bonnie Moors, Sharon Poldiak, Carter Bobak 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 $4,311.00

Loose $ 206.00

Youth $ 31.00

Monthly $ 331.00

Candles $ 19.00

Maintenance Fund $ 78.00

Feast of the Assumption $ 20.00

All Saints $ 10.00

All Souls $ 10.00

Religious Ed. Fund $ 825.00

Retired Priests Medical $ 30.00

World Mission Sunday $ 10.00

Missionary Co-Op $ 10.00

Total $5,891.00

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

*September 16, 2018 Mk 8:27-35*

*If we want to be happy at home we must commit (“lose ourselves”) to our family. If we try to be independent from other (“save ourselves”) we end up lonely and alone. Happiness is found in commitments. The gospel is true: We save our life by losing it!*

TREASURY TICKETS ~ The October Treasury Tickets have been mailed out. We are asking that each parishioner(s) sell or buy the ticket(s) for $10.00 each and return the money and ticket stub as soon as possible, but no later than September 16. If you are unable to sell or don’t want the ticket(s), PLEASE don’t throw them away, but return them as soon as possible as we always have people looking for extras. Somehow, if you did not receive a ticket and would like one, or if you need more than 1 ticket, please call the office. We apologize if anyone has been missed.

 *Parish and Finance Council Members*

FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION ~ Mass and Rosary will be held Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 3:00 PM at St. Benedict’s Church, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, PA. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Mary, Mother of the Church.” Please join Bishop Mark, along with the clergy, children, and religious organizations in honoring our Blessed Mother. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

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 this time, should call Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or e-mail her at sublazosky@gmail.com. Deadline is September 21st, 2018.

FAMILIES SURVIVING SUICIDE ~ Tuesday Sept. 18 from 7-8:30 PM in Holy Name Church Hall, Ebensburg. Sr. Margie will host 2 evenings of grief support coping with suicide loss. Evenings include videos by Fr. Ron Rolheisaer: “Faith, Hope and Suicide Loss.” Must register. Call Sr. Margie at 814-472-8315.

SOLEMN HIGH MASS (Missa Votiva Pro Remissione Peccatorum) ~ A Solemn High Mass Offered for the Remission of Sins on Monday, Sept. 24 at Queen of Peace Church, Patton. The Mass will begin at 7 PM with a Penitential Procession, followed by a Latin Mass with Sermon, and Benediction of the Most Blessed Sacrament. Please come and pray with us…For the healing of victims, for perfect contrition of the abusers, in atonement for the sacrileges committed against Almighty God. [www.queenofpeacepatton.org / Parish Office: 674-8983.]

HEALING MASS ~ On Monday, October 8, at 7:00 PM, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. Fr. Bill Kiel, from the Diocese of Greensburg, will be the main celebrant. All are welcome, especially those in need of physical, emotional or spiritual healing and those who support and care for them as well. Music for the Mass will be led by the Cathedral Prayer Group Music Ministry. For more information, please call 814-941-3832.

*Stewardship Reflections…*

When we truly believe that all we have is a gift from God, then we must be willing to give up some things so that we can share our blessings as God intended. Living a stewardship lifestyle means not only being responsible for our own life, but the lives of others as well.



Catholic Ministries Drive $24,043.00

Raised: $11,555.00

Balance: $12,488.00

Number of responses: 86

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 all the

Forgotten Souls in Purgatory

during the week of September 16, 2018.

DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS ~ Once again we will be taking donations for the Nuns in Loretto, PA. These religious nuns have dedicated their lives to prayer and meditation, and they rely solely on donations from others. The feast day for St. Therese is October 1, and I thought it would be wonderful again if St. Michael Parish could take up a collection for the sisters in thanksgiving for their prayers for us. I continue to thank all of you for all the donation you make throughout the year.

For the sisters, we will be taking the donations on the weekend of September 29th and 30th. The suggested donations could include tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, dish liquid soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.… The sisters do not eat meat, so any food donations would have to be non-perishable and meatless. Your donations can be dropped off in the Bridal Room. Thank you for your support.

 *Fr. Brian*

IMPORTANT MESSAGE! ~ Thanks be to God, our St. Michael Parish is growing. I want to continue to thank everyone for their faithfulness and dedicated service to the parish. Recently we have had more and more individuals stopping at the rectory and office looking for handouts, giving every possible story you can think of for why they need financial assistance. We all know we help with donations to the food pantry and other people who need our help. In the same breath, we realize that many people could have ulterior “reasons” for asking for money. St. Michael Parish has worked with Catholic Charities for some time to refer people who are looking for assistance. This is the safest and most prudent way to handle these situations, because Catholic Charities is trained to help those who truly need help. We have also decided to install a buzzer system to let people in the office. This allows office staff to be safeguarded, so we can refer individuals to Catholic Charities.

FR. BRIAN’S MESSAGE ~ Recently, I have been asked about what is allowed on tombstones at a Catholic cemetery. Know that I am obliged to follow the guidelines set by the diocese and approved by the bishop, with all due respect to all members of the parish. As stated directly from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown:

This is a Catholic Cemetery. To keep its distinctly religious nature, only Christian symbols are permitted on the memorials. Scenes depicting a decedent’s occupation, hobbies, interests, fraternal associations, and so on, are not permitted. The depiction of animals as found in Sacred Scripture is appropriate only if the Scripture verse is used with it to show that it is of a religious nature. Therefore, the Management requests a printed diagram showing the design and specifications for each memorial and inscription for advance approval

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ST. MICHAEL BLUE MASS ~ We will be having a Blue Mass honoring all first responders (police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters and EMT’s and their families) for their service at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 30th. A small luncheon will follow in the Church Hall. All are invited.

THANK YOU ~ The Holy Name Society would like to thank all those that helped in the funnel cake & toasted cheese sandwich booths this year at the St. Michael Festival! It was a great weekend and we hope to see you all next year!

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $613.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.



 Please consider joining a group or leading a small group. We believe

 that ARISE will be a rewarding experience for all involved. Sign-up sheets are available at the entrances of the Church.

OUR SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are getting ready to create a new photo directory and we need you to help make it complete! Our directory will showcase our families, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected. By participating, you will receive a printed version of the new directory. Photographs create priceless family treasures and are great gifts. Signup sheets are available this weekend.

Photos will be taken in our church hall. Please check your calendar. Below are the scheduled photography dates and times:

Thursday, September 20, 2018 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, September 21, 2018 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday, September 22, 2018 10:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday, October 11, 2018 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, October 12, 2018 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Each family receives a FREE 8x10 photograph and directory for participating! Plan one hour for check-in, photography and image viewing and selection. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs for yourself, family and friends. Pets are welcome at your upcoming photography session. Friends and Family can also join us for a complimentary professional photography session even if they do not wish to be in our church directory. Military families, Veterans and their families and Seniors (Age 60 and over) are entitled to 20% off their portrait purchases.

Without you our directory will not be complete! 

Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 16, 2018

Religious Education Start Dates:

Grades K—5 begins Thursday, September 20th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grades 6—12 begins on Sunday, September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.



*9th Grade Parent Orientation ~ Orientation for parents of our 9th grade students beginning their 3-year confirmation process is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd beginning at 9:10 a.m.* Attendance *of at least 1 parent is required.*

*This orientation will take place in the upstairs of the Parish Hall while students are in their classroom for their first class of this new Religious Education year. You will be provided with information for the newly revised confirmation process guidelines and requirements for Sacramental prep from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and the opportunity for any questions along with a schedule for our 2018—2019 Religious Education Year.*

 *Catechists for the 2018—2019 School Year:*

 *Thursday’s 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday’s 9:00 to 10:20 a.m.*

Kindergarten Susan Poldiak Grade 6 Madison Kundrod

Grade 1 Ellen Grattan Grade 7 Diane Skoner

Grade 2 Pauline Minor Grade 8 Nancy Wessel

Grade 3 Mary Ann Spangler Grade 9 Pauline Minor

Grade 4 Ken Burkardt Grade 10 Elaine Barton

Grade 5 Theresa Arena Grade 11 Michael Barton

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SHYCON 2018 ~ Attention-All High School Students in Grades 9—12, SHYCON 2018 is scheduled for Sunday, October 28, 2018 at the Stokes Center, at Saint Francis University in Loretto.

 Our keynote speaker for SHYCON 2018 is Paul J. Kim. Paul has a very special form of faith sharing and a message that really engages our youth! He will encourage them and ignite the fire of faith in them! Check him out on YOUTUBE! This year’s theme is “STRONG AND COURAGEOUS.” It comes from Joshua 1:9. The message helps us to remember God is with us no matter what happens in our lives! Good or bad he will guide us through.

Registration forms are available and will be giving to students in RE class. The $20 registration fee will come from REACH Youth Ministry funds for students attending.

Registration forms are due back to our RE Office by Sunday, October 7, 2018.

 Sunday, September 16 Spaghetti Dinner Meeting after 10:30 AM Mass

 Church Directory Picture Sign-ups

 Monday, September 17 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, September 18

 Wednesday, September 19 No Mass

 Thursday, September 20 K - 5 Religious Education / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

 Church Directory Pictures / 2:00 – 9:00 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM

 Knights of Columbus Meeting / 6:00 PM

 Girl Scouts Service Unit Meeting

 Friday, September 21 Church Directory Pictures / 2:00 – 9:00 PM

 Saturday, September 22 Church Directory Pictures / 10:00 AM – 5:00 PM

 UPCOMING EVENT

 September 23 High School Religious Education

 Girl Scouts Meeting

 September 29 & 30 Retired Priest Medical Collection / Second Collection

 September 30 Mass for First Responders with small luncheon

 October 7 Spaghetti Dinner

COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION ~ The celebration will be held at the St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, PA on October 7. Rosary will be recited at 1:45 PM and Bishop Barchak will celebrate Mass at 2:00 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. The cost is $15 for adults and $7.50 for children 12 years and younger. Reservations must be made in advance! No money transactions will be made at the door the evening of the banquet. Those wishing to attend should submit their names along with a check to: William Stasko, CPA, 8 Entrance Drive Johnstown, PA 15905. In order to prepare name tags in advance, names should be submitted singly rather than as Mr. and Mrs. The deadline for reservations is SEPTEMBER 29, 2018.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ALL SAINTS ASSEMBLY 954 ~ Is sponsoring a Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday, October 14 from 11:00 AM till 3:00 PM at the St. John Gualbert Cathedral Parish Hall, located at 110 Adams St. in Johnstown. Please join your local Knight of Columbus for an afternoon of catholic fellowship and dinner, and a Chinese Auction/basket party! Meals are $8 per person, with children under 5 free.

BASKET PARTY ~ To support Birthright’s pro life work on Sun. Oct. 28 at the Richland Fire Hall from

11 AM – 2 PM. Drawing @ 1 PM. $10 includes 25 chances and luncheon. Big prize table and loads of gift baskets. Call Mary Kay @ 535-8231 for tickets.

CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE ~ To the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico December 8-13, 2018

to be there for the beautiful Mass of Roses on the feast day December 12th. $2,294. 00 per person including

air from Altoona. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass every day. For a Flyer or more detailed

information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.