ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 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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DRE: Laurie Sloan Holy Days See Bulletin

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 Office Hours:

PHONES: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

Fax: (814) 495-9424 Confessions:

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: 2017 NUMBER: 34

 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 Requires parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism

POLICY: and Marriage.

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

 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 20, 2017

  **Month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary**

MASS INTENTIONS: (August 21 – August 27, 2017)

Monday 8:00 AM Regina Anderko req. by cousin Mary Ann Murin & Family

Tuesday 8:00 AM Rose Hudak req. by Ann Volcjak

Wednesday NO MASS

 8:00 AM Most Holy Trinity, South Fork & St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

 12:05 PM St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

Thursday 8:00 AM Fritzie & Michael Beaver req. by Family

Friday 8:00 AM Catherine Bodziak req. by a Friend

Saturday 4:00 PM Ray Plummer Sr. req. by Don & Marie Jo Plummer & Family

Sunday 8:00 AM Barbara Brezovec req. by Peretin Family

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, August 26 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Don & Marie Jo Plummer

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Ministers of the Cup: Mary Partsch & Susan Blazosky

Altar Servers: Mykala Drobnick & Carson Kundrod

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Shirley Walls

Sunday, August 27 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Pauline Minor Mike & Lucia Brezovec

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Ministers of the Cup: Beth Kundrod & Cathy Faher

Altar Servers: Quinn Spangler & Ana Spangler

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, August 2710:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Robert & Joan Oshaben

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Ministers of the Cup: Greg Stiffler & Sharon Paterson

Altar Servers: Colby Rearick & Brook Williamson

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: Mary Ann Oravis

Sunday, August 27 Collection Counters

 Tom Paterson, Sharon Paterson,

 Robert Casti, Sara Zybura

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, Remy Beaver, Mary Lou Offman, Marian Chuckalovcak, Arlene Diamond, 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, Maria, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Heidi Allison, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Katie Ansell, Mary McCall, Sean, Holly, Shane, Melisa Ruddek, Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Jayden Scott Beam, Derrick Varnish, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Ron Ripper, Sr., Michelle Elliott, Shannon Meyers, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Dan Pauley, Peggy Mulvehill, Jane Plummer, Izzy Bihun, Sharon Poldiak 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 $ 3,879.00

Loose $ 266.00

Youth $ 56.25

Monthly $ 185.00

Maintenance Fund $ 10.00

Candles $ 22.00

Feast of the Assumption $ 108.00

Missionary Co-Op $ 1,255.00

Total $ 5,781.25

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



*August 20, 2017* Mt. 15:21-28

The mother in today’s gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

*ANNUAL WEDDING ANIVERSARY LITURGY.*

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60 + Wedding Anniversary in 2017 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 10 in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 17 in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Punch and cookies will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday August 22nd.



TREASURY TICKETS ~ 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 17th. The tickets start on October 1, 2017 and continue for the whole month of October. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing. 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. 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 up our Parish Treasury. The tickets are available this weekend, August 19th & 20th.

 *Parish and Finance Council Members*

PILGRIMAGE AT MOUNT SAINT MACRINA, UNIONTOWN ~ A chartered bus from the Johnstown area will travel to the 83rd Annual Pilgrimage at Mount Saint Macrina, Uniontown on Sunday, September 3, 2017. Bus will depart from Saints Peter & Paul, Portage Township, at 7:00 AM and from the Senior Life, Broad Street, Cambria City Johnstown at 7:30 AM. Will return from Mount Saint Macrina in the evening following a Candlelight Procession (approximately 9:00 PM). To reserve a seat, please call Saints Peter & Paul Church (814-736-9780), or Deacon Daniel Perich (814-487-5153) by Sunday August 27th. Youth must be accompanied by a parent or other responsible adult. A donation of $10.00 is asked.

***Stewardship Reflections ~***

Saint Paul reminds us that “the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable.” How will you use these gifts God entrusted you to carry out your personal vocation? Let the depth of faith God has given you continue to “walk the stewardship walk.”



 Catholic Ministries Drive $23,811.00

 Raised: $13,975.00

 Balance: $ 9,836.00

 Number of Responses: 85

Thank you to all who have participated in the Catholic Ministries Drive. Please join them in supporting our Parish and our Diocesan ministries. If you do not have a pledge card, you may send your gift (made payable to the “Catholic Ministries Drive”) directly to the parish office. Thank you for your generous response!

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the Deceased Members of the Beaverdale – Wilmore Class of 1957

and

The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn in honor of the Living Memebers of the Beaverdale – Wilmore Class of 1957 during the week of August 20, 2017.



Your text here

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thanks to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $461.00 along with an assortment of grocery items.

OCTOBER SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ On Tuesday, August 29th at 6:00 PM in the hall, there will be a meeting with Fr. Brian, the Funeral Committee, Holy Name Society and anybody else in the Parish interested in helping with the St. Michael’s Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to be held on October 8th, 2017.

CHOIR PRACTICE ~ Sunday Choir Practice will move to Tuesday, September 5th at 7:00 PM due to the Forest Hills Festival. It will return to its usual time the following week – Monday ,September 11th at 7:00 PM.



A BLUE MASS ~ Honoring first responders for their service at 11 AM Sunday, September 10th at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMTs and their families. The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public and honors those who serve our community in a most outstanding way as first responders. Anyone wishing to attend, plus those seeking further information can contact 814-659-6240 or evyanz@hotmail.com



Religious Education And Christian Helping

August 20, 2017

Upcoming REACH Service Project

Forest Hills Labor Day Festival ~ The annual Forest Hills Labor Day Festival will be held September 2nd, 3rd & 4th. Once again, our REACH Youth Ministry will have 2 booths and be selling Apple Dumplings and Ice Cream Sundaes. This is our biggest REACH fundraiser of the year.

*\*REACH Student and Parent volunteers will be needed to help with both booths for the 3-day weekend. Parent chaperones are needed in each booth for all 2-Hour time slots. Help is greatly appreciated.*

This is another great opportunity for our REACH students to earn 'Service Hour Credit' for the time that they volunteer. Sign-up sheets are in the back of the church for REACH students and parents to sign-up for a preferred time slot. Please don't hesitate to sign up!

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Religious Education Registration is taking place for our 2017—2018 Religious Education Year. New Registration forms are available in the back of the church. Envelopes are labeled with family names. Extra packets are also available for newly registering members. Families must pre-register students every year so that all information is updated. Any questions can be directed to the RE Office at 495-4873.

Please return registrations throughout the month of August. Forms can be returned by mail, by dropping in the weekend collection basket, or by dropping off at the Parish or Religious Education Offices.

In addition, parents of K—5 students also need to return the enclosed Bus Permission card to the Elementary School Office.

 Religious Education Start Dates:

Grades K—5 begins Thursday, September 21st from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grades 6—12 begins on Sunday, September 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

\*In order for your K—5 students to ride the bus from school, a bus permission postcard must be

returned to the school by Monday, September 11th.

*9th Grade Parent Orientation ~ Orientation for parents of our 9th grade students beginning their 3-year confirmation process is scheduled for Sunday, September 24th 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 2017—2018 Religious Education Year.*

Please consider sharing your time, talent and treasure with our youth.

A Grade 6 Catechist is needed to teach on Sundays.

Substitute Catechists are also needed to fill in on an “as needed” basis.

Parents: We need your help as chaperones at our various projects.

*New volunteers are always needed to help with our parish children*

 *in our Religious Education Program. \* YOU CAN HELP \**

If you are willing to do so, FIRST we need to obtain your clearances

The PENNSYLVANIA CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE LAW requires clearances and training for anyone working with our parish children. All helpers, volunteers and any other adults who wish to help chaperone and mentor our children in any way are required to have and will need these clearances. These clearances are free of charge for all volunteers. Once completed, you will need to provide copies of clearances and certification to be placed on file in our Parish Office. If you already have these clearances and training completed for your job, you will only need to submit copies to the office.

Please contact the Religious Education Office at 495-4873 or the Rectory Office at 495-9640 to submit copies or for more information to obtain these clearances. Your swiftness to complete the clearance process over the summer will help assure that we have an adequate number of compliant volunteers able to help with our youth when needed and when our Religious Education program resumes.

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Our new 2017—2018 REACH (Religious Education And Christian Helping) year officially started on June 1, 2017. Students can earn service time when participating in any service projects scheduled within the parish and also any service performed outside anywhere in our communities. Outside Individual Service forms are available in the Religious Education Office. All service will count towards "total service" for Diocesan Confirmation requirements.

In addition, all parish sponsored Servicewill cumulate towards the

REACH Service Award ($250.) for all REACH students during all their years of participation in REACH. This award is then presented during Senior Sunday recognitions to the top 3 participants with the highest cumulative Service hours.

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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 2018. Our Saint Michael Parish Confirmation Mass is scheduled for *Thursday, April 5, 2018* at 7:00p.m. and will be held at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

 Sunday, August 20 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Hall Rental

 Monday, August 21 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, August 22 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Wednesday, August 23 NO MASS

 Forest Hills first day of school

 8:00 AM Mass / Most Holy Trinity / South Fork

 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM Mass / St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

 Thursday, August 24 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM

 Friday, August 25 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Saturday August 26

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 August 30 Girl Scout Recruitement / Church Hall

 August 31 Forest Hills Football Program

 September 1 First Friday Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament

 September 2, 3, & 4 Forest Hills Labor Day Festival ~ Help support our Parish organizations

 ~ REACH Youth Apple Dumplings & Ice Cream Sundaes

 ~ Holy Name Society Funnel Cake

ST. JOHN’S CHURCH ANNUAL PICNIC ~ August 27, 2017 at the New Germany Grove. Chicken & Ham Dinner with homemade soup – 11:30 AM – 3:30 PM. Cruise-In is 2 – 4 PM at the Church parking lot across from the picnic grounds. Entertainment 12 PM – 7 PM. All are Welcome!

BISHOP CARROLL RIFLE TEAM ~ Sporting Clays Shoot and Prime Rib Dinner Fundraiser benefits Bishop Carroll Rifle Team. August 26th, 9 AM. Call 659-1987, email wirfelsmith@verizon.net or go to [www.bishopcarroll.com](http://www.bishopcarroll.com) for more information.

COMMUNITY LAB BLOOD SCREEN ~ Resurrection Roman Catholic Church in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber are holding a community lab blood screen-$30, Saturday, September 23 from 7 – 9 AM at Resurrection Church Hall, 324 Chestnut Street, Johnstown. Please call 814-467-3961 to schedule an appointment. A 12 – 14 hour fast is recommended. Patients of any physician are welcome. No Physician order is needed. Walk-ins are welcome!