ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

751 Locust Street

PO Box 103

St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

Rev. Fr. Jerzy Auguscik, OFM Conv. MASSES:

Administrator Saturday 4:00 pm

814-495-9640 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

10:30 am

Secretary & Bookkeeper: Daily Mass: Tue, Wed, Thur, Fri

Michele Panick 9:00 am

DRE: Laurie Sloan No Mass on Monday

PHONES: Holy Days: See Bulletin

Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 Office Hours:

Fax: (814) 495-9424 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

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

Parish Website Confessions:

[www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com) Saturday 3:15 pm

Secretaries’ E-mail Sunday 7:15 am

[saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com) 9:45 am

Facebook page: By Appointment

St. Michael Catholic Church/St. Michael, PA

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

January 14th, 2024

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

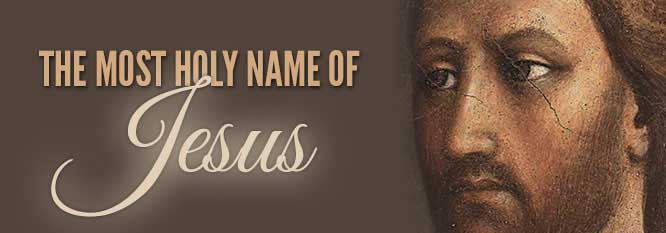
and registered before with their families) are asked to register by calling

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.

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

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

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The Month of The Holy Name of Jesus

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (January 16 – January 21, 2024)

Monday, January 15 No Mass

*Ordinary Time*

Tuesday, January 16 9:00 AM +Paul J. Kundrod req. by Ruth Armold

Wed., January 17 9:00 AM +Flossie Sivec req. by Wayne & Kathy Ringler

Thursday, January 18 9:00 AM +Bernard Grattan req. by Kathleen & Nate Thomas

Friday, January 19 9:00 AM +Pauline Leipchack req. by Jeff, Adam & Blake

Saturday, January 20 4:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Sunday, January 21 8:00 AM +Stephen Faher req. by Cathy & Joe Faher

10:30 AM + Mary Ann Murin req. by Gladys Hilligas

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 20 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Bryan Spangler Cheryl & Deborah Macy

Minister of the Host: Dorothy Stroz

Choir Minister: Karen Myers

Altar Server: Ana Spangler

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Sunday, January 21 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Cathy & Joe Faher

Minister of the Host: Marie Bernard

Choir Minister: Cathy Faher

Altar Server: Michael Kresic & Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Sunday, January 21 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Nancy & Richard Wessel

Minister of the Host: Michael Steele

Choir Minister: Amanda Williamson

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Description automatically generatedAltar Server: Makenzee Steele & Landon Fisher

Cantor: Alexis Henderson

Monday, January 22 Collection Counters

George & Pauline Minor

Dorothy Stroz

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:* Colin Wingard, Christine Sherry, Fr. Charles Bodziak, Daniel Deighan, Brian Lawton, Anne Robinson 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.)*

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Second Sunday in Ordinary Time John 1:35-42

Jesus’ question in today’s gospel is still valid today: “What are you looking for?” What do you want from your spouse, children or parents? Families are populated with imperfect people. To expect perfection is unreal. To expect and accept imperfection is wisdom.

God’s call – “Come and see”

A green pen with a blue tip

Description automatically generatedSamuel answered his calling from God and listened to him attentively. We need to respond to the call of the Lord by first dedicating ourselves to knowing Him. We do this by having a strong prayer life and a consistent prayer life. The more we pray, the more spiritual we become. The more spiritual we become, the more we pray. Just remember that our faith in its purest form is the personal friendship we can have with Jesus, and this is the beginning of our relationship with Him revealed to us by the actions of the two disciples of John the Baptist who followed Jesus. And that is the solid rock upon which our relationship with Jesus is grounded. We are told that the disciples not only followed Jesus, but they remained with him the entire day. I don’t know how you pray your morning prayers, but I would suggest that a good way to start and end your day is to repeat Samuel’s words each morning and evening. “Speak, Lord, for your servant is listening.”

WEEK OF PRAYER FOR CHRISTIAN UNITY ~ Begins January 18th – 25th. Let’s join the whole community of the church in that prayer inspired by Jesus’ words. “Let them be one as we are one, Father.” John 17:21

PARISH OFFICES ~ The Parish offices will be closed on Monday, January 15th for the Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday.

CHURCH CARPETING DATE CHANGE ~ Dates for the carpeting being laid in the Church have been changed from January 15th – 19th to January 22nd – 26th. The weekday Masses that week will be held in the St. Paul Room. Please use the St. Paul Room door located at the back of the Church (handicapped Parking Lot).

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ~ This weekend is our Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection. Please bring non-perishable food items or toiletries with you. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

SOUP SALE ~ Soup orders can be picked up in the church hall after each Mass this weekend.

HOUSE BLESSING ~ Fr. Jerzy will be doing House Blessings beginning the week of January 15th. Anyone wanting to have their house blessed, please call the office during office hours to arrange an appointment.

MASS INTENTIONS ~ You are welcome to submit your Mass Intentions for the 2024 Year. Either call the Parish Office or place Intention in an envelope & drop it off in the offertory or the black drop-off box outside the office door.

CHRISTMAS FAMILY ORNAMENTS ~ Thank you to everyone who provided a homemade ornament for the 2023 Family Christmas tree. Our tree was beautiful. All ornaments can be found in the last pew of the church for those that would like to take their ornament home. All others will be packed & saved for next year.

SPIRITUAL DIRECTION ~ Are you in need of Spiritual Direction? Anyone wanting Spiritual Direction (Spiritual Counseling) is to call the Parish Office at 814-495-9640.

Plenary Indulgence



In celebration of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi creating the first Nativity scene in Greccio, Italy, Catholics who visit a Franciscan parish and pray before the Nativity scene in that church can receive a plenary indulgence. The indulgence, which is a remission of the temporal punishment for sins, is available until February 2, 2024 – the Feast of

the Presentation of the Lord. Besides visiting the church and praying before the nativity, one must, as usual, celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation and pray for the Pope’s intentions. Those who are ill or otherwise physically unable to visit a church during this time may receive an indulgence by offering their sufferings to the Lord and through prayer. Among the parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown blessed by Franciscan ministry and presence, and therefore appropriate locations to visit to receive the indulgence, are St. John Vianney in Mundys Corner, Holy Family in Portage, St Anthony of Padua in Windber, St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anne, &

St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Johnstown and our very own St. Michael Parish! We have a Nativity scene at the front of the Church in front of the Altar and there is an outdoor Nativity beside the Rectory (by the large statue of Jesus).

A group of girls in a room

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APPRECIATION LUNCH

An Appreciation Luncheon was held for our St. Michael Parish in our

parish Hall on Sunday, January 7th, 2024.

All in attendance enjoyed a delicious catered meal together and our youth

entertained all by singing Christmas carols!

A group of people posing for a photo

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Congratulations to Landon Fisher!

He was the winner of the Big Screen TV that was chanced off.

A person in a sombrero and a hat

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Feliz Navidad – Merry Christmas 2024!

I would like to thank our parishioners for their tremendous presence at the Epiphany Sunday appreciation dinner. It was so nice to have a such loving time we shared together on the day.

Thank you,

*Fr. Jerzy*

 Religious Education And Christian Helping

January 14, 2024

2024 Religious Classes Resume

K—5 Classes resumed on Thursday, January 11th.

Grades 6—11 Classes will resume Sunday, January 14th.

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*Confirmation Retreat /*  Saturday, February 10, 2024

All students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will take part in their annual confirmation retreat.

A black and white drawing of a bird

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The program will begin in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. for the students only. All students in grades 9, 10 & 11 will come to the parish hall and join classmates for specific topic discussions with their grade level leader in designated classrooms for their specific retreat from 1 to 3 PM.

At 3:00 PM, sponsors and/or parents are asked to join the confirmation students for a Rosary lead by our 11th grade Confirmation Class followed by the 4 PM Mass. During this Mass, the 9th grade students will celebrate their “‘Rite of Blessing” and the 10th Grade students will celebrate their “Rite of Commitment” as part of their confirmation journey.

Mass will be followed by a pizza social in the parish hall for all students, parents and sponsors, including time for reflection on the day and time for the confirmation candidates and their sponsors to spend time together discussing their sponsor / candidate session activities.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

2nd GRADE RETREAT & SACRAMENT CELEBRATION

There will be a Penance & Reconciliation Retreat held on Sunday, February 11, 2024, for all 2nd grade students and their parents. The Retreat will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will conclude in our church with the Celebration of the Sacrament of First Penance & Reconciliation for our 2nd grade children. This celebration will end at approximately 3 p.m.

A cross in the sky

Description automatically generated with medium confidenceWe will share a covered dish luncheon together in the parish hall to begin the retreat. After lunch, our students and parents will participate in retreat activities as preparation for these students to receive their sacrament of First Penance and Reconciliation. Following the retreat portion of the afternoon, the group will join Fr. Jerzy in the church and our 2nd grade children will receive their Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the First time.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for their sacrament. A detailed letter of information has been mailed to all 2nd Grade families. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873.

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LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring Schedule which covers February through May 2024. If you have a request for dates, or you are not available (vacation) or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: [sublazosky@gmail.com](mailto:sublazosky@gmail.com) by this Wednesday, January 17th. And please contact Suzi with your Easter holiday/Holy Week preferences. Lay ministers are being sought for all Masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and especially Collection Counters.

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CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~ The Parish Office has closed the books for 2023 parishioner’s contributions. You may request a statement of your tax-deductible donations at any time by calling the office at 814-495-9640. If a contribution was made to the CMD, you should have received a statement from the diocese. Please remember to notify the Office of any changes in address or telephone numbers. If your cellphone is your primary house phone, please call us or drop a note in the collection basket.

 Sunday, January 14 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Confessions / 7:15 AM & 9:45 AM / Confessional

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

Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

Soup order pick-up / Hall / After 8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

CCHL Bus Captains Lunch / Hall / 1:00 PM

 Monday, January 15 No Mass

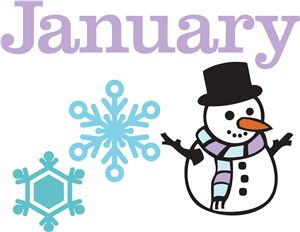
Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Parish Offices Closed

Tuesday, January 16 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, January 17 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

Thursday, January 18 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

K – 5 Religious Education / Hall / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

No Saturday Choir Practice

Friday, January 19 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

Saturday, January 20 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional



UPCOMING EVENTS

January 22 Pastoral Council Meeting

January 23 Finance Council Meeting

January 23 – 26 Carpet Installation / Masses in St. Paul Room



SQUARE DANCES ~ Saturday, January 27th, February 3rd & 17th, March 2nd & 16th at New Germany Grove Hall, New Germany from 7 – 10 PM. Music by Klassic Country. Cost is $10 per person which includes food & drinks. Proceeds benefit Pro-Life.

JEWELRY RAFFLE ~ Immaculate Conception Church, New Germany Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Saturday, January 20th. $25 ticket includes Admission, Meal, Dessert & Drinks. Doors open at 5 PM, 1st drawing at 6 PM. For tickets contact Becky 814-495-9594. For pictures & more details visit [www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle).

PUBLIC ROSARY ~ Lifting our prayers to Pray for The Unborn! Saturday, January 20th at NOON, St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Downtown Johnstown, St. Ann Shrine.

SLOVAK CLASS ~ Queen of Angels Parish, Central City, will host a lecture by Joseph Bieleki on Monday, January 22nd in their activity center (738 Sunshine Ave.) Will be held from 6:30 – 8:30 PM & includes refreshments. To register please call the Queen of Angels Parish office, 814-754-5224.