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 9:45 am

Facebook page: By Appointment

St. Michael Catholic Church/St. Michael, PA

 Second Sunday of Lent

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 February 25th, 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

Second Sunday of Lent

February 25th, 2024

The Month of The Holy Family

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (February 27 – March 3, 2024)

Monday, February 26 No Mass

Tuesday, February 27 9:00 AM +Ed Hudak req. by Siblings

Wed., February 28 9:00 AM +Sophie Kryz

Thursday, February 29 9:00 AM +Flossie Sivec req. by Wayne & Kathy Ringler

Friday, March 1 9:00 AM +Ed Myers req. by Karen & Family

Saturday, March 2 4:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Sunday, March 3 8:00 AM +Stephen Yanzetich Sr. req. by Dolores, Evan & Susan

 10:30 AM +Frank & Valencia Tursi req. by sister, Ramona Hoffman

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 2 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Amy Spinos Dennis & Babe Richards

Minister of the Host: Susan Blazosky

Choir Minister: Karen Myers

Altar Server: Chase Williamson & Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Sunday, March 3 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terri Leach Stephen Yanzetich Sr.

Minister of the Host: Cathy Faher Family

Choir Minister: Ellen Grattan

Altar Server: Kaden & Walter Christ

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Sunday, March 3 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Dorothy Stroz Richard & Nancy Wessel

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Robert Oshaben

Altar Server: Cameron Vitez & Makenzee Steele

Cantor: Elizabeth Dobbins

Monday, March 4 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, Anne Robinson, Mary Fyock, Helen Soohy, Mildred Andrykovitch, Katie, Dolores Yanzetich, Nick Ripper, Michael Kiel 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.)*

During the week of February 25th, 2024

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Aloysius Neff

requested by sons, John & David & Grandchildren

and the Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn for

the Health & Well-Being of Michael Kiel

requested by John & Susan Poldiak & Family

will



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Regular Offertory $3,485.00

Maintenance $ 105.00

Easter Flowers $ 835.00

Black & Indian $ 630.00

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Second Sunday of Lent Mark 9:2-10

The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguation, they were “afraid.” In families we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Tansfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

 Charity, our call-in faith

This Sunday we hear of Abraham and of the Transfiguration story. Here in the middle of Lent, Holy Mother Church puts these two powerful readings from the bible in front of our eyes. She doesn’t glorify human suffering, nor does she rejoice that humans must suffer. The Holy Roman Catholic church has devoted her charitable ministry to the care of the sick and suffering, as well as the elderly. Likewise, she has devoted enormous resources to educating countless millions of people in order that they may be delivered from ignorance and given light for their minds with which to see reality and discern wisdom. By doing his, our Church stands with Abraham, Moses and Jesus Christ in the certain faith that God will not let the gates of hell prevail against her.

CONFESSION GUIDE/DAILY OFFERING CARDS ~ Confession Guides/I am a Catholic & Daily Offering cards are available for anyone who wants one free of charge. They can be found at the entrances of the Church.

COMBINED CHOIR ~ Combined Choir rehearsals for Easter will be held after Stations of the Cross from 7:30-8:30 PM. Please watch the Bulletin for future dates. New members are always welcome.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS ~ Will be this coming Friday, March 1st starting at 10:00 AM. Anyone needing to be put on the Communion Call list, please call the office during regular office hours.

ADORATION, BENEDICTION & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~ There will be Adoration on Friday, March 1st, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continuing until 3:00 PM at which time there will be Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are invited to sit and pray quietly in the presence of Jesus.

BLACK & INDIAN COLLECTION ~ Thank you to everyone who participated in the 140th annual Black & Indian Mission Collection last weekend. Your prayerful support enables people to come to know Jesus Christ in African American, Native American & Alaska Native communities all over the USA. Spreading the Gospel couldn’t happen without your support!

CEMETERY CLEAN UP ~ Spring Cleanup! Please have everything removed from the graves at St. Michael cemetery by Saturday, March 9th. Anything left will be disposed of.

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.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE ~ The new *2024 Catholic Ministries Drive* begins throughout our diocese this weekend. This year’s theme is *Encountering Christ.* During this time of our Eucharistic Revival, *Encountering Christ* through our C*atholic Ministries Drive* is an invitation to grow in your relationship with Christ and to openyour heart to serve Him through serving our brothers and sisters. Our *Catholic Ministries Drive* supports 10 ministries throughout our diocese, which all fall into one of our three main focuses of evangelization, serving those in need, or formation of our priests and deacons. Please reflect on Bishop Mark’s invitation when it arrives in your mail, and prayerfully consider supporting our diocesan ministries. You may return your pledge card and donation through the mail, make your payment online, or return your pledge card and donation to your parish through the offertory. The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive target for St. Michael parish is $26,364.00. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive* and our diocese’s vital ministries.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ We will pray the Stations of the Cross every Friday during Lent at 6:30 PM.



EASTER FLOWERS ~ If you would like to donate towards an Easter flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by using the Easter Flower envelope in your packet. The normal offering is $10.00. Please return the envelopes on or before March 24th. Extra envelopes can be found at the entrances of the Church.

LENTEN REFLECTION CLASSES ~ Lenten Reflection classes are now being held on Tuesday mornings during Lent following the 9 AM Mass, starting this Tuesday, February 20th.

MOM’S HOUSE COLLECTION ~ Mom’s House provides safe, secure, and totally free childcare to low-income single parents wishing to continue their education. Clients also receive counseling, tutoring and advocacy support. Mom’s House offers a practical alternative to the despair of abortion and the tragedy of welfare. The Knights of Columbus will be collecting for Mom’s House using an envelope that was attached to last weekend’s bulletin and collected this weekend, February 24th & 25th. Please put your name, amount & envelope number on the Mom’s House envelope. All money’s collected will be given to the local Mom’s House in Johnstown.

NUT ROLLS ~ Most Holy Tinity, South Fork. Easter Nut Roll order form can be found in the back of the church. Rolls are $12 each. Order by March 8th or call Rita at 814-495-5169 & leave a message. Pick up is Friday, March 15th from 9 AM-Noon or after all weekend Masses at Most Holy Trinity.

WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT ~ A night filled with prayer, reflection, reconciliation, & friendship. Tuesday, March 5th at St. John Catholic Church, Summerhill with 5:30 PM Rosary, 6 PM Light Supper, 7 PM Stations of the Cross “Mary’s Way of the Cross”, 7:20 Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

ZOOM CLASS ~ Patrology taught by Deacon Michael Russo. Wednesday from 6:30 – 9:00 PM (running for 8 weeks) beginning March 6th. To register please visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry). Registration forms can be found on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the Church or contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at 814-361-2000.

PARISH MISSION ~ The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their annual *Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto,* March 10-14. Rev. Fr. Jude Brady, OSB, St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe is the Mission Director. Opens Sunday, March 10th at 7 PM with Prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak, JCD, presiding. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 PM Monday through Thursday. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration offered at 6 PM Mon. – Thurs. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector PO Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940.



“Pilgrim Icon” of St. Joseph

Coming to St. Michael

 Sponsored by the Knights of Columbus

 The “Pilgrim Icon” of St. Joseph

will be at our parish church on Tuesday, February 27th.

We will hold a prayer service including the Holy Rosary. A booklet

will be provided for the service, and we ask that you please return

 the booklet at the end of the service. Please bring a rosary.

The service will be in the church, beginning at 6:30 PM.

Plan now to attend.

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KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ The Knights of Columbus Local Council 2275 are looking for a few good men to join our organization. Are you that person that wants to give your time and talent to support our local churches and communities? Did you know that our council 1) supports students thru raising money for scholarship opportunities, 2) makes donations to important causes in our area (Mom’s House, Food Pantry, Special Olympics, etc.), 3) supports Pro-Life initiatives, 4) prays the rosary and offers special prayer intentions at each monthly meeting, 5) packs food for children that are less fortunate in our area. These are just a few of the great initiatives that we run. We need more help to keep these initiatives moving forward. Please prayerfully consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Jim at 814-341-8044 if interested.

PRECIOUS LIFE ~ Spring Breakfast will be held on Saturday March 23rd at 9 AM at Anthony’s Restaurant in Johnstown. Tickets are a $10 donation and may be purchased by visiting our website at preciouslifeinc.com or by calling the Johnstown Precious Life office at 814-269-4391. A free-will offering will be taken.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

February 25, 2024

Junior High Youth Day ~ Sunday, March 17, 2024 ~ Grades 6, 7 & 8

All our Saint Michael students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th are invited to join an Amazing Journey to the Cross with JESUS! on Sunday, March 17th. JHYD will begin at 11:00 AM with a celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak, which will fulfill the Sunday Mass attendance obligation. Following lunch, we will set out on a Journey to the Cross with Jesus.

ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND WALK WITH JESUS?

Set out on a Journey to the Cross with Jesus. The sacrifice that won for us our salvation! Experience and learn about all the places and things that Jesus went through leading you his death on the cross. And ending with His Resurrection!

Information and registration papers were sent home with students. A completed registration/permission form is required and is due back to the RE Office by Today, Sunday, February 25th so we can register our Saint Michael Group.

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*Rite of Sending ~* Our 11th grade Confirmation class along with their Sponsors will attend the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 10, 2024. The candidates will celebrate their “Rite of Sending” as our parish “sends them off” to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation ~ Our 11th Grade Confirmation class will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 4, 2024. A 7:00 PM Mass will be celebrated at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. *Confirmation Practice will be held on Wednesday evening, April 3rd at 6:30 PM.*



*First Holy Communion* ~ Our First Holy Communion class is preparing to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

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LENTEN FISH FRY ~ The St. Michael Fire Department is hosting their annual Lenten Fish Fries-Every Friday during lent thru Good Friday-March 1st, 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Fried or Baked Fish Dinners - $13, Shrimp Dinner - $14. Takeout only & local delivery. Hours are 11 AM – 6 PM. Please phone 814-495-4111.

FISH BUFFET ~ All Fridays in Lent, thru Good Friday, Mar. 29th. New Germany Grove Hall, New Germany from 4-6:30 PM. Dine-in or Drive Thru Take Out Line. Adults $15, Children 6-11, $7.50. No Phone Orders.

 Sunday, February 25 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

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

 Knights of Columbus Mom’s House Collection

 Catholic Ministries Drive Announcement/Kickoff

 Monday, February 26 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, February 27 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Lenten Reflections Class / Hall / After 9:00 AM Mass

 St. Joseph Icon Devotion / 6:30 PM



 Wednesday, February 28 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, February 29 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

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

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, March 1 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 First Friday Communion Calls / 10:00 AM

 Adoration / After 9:00 AM Mass

 Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy / 3:00 PM

 Stations of the Cross / 6:30 PM

 Combined Choir Practice / 7:30 – 8:30 PM

 Saturday, March 2 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Catholic Ministries Drive Commitment Weekend

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 March 3 Catholic Ministies Drive Commitment Weekend

 March 9 & 10 Catholic Relief Services Second Collection

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collecttion

 March 10 Holy Name Society Coffee & Donuts

 Daylight Savings Time Begins