ST. MICHAEL CATHOLIC CHURCH

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 9

SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

BAPTISM: By Appointment. Reserve at least one month in advance.

 Preparation classes are necessary.

MARRIAGE: Make arrangements 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.

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 26, 2017

**Month of the Holy Family**

MASS INTENTIONS: (February 27 – March 5, 2017)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Irene & Ray Baldwin req. by Carl & Pam Freidhoff

Ash Wednesday 9:00 AM Tom Dulashaw req. by John & Barb Grosik

Ash Wednesday 6:00 PM Josephine Danel req. by Bob & Marcella Scott

Thursday 8:00 AM James Onder req. by Frank S. Hribar

First Friday 9:00 AM Sick & Shut-ins req. by Saint Michael Funeral Committee

Saturday 1:00 PM Wedding Mass of Scott Burkey and Victoria Eppolito

 4:00 PM Catherine Bodziak req. by Bernardine Franciscan Sisters

Sunday 8:00 AM Steven Yanzetich Sr. req. by St. Michael Funeral Committee

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 4 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino Ed & Karen Myers

Minister of the Host: Robin Yakicic

Choir Minister: Vince Arena

Altar Servers: Adam & Alex Bambino

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Sunday, March 5 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: David Knepper Ushers

Minister of the Host: Cathy Faher

Choir Minister: Marie Bernard

Altar Servers: Griffin & Kaden Christ

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Greeter: Betty Long

Sunday, March 510:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carol Kakabar James Fisher Family

Minister of the Host: Sharon Paterson

Choir Minister: Joan Oshaben

Altar Servers: Elizabeth & Ian Dobbins

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: REACH

Sunday, March 5 Collection Counters

 Debbie Dupnock, Camillus Long

 Mary Anne Davis, Sara Zybura

Weare placing names of the sick in the bulletin for prayer providing they give permission. Although we remember all sick and shut-ins at every Mass, we would like our parish family to be aware of the need for special prayer intentions because of a most serious illness or hospital stay. *May the* *Divine Physician send healing grace for those for* *whom we pray:* Josephine Koshute, 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, Nicholas “Hop” Kolar, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Loretta Panick, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Maria, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Heidi Allison, Melinda Jerome, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Katie Ansell, Mary McCall, Suzie Thomas, Sean, Holly, Shane, Melisa Ruddek, Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Jayden Scott Beam, Derrick Varnish, Karen Myers, Mark Baloga, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute; Brandon & Shelby Hill and the Girl Triplets, 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.)

*Liturgical Reflection…*

In the revised Order of Celebrating Matrimony (2016), the Church states that it is the Sacrament of Baptism that has incorporated a man and woman into life with Christ. Baptism, the Sacrament of faith, invites husband and wife to enter into the covenant of Christ with the Church. The conjugal love of the spouses is assumed into Christ’s charity and enriched by the power of his Sacrifice. Thus, the valid Marriage between the baptized is always a Sacrament. The covenant love between man and woman is held in the highest esteem. Husband and wife model the love of God and his people.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,517.00

Loose $ 172.00

Youth $ 53.25

Monthly $ 525.00

Maintenance Fund $ 55.00

Candles $ 87.90

Total $4,410.15

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



Ash Wednesday Lay Ministry Assignments

March 1, 2017

 9:00 AM 6:00 PM

Reader: Pauline Minor Reader: James Lashinsky

Minister of the Host: Betty Long Minister of the Host: Marie Jo Plummer

Choir Minister: Sally Kolar Choir Minister: Beth Kundrod

Altar Servers: No Servers Scheduled Altar Servers: Alexis Henderson & Abby Jordan

Cantor: Theresa Arena Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Greeter:

Offertory Procession: Ushers Offertory Procession: Josephine Danel Family

LENTEN FAST AND ABSTINENCE Ash Wednesday and Good Friday are obligatory days of fast and abstinence. All Fridays of Lent are obligatory days of abstinence. The Church encourages voluntary fasting on other days of Lent. Fasting refers to only one full meal, with two small meals and no eating otherwise during the day. Those who have reached their 18th birthday and not yet their 59th birthday are obliged to fast. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day. All those who have reached their 14th birthday are obliged to abstain.

LENTEN “LITTLE BLACK BOOK” ~ On March 1st, we celebrate Ash Wednesday which marks the beginning of Lent. Once again, the parish is providing the Little Black Book free of charge to all parishioners. This wonderful booklet, which contains the readings for Lent, as well as meditations on the readings, and many other interesting articles, will be available at the side exit and on a table at the back of the Church this weekend. The Gospels don’t start until Ash Wednesday, but the six-minute programs start on Sunday, February 26th which gives you three days to get ready for Lent! The parish purchased these books for its parishioners because of your good stewardship.

ASH WEDNESDAY MANDEVILLE COLLECTION ~ On Ash Wednesday, we will take up a special collection for those living within the Diocese of Mandeville, Jamaica - one of the poorest regions in the Americas. As we begin the Season of Lent, may our generosity be a reflection of God’s own generosity to us. This diocese has been adopted by our diocese for special support. The envelope can be found in your packet.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ On Friday evenings during Lent at 6:00 p.m., we will pray the Stations of the Cross. Lent invites us to meditate on the Passion of Christ.

LENTEN FOLDERS ~ Lenten folders are available at the church entrances this weekend. Your contribution will be added to your Easter Collection and will be a financial help to the parish in the area of our children’s Religious Education and the scholarship that is offered to our Senior Class Religious Education Class.

EASTER FLOWERS ~ If you would like to purchase 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, April 3rd. Extra envelopes can be found at the church entrances.

FATHER BRIAN WARCHOLA S MESSAGE ~ I would like to thank everyone who contributed to this year’s Annual Catholic Appeal. Unfortunately, we did not make our goal; hence, we still owe $10,347.00 to the diocese. I just wanted to make our parishioners aware of this. God Bless!

*Fr. Brian L. Warchola*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Lois Jean Papcunik

requested by Matilda Blozevich

and

The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn in honor of

Aunt Pua Ripper’s 80th Birthday

requested by John and Susan Poldiak

during the week of February 26, 2017.



**BLACK & INDIAN COLLECTION** ~ Next weekend, our parish will take up the 134th annual National Black and Indian Mission Collection. Our support of this collectin helps build the Church in African American, Native American and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education programs, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ!

**CHOIR PRACTICES** ~ Practice for Sunday Choir will be held on Mondays at 7:00 PM.

Practice for the Saturday Choir will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

HOLY NAME MEETING ~ The Holy Name meeting will be held next Sunday, March 5th immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass. They will also be seving donuts and beverages after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses.

PARISH PRAYER BANNER ~ Once again, our parish family will come together in prayer and petition as we share those needs on the small crosses we place on our Parish Prayer Banner. As you enter the church on Ash Wednesday, please take a few extra minutes to write your personal prayer intentions on the back of the small crosses for Lent, then pin them to the banner.

*February 26th Matthew 6:24-34*

*Because we believe we can control and create our own world, we attempt to juggle multiple agendas and we pay the price of neglecting those closest to us. Too late we reach the point of asking “Was it worth it?” We really can’t serve two masters.*

***QUESTION:*** *What did one John say to the other John?*

***ANSWER:*** “You look flushed.”



Religious Education And Christian Helping

February 26, 2017

*Junior High Youth Day ~ March 19, 2017 / Registration Deadline is March 5th* *Students in Grades 6, 7 & 8* can attend. Parents, plans are being made for this year’s Junior High Youth Day 2017 and Registration Forms were distributed to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in their Religious Education Classes. JHYD is held at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM featuring Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak. Bishop Mark has made it known that attending these youth events with our young people are among his favorite things to do as our Bishop.

This year’s theme is *“Stand Up! Being The UNIQUE YOU God Creater!!”* Parents, please talk to your kids now about attending and sign them up! Your encouragement is needed to get our kids involved.

Our *REACH funds will pay the $20 registration fee for their day* which includes a T-Shirt ~ Games ~ Food ~ Fun ~ Friendship! We are looking forward to another great diocesan youth event that will allow them to grow in their faith and spend a wonderful day with other youth from all over our Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. *Registration Deadline is March 5th.*

Questions? Call the RE Office at 495-4873.

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** The National Catholic Youth Conference is a powerful, biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. The 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference is November 16-18, back in Indianapolis, with the theme *Called/Llamados*.

Who Can Attend NCYC?

Any high school aged member of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown aged 16 or over and their adult chaperones (with proper clearances) are invited to attend the pilgrimage to NCYC.

Young people must register through their parish or Catholic High Schools.

*Saint Michael Parish is planning to attend NCYC 2017!*

 We are offering this trip opportunity to REACH students that will be age 16 or over in the fall of 2017 and also adult chaperones. Fundraising for this trip will start with our annual Spring fundraiser. Anyone interested in this trip can use their own proceeds of this sale towards the $100.00 Registration Fee that is Due as their commitment to their reservation. A payment plan is offered after the initial deposit is made.

Many additional “NCYC fundraisers” will be scheduled to raise funds towards the remaining cost of the trip. Once attendees are registered, there are also possible scholarship opportunities to apply for and more information will follow from the diocese. Please visit: [www.ncyc.info](http://www.ncyc.info) for more information including promotional videos.

NCYC Registration forms are available in the RE Office. *All registrations, along with an initial registration deposit fee of $100.00 is due in the RE Office no later than March 12, 2017 to hold a reservation for this trip. Registrations and deposits will then be sent to the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Office by the registration deadline to confirm our group.*

Initial Deposit of $100.00…………………………………………….….Due March 12, 2017

Additional questions can be directed to the RE Office at 495-4873.

REACH Spring Fundraiser—9”Hoagie & Gob Sale*:* It’s time for our annual Spring Hoagie & Gob fundraiser. REACH is taking pre-orders February 19th through March 5th. Hoagies and Gobs will be available for your pick-up in the church hall the weekend of *March 11th and 12th.*

The Gobs will come from Livingston Bakery and our premium 9” Hoagies will be made fresh by our REACH students the morning of March 11th. We will package our hoagie toppings separately so you can use them to your personal liking for a “Custom Made” hoagie of choice!

Orders will be ready for student delivery pick-ups by 10:30 a.m., March 11th. Parishioner pick-ups will also be available from 10:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 11th or after any of the weekend masses March 11th and 12th. *Please indicate your pick-up/delivery preference on the order form.*

*(This will help us to better organize our orders).*

Orders can be placed by using the order form that was enclosed in last weekend’s bulletin. Extra forms are also available on the church entrance tables. Orders will be accepted until March 5th.

Make checks payable to "St. Michael REACH".

Order forms can be returned along with payment: 1) by placing in an envelope marked “REACH Fundraiser” and placing in the weekend collection baskets, or 2) place in the “Green Tub” outside the Rectory door, or 3) return orders to RE class or place by calling the RE Office at 495-4873 or the Rectory at 495-9640.



Snow Tubing at Seven Springs Resort – Our REACH Youth Ministry is taking a trip to Seven Springs Resort for a Snow Tubing Session on Saturday, March 11, 2017. REACH students will get a Free Snow Tubing Trip along with a Pizza Party prior to tubing. The REACH students can also invite a guest to attend. Guests will only be responsible to pay their Snow Tubing admission cost of $25.00. REACH funds will cover the cost of the bus transportation and the pizza social for all in attendance.

We will meet for a Pizza Social here at our church hall beginning at 6:00 p.m. We will then board a bus from the church hall to Seven Spings for a Tubing Session from 8—10 p.m. and return again to the hall for pick-up at approximately 11 p.m. We are also in need of parent chaperones(with proper clearances)for this event. Both Parish Permission forms and Snow Tubing Liability forms have been sent home with our grade 6-12 students that are interested in attending. Signed forms for all students, guests and chaperones need to be returned no later than this Sunday, February 26, along with guest payments so we have an accurate count of attendance prior to our trip. Any further questions can be directed to Missy Burkardt at 418-3560.

 Sunday, February 26 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 Monday, February 27 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, February 28 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Sacraments Class / Fr. Grimme / 6:30-8:30 PM / Hall

 Ash Wednesday, March 1 Masses are at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

 Mandeville Diocese Collection

 Thursday, March 2 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Religious Education / Grades K - 5 / 3:30—4:30 PM / Hall

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 First Friday, March 3 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Stations of the Cross / 6:00 PM / Church

 Saturday, March 4 Black & Indian US Mission Collection

 Wedding / 1:00 PM / Church

 Sunday, March 5 Hoagie / Gob Orders due by today!

 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 Black & Indian US Mission Collection

 Holy Name Society Meeting / after 8:00 AM Mass / Hall

 Coffee & Donuts / after 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Masses / Hall

SAINT MICHAEL FIRE DEPARTMENT LENTEN FISH FRIES ~ St. Michael Fire Department annual Lenten Fish Fries will be held every Friday from 11AM to 7PM. Eat in, local home deliveries, or takeout meals available. Fried or Baked fish, and Shrimp dinners available. Call 495-4111.

 PATRICK’S DAY PARTY – Join in the Fun at the Resurrection Roman Catholic Church Saint Patrick’s Day Party on Saturday, March 11, from 7:00 PM to 10:00 PM featuring the Michael O’Brian Band. Doors open at 6:00 PM. The entrance fee is $5.00. For reservations, please call Greg Babik at 322-6884 or Mary Beth at the Resurrection Parish Office at 539-5788 Ext 4. Please call early as seating is limited.

**Saint Francis University** is pleased to announce His Eminence Cardinal Timothy Dolan, Archbishop of New York, will be our guest on Thursday, March 30, 2017.  While in Loretto, the Cardinal will celebrate an on-campus, public Mass at 4:00 p.m. in the Maurice Stokes Athletics Center.  The University is pleased to offer a limited number of Mass tickets on a first-come, first served basis.  Following Mass, a black-tie optional *Dinner with the Cardinal*will begin at 6:00 p.m. on campus in the John F. Kennedy Student Center.  Tickets are $250 each ($1,750 for table of eight).  Proceeds will benefit *The Rev. Gabriel J. Zeis, T.O.R. Endowment in Franciscan Studies and Roman Catholic Theology*.  You can reserve Mass and dinner tickets by visiting: [www.francis.edu/Cardinal-Dolan-Mass](http://www.francis.edu/Cardinal-Dolan-Mass).  The Mass will also be live-streamed for those who cannot attend by visiting the same website.  Please call (814) 472-3021 for more information.

**MARCH CASH GIVEAWAY** ~ Saint Benedict School is sponsoring a March Cash Giveaway ticket with $26,000 in prizes. If you are interested in purchasing any tickets, please contact: Jessi Bradley (814) 505-2758 or Chuck Deckard (814) 242-5459. Only 2500 Tickets. Donation $20. This benefits St. Benedict School Home School Association.

**PIE SOCIAL** ~ A Pie Social sponsored by the St. John Rosary Altar Society will be held on Saturday, March 4, 2017 at 6:00 PM in Saint John’s Social Hall located at 538 Main Street, Summerhill, PA. $2.00 Admission. Pie and Refreshments will be served and a few games of Bingo will be played. All are welcome.