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

 Fourth Sunday of Lent

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 March 10th, 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

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Laetare Sunday

March 10th, 2024

The Month of St. Joseph

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (March 12 – March 17, 2024)

Monday, March 11 No Mass

Tuesday, March 12 9:00 AM +Joanne Thomas req. by Tyler Yakicic

Wed., March 13 9:00 AM +Mark Chulick req. by Janet Chulick

Thursday, March 14 9:00 AM +Fr. David Roesch

Friday, March 15 9:00 AM +Stephen Domen req. by Hudak Family

Saturday, March 16 4:00 PM +Paul J. Kundrod req. by Sharon Paterson

Sunday, March 17 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

 10:30 AM +Gary Richard Lamar req. by Gary & Sharon Lamer &

 Family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 16 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Bryan Spangler Paul J. Kundrod Family

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Ana Spangler & Chase Williamson

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Sunday, March 17 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Pauline Minor & Sally Kolar

Minister of the Host: Sally Kolar

Choir Minister: Eric Tedjeske

Altar Server: Michael Kresic

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Sunday, March 17 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Gary & Sharon Lamer

Minister of the Host: Jennifer Steele

Choir Minister: Haidyn Koch

Altar Server: Jackson Henderson & Makenzee Steele

Cantor: Alexis Henderson

Monday, March 18 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, John Patterson, Joanne Hufford 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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During these last weeks of Lent, let us examine our hearts for the times we have turned away from God, whether it be just a moment or years of distance from our Lord. Then let us bring all of those impurities to God with a sorrowful heart and a resolution to change, in the sacrament of Confession. May we reflect on just how much God loves us despite our shortcomings and may we strive to love Him in return each day.

 “The daylight test”



Today as we enter the fourth Sunday of Lent, we are called upon to renew ourselves and experience the loving invitation of our Lord. The people of the first reading were suffering because they had provoked God’s wrath and God allowed their own enemies to purify and cleanse them. In the early church those candidates to be baptized and public sinners were called upon to understand that Jesus alone is the new light and life. During this time of Lent, let us review our hearts to determine where we stand. Are we walking in the Light of Jesus’s Gospel or are we still walking in the darkness of this passing world?

SCAM MESSAGES ~ It has come to Fr. Jerzy’s attention that his name Is being used in text messages to ask St. Michael parishioners to purchase gift cards for him to give to people battling cancer. Please don’t answer these scam messages! If Fr. Jerzy needs to speak to you, he will contact you using the Church phone number.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ Will hold their monthly meeting and their coffee & donuts this Sunday, March 10th in the Church Hall after the 8:00 AM Mass.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~ This weekend our parish will take up a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services to reveal Christ’s love to our brothers & sisters in need. This collection makes grants to six Catholic agencies that provide relief and support for struggling communities and work for peace and reconciliation among our marginalized brothers and sisters, both here and around the world. Please prayerfully consider how you can support the collection. Envelopes can be found in your packet. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic~relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic~relief).

PENANCE SERVICE ~ There will be a penance service here at St. Michael Church on Monday, March 18th at 6:00 PM. Fr. Jerzy and two other priests will be hearing confessions.

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.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Mary Yuhas whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, March 2nd, 2024. May she know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. Please pray for the consolation of all her family and friends.



MAY HE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Fr. David Roesch, a retired diocesan priest, who passed away on Thursday, February 29th. May he know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. Please pray for the consolation of all his family and friends.



LENTEN DEVOTIONS TO THE HEIGHTS ~ Join the Frassati Group for Outdoor Stations of the Cross - 1:00 PM Saturday, March 16th at St. Michael Catholic Church, St. Michael. Fellowship around a fire to follow. All are welcome!



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.

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.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE ~ Please prayerfully consider making a donation to the 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive. Our diocese’s ministries need your support. If you did not receive a pledge envelope in the mail and you would like to donate, you can find pledge envelopes located at the entrances of the church. Drop your pledge card in the offertory collection or mail it in. 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.

ANNUAL SPRING TEA ~ Immaculate Conception Altar Rosary Society invite you to the Annual Spring Tea held at Marian Hall, New Germany, April 14th. Rosary & Benediction at 1 PM, tea & luncheon to follow. Hats are encouraged! Please call Pauline Minor 814-495-5165 by April 3rd if you are planning to attend so she can give a total count from St. Michael Parish.

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR ~ Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. Sat. March 23rd from 9 AM – 3 PM. 60+ crafters & vendors. Easter Egg hunt at 1:30 PM.

HAM BINGO ~ Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage will be holding a Ham Bingo on Sunday, March 17th in the Parish Hall at 1 PM. A total of 15 Half Hams & 10 – 5 lb. packages of Holiday Kielbasa will be given away. Door prizes 50/50, specials & qualifiers. Admission is $7 per person & includes a door prize chance. Children 17 & younger are free. Bingo cards are 3/50 cents per game. Specials are $1 per sheet of 4. A $6 Lunch Platter will be available following the 10:30 AM Mass.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES ~ Tim Francis will be visiting Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg on March 21, 22, & 23 to present on Eucharistic Miracles, the infinite value of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, and the role the saints have in helping us grow in holiness. The presentation will be at 6:30 PM each evening (same presentation each evening.) For more information on Tim Francis visit www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/HolyName.

TENEBRAE SERVICE ~ Entitled “In the Shadow of the Cross” will be held at 7 PM Good Friday, March 29th at St. John Gualbert Cathedral 117 Clinton St., Johnstown. The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir along with the Festival Chamber Orchestra will recount poignantly in song & scripture the last moments of the Christ’s earthly struggle. A free-will offering will be taken.

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.

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.

BASKET AUCTION ~ St. Augustine Parish, 803 St. Augustine Road, Dysart, will be having a St. Patrick’s Day Basket Auction on Sunday, March 17th, from 9 AM – 5 PM in the Church Hall. There will be baskets, handcrafted items, bake sale all day & pizza made fresh by “Charlie Davis & Company” from 1 – 5 PM. Proceeds benefit the Parish “Raise the Roof” fund.

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH ~ Men of God: Are you Irish Catholic? As we celebrate each March, Irish American Heritage Month, do you feel called to embrace more fully your Irish Culture and Catholic Faith? Then the A.O.H. is looking for you! The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the Oldest, Largest Catholuc Fraternal Organization in America. Now is your chance to become a member of a local AOH Division. If you are interested, please contact one of our division presidents: Johnstown Division: John Skelley 814-525-2505 / jSkelley@atlanticcbb.net or Altoona Division: Tom Hallinan 814-934-7940 / xcrunr1@yahoo.com.

BINGO FOR BIRTHRIGHT ~ Join us Saturday, May 4th at The Willow for a buffet dinner & Bingo! Doors open at 4:30 PM, Dinner at 5 PM & games at 6 PM. Admission includes dinner & 15 bingo cards. Early Bird price: $35 until March 15th. Regular price: $50 beginning March 16th. Purchase tickets at www.birthrightofjohnstown.org or by calling 814-535-8231.

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AREA PENANCE SERVICES

1. March 10 – Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto – 7 PM
2. March 11 – St. Therese Church, Johnstown, West End – 5 pm
3. March 13 – St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Windber – 6 PM
4. March 18 – Our Mother of Sorrows, Johnstown – 6 PM

 Holy Family Parish, Portage – 7 PM

1. March 19 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Johnstown – 5:30 PM

 Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Johnstown – 6 PM

1. March 25 – St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown – 5 PM
2. March 27 – Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly – 6 PM



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

March 10, 2024

 Junior High Youth Day ~ Sunday, March 17, 2024

Students who registered for JHYD in grades 6, 7, and 8 will participate in JHYD

as their CCD class for next Sunday, March 17th.

 There is no scheduled class for these grades from 9:00am-10:15am.

We will meet in the Saint Michael Parish Hall at 10:30am to board a bus to

Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg for check-in starting at 10:45am.

We will begin our day with a celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak.

Our offertory collection will be for the benefit of the Fulton County Mission.

 All participants should bring money for the collection.

Following lunch, we will set out on a Journey to the Cross with Jesus. We will experience and learn about the places and things that Jesus went through leading up to his death on the cross and ending with his Resurrection!

JHYD will end around 3:30pm and we will travel back to the Church Hall for pickup at approximately 3:45—4:00pm.

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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. These students are:

Nate Cornell, Sophia Jacobs, Payton Pcola,

Bryce Roberts, Ana spangler and Chase Williamson.

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.*

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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 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.

NUT ROLLS ~ Most Holy Trinity Church, South Fork. Pick up is Friday, March 15th from 9 AM-Noon or after all weekend Masses at Most Holy Trinity.

 Sunday, March 10 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

 Catholic Relief Services Second Collection

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

 Holy Name Society Meeting Coffee & Donuts / Hall / After 8:00 AM Mass

 Monday, March 11 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, March 12 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

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

 Citizens Concerned for Human Life Meeting / Hall / 7:00 PM

 Wednesday, March 13 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM



 Thursday, March 14 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 15 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Stations of the Cross / 6:30 PM

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

 Mass at FH Nursing Home / 10:15 AM

 Saturday, March 16 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Pavilion Rental / Noon – 3:00 PM

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 March 17 Jr. High Youth Day

 March 18 St. Michael Penance Service