ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 11

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.

March 12, 2017

**Month of Saint Joseph**

MASS INTENTIONS: (March 13 – March 19, 2017)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Brandon Baxter req. by Larry & Nancy McCloskey

Wednesday 9:00 AM Albert Demko req. by Jennie White

Thursday 8:00 AM Kathleen Slezak req. Anita Lorek

 Friday 9:00 AM Honor of St. Joseph, Patron St. of Jednota, Branch #372

Saturday 4:00 PM Living and Deceased Members of Slovak Catholic Sokols #82

Sunday 8:00 AM John T. Plummer req. by Betty McMahon and family

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 18 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Donald Dipko Alice Podrebarac

Minister of the Host: Mary Partsch

Choir Minister: Theresa Carlson

Altar Servers: Victoria Russic & Elisabeth Zajdel

Cantor: David Zajdel

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, March 19 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard McMahon Family

Minister of the Host: Robert Grattan

Choir Minister: Eric Tedjeske

Altar Servers: Elyssa Nagy & Ana Spangler

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, March 1910:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Caddy Reba Vasas

Minister of the Host: Joan Oshaben

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Servers: Ericka Frombach & Alexia Steele

Cantor: Ian Wieczorek

Greeter: Richard Martyak

Sunday, March 19 Collection Counters

 John Bizzarri, Rod Kundrod,

 Mary Ann DeRosa & Phyllis Slonac

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, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, 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...*Every person experiences evil around and within himself.This experience of sin makes itself felt in the relationship between man and woman (husband and wife). Their union has always been threatened by discord, a spirit of domination, infidelity, jealousy, and conflicts that can escalate into hatred and separation (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1606). To heal these wounds of sin, man and woman need the help of the grace that God provides in the Sacrament of Marriage. God's infinite mercy is always available and readily given to the spouses. 2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,647.02

Loose $ 361.00

Youth $ 89.50

Monthly $1,315.00

Maintenance Fund $ 108.00

Initial Offering $ 5.00

Mandeville $ 741.56

Black & Indian $ 545.44

Flowers $ 870.00

Total $ 7,682.52

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

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. Abstinence refers to not eating meat at all during the day.

LENTEN “LITTLE BLACK BOOK” ~ There are still some of the “Little Black Books” at the Church entrances. It isn’t too late to start on the journey through Lent with Jesus!

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, 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.

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 still available at the church entrances. 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.

COMBINED PENANCE SERVICE ~ Father Warchola and Father Nale will be having a combined Penance Service at Most Holy Trinity Church in South Fork on Monday, April 3rd. The time has yet to be determined.

SAVE THE DATE ~ On Wednesday, April 12th we will be holding a covered dish to commemorate the Lord’s Last Supper. More information and sign–up sheets will be ready in the next two weeks.

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| St Joseph Triduum -A triduum in honor of St Joseph will be held March 18-20 at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. Mass and devotions will be held at 5pm Saturday, March 18 and 5pm, Sunday March 19 with confessions following mass. On Monday, March 20, Mass and devotions will begin at 7pm. Everyone is invited following the final liturgy to the St Joseph Table at the parish activity center  |

SPRING TEA ~ All women of the parish are invited to attend the Annual Spring Tea to be held by the St. Anne’s Society of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Wilmore, PA on Sunday, April 30th. Rosary and Benediction begin at 2:00 PM with the tea to follow in the Church Hall. Please RSVP Ann Pershing at 495-9298 or Margy Blaisdell at 495-7020 by Sunday, April 23rd.

The Sanctuary Candle will burn in honor of

Good Saint Joseph

Requested by the Jednota Branch #372, 1st Catholic Slovak Union

and

The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn as a

request for a Special Intention

during the week of March 12, 2017.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Mary Jane Haddad whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Monday, March 6th by Fr. Joseph Nale. May she know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. Please pray for the consolation of her daughter, Linda, grandchildren, and all of her family and friends.

MARRIED IN CHRIST ~ We extend warmest congratulations to Scott Alan Burkey and Vicki Lynn Schuster who were joined in Holy Matrimony on March 4, 2017 by Fr. Brian Warchola. Made one in Christ as husband and wife, we pray they grow in faith, love and trust in the years ahead. Scott is the son of Wayne and Georgian Burkey.

**BLACK & INDIAN COLLECTION** ~ Thank You to everyone who donated to the Black & Indian Collection.

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

The Saturday Night Choir will be singing the Easter Vigil this year. Practice for the weekly Saturday Liturgy  is on Thursday’s from 5:30 to 6:00 PM: 6:00 PM will begin the practice for the Easter Vigil. There will only be practice for the Vigil on Thursdays .

**COMBINED EASTER CHOIR** ~ After Stations from 7-8 beginning March 10th and continuing every week through April 7. None on Good Friday.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ This weekend is our Second Sunday Food Collection. Please bring in non-perishable food items, toiletries, etc. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

SPRING FORWARD ~ This Saturday, March 11th,please remember to turn your clocks 1 hour ahead before going to bed!

*Matthew 17:1-9*

*Transfiguration is a common occurrence in families. When we commit to another, such as a spouse in marriage or a child in parenting, we are not committing to them only as they are today, but to the person they are becoming.*



Religious Education And Christian Helping

March 12, 2017

REACH Spring Fundraiser—9”Hoagie & Gob Sale

 Hoagies and Gobs are available for your pick-up in the church hall after any of the weekend masses March 11th and March12th.

*Thank You* to all who helped support our fundraiser.

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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 has started 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.*

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*Junior High Youth Day Attendees!!*

We have 9 students that have registered to attend Junior High Youth Day next Sunday, March 19, 2017.

All attending will meet and carpool from the church hall on March 19th at 10:30 a.m. with our chaperones. We will travel to Bishop Carroll Catholic High School in Ebensburg. Lunch will be provided along with a keynote speaker and activities. Our Day will conclude with a Liturgy celebration with our own Bishop Mark Bartchak, beginning at 3:00 p.m. Students will arrive back at the church hall by approximately 4:30 p.m. for rides home.

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**Eucharistic Adoration Day For Teens with Bishop Mark Bartchak

Hosted here at Saint Michael Parish for all diocesan high school students in grades 9—12 on Saturday, April 1, 2017. The day will begin at 10:00 AM in the church with a Lenten reflection presented by our students and Eucharistic Adoration celebrated by Bishop Mark. A social gathering will be held afterwards in the Parish Hall for all participants with an opportunity for fellowship with Bishop Mark.

*Teens must pre-register by March 19th.*

*Registration flyers will be given in RE Classes.*

*As part of the new Diocesan Confirmation Revisions, all students in the 3-year confirmation preparation process, (grades 9, 10 and 11), are required to attend a Eucharistic Adoration Day at least 1 time within their 3-year process.*

For this Lenten reflection, our Confirmation students have been honored with a request from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown to present their “Reflections on the Way of the Cross”. Our students will be picking parts as “actors” and “readers” for these reflections.

We will have practice sessions beforehand to prepare.

Rite of Sending ~ Our 11th grade Confirmation class along with their Sponsors will attend the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, April 2, 2017. 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 20, 2017. A 7:00 PM Mass will be celebrated at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

 *Confirmation Practice will be held on Wednesday evening April 19th at 6:30 PM.*

First Holy Communion ~ Our Second Grade class is preparing to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2 PM.

 Sunday, March 12 Remember to turn clocks ahead 1 hour

 Hoagie / Gob Pick-up after both Masses

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

 Monday, March 13 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, March 14 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Wednesday, March 15 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Thursday, March 16 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

 Friday, March 17 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Stations of the Cross / 6:00 PM / Church

 Combined Easter Choir / 7-8:00 PM

 Saturday, March 18

 Sunday, March 19 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 Junior High Youth Day / Bishop Carroll / 11 AM – 4 PM

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 Sunday, March 26 Catholic Relief Sevices Collection

 Saturday April 1 Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Mark Bartchak

 Monday, April 3 Penance Service

 Wednesday, April 12 Covered Dish commemorating the Lord’s Last Supper

 Local Fish Fries

St. Michael Fire Hall, St. Michael/11:00 AM to 7:00 PM/Eat in or take out/495-4111

Holy Family Parish, Portage/4:00 PM to 6:00 PM/736-3146

St. Benedict’s Church, Geistown/Take-outs 2:30 PM to 7:00 PM/Eat-in 3:00 PM to 7:30 PM/ 266-9718 Ext. 226

Immaculate Conception, New Germany/4:00 PM to 7:00 PM/Eat in or take out/ 495-5241

Dunlo Fire Hall, Dunlo/4:00PM to 7:00 PM/Eat in or take out/ 487-7245

St. Gregory and St. Barnabas Church/ 536-6818

BASILICA OF ST. MICHAEL the ARCHANGEL ~ is having their 55th Annual Men’s Dinner on Sunday, March19th from 11:00 am to 3:00 pm. Roasted turkey dinner with all the trimmings and dessert. Will be held at Our Lady of Loretto Hall in Loretto. Adults-$10, take-outs-$11, children 10 and under-$6. Enjoy dinner along with a Basket Raffle!

The Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will be holding a Basket Social on Sunday, March 26th, 2017. Tickets are $5 for 25 chances. Desserts and teas will be served. Doors open at 1:00 pm with the auction starting promptly at 2:00 pm.