ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

751 Locust Street

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 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

Rev. Brian L. Warchola, Administrator MASSES:



(814) 266-9718 / Ext. 507 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Susan Poldiak 10:30 am

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 12

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 19, 2017

**Month of Saint Joseph**

MASS INTENTIONS: (March 20 – March 26, 2017)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Joseph Soohy req. by wife Helen Soohy

Wednesday 9:00 AM Robert Wilson req. by Mary Ann Murin & family

Thursday 8:00 AM Walter H. “Buck” Christ req. by wife Phyllis & family

 Friday 9:00 AM Frank Oshaben req. by Robert & Joan Oshaben & family

Saturday 4:00 PM John L. Podrebarac req. by wife and family

Sunday 8:00 AM Michael Cononie Jr. req. by Mike & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 25 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Alice Podrebarac

Minister of the Host: Vince Arena

Choir Minister: Babe Richards

Altar Servers: Evan & Dylan Kundrod

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Phyllis Slonac

Sunday, March 26 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terri Leach Mike & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Minister of the Host: Paul Kundrod, Jr.

Choir Minister: Marie Jo Plummer

Altar Servers: Michael Kresic & Brian Bernard

Cantor: David Knepper

Greeter: Lori George

Sunday, March 2610:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Madison Kundrod Rick Roberts Family

Minister of the Host: Greg Stiffler

Choir Minister: Sharon Paterson

Altar Servers: Evan Burkhardt & Zach Fisher

Cantor: Shannon Kudlawiec

Greeter: Volunteer

Sunday, March 26 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, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Darlene Marshall, 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.)



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,539.00

Loose $ 130.30

Youth $ 47.10

Monthly $ 530.00

Maintenance Fund $ 51.00

Candles $ 83.00

Mandeville $ 15.00

Black & Indian $ 26.00

Holy Thursday $ 10.00

Holy Land $ 10.00

Easter $ 10.00

Catholic Relief Services $ 10.00

Flowers $ 341.00

Total $ 4,802.40

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

*John 4: 5-42*

*Our children are like the Samaritan woman. They need more than material things. They need the "living water" only the adults can give. It will teach them how to make decisions, take responsibility, respect others and themselves and live their commitments. With this "living water" they will "never thirst."*

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.

YOUNG WOMEN’S RETREAT ~ Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus are sponsoring a weekend of Conferences, Adoration, Common Prayer, Private Prayer, Mass, and, Confessions for single or married women ages 18-35. It begins Friday, March 31st at 5:30 PM with supper at 7:00 PM. It concludes on Sunday, April 2nd with a 12:30 PM Mass. The retreat will take place at St. Joseph Convent / Sacred Heart Spirituality Center at 1872 Munster Road, Portage, PA. The suggested donation is $40 but is not required. RSVP by Tuesday, March 28th by e-mail sisterjacinta@gmail.com or by calling 814-505-2290.

BISHOP’S NIGHT FOR VOCATIONS ~ The Serra Club of Cambria County invites you to the Bishop's Night for Vocations dinner on Friday, April 21, 2017 at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, 728 Ben Franklin Highway, Ebensburg, PA. A social hour begins at 5:30 p.m. and dinner follows at 6:30 p.m. The event is sponsored jointly by the Serra Club and the Diocesan Vocation Office. Guest speaker is Reverend Stephen P. DeLacy, Vocation Director, Archdiocese of Philadelphia. For tickets please call Marjorie Lechene at 814-255-9797 or 814-255-6563.

*Liturgical Reflection...* Seeing God's covenant with Israel in the image of exclusive and faithful married love, the prophets prepared the Chosen People's conscience for a deepened understanding of the unity and indissolubility of marriage. The booksof *Ruth* and *Tobit* bear moving witness to an elevated sense of marriage and to the fidelity and tenderness of spouses. Tradition has always seen in the *Song of Solomon* a unique expression of human love as a reflection of God's love (Catechism of the Catholic Church Number 1611). Married love is solidly grounded in the tradition of our faith.2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 S. Logan Blvd., Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

FATHER BRIAN WARCHOLA’S MESSAGE ~ Christine Smay, one of our long-time bookkeepers

FATHER BRIAN WARCHOLA’S MESSAGE: Christine Smay, one of our long-time bookkeepers has decided to retire from her position. In the future, she will be available to fill in at the office when needed. I would like to, on behalf of the parish, thank Christine for all of her many years of service to our parish. Please keep Christine and her family in your prayers, especially as her three grandbabies arrive. Thank you again Christine, we are eternally grateful.

~ I would also like to announce that Michele Panick has been hired to work in the office. She and her family have been members of our parish since 2011. Please offer your prayerful support to her as she begins this new position in our parish.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Walter “Buck” Christ

requested by his wife, Phyllis and Family

during the week of March 19, 2017.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thanks to everyone who gave to the Second Sunday Food Collection for the Forest Hills Food Pantry. We collected many food items and $535.00.

**CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION** ~ Next week, we will take up the Catholic Relief Services Collection. This collection supports Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from the Collection help provide food to the hungry, welcome and support to displaced refugees, and invaluable life skills to those seeking a better life. Please give generously to The Catholic Relief Services Collection and help Jesus in disguise. The envelope can be found in your packet.

**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 7th. None on Good Friday.

COMBINED PENANCE SERVICE ~ Father Warchola of St. Michael Parish and Father Nale of St. Bartholomew and Most Holy Trinity Parishes will be having a combined Penance Service at Most Holy Trinity Church in South Fork on Monday, April 3rd beginning at 6:30 PM. Other local Penance Services are: Monday, March 27th at Holy Family Parish, Portage, at 7:00 PM; Sunday, April 2nd at Holy Name Church in Ebensburg, at 2:30 PM; Thursday, April 6th at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown at 6:30 PM; and, Monday, April 10th at St. Benedict Church in Geistown at 5:00 PM.

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

Bus Trip to Sight and Sound: Spectacular Epic, “Jonah” on Friday, May 19th escorted by Msgr. Michael Becker: Cost of $125 includes bus, show and buffet dinner. Please call Jim at 241-1641



Religious Education And Christian Helping

March 19, 2017

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*Junior High Youth Day Attendees!!*

We have 9 students that have registered to attend Junior High Youth Day this 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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K—5 Stations of the Cross ~ Thursday, March 23rd ~ Our K—5 Students will join Fr. Warchola in the Church this Thursday, March 23 for Stations of the Cross beginning at 4:00 p.m. Parents are invited to join us in the church for these stations. The K—5 students will be dismissed to their parents from the church at the conclusion for their 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.



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.

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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 any adult chaperones. The diocese has extended the deadline date for registration to April 15th. Once attendees are registered, there are also possible scholarship opportunities to apply for and more information will follow from the diocese. Many additional “NCYC fundraisers” will be scheduled to raise funds towards the remaining cost of the trip. 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 April 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.*

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

 Monday, March 20 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, March 21 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Wednesday, March 22 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Thursday, March 23 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 24 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Stations of the Cross / 6:00 PM / Church

 Combined Easter Choir / 7-8:00 PM

 Saturday, March 25 Catholic Relief Services Collection

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

 Catholic Relief Services Collection

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 Saturday April 1 Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Mark Bartchak

 Monday, April 3 Combined Penance Service-Most Holy Trinity, South Fork, 6:30 pm

 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

DANCE ~ There will be a Polka Dance at the St. Michael American Legion on Sunday, March 19th from 2:00pm until 5:00pm. Music will be provided by Bronco and the Rhinelanders. Everyone is welcome to attend!

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

 [Blessed Are The Red-Necked](http://www.rd.com/joke/blessed-are-the-red-necked/)

“What’s wrong, Bubba?” asked the pastor.

“I need you to pray for my hearing,” said Bubba. The pastor put his hands on Bubba’s ears and prayed. When he was done, he asked, “So how’s your hearing?” “I don’t know,” said Bubba. “It isn’t until next Tuesday.”