ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

 Rev. Msgr. David A. Lockard, Administrator MASSES:

(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary & Bookkeeper: 10:30 am

 Michele Panick Daily Mass: M, T, W, Th, F

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PHONES: Office Hours:

 Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Fax: (814) 495-9424 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Closed Wednesdays

Parish Website Confessions:

[www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com) Saturday 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Secretaries’ E-mail Sunday 7:30 am to 7:45 am

saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com 10:00 am to 10:15 am

Facebook page: By Appointment

St. Michael Catholic Church/St. Michael, PA

 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 September 5th, 2021

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.

SACRAMENTAL Parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism is

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Articles are due to the Parish Office by Noon on Tuesday.

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 Month of the Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 6 - September 12, 2021)

Monday, Sept. 6 9:00 AM Robert Podrebarac req. by daughter, Carol Ann Podrebarac

Tuesday, Sept. 7 9:00 AM Michael Bertolino req. by Dorothy Collins

Wednesday, Sept. 8 9:00 AM Vince Arena req. by Theresa Arena

Thursday, Sept. 9 9:00 AM Hermine Sivec req. by Laura Faye Hood

Friday, Sept. 10 9:00 AM Irene & Ray Baldwin req. by Carl & Pam Freidhoff

Saturday, Sept. 11 4:00 PM Margaret Albertelli req. by Karen Myers

Sunday, Sept. 12 8:00 AM People of the Parish

 10:30 AM For All First Responders

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 11 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Margaret Albertelli Family

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Ellen Grattan

Altar Server: Chase Williamson

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, September 12 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher George & Janet Minor

Minister of the Host: Terri Leach

Choir Minister: Marie Bernard

Altar Server: Eva Spangler

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Lori George

Sunday, September 12 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton First Responders

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Robert Oshaben

Altar Server: Jackson Henderson

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Nancy Wessel

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:* Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Bernice Myers, Dwight Fyock, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Mary Zangaglia, Natalie Zerby, Valencia Tursi, Homer Locher, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Ted Paluch, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Kristen Sinosky Long, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Jennifer Hagans, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Derrick Varnish, Vincent Koshute, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Izzy Bihun, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Alina Rusnak, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Anne Robinson, Carter Bobak, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Nancy Edmiston, Leonard Oshaben, Adam, Janice Dipyatic, Lily Maloney, Scott, Lisa, Audrey Costlow, Cathy Sossong, Rosanne Krug, Becky Kakabar, Dolores Mucko, Elliana, Ashlee, Helen Soohy, Carol K. Fabrizio, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Seder, Rosalie Ambrose, Pearl Borlie, Joe (Runk) Slonac, Patty Gdula, Judy Barr, Ric Szelong, Lori Gramling, Babe Richards, Ruth Ferchalk, Morgan Divita 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

Regular Offertory $4,217.00

Maintenance $ 88.00

Diocesan Collections $ 20.00

Total $4,325.00

We sincerely thank

and ask God’s blessing

 upon all who have care

 and concern for

our parish.

September 5, 2021 Mark 7:31-37

Our readings today offer us a message of hope. God is with us and wants to heal us. May this message come ablaze in our hearts so that we might live with unwavering faith! Often times we are blind and deaf to God in our lives. We miss countless opportunities to see God working in our day-to-day moments, through our loved ones, our community, or even strangers. We miss the quiet voice of Jesus in our hearts telling us to choose Him instead of sin, respond in love instead of anger, or care for someone else in a moment instead of ourselves.

During the week of September 5th, 2021

the Sanctuary Candle will burn as a

72nd Wedding Anniversary Remembrance for

Paul & Verna Yanzetich

requested by Susan



PARISH OFFICES ~ The Parish Offices will be closed Monday, September 6th due to the Labor Day Holiday.

WEEK DAY MASS ~ Time Change! Beginning on Labor Day Monday, September 6th, the week day Mass time will change from Noon to 9:00 AM until further notice.

LABOR DAY MASS ~ There will be a Mass on Labor Day Monday, September 6th at St. Joseph Cemetery, Beaverdale, at 11:00 AM, celebrated by Fr. Brian Warchola. Everyone is invited to attend.

ST. MICHAEL BLUE MASS ~ We will be having a Blue Mass honoring all first responders (police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters and EMTs) for their service at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 12th. A small luncheon will follow for first responders and their families in the Church Hall.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~ In your packet of envelopes there is an envelope for our Religious Education Fund – dated September 12th. All money collected will go into our Higher Education Account. Any student completing their Senior (12th) year of Religious Education requirements is eligible for a $300 scholarship. Envelopes can be turned in any weekend of September.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ~ Next weekend is our Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection. Please bring in non-perishable food items or toiletries with you. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

HAITI EARTHQUAKE VICTIMS ~ There will be a Special Second Collection the weekend of September 18th & 19th for the Haiti Earthquake victims. Please make your checks payable to St. Michael Church and put it in a plain envelope marked “Haiti Victims”. Please add your name and envelope number for credit. We will forward one check to the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to be given to Catholic Relief Services.

CHOIR PRACTICES ~ Choir practice for the 4:00 PM Saturday Choir will begin on Thursday, September 9th at 4:30 PM. Choir practice for those who sing at the 8 or 10:30 AM Masses on Sundays, will resume on Tuesday, September 7th (because of the Labor Day Holiday) at 7 PM. Practices will then be on Mondays at 7 PM.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of October through January are now being made up. Anyone who would like to serve as an Altar Server, Reader, Cantor, Greeter, or any current minister who has scheduling preferences at his time, should call Suzi Blazosky at 814-495-5287 or email her at sublazosky@gmail.com . Deadline is September 19th, 2021.

R.C.I.A ~ Are you interested, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to grow in faith understanding or has not been confirmed for one reason or another? The R.C.I.A. program will commence in October. For more information, please call Suzi Blazosky at 814-495-5287 or email sublazosky@gmail.com.

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION ~ 40th Anniversary! Wednesday, September 8th, Saint Catherine of Siena Shrine, Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA. Rosary in the Church-7:15 AM, Mass in the Church-7:45 AM, Outdoor Rosary at the Shrine-11:30 AM, Outdoor Mass at the Shrine, (Please bring lawn chair),-12 NOON, Outdoor Mass at the Shrine (Please bring lawn chair)-5:30 PM. Celebrant/Homilist: Msgr. Bob Saly. Inclement weather, outdoor Masses will be in the church. NO continuous Rosary, NO Food and NO Exhibits. Send petitions to : Birth of Mary Celebration, PO Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635. Donations welcome.

CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE ~ A Catholic Men’s Conference is being held at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg on September 11th. Guest Speaker is Bas Rutten. Advance tickets only by calling 814-472-7244.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS ~ The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Monday, September 13th in the gardens at Mount Assisi at 6:30 PM. (in case of inclement weather, they will be held at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel.)

40 HOURS DEVOTION ~ A devotional prayer centered around Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Church in Lilly (608 Main St.) on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday – September 12th, 13th, and 14th. A Devotional Service will begin each evening at 7:00 PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Everyone is welcome to attend!



RELICS OF ST. PADRE PIO ~ The Windber Catholic Parishes invites you to venerate three Relics of St. Padre Pio. The relics will be at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber on Tuesday, September 14th, 9 AM to 8 PM. We will have our traditional Noon Novena Mass in honor of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Padre Pio. At 6 PM, we will have a Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio. The Church will be open the entire day for veneration. Also, confessions will be heard from 9 – 11:30 AM and from 1 – 5:30 PM. Quoting St. Padre Pio, “Stay with me, Lord, for you are my light and without you I am in darkness.”



CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~ Fridays in the Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto at 3 PM. – Please join us as we gather to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for our country, world, and religious freedom.

The flowers on the Altar this weekend are for

birthday remembrances for:

Vince Arena by wife, Theresa Arena

and

Margaret Minor by son, Nicholas Minor



An Urgent Request to Everyone in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

In a matter of 72 hours (August 14-16), the Caribbean country of Haiti was struck by a 7.1 magnitude earthquake that destroyed countless homes, churches, and schools, and flooding by Tropical Storm Grace impeded rescue efforts.

I am asking everyone in our diocese young and old to contribute to a special second collection for Haiti that is to be taken up at all the Masses on the weekend of September 18-19. Online donations are also encouraged through the GIVING section of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website. All proceeds will be given to Catholic relief Services for immediate distribution.

Please be generous in responding to our neighbors in their time of need. Please be a Good Samaritan!

Thank you for your prayers and financial donations for our brothers and sisters in Haiti.

Sincerely in Christ,

Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak

Please make checks payable to St. Michael Church. Put your donation in a plain envelope marked “Haiti Victims” with your name & envelope number on it & place in the second collection basket at Masses on September 18 & 19.



*Patris Corde,* An Accepting Father

In *Patris corde,* (*With a Father’s Heart*) Pope Francis writes, “Joseph accepted Mary unconditionally. He trusted in the angel’s words. The nobility of Joseph’s heart is such that what he learned from the law he made dependent on charity. Today in our world where psychological, verbal, and physical violence towards women is so evident, Joseph appears as the figure of a respectful and sensitive man. Even though he does not understand the bigger picture, he makes a decision to protect Mary’s good name, her dignity, and her life. In his hesitation about how best to act, God helped him by enlightening his judgement.”

Pray that we too can make the right judgments as we progress throughout our earthly journey.

 *St. Joseph,* An Accepting Father*, Joseph most prudent, pray for us.*

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde,* 3. Dec. 8, 2020) 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center,* 2713 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA 16601.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

 September 5, 2021

REACH Service Project

** Forest Hills Labor Day Festival ~ The Forest Hills Labor Day Festival is upon us! September 4th, 5th & 6th, our REACH Youth Ministry has 2 booths for selling

Apple Dumplings and Ice Cream Sundaes.

*Help is still needed where noted \*. Student and Parent volunteers are still needed to help in the time slots marked on the sign-up schedule below.*

APPLE DUMPLINGS ~ ICE CREAM SUNDAES

 Saturday, September 4th

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Eva, Ana & Amy Spangler ~ Alexis, Jackson & Heather Henderson

1 to 3 p.m.: Ian & Amy Dobbins ~ Madalynne & Greg Stiffler, Steve Russic

3 to 5 p.m.: Sydney, Carson & Jodi Myers ~ Madalynne & Greg Stiffler

5 to 7 p.m.: Natalie Stohon, Gino & Amy Spinos ~ (*\* Workers still needed in Ice Cream)*

7 to 9 p.m.: (*\* Workers still needed in Both Booths)*

 Sunday, September 5th

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Caden, Kaylee & Susan Roberts ~ Devon Brezovec, Brady & Chris Nugent

1 to 3 p.m.: Alex Deighan, Nancy Wessel ~ Colby Rearick and Jeremy Burda

3 to 5 p.m.: (*\* Workers still needed in Apple Dumplings) ~* Makenzee, Alexia, Mike & Jen Steele

5 to 7 p.m.: Brooke and Chase Williamson ~ Sophia and Lucas Jacobs

7 to 9 p.m.: Mckenzie Webb, Hailey Hampton *~* Adalynne Webb, Alexia, Mike & Jen Steele

Religious Education Registration

 Religious Education registration is taking place for our 2021 / 2022 CCD Year. New registration packets containing forms and information for our upcoming year have been mailed out to all registered families of our Saint Michael Parish with school aged children. Please complete and return the forms to register for our 2021 / 2022 Religious Education Year. We plan to start our In-person classes with start-up dates of Sunday, September 19th for Grades 6—12, and Thursday, September 23rd for our K—5 students.

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Religious Education Teacher Needed ~ Your help is needed. We are looking for a Religious Education teacher for our Thursday K—5 Program. Contact the Parish Office at 814-495-9640 or the Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873 to inquire.

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WELCOME BACK! ~ Fish Fries at The Church of the Transfiguration, Conemaugh, are back! We will be having our monthly Fish Fries starting on Friday, September 10th from 3:30 – 6:30 PM. We will be having DINE IN & TAKE OUT available. Please call 814-535-2698 to place your Take-Out order.

PUMPKIN ROLLS ~ Most Holy Trinity, South Fork, Pumpkin Rolls, $15 each. If you wish to order, please sign the sheet at the entrances of the Church or call Rita at 814-495-5169 or Laurie at 814-495-9937 and leave a message. Orders are due by September 17th. Please include your phone number. Pickup is September 24th from 9 AM – 12 Noon or after the September 25th & 26th weekend masses at Most Holy Trinity, South Fork.

 Sunday, September 5 Mass ~ 8:00 & 10:30 AM

 Confessions / 7:30 – 7:45 AM & 10:00 – 10:15 AM / In the Confessional

 Forest Hills Festival

 Monday, September 6 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Labor Day Holiday / Parish Offices Closed

 Forest Hills Festival

 Tuesday, September 7 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Boy Scouts / Hall / 7:30 – 9:00 PM

 Wednesday, September 8 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Thursday, September 9 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, September 10 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Saturday, September 11 Mass / 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:30 – 3:45 / In the Confessional

 Religious Education Fund Second Collection

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection



 UPCOMING EVENTS

 September 12 Religious Education Fund Second Collection

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Blue Mass

 September 18 & 19 Second Collection for Haiti Earthquake victims

 September 19 First Day of HS Religious Education

 Parish Council Meeting / Hall Rm #2 / After 10:30 AM Mass

 September 23 First Day of Elementary Religious Education

 September 25 Docherty / Gdula Nuptials