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

 Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 November 26th, 2023

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

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Month of The Holy Souls in Purgatory

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (November 28 – December 3, 2023)

Monday, November 27 No Mass

Tuesday, November 28 9:00 AM + Agnes Noon req. by Carol, Susan & Paul

Wed., November 29 9:00 AM +Paul J. Kundrod req. by Mr. & Mrs. James Susko

Thursday, November 30 9:00 AM + Andrew Pcola req. by His Loving Family

 Apostle St. Andrew Feast Day

Friday, December 1 9:00 AM +Ed Grattan req. by Judy Grattan

Saturday, December 2 4:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Sunday, December 3 8:00 AM +Marie Faher req. by Joe & Cathy Faher

 10:30 AM +William (Budd) Myers req. by Family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, December 2 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko John & Bonnie Bizzarri

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Ana Spangler & Bella Bambino

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Joanne Thomas

Sunday, December 3 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terri Leach Joe & Cathy Faher

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Choir Minister: Cathy Faher

Altar Server: Kaden & Walter Christ

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Pauline Minor

Sunday, December 3 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carole Kakabar Michael & Jen Steele

Minister of the Host: Robert Oshaben

Choir Minister: Susan Wieczorek

Altar Server: Jackson Henderson & Makenzee Steele

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: REACH Students

Monday, December 4 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:* Patricia Murphy, Dwight Fyock, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Ted Paluch, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, 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, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Dick Wilson, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Alina Rusnak, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Rhonda, Carter Bobak, Mike Morris, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Leonard Oshaben, Adam, Lily Maloney, Scott, Lisa, Audrey Costlow, Rosanne Krug, Becky Kakabar, Elliana, Ashlee, Helen Soohy, Carol K. Fabrizio, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Seder, Pearl Borlie, Joe (Runk) Slonac, Lori Gramling, Ruth Ferchalk, Mildred Andrykovitch, Colin Wingard, Betty Duray, Jim Fisher, Bill Gideos, Corrine Onder, Anne Robinson, Joseph Litzinger, Rosalie Ambrose, Rebecca Brunberg, Gardner Stoker, Barbara Reighard, Danielle Pearson, Kim Morgan, Vivian Michaels Tsakeris, Jim Lambert, Devin Yochimowitz, Fr. Charles Bodziak, Margaret Kowalski, John Patterson, Linda Miko, Trey Sinosky, Paul Slonac Jr., Sharon Poldiak, Kathy McClemens, Christine Sherry, Agnes Zibura, Mary Ann Murin 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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Families feed the hungry, give drinks to thirsty toddlers and welcome strangers and even estranged relatives into our homes. We clothe children and visit family members who are sick and imprisoned. The routine actions of family life are religious and priestly for we make Christ present in what we do. Family life is Beatitude life.

 Care for the least

From the Gospel of the last Sunday of the Ordinary time, we heard one of the most famous of all the parables used by Jesus. There are those on the right, and those on the left; there are the sheep and the goats, the saved and the damned. Everyone in each group is surprised posing the same question – “When, did we treat you, or not treat you, in these ways”? And here we enter the real field on which the whole parable has been located, the field of Jesus’ identity with those who are in need. The time I discover my needs in the needs of others, is that moment I may find my being in His, who identifies Himself as one of those.

BAPTISM ~ On Sunday November 19th, 2023, we celebrated the baptism of Kevin Sloan Webb, son of Bradley and Kristina (Sloan) Webb. Kevin Sloan became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism. Now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope and charity, we warmly welcome him into our St. Michael Parish Family.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ~ The Pastoral Council will have a meeting on Monday, November 27th at 7 PM in Rm #2 of the Church Hall.

ADVENT CLASSES ~ Advent classes here at St. Michael are forming to be held during the Advent Season. Classes will be held on Tuesday mornings beginning November 28th after the 9 AM Mass in the Church Hall. It is a 4-week session. Please join us on Tuesday mornings during Advent for some Faith Sharing. Any questions please call the Parish Office during office hours.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS ~ Will be this coming Friday, December 1st starting at 10:00 AM. Anyone needing to be put on the Communion Call list, please call the office during regular office hours.

ADORATION, BENEDICTION & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~ There will be Adoration on Friday, December 1st, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continuing until 3:00 PM at which time there will be Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are invited to sit and pray quietly in the presence of Jesus.

FAMILY CHRISTMAS ORNAMENTS ~ Christmas Ornaments are available at both church entrances. Please take one ornament per household/family and decorate them for the Church’s 2023 Family Christmas tree. Decorated ornaments need to be returned to the church no later than December 17th. Boxes will be available to place the decorated ornaments in.

CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ If you would like to purchase a Christmas flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by using the Christmas Flower envelope in your packet by Sunday December 17th. The normal offering is $10. Extra envelopes can be found at the Church entrances.

ADVENT “LITTLE BLUE BOOKS” ~ December 3rd is the beginning of the Advent Season. The parish is providing the “Little Blue Book” free of charge to all parishioners. This booklet is available at the side entrance and on the table at the back of the Church.

COMBINED CHOIR DAY CHANGES ~ Christmas Combined Choir will be meeting this Wednesday, November 29th at 7 PM. December dates to be announced.

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.



As of November 19th, the St. Michael #iGiveCatholic Campaign

has received $7,715.00!

Thank you for your generosity!

* Last day to donate online is November 28th.
* To donate online log into iGiveCatholic.org and search for our parish name or you can

log in directly at:

<https://aj.igivecatholic.org/organizations/saint-michael-roman-catholic-church>

* You can donate offline using the envelope provided or you can use any envelope with #iGiveCatholic written on the outside. You can also mail your donation to our parish office.

 \*\* Please put your Church envelope number on the envelope if possible!\*\*

WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA ~ Save the date for Wreaths Across America – December 16th, 2023. Please consider donating to one of the sponsored cemeteries. If donating online at WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA our GROUP ID: PA 0640 and the Location ID: St. Michael Cemetery, St. Michael, LOCATION ID: PAMCCC, St. Bartholomew Cemetery, Wilmore LOCATION ID: PAST BC, St. Mary’s Cemetery, New Germany, LOCATION ID: PAST MY. Donations may also be put in the church’s collection: Make checks payable to WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA. Place in envelope marked “Wreaths”. Last day for online donations is Tuesday, November 28th.

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 SALVATION ARMY ANGEL TREE PROGRAM

 *We have tags available for both children and senior citizens.*

 *The guidelines are as follows:*

Tags include first name, sex, age, Pajama sizes, and gift ideas for a child or a senior citizen. When shopping please consider fulfilling as much of the wish list as you see fit.

The tags will be displayed along the walls of the church. After you've chosen a tag,

please fill in the information on the form that can be found on the windowsill.

Return your UNWRAPPED gift(s) with the tag(s) attached to the St. Michael Catholic Church

St. Paul Room or Bridal Room by Sunday, December 3rd so that we can check them off and have them picked up by the Salvation Army in time for distribution to the families.

If you wish, you may provide an "extra" gift(s) of your choice to be used for those tags that are not chosen at all. Gifts and larger clothing for ages 11-13 are particularly hard to fill.

As always, thank you so much for your generosity! Our parish has one of the

longest running and best participation rates in the region! God bless.

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 Religious Education And Christian Helping

November 26, 2023

“Advent in Action” ~ Our Grade 6—12 students are invited to our upcoming “Advent in Action” gathering on Saturday, December 9th, from 11 am to 2 pm.

 Advent is all about preparing for Christmas day, so we would like to give our students an opportunity to prepare by helping us decorate our social hall and engage in the *Spirit of Christmas*, while taking time to give back to others by participating in service projects, such as making greeting cards or preparing gifts for our homebound parishioners.

Lunch and holiday treats will be provided. Students may bring friends or family. Feel free to come for the entire time or some of it. This is our time to chip in and fill the halls of our Religious Education home with fun energy, spend time together outside of a formal class setting, and gain some service hours as well.

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Eucharistic Adoration Day for Teens in Grades 9—12

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 High school students in grades 9—12 are invited to attend a Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Mark Bartchak. This will be hosted at our Saint Michael Parish on Saturday, December 16, 2023. The day will begin at 10:00 AM in the church with Praise and Worship Music and Eucharistic Adoration celebrated by Bishop Mark with an opportunity for reconciliation.

This event is open to all teens throughout the Altoona-Johnstown diocese as part of their Confirmation Process.

A social gathering will be held afterwards for fellowship with Bishop Mark.

*Teens must pre-register by December 3rd*

*Registration forms are available in the Religious Education Office.*

*All students in the 3-year confirmation preparation process, (Grades 9, 10 and 11), are required to attend a Eucharistic Adoration Day with*

*Bishop Mark Bartchak at least 1 time within their 3-year process.*

 St. Michael Church Youth Choir



Join St. Michael Catholic Church Youth Choir! Students in 2nd to 12th grade are invited to sing with us on Sunday, January 7th at the 10:30 AM Mass. Practices begin on November 26th. Please see the letter sent home with your child from CCD for all details.

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THE MIRACLE OF JESUS ~ Holy Rosary Church will hold The Miracle of Jesus Christmas Program on December 3rd. Families are invited to spend 40-60 minutes exploring “Bethlehem”, visiting the shops and engaging in fun and meaningful activities at their own pace. Please pre-register in order for us to have enough supplies by calling Barb at Holy Rosary rectory – 814-944-6676.

HOPE IS ALIVE ~ All are invited to St. Clement Church, Goucher St. & Lindberg Ave. on Monday, December 11th at 6:30 PM for an evening of Praise, Worship, Music, & Devotions. The HOPE IS ALIVE music event will be led by one of the top 30 Catholic music artists in the world, Taylor Tripodi!

PUBLIC ROSARY ~ Lifting our prayers for Keeping Christ in Christmas! Saturday, December 9th at 11:30 AM - Central Park, Downtown Johnstown and Thursday, December 14th at 6:30 PM St. Clement Church, Lindberg Ave. & Goucher St.

ST. PAUL APOSTLE TO THE GENTILES ~ ZOOM Class taught by Deacon Michael Russo. Tuesdays from 6 – 8:30 PM (Running for 6 weeks) beginning January 2nd, 2024. To register visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry). Registration forms are on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the Church. You can also contact Jessica, *Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry* at 814-361-2000. All are welcome!

FRANCISCAN LIVING NATIVITY ~ This year commemorates the 800th anniversary of St. Francis creating a Living Nativity Scene in the small Italian village of Greccio, to bring Bethlehem close to those who would never have the chance to be in the birthplace of Jesus Christ. Join us on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery (768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg) on Sunday, December 17th at 4 PM. There will be a Nativity service followed by refreshments and a chance for a visit and photo with Santa! The Friar’s Nook Gift Shop will also be open from 4:30 – 7 PM.

HISTORIC CHURCH BUS TRIP ~ Saturday, December 30th, All Saints Parish in Boswell will host a bus trip to visit historic churches in our region. Pick up locations include Boswell & Central City. The bus pilgrimage will visit the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament & Our Lady of Mt. Carmel in Altoona, Queen of Peace in Patton, & Mass at the historic St. Joseph Mission Church (weather permitting) near Carrolltown. The price of $65 will also include a meal. To register, please contact All Saints office, 814-629-5551. All are welcome!

CHRISTMAS NUTROLL ~ Most Holy Trinity, South Fork. Nut roll order forms on the table at the back of the church. $12 each. Order by December 1st or call Rita @ 814-495-5169 & leave a message. Pick up is Friday, December 8th from 9 AM – Noon or after weekend Masses.

THEOLOGY ON TAP ~ November 29th from 6 – 8 PM at the Boulevard Grill, 165 Southmont Boulevard in the speakeasy room. For more info contact Geoffrey Stumpo at 814-659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

ADVENT REFLECTIONS ~ Beginning Wednesday, November 29th & on each Wednesday of Advent. $20 per class or $60 for the 4-week series. All classes held at St. Bernardine Monastery, 768 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. To register, send payment to Franciscan Friars, TOR, PO Box 139, Hollidaysburg, 16648 or call 814-695-3802.

 Sunday, November 26 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

 Confessions / 7:15 AM & 9:45 AM / Confessional

 NO HS Religious Education

 Youth Choir Practice / Church / 6:30 – 7:45 PM

 Girl Scouts Meeting / Hall / 4 – 5:30 PM

 Monday, November 27 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Parish Council Meeting / Hall Rm #2 / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, November 28 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Advent Small Group Faith Sharing / Hall / After 9:00 AM Mass

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Combined Christmas Choir / 7:00 PM

 Wednesday, November 29 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, November 30 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, December 1 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 First Friday Communion Calls / 10:00 AM

 Adoration / After 9:00 AM Mass

 Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy / 3:00 PM

 Saturday, December 2 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 December 8 The Immaculate Conception / Holy Day of Obligation

 Parish Offices Closed

 December 9 Advent in Action / Grades 6 - 12

 December 9 & 10 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Retirement Fund for Religious Second Collection

 December 10 Ethan James Marks Baptism