ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Brian Warchola, Administrator MASSES:



(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

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 10:30 am

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 YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 51

 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 must be given at the funeral home at the time of the wake service or at the luncheon. No eulogies at the funeral liturgy, please.

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 TUESDAYS.

Third Sunday in Advent December 17, 2018

 Month of The Immaculate Conception

MASS INTENTIONS: (December 18 - December 24, 2017)



Monday 8:00 AM Claudia McCloskey req. by Jean Celmer & Family

Tuesday 8:00 AM Irene Hribar req. by Dave & Pam Bosic

Wednesday 8:00 AM MHT, South Fork & St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

 12:05 PM St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

Thursday 8:00 AM Brandon Baxter req. by Mary Bellich

Friday 8:00 AM Rose Hudak req. by Husband Mike & Family

Saturday 4:00 PM Francis Andrykovitch req. by Wife Millie & Family

Sunday 8:00 AM Marie Faher req. by Joe & Cathy & Family

 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, December 23 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Andrykovitch Family

Minister of the Host: Karen Myers

Ministers of the Cup: Helen Slonac & Mary Partsch

Altar Servers: Evan & Dylan Kundrod

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Mary Ann Spangler

Sunday, December 24 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Joe & Cathy Faher

Minister of the Host: Cathy Faher

Ministers of the Cup: Ellen Grattan & Sally Kolar

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Michael Kresic

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Pauline Minor

Sunday, December 2410:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Jacob Stiffler Robert & Joan Oshaben

Minister of the Host: Joan Oshaben

Ministers of the Cup: Greg Stiffler & Michael Barton

Altar Servers: Alexis Henderson & Abby Jordan

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Richard Martyak

Sunday, December 24 Collection Counters

 John Bizzarri, Rod Kundrod

 Mary Ann DeRosa, Phyllis Slonac

FR. BRIAN’S MESSAGE ~ With all due respect to all my beloved parishioners. I have noticed for a while that some people are chewing gum during Mass. The main reason this is a problem is because I don’t believe all of

them are disposing of the gum prior to receiving Holy Communion. We should also be mindful of our 1 hour fast before receiving Communion. The reason being if even the tiniest particle of the Eucharist or the smallest droplet of our Lord’s Precious Blood gets into the gum and later the gum is spit out into a wastebasket, or Heaven knows where, then the real Presence of Jesus Christ is now in the garbage with used tissues, etc.… Having said that NEVER approach Holy Communion with gum or anything in your mouth. The Most Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of our Catholic Faith and must be revered with all our hearts and souls.

PLEASE NOTE ~ Second collections will only be taken up when announced at the beginning of the Mass, otherwise there will not be a second collection.

SEVERE WEATHER ~ Please be advised that anytime we experience severe weather where travel for one would be dangerous, you are not obliged to attend a Sunday Mass. I have decided that, unless otherwise noted, we will not cancel any Mass when the local schools are closed or delayed. In the future, if I am away on vacation, retreat, etc., weekday Masses will simply be canceled. I prefer to not have Communion services, unless there would be an extreme reason to do so. Canonically those services are to be held only when there is no other Mass celebrated for a long period of time. We are still very blessed in our diocese and local area to have several other parishes that offer the Mass; we should attend those Masses on days when none is celebrated at St. Michael parish.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS ~ St. Bartholomew’s, Wilmore, will be having confessions on Thursday, December 21st, at 6:00 PM. Everyone welcome!

AREA ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES ~ Sunday, December 17th, Holy Name Parish, Ebensburg at 2:00 PM and Saint Benedict Parish, Johnstown at 5:00 PM; Friday, December 22nd, Saint Aloysius Parish, Cresson at 7:00 PM.

OPLATKI ~ Envelopes containing the Oplatki wafers can be found at the church entrances. A free will donation may be given.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ~ Thanks to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $633.00 along with an assortment of grocery items.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ The Knights of Columbus will be having coffee & donuts this Saturday, December 16, after the 4:00 PM Mass. Everyone Welcome!

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ This Sunday, December 17th, The Holy Name Society will be having coffee & donuts in the Church Hall after the 8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses. Everyone welcome!

HOLLIDAYSBURG VETERANS HOME ~ Gifts for the Veterans can be dropped off in the box in the Bridal Room until Sunday, December 17th. Thank-you.

2018 CALENDARS ~ 2018 calendars are available this weekend. Please, one calendar per family. Special thanks to the C.O. Dimond Funeral Home for donating these calendars to our Parish.



LAY MINISTRY CHRISTMAS GIFTS ~ There will be Chocolates or Wine available in the Bridal Room next weekend, December 23rd & 24th for any Reader, Eucharistic Minister, Cantor, Greeter, Collection Counter, Teacher, Usher and Choir Member. Please choose one or the other for your gift as a Thank-you for your service. Merry Christmas!

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, 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, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Mary McCall, Sean, Holly, Shane, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Derrick Varnish, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Dan Pauley, Jane Plummer, Izzy Bihun, Erica Mitzelfeld, Heidi Allison, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ed Ripper Sr., Bob Debias, Patricia Oshaben, Craig Kraber, Ashlee Madison, Marlene McCrory, Bob Casti, Frank McCleester, Susan Yanzetich 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 $3,951.75

Loose $ 151.25

Youth $ 86.50

Monthly $ 425.00

Maintenance Fund $ 98.00

Candles $ 21.00

Immaculate Conception $1,101.25

Christmas Flowers $ 210.00

Christmas $ 260.00

Religious Retirement $ 909.00

Total $7,213.75

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

December 17, 2017 John 1:6-8, 19-28

Today’s gospel reports “there is one among you whom you do not recognize.” It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don’t start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, “The Lord is with you,” are not a hope, they are a fact.

 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Mass Intentions

Christmas Eve December 24th Offertory Procession

4:00 PM Health & Well Being of All Ministers Anthony Bambino Family

9:00 PM Raymond Plummer Sr. req. by Raymond Plummer Sr. Family

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Christmas Day December 25th

9:00 AM Anna Wilson req. by Mary Ann Murin Family Robert & Ellen Grattan

*Please check the following schedules. If unable to keep your Lay Ministry assignment,*

 *please find a replacement or call the rectory.*

 Christmas Eve & Christmas Day Liturgical Appointments

Christmas Eve December 24th 4:00 PM Christmas Eve December 24th 9:00 PM

Lector: Madison Kundrod Lector: Julia Barton

Ministers of the Host: Alice Podrebarac Ministers of the Host: Eric Tedjeske

Ministers of the Cup: Theresa Carlson & Ministers of the Cup: Dave Knobloch &

 Babe Richards Robert Oshaben

Altar Servers: Victoria Russic, Altar Servers: Evan Burkhardt

 Elisabeth Zajdel & Carson Kundrod Zach Fisher & Luke Docherty

Cantor: David Zajdel Cantor: Ian Wieczorek

Greeter: Joanne Thomas Greeter: Lori George

 Christmas Day December 25th 9:00 AM

 Lector: Devon Michaels

 Minister of the Host: Terri Leach

 Minister of the Cup: Robert & Ellen Gratten

 Altar Servers: Griffin & Kaden Christ

 Cantor: Sharon Dibble

 Greeter: Pete Parisi



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for

Francis Andrykovitch

requested by Wife Millie & Family during the week of December 17, 2017.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring schedule which covers February through May 2018. If you have a request for dates you are not available or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by Sunday, January 21. Lay ministers are being sought for all masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters. Please contact Fr. Brian or Suzi for further details or if you would like to volunteer.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ~ Religious give thanks. A religious sister writes, “When we see the generous response of so many thousands of persons in order to help us, religious men and women, we are left speechless.” Senior sisters, brothers, and religious order priests across the country send heartfelt thanks and prayers for your donation of $929.00 to last week’s Retirement Fund for Religious collection.

SUNDAY MASS WITH SPORTS STARS ~ Here at St. Michael’s Church on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at

2:00 PM with a Meet and Greet with Talks and 3:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Come see these dedicated athletes: Rick Roberts, Gene Pentz, John Strittmatter and more, who have excelled in sports and fitness, while keeping their Catholic Faith strong in their lives.



Religious Education And Christian Helping

 December 17, 2017

 REACH Holiday Service Projects

Holy Name K—5 Treats ~ Our Holy Name Society will sponsor a Christmas Pizza Party for our K—5 students on Thursday, December 21st. REACH student volunteers are needed to help pack the Christmas treats that they distribute to students. They will be gathering for this task on Tuesday, December 19th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall.



 Any interested students should stop in or contact the RE Office at 495-4873 to sign up.

 

Religious Education Schedule for the Christmas & New Year’s Holiday

 We will have a holiday break for our Religious Education students and catechists. Religious Education Classes will not be held over the holiday break including the following dates:

 No Class on Thursday, December 28th for Grades K-5

&

 No Class on Sundays, December 24th and December 31st for Grades 6—12.

 Classes will resume on Thursday, January 4th for K~5 and Sunday, January 7th for Grades 6-12

 Sunday, December 17 Holy Name Society Coffee & Donuts after 8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

 Religious Ed / Grades 6-12 / 9:00 AM – 10:20 AM

 Christmas Gifts for Veterans due in Bridal Room

 Monday, December 18 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, December 19 Combined Choir for Christmas / 7:00 PM

 Grades 6-12 Making of Treat Bags

 Wednesday, December 20 No Mass

 Thursday, December 21 Religious Ed / Grades K-5 / 3:30-4:30 PM

 K-5 Pizza Party

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM

 Friday, December 22

 Saturday, December 23

UPCOMING EVENTS

 December 25 & 26 Offices Closed

 January 1 Offices Closed

 January 5 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament

AN ADVENT OF CHRISTMAS CONCERT ~ Will be held 7:00 PM, Saturday, December 23rd at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown.  The program will feature the Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir and Youth Chorale under the direction of Cathedral music director, Evonne Yanzetich-Homway. The choral groups will be accompanied by the Hilltop Chamber Music Ensemble. Admission is free and open to the public. A free-will offering will be taken.

IMMACULATE CONCEPTION JEWELRY RAFFLE ~ Held at New Germany Hall: 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Door ticket includes: Admission, Meal, Dessert and Drinks. Saturday January 20, 2018. Over $7,500 in Jewelry & Accessories to be chanced off from door tickets. GRAND PRIZE: $1,000 jewelry shopping spree at Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutique. Doors open at 5 PM, 1st drawing at 5:50 PM. Pulled winning Door Tickets will be re-entered for Grand Prize. Need not be present to win. Jewelry, Accessories, Instant Bingo & 50/50’s will be chanced during the bash. Only 500 Tickets sold. $25.00 DONATION *No Guests.* For tickets contact Becky 724-357-8384. For pictures and more details visit [www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle).

CHRISTMAS AT THE BASILICA CONCERT ~ Wednesday, December 27 at 7 PM in the Basilica! *Act I* will feature the La Bella Musica String Quartet and the St. Michael School Choir offering Christmas carols and anthems. *Act II* will feature the Basilica Choir singing a cantata entitled “*Sing Joy to All the World*.” A free will offering will be taken. Enjoy the music and the beauty of our Basilica during the Christmas Season!

