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

 The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 December 31st, 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

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

December 31st, 2023

Month of The Immaculate Conception

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (December 31, 2023 – January 7, 2024)

 ***Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God***

**Sunday, December 31 5:00 PM** Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Mon., January 1, 2024 10:00 AM +Frank & Caroline Galosi req. by Terry & Gus Leach

 Family

Tuesday, January 2 9:00 AM +Pete Parisi req. by Bob & Ellen Grattan

Wed., January 3 9:00 AM +Frank, Kate & Alan Meden req. by Regina Meden

 Mehallick

Thursday, January 4 9:00 AM +Edward J. Hudak req. by Paul & Beth Kundrod

Friday, January 5 9:00 AM +Bernard Brown req. by Michael & Regina Barton

 *The Epiphany of the Lord*

Saturday, January 6 4:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Sunday, January 7 8:00 AM +William Shay req. by Joe & Cathy Faher

 10:30 AM +Dorothy Cronin req. by brother, Andrew Yourich &

 nephew & niece, Andrew Yourich O.D. & Amy Dobbins

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 6 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Dennis & Babe Richards

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Choir Minister: Susan Blazosky

Altar Server: Chase Williamson & Bella Bambino

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Sunday, January 7 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Cathy Faher Joe & Cathy Faher

Minister of the Host: Eric Tedjeske

Choir Minister: Ellen Grattan

Altar Server: Michael Kresic & Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Sunday, January 7 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino Ron & Amy Dobbins

Minister of the Host: Haidyn Koch

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Landon Fisher & Alexis Henderson

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Monday, January 8 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., Kathy McClemens, Christine Sherry, Agnes Zibura, Brian Lawton, Daniel Deighan 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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Regular Offertory $4,336.25

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Christmas Offering $7,256.50

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December 31st

The gospel today shows Mary and Joseph weren’t “perfect” parents. If you have ever been “amazed” and “astonished” at what came out of your child’s mouth, then you are in good company. If there were times you ‘didn’t understand’ your children or felt ‘anxious’ about their behavior so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough butitis also the stuff of holiness.

 Holy Family of Nazareth – Model for all Christian families

Today the Church bids us to look to the Holy Family. In our natural competitive attitude, we are tempted to look at the Holy Family as an ideal we cannot realize in our families. Nevertheless, please remember to be the best parents you can be, remain grounded in the Lord. Make prayer a part of your home life. Pray with your children at bedtime and pray for them after they fall asleep. So, in thanking God for the gift of the Christ Child, let us also thank God for our children, mothers and fathers, and the wonderful gift that we have been given, our family. *Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph, Pray for us.*



THANK YOU! ~ Fr. Jerzy expresses thanks and gratitude for all the Christmas greetings, Christmas cards and Christmas gifts he has received over the Christmas Holiday.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY ~ Mass times for the Solemnity of Mary are Sunday, December 31st at 5:00 PM and Monday, January 1st, 2024 at 10:00 AM.

PARISH OFFICES ~ The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 1st, 2024, for the New Year Holiday.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS ~ Will be this coming Friday, January 5th, 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, January 5th, 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.

PRAYER LIST ~ All the names on the current Prayer List will be removed after this weekend. If you would like to place a name or your own on the 2024 Prayer List, please call the Parish Office during office hours.

THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD ~ There will be a 9:00 AM Mass on Monday, January 8th to celebrate the Baptism of the Lord.

DAILY MASS ~ There will be NO Weekday Masses from Tuesday, January 9th – Friday, January 12th due to Fr. Jerzy being away.

CHURCH CARPETING ~ Due to the carpeting being laid in the Church from January 15th – January 19th, the weekday Masses will be held in the St. Paul Room. Please use the St. Paul Room door located at the back of the Church (handicapped Parking Lot).

HOUSE BLESSING ~ Fr. Jerzy will be doing House Blessings beginning the week of January 15th. Anyone wanting to have their house blessed, please call the office during office hours to arrange an appointment.

UPDATE ON THE *#iGiveCatholic* CAMPAIGN ~ As of December 17th, the St. Michael #iGiveCatholic Campaign received $22,210.00! Thank you for your generosity!

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.

 Plenary Indulgence

 In celebration of the 800th anniversary of St. Francis of Assisi creating the first Nativity scene in Greccio, Italy, Catholics who visit a Franciscan parish and pray before the Nativity scene in that church can receive a plenary indulgence. The indulgence, which is a remission of the temporal punishment for sins, is available until February 2, 2024 – the Feast of the Presentation of the Lord. Besides visiting the church and praying before the nativity, one must, as usual, celebrate the Sacraments of Eucharist and Reconciliation and pray for the Pope’s intentions. Those who are ill or otherwise physically unable to visit a church during this time may receive an indulgence by offering their sufferings to the Lord and through prayer.

Among the parishes in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown blessed by Franciscan ministry

and presence, and therefore appropriate locations to visit to receive the indulgence, are

St. John Vianney in Mundys Corner, Holy Family in Portage, St Anthony of Padua in Windber,

St. Francis of Assisi, St. Anne, & St. Therese of the Child Jesus in Johnstown and

our very own St. Michael Parish! We have a Nativity scene at the front of the Church in front

 of the Altar and there is an outdoor Nativity beside the Rectory (by the large statue of Jesus).

Solemnity of Mary Liturgical Appointments

*If you are unable to keep your assignment, please find a replacement.*

December 31st 5:00 PM January 1st, 2024 10:00 AM

Lector: Bryan Spangler Lector: Pauline Minor

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac Minister of the Host: Marie Bernard

Choir Minister: Michael Barton Choir Minister: Sally Kolar

Altar Server: Landon Fisher Altar Server: Arnold Bernard

Cantor: Susan Blazosky Cantor: Theresa Arena

Greeter: Laurie Molnar Greeter: Karen Myers

Offertory Procession: Jim & Heidi Fisher Offertory Procession: Leach Family

APPRECIATION LUNCH

There will be an Appreciation Lunch for ALL the Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

in the Church Hall on Sunday, January 7th, 2024, after the 10:30 AM Mass. Every person (Children & Adults) in the St. Michael Parish is invited to attend.

We will be chancing off a big screen TV! Tickets will be sold at the

Luncheon only. Please join us!



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

December 31, 2023



Religious Education Christmas Break

Our students and teachers have a Christmas Holiday break

through Epiphany on January 7th.

2024 Religious Classes Resume

K—5 Classes will resume on Thursday, January 11th.

 Grades 6—11 Classes will resume on Sunday, January 14th.

*Confirmation Retreat /*  Saturday, February 10, 2024

All students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will take part in their annual confirmation retreat.

This retreat will take place on Saturday, February 10, 2024, 1—6:30 PM. The retreat will focus on the three required retreat topics of ~ “Baptism”, “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” and “Parables”.

The program will begin in the parish hall at 1:00 p.m. for the students only. All students in grades 9, 10 & 11 will come to the parish hall and join classmates for specific topic discussions with their grade level leader in designated classrooms for their specific retreat from 1 to 3 PM.

At 3:00 PM, sponsors and/or parents are asked to join the confirmation students for a Rosary lead by our 11th grade Confirmation Class followed by the 4 PM Mass. During this Mass, the 9th grade students will celebrate their “‘Rite of Blessing” and the 10th Grade students will celebrate their “Rite of Commitment” as part of their confirmation journey.

Mass will be followed by a pizza social in the parish hall for all students, parents and sponsors, including time for reflection on the day and time for the confirmation candidates and their sponsors to spend time together discussing their sponsor / candidate session activities.

SACRAMENT OF FIRST PENANCE AND RECONCILIATION

2nd GRADE RETREAT & SACRAMENT CELEBRATION

There will be a Penance & Reconciliation Retreat held on Sunday, February 11, 2024, for all 2nd grade students and their parents. The Retreat will begin at 11:45 a.m. in the Parish Hall and will conclude in our church with the Celebration of the Sacrament of First Penance & Reconciliation for our 2nd grade children. This celebration will end at approximately 3 p.m.

We will share a covered dish luncheon together in the parish hall to begin the retreat. After lunch, our students and parents will participate in retreat activities as preparation for these students to receive their sacrament of First Penance and Reconciliation. Following the retreat portion of the afternoon, the group will join Fr. Jerzy in the church and our 2nd grade children will receive their Sacrament of Penance and Reconciliation for the First time.

Please keep these children in your prayers as they prepare for their sacrament. A detailed letter of information has been mailed to all 2nd Grade families. Any questions or concerns can be directed to the Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873.

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ST. MICHAEL YOUTH CHOIR ~ Practice for the Youth Choir is Saturday January 6th at 6:30 PM. The St. Michael Youth Choir will be singing for Epiphany Sunday, January 7th, 2024 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE ~ First practice of the New Year will be Tuesday, January 2nd, 2024, at 7 PM due to the holiday. Practices will return to Monday, January 8th at 7 PM. New members are welcome.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring Schedule which covers February through May 2024. If you have a request for dates, or you are not available (vacation) or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by Wednesday, January 17th. And please contact Suzi with your Easter holiday/Holy Week preferences. Lay ministers are being sought for all Masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and especially Collection Counters.



THANK YOU! ~ Thank you so much for your faithful donations to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The food and monetary donations are greatly appreciated. Patsy Senft.

 Sunday, December 31 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

 NO HS Religious Education

 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Vigil Mass ~ 5:00 PM

 Monday, January 1, 2024 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God Mass ~ 10:00 AM

 Parish Offices Closed

 Tuesday, January 2 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Wednesday, January 3 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, January 4 Mass~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 NO K – 5 Religious Education

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, January 5 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, January 6 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Youth Choir Practice / 6:30 PM

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 January 7 Appreciation Lunch

 January 13 Holy Name Society Soup Making & Soup Sale

 January 13 & 14 Second Sunday Food Panty Collection

 January 14 Holy Name Society Meeting & Soup Sale

 CCHL Bus Captain’s Lunch

POLISH CHRISTMAS CAROLS ~ All Saints Parish in Boswell will host singing of Polish Christmas Carols (known as Koledy or Pastoralki) on Sunday, January 7th, 2004, at 2 PM at the church (325 Quemahoning St., Boswell). For more information, please call the parish office at 814-629-5551.

JEWELRY RAFFLE ~ Immaculate Conception Church, New Germany Hall, 1635 New Germany Road, Summerhill. Saturday, January 20th. $25 ticket includes Admission, Meal, Dessert & Drinks. Doors open at 5 PM, 1st drawing at 6 PM. For tickets contact Becky 814-495-9594. For pictures & more details visit [www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle).

PUBLIC ROSARY ~ Lifting our prayers to Pray for The Unborn! Thursday, January 11th at 6:30 PM - St. Clement Church, Upper Yoder and Saturday, January 20th at NOON, St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Downtown Johnstown, St. Ann Shrine.