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ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

751 Locust Street

PO Box 103

St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

Rev. Brian L. Warchola, Administrator MASSES:

(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm



Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Michele Panick 10:30 am

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www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com 10:00 am to 10:15 am

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YEAR: 2019 NUMBER: 10

SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

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 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 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 Tuesdays.

 First Sunday of Lent

March 10, 2019

**Month of St. Joseph**

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (March 11 – March 17, 2019)

Monday 8:00 AM Fritzie, Michael & Remy Beaver req. by Family

Tuesday 8:00 AM Margaret (Slanoc) Garanich req. by Helen Slonac & Family

Wednesday 6:00 PM Claudia McCloskey req. by Mark Sasek

Thursday 8:00 AM Grace Martin req. by Michael Blazosky

Friday 8:00 AM Steve Domen req. by Cousins Ed, Mary & Mike

Saturday 4:00 PM Mary Perich req. by Albert Sracic

Sunday 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Sunday 10:30 AM Frank Oshaben req. by Joan & Bob Oshaben

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 16 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko John & Susan Poldiak

Minister of the Host: Janet Minor

Choir Minister: Helen Slonac

Altar Servers: Mykala Drobnick & Elisabeth Zajdel

Cantor: David Zajdel

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, March 17 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Richard & Carol Hautz

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Choir Minister: Sally Kolar

Altar Servers: Quinn & Eva Spangler

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, March 1710:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carole Kakabar Robert & Joan Oshaben Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Jennifer Steele

Altar Servers: Ericka Frombach & Alexia Steele

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: Sara Wieczorek

Sunday, March 17 Collection Counters

Mary Ann DeRosa, Rod Kundrod

Camillus Long

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, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, 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, 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, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, Derrick Varnish, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Melissa Cordek, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Izzy Bihun, Erica Mitzelfeld, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ed Ripper Sr., Patricia Oshaben, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Mary Sivec, Danika Faith, Alina Rusnak, Marcia Costlow, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Helen Bowen, Bill Gideos, James Macy, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Dan Strinkoski, Anne Robinson, Marlene McCrory, Sharon Poldiak, Carter Bobak, Vince Arena, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Mildred Andrykovitch, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Mary Secriskey, Owen Croyle, Colton Snyder, Betty Delaney, Nancy Edmiston, Elizabeth Stoker Thomas, Albert Sracic, Dale Bourdess, Dana Bolvin, Arthur Byers 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 $4,465.00

Loose $ 155.00

Youth $ 31.25

Monthly $1,917.00

Candles $ 29.00

Maintenance $ 122.00

Mandeville Diocese $ 146.00

Black & Indian US Mission $ 30.00

Catholic Relief Services $ 10.00

Easter Flowers $ 150.00

Total $7,055.25

We sincerely thank and ask God’s

blessing upon all who have

care and concern for

our parish.

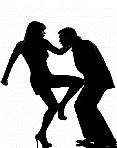
*March 10, 2019 Luke 4:1-13*

*Jesus “was led by the Spirit in the wilderness.” What is the wilderness in your life to which the Holy Spirit is leading you this Lent? Perhaps there are uncharted areas in your marriage or family relationships. Spend this Lent in your “wilderness” with God. Where is the Spirit leading you?*



We are asking that each parish household sell or buy one ticket for $10.00 and return the money and ticket stub as soon as possible, but no later than March 24th. The tickets start on May 1, 2019 and continue for the whole month of May. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing. If you are unable to sell or don’t want the ticket, PLEASE don’t throw them away, but return them as soon as possible as we always have people looking for extras. If paying by check, please make check payable to St. Michael Church. The money raised from the sale of these tickets will help to build up our Parish Treasury. If anyone was accidentally missed and you would like a ticket, please call the office.

*Parish and Finance Council Members*



ST. MICHAEL FITNESS SERIES CONTINUES ~ Following the success of SoulCore, we will continue with a self-defense workshop on Saturday, March 30th at the parish hall. This workshop is perfect for husbands and wives, teenagers, and anyone interested in learning more about self-defense. Those interested, please call the rectory office to register. A free will offering will be taken for the instructor.

St. Michael, Defend us in Battle!

BLACK AND INDIAN MISSION COLLECTION ~ This week, our parish will take up the annual National Black and Indian Mission Second Collection. Our support of this collection helps build the Church in African American, Native American, and Alaska Native communities from coast to coast. Schools, parish religious education program, and diocesan ministries depend on your generosity to help them spread the Gospel of Jesus Christ! You can help meet unmet needs with a generous contribution today. Thank you for your support.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ Congratulations to John Bizzarri and his family for being selected March’s “Family of the Month” for Knights of Columbus Council 2275. John and his wife Bonnie have 3 children and live in Sidman. His qualifications were: Treasurer for the Council and was previously Recording Secy and past Grand Knight. He is a member of Assembly #3383188 in Johnstown and a member of the Color Guard. His wife Bonnie is the President of the Ladies Court for the Council. John & Bonnie are members here at St. Michael Church. They have been happily married for 52 years. He belongs to the Holy Name Society and is on the Church Council & Financial Council.

MOM’S HOUSE COLLECTON ~ From Prince Gallitzin Council 2275. Thank you to these Churches for donating to Mom’s House: St. Michael - $927.14, St. Bartholomew - $416, St. Johns – $247, Most Holy Trinity $256.50. Immaculate Conception $229. Total collected was $2,075.64. A thank you note was sent from Allegra Slick, Director of Mom’s House: Thank you for your generous contribution. Your donation enables us to provide a loving & safe environment to the children. Your kindness truly helps 2 generations at once. May God Bless You!

ST. JOHN THE BELOVED YOUNG ADULT GROUP ~ Come & Join the newly formed St. John the Beloved Young Adult Group (ages 20-40) for Adoration & fellowship every 2nd & 4th Thurs. of the month. Our first meeting will be on Thurs. Mar. 14th. Adoration will start at 7 PM in St. Benedict Church followed by Litany of the Sacred Heart & Benediction at 7:45 PM. Pizza & fellowship to follow at the St. John Paul II Center on the St. Benedict Parish Campus. For more info reach out to Fr. Peter Crowe 814-266-9781 ext. 507, email: [pcrowe@dioceseaj.org](mailto:pcrowe@dioceseaj.org) or Patrick Roy 814-270-4191, email: [proyjmj@gmail.com](mailto:proyjmj@gmail.com).

ATTENTION ALL BRIDES & BRIDES TO BE ~ Bishop Carroll Lady Huskies soccer team is sponsoring a bridal resale event on Sunday, April 7 from noon – 3 PM at the BC school cafeteria. Sell your new or like-new wedding decorations and supplies like centerpieces, fabric, ribbon, lights, vases, candles, flowers, dressed, shoes, table numbers and coverings, cookie trays, etc. or buy your decorations & supplies at a fraction of the cost of new! Sellers can reserve a space for $20 which includes a 12 x 10 area with a table & 2 chairs. The admission fee for shoppers is $5. For more information or to reserve a space, contact Carol at [kcschallfam@yahoo.com](mailto:kcschallfam@yahoo.com).

The Sanctuary Candle will burn as a

birthday remembrance for

niece Vickie and brother Chuck Rhoads

requested by Nick & Sally

during the week of March 10, 2019.

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BAPTISM ~ On Sunday March 3rd, 2019, we celebrated the glorious baptism of Josephine Marie Bernard, daughter of Arnold Bernard Jr. and Lauren (Bodenschatz) Bernard by Fr. Brian Warchola. She 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 her into our St. Michael Parish Family.

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” ~ Once again, the parish is providing the “Little Black Book” free of charge to all parishioners. The “Little Black Book” can be found at the side entrance of the Church and on the table at the back of the Church.

LENTEN FOLDERS ~ Lenten folders are 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.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS ~ On Friday evenings during Lent at 6:00 PM, we will pray the Stations of the Cross. Lent invites us to meditate on the Passion of Christ.



EASTER FLOWERS ~ Easter flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by signing the Easter Flower envelope in your packet. The normal offering is $10. Please return the envelopes on or before April 7th. Extra envelopes can be found at the church entrances.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ Will hold their monthly meeting today after the 8:00 AM Mass.

COFFEE AND DONUTS ~ The Holy Name Society will be having coffee and donuts after the 8:00 and 10:30 AM Masses today, March 10th, in the hall. Everyone is invited!

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

COMBINED CHOIR ~ Combined Choir Rehearsal for Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Easter Sunday will be on Friday’s March 15, 22, 29 and April 5 following Stations at 7 PM. All are welcome and encouraged to join in preparing for this most sacred time of the liturgical year.

CONFESSIONS ~ Fr. Brian will be hearing confessions every Wednesday evening thru Lent from 5:30 – 5:45 PM beginning Wednesday March 13th.

PRAYER CARDS ~ All prayer cards in the bridal room are now 20 for $1.00.



Religious Education And Christian Helping

March 10, 2019

*Junior High Youth Day Attendees!!* Junior High Youth Day is next Sunday, March 17, 2019.

All attending will meet and carpool from the parish hall on March 17th 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 4:30 p.m. Students will arrive back at the church hall by approximately 6 p.m. for rides home.

Upcoming Confirmation Sessions

Grade 10 ~ Session 10 B ~ *Witness: Word, Worship, Community & Service*

Sunday, March 31, 2019

All 10th Grade students will attend this Session from 9 to 10:20 a.m.

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REACH Spring Fundraiser—9”Hoagie & Gob Sale*:* Orders for our Spring Hoagie & Gob fundraiser are due in by this weekend, March 10th. Hoagies and Gobs will be available for your pick-up in the church hall next weekend, *March 16th and 17th.* Orders will be ready for student delivery pick-ups and Parishioner pick-ups starting from 10:30 a.m. until 11:30 a.m. Saturday, March 16th or after any of the weekend masses.

Make checks payable to "St. Michael REACH".

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*Saint Michael Parish is planning to attend NCYC 2019!*

*November 21—23, 2019*

The National Catholic Youth Conference (NCYC) is the largest Catholic youth gathering in the U.S. with over 20,000 young people, clergy and religious, and adult chaperones attending from all over the country. It is a *pilgrimage of faith.* The theme for this year is, *“Blessed, Broken and Given”.*

Who Can Attend NCYC? Any high school aged (Grade 10—12) Catholic member of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown aged 16 or over and their adult chaperones (with proper clearances).

When and Where is NCYC? NCYC 2019 is scheduled for November 21 to November 23, 2019 in Indianapolis, Indiana. Large group sessions are held in Lucas Oil Stadium; Workshops and sessions are held in the Indianapolis Convention Center.

Pre-registration to attend is required. A Payment plan is offered after the initial $100 deposit is paid. *We will plan several fundraisers to help subsidize the expenses.*

Initial Deposit of $100.00…………………………………………….….Due March 31, 2019

Parental Notification Form / Protecting God’s Children Program

Teaching Safety—Empowering God’s Children

TO: Parents of St. Michael Catholic Church Religious Education Students

SUBJECT: Teaching Safety—Empowering God’s Children

Our St. Michael’s Religious Education Program will present a sexual abuse prevention program, Teaching Safety—Empowering God’s Children Program. The creators of the Protecting God’s Children program developed this program and it is provided to our parish by the Diocese of Altoona—Johnstown. The program is part of our ongoing effort to help create and maintain a safe environment for children and to protect all children from sexual abuse.

The scheduled lesson is being offered to all students during one of their remaining March Religious Education class times. We will cover lesson 1 this year.

A copy of the overview of the lesson scheduled is available upon request. We encourage you to read the overview for your information and awareness. If you have any questions, please contact The Religious Education Office at 495-4873. You may request to review the specific content material. If you decide you do not desire your child to participate, there is a Parental Opt-Out form that needs signed and returned by March 10th which indicates that this mandated instruction is being offered, and that you choose not to have your child participate. You may visit the Protecting God’s Children™ program at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org). and preview the information about the lessons.

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Join Us For a Tomahawks Hockey Game

Our St. Michael Parish REACH Youth Ministry is planning to attend a Tomahawks Hockey Game ~ Friday, March 29th at 7:30 p.m.

We will receive a group rate of $10 each per ticket and would like to extend this invitation to our Saint Michael Parish families as well to come and join us at First Summit Arena in Johnstown for the game!

REACH students in grades 6—12 can attend for a cost of only $3.00 each and our REACH Youth Ministry will pay the remaining cost. All other tickets will be $10.00

Please fill out the attached form and return it to the Parish Office with payment by Monday, March 11th to confirm a reservation. Tickets will be distributed by the weekend masses on March 23rd and March 24th. We will meet at the arena for the game.

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Tomahawk Hockey Game / March 29, 2019

I would like \_\_\_\_# of Tomahawk tickets ordered for Friday, March 29th Game

\_\_\_\_\_ # Tickets for REACH student(s) x $3.00 = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Due

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ # Tickets for Family members x $10.00 = $\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ Due

Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Total Amount Due = \_$\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Sunday, March 10 High School Religious Ed. / 9:00 – 10:20 AM

 Black & Indian US Mission Second Collection

Holy Name Meeting / After 8:00 AM Mass

Coffee & Donuts / After 8:00 & 10:30 AM Masses

Gr. 11 Confirmation Session / 9 – 10:20 AM

Daylight Savings Time / Spring Ahead

Monday, March 11 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

Tuesday, March 12 Boy Scouts / 7:30 – 9:00 PMPMPM

Wednesday, March 13 Confessions / 5:30-5:45 PM

Mass / 6:00 PM

Thursday, March 14 K-5 Religious Education / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

Friday, March 15 Stations of the Cross / 6:00 PM

Hoagie making

Combined Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

Saturday, March 16 Hoagie & Gob Sale



UPCOMING EVENTS

March 17 St. Patrick’s Day!

Hoagie & Gob Sale after all Masses

Jr. High Youth Day / Bishop Carroll

March 21 Chuckie Cheese K-5

Knights of Columbus Meeting

Girl Scouts

March 22 Marian Icon until April 1

Stations of the Cross

Local Fish Fries:

St. Michael Fire Department ~ 11 AM- 7 PM. Take outs or local delivery available. Phone 495-4111.

Immaculate Conception Parish ~ Dinners 4-7 PM. Take outs available until 6 PM. Call 495-4298.

Holy Family Parish ~ March 15, 29 & April 12 from 4-6 PM. Take outs available. 814-736-3146

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton ~ Serving from 11 AM – 6:30 PM. 814-467-7191.

PORTAGE AREA AMBULANCE ASSOCIATION ~ Active Shooter Awareness class will be held Thursday March 28 at 7 PM at Bethany United Methodist Church, 700 Farren St., Portage. Officer Tom Owens of the Stoneycreek Twp. Police Department and Commander of the Cambria County C.E.R.T. team will present this hour-long class at no charge.

BASKET SOCIAL ~ The Youth Ministry of Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg will hold this event on March 31. Tickets are $5 for 25 chances. Desserts & beverages will be served. Doors open at 1 PM with the raffles starting promptly at 2:00 and concluding at 4:00 PM.

GOOD NEIGHBOR TEA ~ Sun. April 7th at 1:00 PM. at St. John’s Church, Summerhill. RSVP by March 26 to Violet Kline 814-495-4084.

OUR LADY OF HELP OF PERSECUTED CHRISTIANS

Knights of Columbus Marian Prayer Program

Every couple of years, the Knights of Columbus introduces a new Marian Prayer Program. The new Marian image then makes a pilgrimage through each state or jurisdiction, with councils hosting a prayer service at their parish or other venues. The 2018-2019 Marian Prayer Program presents the 18th Marian image sponsored by the Knights of Columbus, this time of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians. Since its inception in 1979, the Knights of Columbus’ Marian Prayer Program has held more than 166,900 local council and parish prayer services with some 20 million participants. This year, the prayer service is intended to raise awareness of the plight of Christians persecuted for their faith and to stand in prayerful solidarity with them.

Since 1979 the Knights of Columbus have sponsored Marian Hour of Prayer programs using a rosary centered prayer service and focusing on the Virgin Icons depicting Mary under her various titles. These icons travel around the state from council to council, Assembly to Assemble, District to District.



“Do not fear!” Let us not forget these words: always,

when we experience any tribulation, any persecution,

anything that causes us to suffer, let us listen to the

voice of Jesus in our hearts.”

-Pope Francis

Angelus, June 25, 2017

The Marian Prayer Program

The Marian Prayer Program honors the martyrs over the centuries as we call particular attention to the suffering of today’s Christians in the Middle East. Featuring the newly commissioned icon of Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians, the prayer program is the latest in a series of efforts undertaken by the Knights of Columbus to aid those who suffer for their faith. Since its inception in 2014 our Christian Refugee Relief Fund has raised and distributed close to $20 million to help feed and clothe needy families in the Middle East and to resettle and rebuild villages destroyed by ISIS.

The icon depicts the Blessed Mother, with the Child Jesus over her heart, spreading her protective mantle around a representative gathering of recent Christian martyrs—men and women, young and old, from East and West, priests, religious and laypersons, including one of the six priest-members of the Knights of Columbus who were killed by the Mexican government in the first half of the 20th century. The four crosses represent an “ecumenism of blood” among martyrs of Roman and Eastern Catholicism, as well as those of Coptic, Armenian, Syriac and Orthodox traditions.

By taking part in the current prayer program, Knights and their families, and all who join with them, are rendering spiritual aid to those who suffer today for their faith. Let us ask the holy martyrs, ancient and recent, to intercede for persecuted Christians everywhere as we invoke upon them the protection of Mary.

Spread devotion to Our Lady and pray for our brothers and sisters of faith who are at risk around the world through the Marian Prayer Program. As the new Marian image is brought on pilgrimage through the jurisdiction, councils will host the Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians icon for a prayer service at their parish.

Our parish will be participating in this program from March 22nd until April 1st. More information and materials to follow.