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ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

751 Locust Street

PO Box 103

St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

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

(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm



Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Michele Panick 10:30 am

Bookkeeper: Kathy Kalicky Daily Mass See Bulletin

DRE: Laurie Sloan Holy Days See Bulletin

Maintenance: Rodney Turgeon

Office Hours:

PHONES: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

Fax: (814) 495-9424 Confessions:

Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Saturday 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Parish Website Sunday 7:30 am to 7:45 am

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

Secretaries’ E-mail Anytime Requested

[saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com](mailto:saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com)

YEAR: 2019 NUMBER: 37

SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

September 15, 2019

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.

 Twenty–Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 15, 2019

The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 16 – September 22, 2019)

Monday 8:00 AM Sylvia Slusser req. by Children

Tuesday 8:00 AM Albert Andrykovitch req. by sisters Dolores & Mary Jo

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:00 AM Cathy McMahon req. by Sondre Harteis

Friday 8:00 AM Michael Hudak req. by Tom & Chris Hunter

Saturday 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 AM Jane Plummer req. by Mary Resick

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

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 21 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Joe & Phyllis Slonac

Minister of the Host: Vince Arena

Minister of the Cup: Theresa Carlson & Helen Slonac

Altar Servers: Caden Roberts & Mykala Drobnick

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Cheryl Macy

Sunday, September 22 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: David Knepper Jane Plummer Family

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Minister of the Cup: Eric Tedjeske & Tracy Yakicic

Altar Servers: Griffin & Kaden Christ

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

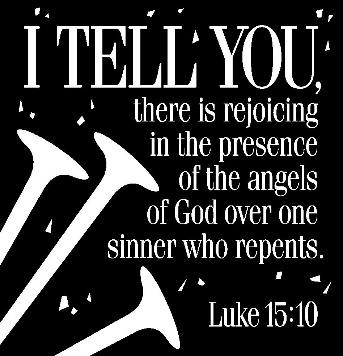
Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, September 2210:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Peter Bernard Joan & Bob Oshaben

Minister of the Host: Terry Crissey

Minister of the Cup: Michael Steele & Charlotte Crissey

Altar Servers: Colby Rearick & Ian Dobbins

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

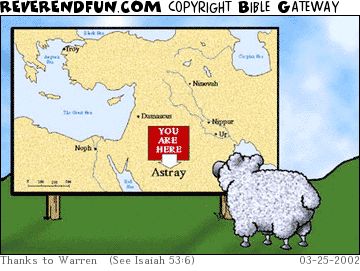
Greeter: REACH Students

Sunday, September 22 Collection Counters

John Bizzarri, Rod Kundrod

Phyllis Slonac

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, 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, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, Derrick Varnish, 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, Patricia Oshaben, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Danika Faith, Alina Rusnak, Marcia Costlow, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Helen Bowen, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Dan Strinkoski, Anne Robinson, Marlene McCrory, Sharon Poldiak, Carter Bobak, Vince Arena, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Betty Delaney, Nancy Edmiston, Elizabeth Stoker Thomas, Albert Sracic, Joseph Ropecka, Bill Krajewski, Leonard Oshaben, Florence Smith, Michael Chalan Jr., Adam, Bill Gideos, Theressa Stravinsky, Janice Dipyatic, Martha, John Poldiak Jr., Gerald Delaney, Lily Maloney, Adam Wingard 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 $4,064.00

Loose $ 248.00

Youth $ 33.00

Monthly $ 475.00

Religious Education Fund $ 818.00

Candles $ 22.00

Maintenance $ 60.00

Retired Priests Medical $ 35.00

All Saints $ 10.00

All Souls $ 10.00

World Mission Sunday $ 10.00

Total $5,785.00

We sincerely thank and ask God’s

blessing upon all who have care

and concern for our parish.

September 15, 2019 Luke 15: 1-32

Show me a family without a “lost relationship” and I’ll show you a family that isn’t cleaning the skeletons from the closet. Maybe that person hasn’t run away or left home; they sort of “drifted” away. Conversation with them is superficial and forced. In today’s gospel, Jesus challenges us to bring that “lost sheep” back home. Like Jesus we have to “welcome sinners and eat with them.”

PENN HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS ~ We have an exciting opportunity for local church congregations that are looking to volunteer their time. Reasons for people to volunteer: Volunteers are happier & healthier than non-volunteers. Working alongside people who feel as strongly as you do about supporting a particular cause creates a path to developing strong relationships with others. Children who volunteer with their parents are more likely to become adults who volunteer. Volunteering is good for your career. Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose. Committing even as little as one hour a week can have a profound benefit on your own life. We are in search of volunteers to help us care and comfort our hospice patients. You can find a flyer on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church or you can contact: Genette Swank, Volunteer Coordinator, [gswank@pennhospice.com](mailto:gswank@pennhospice.com). Penn Hospice, 313 West High Street Ebensburg, PA 15931. 814-846-4160. Thanks for your attention and we look forward to your support.

MARIAN CELEBRATION ~ The Family Marian Celebration Mass and Rosary will be held Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 PM at St. Benedict Church, 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Mary as Advocate of Miracles”. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. Please join Bishop Mark, along with clergy, children and religious organizations in honoring our Blessed Mother. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

CARROLLTOWN LIFE CHAIN ~ Sunday, October 6th (Respect for Life Sunday) from 1:30-3:00 PM. Please come and stand with us at the Life Chain to show your support against abortion. Pick up signs in front of St. Benedict Church by the red light on Rt. 219. A Life Chain will be in Johnstown, Sunday, October 6th from 1-2:00 PM. Pick up signs on Broad St. in front of the former St. Columba Church. On Saturday, October 26th from 9 AM to Noon, CCHL will hold their Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast at the Immaculate Conception Grove Church Hall in New Germany featuring Jennifer Christie as speaker. Tickets are $10 and must be purchased in advance. Call Ann Poole at 472-8584 or Joanne Link at 344-8371 for information or tickets.

OLD TESTAMENT CLASS ~ Is being offered in two locations by the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry. Beginning Tuesday, October 29th, this 8-week class will be offered by Fr. Brian Saylor at St. Rose of Lima, Altoona and on Wednesday, October 30th by Fr. Peter Crowe at St. Patrick School, Johnstown. Class time is 6:30-8:30 PM. This class may be taken for continuing education hours. The cost of this class which includes registration and book fee is $65. You may register online at [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry) or by calling or emailing Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or [mheinze@dioceseaj.org](mailto:mheinze@dioceseaj.org). All are welcome!

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 this time, should call Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or e-mail her at [sublazosky@gmail.com](mailto:sublazosky@gmail.com). Next weekend (September 22nd) is the deadline!

R.C.I.A. ~ Are you 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 495-5287 or e-mail her at [sublazosky@gmail.com](mailto:sublazosky@gmail.com).

GENERAL LABORER ~ Part-time general laborer needed for Transfiguration Parish in Conemaugh working up to 25 hours per week to inspect and conduct general repairs of associated buildings, perform landscaping duties such as snow removal and grass cutting and assist with set up and take down for parish and community events. Candidates must submit resumes to [lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org](mailto:lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org) or 2713 West Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA 16601.

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the *2019 Catholic Ministries Drive.* Please join them in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, you may give online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org).



Catholic Ministries Drive $26,768.00

Raised: $ 9,263.00

Balance: $17,505.00

Number of responses: 69

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the success of our Religious Education Program

and

The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn for our

Religious Education Teachers and Aides

during the week of September 15th, 2019.

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HURRICANE DORIAN ~ Many of you have asked how you can help the victims of Hurricane Dorian. If you would like to and we encourage you to do so by contributing to the collection next weekend (September 21 & 22). Please make your check payable to St. Michael and drop off in the regular collection in an envelope marked “Hurricane Victims”. We will then forward one check to Catholic Charities USA.

FALL TREASURY TICKETS ~ The October Treasury Tickets were mailed out this past week. If you are unable to sell or buy the ticket, please return it. We have people wanting more tickets. Please return ticket, money & stubs by Sunday, September 22nd.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $643.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~ In your packet of envelopes there is an envelope for our Religious Education Fund – dated September 8th. 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.

ST. MICHAEL BLUE MASS ~ We will be having a Blue Mass honoring all first responders (police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters and EMT’s and their families) for their service at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 29th. A small luncheon will follow for first responders and their families in the Church Hall.

PARISH SAFETY PREPAREDNESS AWARENESS WORKSHOP ~ In honor of the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel, Sunday, September 29th, the diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites parish ministry representatives of hospitality, ushers and any interested parishioner to a safety preparedness awareness workshop. A panel of law enforcement, security and emergency personnel will provide information on how to assess possible risks of attacks and create a plan to do the best to protect parishioners in the event the church is threatened or targeted for an attack. Sunday, September 29th, 1 – 3:00 PM. Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Cafeteria, 728 Benjamin Franklin Hwy., Ebensburg. Mass will be celebrated at 3 PM. RSVP’s are appreciated, please contact Cindy O’Connor at 814-317-2621 or via email: [coconnor@dioceseaj.org](mailto:coconnor@dioceseaj.org)

*Stewardship Reflections…*

In today’s parable, we hear of a father who showers his once-lost child with abundant love even before he asks for forgiveness. The older, faithful son believed that he, and not his wasteful brother, was entitled to a great banquet. Do we relate to the son who displayed an attitude of deserving something extraordinarily special, or do we try to imitate our Father by reaching out with forgiveness and reconciliation?



Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 15, 2019



Religious Education Registration is now taking place for our 2019—2020 Religious Education Year. Families need to pre-register students each year so that all information is updated.

When you receive your envelope, please fill out the forms and return them so our class enrollment lists can be completed. Forms can be returned by mail, by dropping in the weekend collection basket, or by dropping off at the Parish or Religious Education Offices.

In addition, parents of K—5 students also need to return the enclosed Bus Permission card to the Elementary School Office. Any questions, call the RE Office at 495-4873.

Religious Education Start Dates:

Grades K—5 begins Thursday, September 19th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grades 6—12 begins on Sunday, September 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

\*In order for your K—5 students to ride the bus from school, a bus permission postcard must be returned to the Elementary School Office.

*9th Grade Parent Orientation ~ Orientation for parents of our 9th grade students beginning their*

*3-year confirmation process is scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd beginning at 9:10 a.m.* Attendance *of at least 1 parent is required.*

*This orientation will take place in the upstairs of the Parish Hall while students are in their classroom for their first class of this new Religious Education year. You will be provided with information for the newly revised confirmation process guidelines and requirements for Sacramental prep from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and the opportunity for any questions along with a schedule for our 2019—2020 Religious Education Year.*

*Catechists for the 2019—2020 School Year:*

*Thursday’s 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday’s 9:00 to 10:20 a.m.*

Kindergarten Susan Poldiak Grade 6 Kathy McClemens

Grade 1 Ellen Grattan Grade 7 Diane Skoner

Grade 2 Pauline Minor Grade 8 Nancy Wessel

Grade 3 Mary Ann Spangler Grade 9 Pauline Minor

Grade 4 Ken Burkardt Grade 10 Susan Blazosky

Grade 5 Theresa Arena Grade 11 Michael Barton

Grade 12 Susan Wieczorek

SHYCON 2019 ~ is an event for ALL Catholic young people currently in grades 9—12 and is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the Stokes Center, at Saint Francis University. Pope Francis challenges our faith communities to become missionary disciples who are not afraid to witness the faith. By participating in a large diocesan event like SHYCON, it will enable young people to see themselves as witnesses of Christ and share their faith as members of the young church of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

This theme for SHYCON 2019, is, “WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.”

Our keynote speaker for SHYCON 2019 is John Angotti. John is a full time music missionary who travels throughout many parts of the world providing inspirational music and faith witness to all ages through concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences, and worship. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and the U.S. Military School of Music, where he was a member of the U.S. Navy Band as lead vocalist. John received his Master’s Degree in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in 2013.

Registration forms are available and will be giving to students in RE class. The $20 registration fee will come from REACH Youth Ministry funds for students attending.

Registration forms are due back to our RE Office by Sunday, October 6, 2019.

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ANY PARISH MEMBERS CURRENTLY VOLUNTEERING OR NEW VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 18 for PARISH FUNCTIONS / COMMITTEES MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

DIOCESE of ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

Our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown requirements are that all volunteers be registered with VIRTUS Online and complete the Youth Protection Awareness Training and The Mandated Reporting Training along with the required paperwork. These trainings are both free of charge and available online by going to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) and clicking on the Youth Protection Tab. Instructions, paperwork and links to register for these trainings are all available there. All paperwork can also be picked up in the Parish Office or the Religious Education Office.

Step Two: In addition, the PENNSYLVANIA CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE LAW also requires all Pennsylvania clearances to be obtained for anyone working with our parish children. These clearances are free of charge for all volunteers. All helpers, volunteers and any other adults who wish to help chaperone or mentor our children in any way are required to have and will need these clearances. These links are also included within the instructions under the Youth Protection Icon on the diocesan website listed above. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 495-4873 or the Parish Office at 495-9640 for information and assistance obtaining these clearances.

Once completed, our Parish is then required to have copies of all of these clearances, certificates and paperwork on file in our Parish Office and the Diocesan Youth Protection Office. Your swiftness to complete the clearance process will help assure that we have an adequate number of compliant volunteers able to help with our youth when needed and aid in maintaining a Safe Environment for all of our Parish Children.

Sunday, September 15 Girl Scouts / 1:30-3:00 PM & 4-5:30 PM



Monday, September 16 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

Tuesday, September 17 Boy Scouts / 7:30 PM

Wednesday, September 18 No Mass

Thursday, September 19 Elementary Religious Ed. Class / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

Knights of Columbus Meeting / 6:00 PM

Girl Scout Service Unit Meeting / 6:30 PM

Friday, September 20

Saturday, September 21

 UPCOMING EVENTS

September 22 High School Religious Education Class

September 28 & 29 Retired Priests Medical Collection / Second Collection

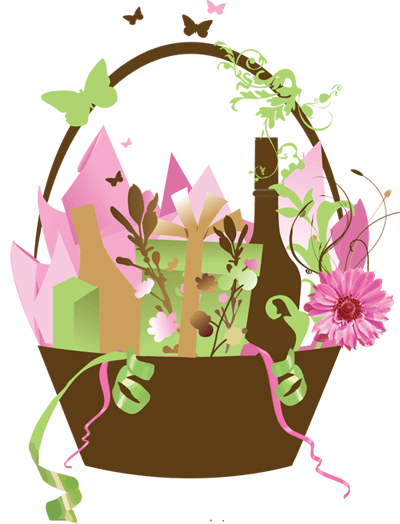
September 29 First Responders Mass & Luncheon

ROAST BEEF DINNER ~ Thursday, September 19, 4-7 PM, Most Holy Trinity Church Hall, 550 Main St., South Fork. Adults-$11, Children-12 & under-$6. Tickets sold at the door. Dine-In or Take-out.



CHICKEN BBQ DINNER AND MINI-BAZAAR ~ St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin. Sunday, September 29th, in the parish Activity Center, 714 Foster St., in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: $10; Children 6-12: $6; Children ages 5 and under: free. Take outs: $10. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 AM until - ?

ST. PATRICK BASEMENT SALE ~ St. Patrick Catholic Church, 609 Park Avenue, Johnstown will hold a Fall “Basement” Sale on Saturday, October 5th from 8 AM to 1 PM. Antiques & Collectables, Holiday Items, Books, CD’s, Records and Much More…No Early Sales! For more information about this up-coming event, please contact the parish office at 814-539-2186.



BASKET PARTY ~ Plan to join Holy Family Parish at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage for a Basket Party on Sun., October 6 in the Parish Hall. Doors open at noon. No tickets will be sold after 2:15 PM. Drawings start at 2:30 PM. $5 donation will get you 25 basket chances and a door prize chance. Chances on larger baskets and Qualifiers will be available. To purchase your chances in advance, please call Barb at 814-736-3367.



Catholic Charities needs your support! 100% of your gift will make a difference!

Our duty as Catholics is to perform acts of kindness and mercy just like Jesus did. Catholic Charities provides services and assistance to help those in need in our area. The Catholic Ministries Drive provides an easy platform for people who want to help Catholic Charities assist the less fortunate.

In 2017-2018, $506,334 was disbursed to provide assistance to more than 2,641 individuals that are poor, handicapped, and those that are seeking physical, emotional, and spiritual support in our diocese.

How does Catholic Charities give help, build hope, and change lives?

Give Help: Catholic Charities helps ALL people that are in need in our area, regardless of religious affiliation, race, disability, etc. It provides services such as counseling, emergency financial assistance, pregnancy support, the homeless shelter program, and many more.

Build Hope: Catholic Charities helps those who have lost hope due to personal or financial struggles by providing services to help them gain a better outlook on life.

Change Lives: The goal of Catholic Charities is to provide services to help those struggling to get back on their feet and by encouraging them to move forward in a positive way.

“Do not neglect to do good and to share what you have; God is pleased by sacrifices of that kind.” – Hebrews 13:16

Be A Good Shepherd: You can mail your gift to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; placed in your parish offertory; or made online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org)



Fulton County Catholic Mission needs your support! 100% of your gift will make a difference!

Just imagine its winter time and you wake up knowing you won’t be able to pay the utilities bill due to struggling financially. Because of this, you know your heating will soon be turned off. The thought of living in a freezing house sends shivers down your spine and what’s worse is that you don’t know when you’ll be able to come up with the money to pay the bill.

Located at Saint Stephen Parish in McConnellsburg, Fulton County Catholic Mission was established by Sister Margie Monahan and Sister Martha Burbulla in 1988. The mission has helped those that are struggling with rent, utilities, and fuel within the county. They also provide people in need with food and clothing.

In 2017-2018, $83,605 was disbursed to support children, adults, and families of all ages and stages that are residing in Fulton County, one of the poorest counties in Pennsylvania and has only one Catholic Church.

How does Fulton County Catholic Mission give help, build hope, and change lives?

Give Help: Fulton County Catholic Mission helps people that are trying to make ends meet. Whether it’s someone that can’t afford to pay their rent that month because of their financial situation or a child is in need of a winter coat, they step forward and provide assistance.

Build Hope: Fulton County Catholic Mission also lends a helping hand when a tragedy, like a fire, strikes someone. During a time like that, it is easy to lose hope. They provide assistance to the victims and help them become hopeful again.

Change Live: When someone is struggling and they receive assistance, their outlook on life and humanity are changed. They will see that there are good people out there that are willing to help others.

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