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 ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 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

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

 YEAR: 2018 NUMBER: 36

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

BAPTISM: By Appointment. Reserve at least one month in advance.

 Preparation classes are necessary.

MARRIAGE: Plan at least nine months in advance.

 Preparation sessions are necessary.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home.

 Eulogies should be given at the funeral home at the time of the wake service or at the luncheon.

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-third Sunday in Ordinary Time

 September 9, 2018

 **Month of The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother**

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 10 – September 16, 2018)

Monday 8:00 AM Sophia Sankovich req. by Michael & Noreen Sankovich

Tuesday 8:00 AM Fritzie & Michael Beaver req. by Family

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:00 AM Martha Bertolino req. by Jim Bertolino & Family

Friday 8:00 AM Michael Hudak req. by Bob & Ginny Fronczek.

Saturday 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 AM Jane Plummer req. by Larry & Suellen Kush

Sunday 10:30 AM Tom Paterson req. by Cynthia Ann Camaione

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 15 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Joe & Phyllis Slonac

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Ministers of the Cup: Karen Myers & Mary Partsch

Altar Servers: Brooke & Chase Williamson

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Carole Mucker

Sunday, September 16 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Jane Plummer Family

Minister of the Host: Walter Christ

Ministers of the Cup: Cathy Faher & Pauline Minor

Altar Servers: Griffin & Kaden Christ

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, September 1610:30 AM OffertoryProcession

Lector: Jacob Stiffler Tom Paterson Family

Minister of the Host: Michael Barton

Ministers of the Cup: Sharon Paterson & Susan Blazosky

Altar Servers: Colby Rearick & Colson Tokarsky

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: Deborah Macy

Sunday, September 16 Collection Counters

 Mary Ann DeRosa, Rod Kundrod

 Sara Zybura

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, 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, 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, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, 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, Izzy Bihun, Erica Mitzelfeld, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ed Ripper Sr., Patricia Oshaben, Craig Kraber, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Mary Sivec, Danika Faith, Stacy Jarvis, Alina Rusnak, Fern Swartzentruver, Marcia Costlow, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Charles Smith, Mary Ann Cover, Helen Bowen, Bill Gideos, James Macy, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Dan Strinkoski, Anne Robinson, Marlene McCrory, Bonnie Moors, Sharon Poldiak 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 $3,472.00

Loose $ 428.00

Youth $ 35.00

Monthly $1,658.00

Candles $ 30.00

Maintenance Fund $ 118.00

Feast of the Assumption $ 5.00

All Saints $ 5.00

All Souls $ 5.00

Religious Ed. Fund $ 10.00

Retired Priests Medical $ 5.00

World Mission Sunday $ 5.00

Total $5,776.00

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

*September 9, 2018 Mk 7:31-37*

*Because the deaf man in today’s gospel recognized his disability, he could seek help from Jesus. Deafness abounds in families: in our children (O Dad, not that again), in parents (It’s just a stage), and in spouses (Are you listening?). Before Jesus can enter your home and heal, you must first recognize your deafness.*

TREASURY TICKETS ~ The October Treasury Tickets have been mailed out. We are asking that each parishioner(s) sell or buy the ticket(s) for $10.00 each and return the money and ticket stub as soon as possible, but no later than September 16th. The tickets start on October 1, 2018 and continue for the whole month of October. 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(s), 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. Somehow, if you did not receive a ticket and would like one, or if you need more than 1 ticket, please call the office.

 We apologize if anyone has been missed.

 *Parish and Finance Council Members*

FATIMA DEVOTIONS ~ The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on Thurs. Sept. 13th, at 6:30 PM in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel). The singing will be led by the Holy Name Men’s Choir and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Ananias Buccicone, OSB of Queen of Peace Church in Patton. We would like to extend a cordial welcome to all.

FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION ~ Mass and Rosary will be held Sunday, September 30, 2018 at 3:00 PM at St. Benedict’s Church, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, PA. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Mary, Mother of the Church.” Please join Bishop Mark, along with the clergy, children, and religious organizations in honoring our Blessed Mother. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

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. Deadline is September 21st, 2018.

FAMILIES SURVIVING SUICIDE ~ Tuesdays Sept. 11 & 18 from 7-8:30 PM in Holy Name Church Hall, Ebensburg. Sr. Margie will host 2 evenings of grief support coping with suicide loss. Evenings include videos by Fr. Ron Rolheisaer: “Faith, Hope and Suicide Loss.” Must register. Call Sr. Margie at 814-472-8315.



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 30th. A small luncheon will follow in the Church Hall. All are invited.

*Stewardship Reflections…*

Just as the deaf mute in today’s Gospel received a new life from Jesus, so too, have we received new lives through Baptism. May we boldly proclaim all that God has given to us in our lives!



Catholic Ministries Drive $24,043.00

Raised: $11,555.00

Balance: $12,488.00

Number of responses: 86

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the *2018 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).

The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Baby Vincent Presutti

requested by Helen Slonac & Family

and

The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn

as a Birthday Remembrance for

Martha Bertolino requested by Jim Bertolino & Family

during the week of September 9, 2018.



IMPORTANT MESSAGE! ~ Thanks be to God, our St. Michael Parish is growing. I want to continue to thank everyone for their faithfulness and dedicated service to the parish. Recently we have had more and more individuals stopping at the rectory and office looking for handouts, giving every possible story you can think of for why they need financial assistance. We all know we help with donations to the food pantry and other people who need our help. In the same breath, we realize that many people could have ulterior “reasons” for asking for money. St. Michael Parish has worked with Catholic Charities for some time to refer people who are looking for assistance. This is the safest and most prudent way to handle these situations, because Catholic Charities is trained to help those who truly need help. We have also decided to install a buzzer system to let people in the office. This allows office staff to be safeguarded, so we can refer individuals to Catholic Charities.

FR. BRIAN’S MESSAGE ~ Recently, I have been asked about what is allowed on tombstones at a Catholic cemetery. Know that I am obliged to follow the guidelines set by the diocese and approved by the bishop, with all due respect to all members of the parish. As stated directly from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown:

This is a Catholic Cemetery. To keep its distinctly religious nature, only Christian symbols are permitted on the memorials. Scenes depicting a decedent’s occupation, hobbies, interests, fraternal associations, and so on, are not permitted. The depiction of animals as found in Sacred Scripture is appropriate only if the Scripture verse is used with it to show that it is of a religious nature. Therefore, the Management requests a printed diagram showing the design and specifications for each memorial and inscription for advance approval.

BAPTISM ~ On Saturday, September 1st, we celebrated the glorious baptism of Mia Jade Shirk, daughter of Scott and Chelsea (Paterson) Shirk by Father 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~ In your packet of envelopes there is an envelope for our Religious Education Fund which will be taken up as a second collection this weekend. 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 $300.00 scholarship. Envelopes can be turned in any weekend of September.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ Will be having their monthly meeting this Sunday, September 9th after the 8:00 AM Mass.

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.

OCTOBER SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ On Sunday, September 16th after the 10:30 AM Mass, there will be a meeting for anybody in the Parish interested in helping with the St. Michael’s Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser to be held on October 7th, 2018.



Please see the enclosed brochure regarding ARISE and the small group sharing. We invite you to consider joining a group and are still looking for people to lead small groups. We believe that ARISE will be a rewarding experience for all involved. Sign-up sheets are available in the back of the Church.

OUR SAINT MICHAEL CHURCH DIRECTORY

We are getting ready to create a new photo directory and we need you to help make it complete! Our directory will showcase our families, provide contact information, and become a useful resource to keep us connected. By participating, you will receive a printed version of the new directory. Photographs create priceless family treasures and are great gifts. Signup sheets are available this weekend.

Photos will be taken in our church hall. Please check your calendar. Below are the scheduled photography dates and times:

Thursday, September 20, 2018 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, September 21, 2018 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Saturday, September 22, 2018 10:00am – 5:00pm

Thursday, October 11, 2018 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Friday, October 12, 2018 2:00pm – 9:00pm

Each family receives a FREE 8x10 photograph and directory for participating! Plan one hour for check-in, photography and image viewing and selection. You will have the opportunity to purchase additional photographs for yourself, family and friends. Pets are welcome at your upcoming photography session. Friends and Family can also join us for a complimentary professional photography session even if they do not wish to be in our church directory. Military families, Veterans and their families and Seniors ( Age 60 and over) are entitled to 20% off their portrait purchases.

Without you our directory will not be complete! 



Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 9, 2018

 For All the Parish Support at the Forest Hills Labor Day Festival

Our Saint Michael REACH Youth Ministry would like to thank all those who supported us at this year’s Forest Hills Labor Day Festival by purchasing any of our Apple Dumplings or Ice Cream Sundaes, and those who helped in any way. Your generosity is appreciated. The entire weekend was filled with beautiful weather and wonderful fellowship which allowed for a very successful fundraiser.

Thanks to all the following volunteers, REACH students and parents that helped with any part of the prep and working shifts in our booths selling our Apple Dumplings and Ice Cream Sundaes during the 3 days of the festival:

Mary Ann, Eric & Chuck Tedjeske ~ Nancy & Rick Wessel ~ Rod Turgeon ~ Pauline Minor ~

Sally Kolar ~ Terri Leach ~ Carson, Dylan & Karen Kundrod ~ Brycen, Colby & Sara Rearick ~

Ian, Elizabeth, Amy & Ron Dobbins ~ Alexis, Jackson & Heather Henderson ~ Tyson Snyder ~

Andrew & Ann Marie Martin ~ Luke & Laura Docherty ~ Luke Hribar ~ Evan & Ken Burkardt ~

Steve Russic ~ George & Janet Minor ~ Zach & Heidi Fisher ~ Alex Bambino ~ Shannan Elgin & Wendy Blough ~ Alyssa & Linda Caddy ~ Anna Stigers ~ Kim & Alex Deighan ~ Kirstyn & Michelle Vitez ~

 Elisabeth Zajdel ~ Taylor Burda ~ Haden Romanow ~ Haden & Amilyah Koch ~ Patti Raneri-Doyle ~

Alexia, Jen & Mike Steele ~ Sue Hershberger

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Religious Education Registration is taking place for our 2018—2019 Religious Education Year. New Registration forms have been in the back of the church for several weeks to be picked up. Any family envelopes remaining after last weekends masses have been mailed. Families are required to pre-register students every year so that all information is updated. Any questions can be directed to the RE Office at 495-4873. Forms can be returned promptly by dropping in the weekend collection basket, or by dropping off at the Parish or Religious Education Offices, or by mail.

In addition, parents of K—5 students also need to return the enclosed Bus Permission card to the Elementary School Office by this Monday, September 10th.

Religious Education Start Dates:

Grades K—5 begins Thursday, September 20th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grades 6—12 begins on Sunday, September 23rd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

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

*3-year confirmation process is scheduled for Sunday, September 23rd 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 2018—2019 Religious Education Year.*

BISHOP CARROLL CATHOLIC HIGH SCHOOL ~ Basket Raffle and Bake Sale Sunday, September 9, 2018, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Bishop Carroll High School Cafeteria, 728 Ben Franklin Highway, Ebensburg, PA 15931 Call 472-7500 ext. 101 for info.

COLUMBUS DAY CELEBRATION ~ The celebration will be held at the St. Michael the Archangel Basilica in Loretto, PA on October 7. Rosary will be recited at 1:45 PM and Bishop Barchak will celebrate Mass at 2:00 PM. Immediately following Mass, a dinner will be held in the Community Hall. Knights along with their family members, friends and all parishioners are invited to this social celebration. The cost is $15 for adults and $7.50 for children 12 years and younger. Reservations must be made in advance! No money transactions will be made at the door the evening of the banquet. Those wishing to attend should submit their names along with a check to: William Stasko, CPA, 8 Entrance Drive Johnstown, PA 15905. In order to prepare name tags in advance, names should be submitted singly rather than as Mr. and Mrs. The deadline for reservations is SEPTEMBER 29, 2018.



 CATHOLIC PILGRIMAGE ~ To the Shrine of Our Lady of Guadalupe in Mexico December 8-13, 2018

 to be there for the beautiful Mass of Roses on the feast day December 12th. $2,294. 00 per person including

 air from Altoona. Breakfast, Lunch & Dinner Daily. Mass every day. For a Flyer or more detailed

 information please call Cathie or Michael Milano at 1-800-773-2660.

 Sunday, September 9 St. Michael Religious Ed. Collection / Second Collection

 Church Directory Picture Sign-ups

 Holy Name Society Meeting after 8:00 AM Mass

 Second Sunday Food Collection

 Girl Scouts / 4-5:30 PM

 Monday, September 10 Martha’s Group / 6:00 PM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, September 11

 Wednesday, September 12 No Mass

 Thursday, September 13 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM

 Friday, September 14

 Saturday, September 15 Church Directory Picture Sign-ups

 UPCOMING EVENT

 September 16 Church Directory Picture Sign-ups

 Spaghetti Dinner Meeting

 September 20 Church Directory Pictures

 First Elementary CCD Class

 Knights of Columbus Meeting

 Girl Scouts Service Unit Meeting

 September 21 & 22 Church Directory Pictures