ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 1

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 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 Requires parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism

POLICY: and Marriage.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Articles are due to the Parish Office by Noon on Mondays.

Solemnity of Mary January 1, 2017

**Month of the Holy Name of Jesus**

MASS INTENTIONS: (January 2 – 8, 2017)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Kristan Deighan by the Family of Rick & Nancy Wessel

Wednesday 9:00 AM Elizabeth & George Freidhoff by Carl & Pam Freidhoff

Thursday 8:00 AM Thomas Murin by Mary Ann Murin & Family

Friday 9:00 AM Sick & Shut-Ins by St. Michael Funeral Committee

Saturday 4:00 PM William Shay req. by Cathy & Joe Faher & Family

Sunday 8:00 AM Stephen Yanzetich, Sr. by Galen, Ann Marie & Andrew Martin

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 7 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Donald Dipko Cathy & Joe Faher

Minister of the Host: Vince Arena

Ministers of the Cup: Babe Richards & Robin Yakicic

Altar Servers: Evan & Dylan Kundrod

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Sunday, January 8 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher The Martin Family

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Ministers of the Cup: Bob Grattan & Paul Kundrod, Jr.

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Nathan Kundrod

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Lori George

Sunday, January 810:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Florence Yauneridge The Caddy Family

Minister of the Host: Michael Barton

Ministers of the Cup: Greg Stiffler & Susan Wieczorek

Altar Servers: Elizabeth & Ian Dobbins

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Mary Ann Oravis

Sunday, January 8 Collection Counters

 Tom & Sharon Paterson,

 Robert Casti & Sara Zybura

Weare placing names of the sick in the bulletin for prayer providing they give permission. Although we remember all sick and shut-ins at every Mass, we would like our parish family to be aware of the need for special prayer intentions because of a most serious illness or hospital stay. *May the* *Divine Physician send healing grace for those for* *whom we pray:* Josephine Koshute, Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Todd Euen, 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, Nicholas “Hop” Kolar, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Loretta Panick, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Maria, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Heidi Allison, Melinda Jerome, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Katie Ansell, Mary McCall, Suzie Thomas, Sean, Holly, Shane, Joan McDowell, Melisa Ruddek, Joanne Serre, Scott N., Joe Ropecka, Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Christine Baxter, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Agnes Zibura, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Jayden Scott Beam, Derrick Varnish, 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 $1,936.00

Loose $ 224.00

Youth $ 45.25

Monthly $ 90.00

Maintenance Fund $ 403.00

Candles $ 40.00

Initial Offering $ 20.00

Christmas $6,757.00

Religious Retirement $ 17.00

Immaculate Conception $ 16.00

Total $9,548.25

We sincerely thank and ask God’s blessing

upon all who have care and concern

for our parish.



*January 1st Luke 2:16-21*

*Would the birth of Jesus have gone un-noticed if the shepherds had been “too busy” to travel to Bethlehem to spread the word about Him? The shepherds, the first missionaries, played a major role in human history. Every family is called to be a missionary by “glorifying and praising God for all they have heard and seen.”*



Religious Education And Christian Helping

January 1, 2017



*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, January 5th for Grades K-5*

*&*

*No Class on Sundays, January 1st and January8th for Grades 6—12.*

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 12th for K~5 and

Sunday, January 15th for Grades 6~12.



Upcoming Confirmation Requirements

11th Grade ~ Session 11C – Morality: Your Call to Christian Living and Social Justice

 Date has been changed to:

~ Sunday, January 22, 2017, 9—10:30 a.m.



*Confirmation Retreat* / Saturday, January 28, 2017, 1—6:00 PM

All students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will take part in their annual confirmation retreat. This retreat will take place on Saturday, January 28, 2017, 1—6:00 PM. The retreat will focus on the three required retreat topics of ~ “Baptism”, “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” and “Parables”

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POST HOLIDAY BLUES

With dread, anxiety, and pain—that’s how many of us approach the season of supposedly joy-filled, family-oriented excitement. Sometimes we think we have been successful in creating the Norman Rockwell scene of family unity, humor and love. Other years, we are just glad to see January so we can put away the decorations. For most grieving people, it’s not easy to make simple decisions. Every action and thought seems tainted by pain and uncertainty. Making long-range plans appears useless and too demanding. Deciding New Year’s resolutions feels childish and burdensome.

What about the days to come? Make some plans for the days after New Year’s. The natural let-down of post-holiday blues can be lightened by having something to anticipate. Get tickets to a play, schedule a group activity, invite a friend to visit or go to a friends for a few days. Do whatever keeps you involved with others and gives you a reason to make it through this emotionally draining season. No matter how bad things seem to us, looking around the world illustrates that others are worse off than we are. There’s a miracle in helping others—we receive as much, if not more, than we give. If we give from our own goodness, we can’t help but be touched. True happiness is derived from making a difference for others and from bringing beauty into another’s life. Whether with a phone call, card, or visit, reach out and touch someone.

Hope is contagious!

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“It is not only what we do, but also what we do not

do, for which we are accountable.” –Moliere

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 Sunday, January 1, 2017 Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God

 HAPPY NEW YEAR! No Religious Education Classes (New Year’s Break)



 Monday, January 2 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, January 3 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Wednesday, January 4 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Thursday, January 5 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 No Religious Ed / Grades K-5 (due to No Forest Hills School)

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 First Friday, January 6 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Saturday, January 7 Second Sunday Food Collection

 Sunday, January 8 No Religious Education Classes Grades 6-12

 The Epiphany of the Lord Holy Name Society Meeting after 8:00 AM Mass

 Church Undecorating after 10:30 AM Mass

 Second Sunday Food Collection

CHOIR PRACTICES ~ Practice for the Sunday Choir will resume on Monday January 2nd at 7:00 PM.

Practice for the Saturday Choir will resume on Thursday, January 5th at 5:30 PM.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Next weekend is our Second Sunday Food Collection.

Please bring in non-perishable food items or toiletries with you. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

HOLY NAME MEETING ~ The Holy Name meeting will be held next Sunday, January 8th immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass.

CHRISTMAS UN-DECORATING ~ We will remove Christmas decorations from the Church next Sunday, January 8th following the 10:30 AM Mass. As always, help is needed and appreciated.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of February through April 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 no later than Sunday, January 15th. Father Warchola will be conducting Altar Server, Lector and Eucharistic Minister training at a later date.

TRANSPORTATION NEEDED ~ We have a wonderful lady from Forest Hills Personal Care Home on Humbert Road, Sidman in need of transportation to and from our 10:30 AM Mass. If you go to this Mass and can provide transportation, please call the Rectory at 495-9640 to make arrangements. Thank you.

Ramblings of a Retired Mind

The older you get, the tougher it is to lose weight,

because by then your body and your fat have gotten to be really good friends!

The easiest way to find something lost around the house is to buy a replacement.

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