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 Epiphany of the Lord

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 January 7th, 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 Epiphany of the Lord

January 7th, 2024

The Month of The Holy Name of Jesus

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (January 8 – January 14, 2024)

 ***The Baptism of the Lord***

Mon., January 8, 9:00 AM Health & Well-being of Msgr. Daniel Plocharczyk

 *Ordinary Time*

Tuesday, January 9 9:00 AM No Mass

Wed., January 10 9:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, January 11 9:00 AM No Mass

Friday, January 12 9:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, January 13 4:00 PM +Mary Ann Daniels req. by Joe Daniels

Sunday, January 14 8:00 AM +Staff Sgt. Andrew Chalan req. by sister, Pauline Minor &

 Family

 10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 13 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sandy Bambino Dennis & Babe Richards

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Bella Bambino & Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Sunday, January 14 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Peter Bernard Andrew Chalan Family

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Choir Minister: Terri Leach

Altar Server: Kaden & Walter Christ

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Sunday, January 14 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Dorothy Stroz Rick & Jeannine Roberts

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Robert Oshaben

Altar Server: Cameron Vitez & Jackson Henderson

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Sunday, January 14 Collection Counters

 Chris Smay, Sara Zybura,

 Mary Ann DeRosa

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:* Colin Wingard, Christine Sherry, Fr. Charles Bodziak, 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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the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Ed Grattan

requested by Frank Grattan & Family

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requested by daughters, Louise Neff & Joyce Suckenik

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The Epiphany

The Magi in today’s gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

 Road to our Bethlehem



The magi were men devoted to finding the King announced by the star, even though they did not know who this King was or exactly where the star would lead them. And so, we journey to the Lord. Where exactly are we going to find Him? We really don’t know. He may be in marriage. He may be in the priesthood or religious life. He may be in the life of the single determined to spread Christianity. He may be in children and teens. He may be in a career. He may be in our caring for a sick spouse or relative. He may be in the outcast6 who reach out for us. We need to keep searching for Him throughout our lives to reach our Bethlehem – the goal of our faith.

EPIPHANY PROCLAMATION ~ On Epiphany there is a custom of announcing the dates of moveable Feasts for the coming year. This Epiphany Proclamation will take place after the homily by Father.

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 DATE CHANGE ~ Dates for the carpeting being laid in the Church have been changed from January 15th – 19th to January 22nd – 26th. 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).

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

SOUP SALE ~ The Holy Name Society will be making chicken soup for our parish sick and homebound on Saturday, January 13th. They are also offering it for sale to members of the parish. The cost is $7.00 per quart. Sign-up sheets are located at the entrances of the church. Orders can be picked up in the church hall on Saturday, January 13th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM or after each weekend Mass on the 13th and 14th.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS ~ You are welcome to submit your Mass Intentions for the 2024 Year. Either call the Parish Office or place Intention in an envelope & drop it off in the offertory or the black drop-off box outside the office door.

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

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS DONATIONS ~ In Memory of John Zibura by Agnes Zibura.

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).

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~The Parish Office has closed the books for 2023 parishioner’s contributions. You may request a statement of your tax-deductible donations at any time by calling the rectory at 814-495-9640. If a contribution was made to the CMD, you should have received a statement from the diocese. Please remember to notify the Rectory Office of any changes in address or telephone numbers. If you no longer have a land line and your cellphone is your primary house phone, please call us or drop a note in the collection basket.

UPDATE ON THE *#iGiveCatholic* CAMPAIGN ~ As of December 31st, the St. Michael #iGiveCatholic Campaign received $22,760.00! Thank you for your generosity!

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

January 7, 2024

2024 Religious Classes Resume

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

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

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*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 ~ The St. Michael Youth Choir will be singing for Epiphany Sunday, January 7th, 2024 at the 10:30 AM Mass.

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.



 Sunday, January 7 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM / The Epiphany of the Lord

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

 NO HS Religious Education

 Holy Name Society Meeting / Hall / After 8:00 AM Mass

 Appreciation Lunch for ALL Parishioners / Hall / After 10:30 AM Mass

 Monday, January 8 Mass ~ 9:00 AM / The Baptism of the Lord

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, January 9 No Mass

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, January 10 No Mass

 Thursday, January 11 No Mass

 K – 5 Religious Education

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, January 12 No Mass

 Saturday, January 13 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Holy Name Society Soup Making & Soup Sale

 Soup pick-up / 11:00 AM-1:00 PM & after 4:00 PM Mass



 UPCOMING EVENTS

 January 14 Holy Name Society Soup Sale & Pick-up / After all Masses

 CCHL Bus Captain’s Lunch

 January 15 Martin Luther King Day

 Parish Offices Closed



SQUARE DANCES ~ Saturday, January 13th & 27th, February 3rd & 17th, March 2nd & 16th at New Germany Grove Hall, New Germany from 7 – 10 PM. Music by Klassic Country. Cost is $10 per person which includes food & drinks. Proceeds benefit Pro-Life.

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.