ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 4

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.

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time January 22, 2017

**Month of the Holy Name of Jesus**

MASS INTENTIONS: (January 23 – 29, 2017)



Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Michael Matsko req. by Steve, Dolores, Evan & Susan Yanzetich

Wednesday 9:00 AM Barbara Brezovec req. by Eileen Zibura

Thursday 8:00 AM Irene Hribar req. by John Glovany

Friday 9:00 AM John L. Podrebarac req. by Dennis & Babe Richards

Saturday 4:00 PM Helen Golian req. by sister, Agnes Golian

Sunday 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Sunday 10:30 AM Agnes Horvath req. by Dan & Mary Partsch

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 28 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Devon Michaels Ushers

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Ministers of the Cup: Vince Arena & Robin Yakicic

Altar Servers: Garrett & Carson Kundrod

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, January 29 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Cathy Faher Nick & Pauline Minor

Minister of the Host: Betty Long

Ministers of the Cup: Sally Kolar & Terri Leach

Altar Servers: Griffin & Kaden Christ

Cantor: Sharon DIbble

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, January 2910:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: James Lashinsky Jeff & Lyssa Danel

Minister of the Host: Greg Stiffler

Ministers of the Cup: Sharon Paterson & Michael Barton

Altar Servers: Evan Burkhardt & Zach Fisher

Cantor: Shannon Kudlawiec

Greeter: Richard Martyak

Sunday, January 29 Collection Counters

 Tom & Sharon Paterson

 Robert Casti & Sara Zybura

FATHER BRIAN’S MESSAGE ~ Starting this Monday, January 23rd our church will be open from 8:30 AM until 3:00 PM every Monday, Tuesday, Thursday and Friday. Please come during those hours, if you wish to spend more intimate time with our Lord Jesus Christ.

 When I arrived at St. Michael Parish, I noticed the Stations of the Cross were in reverse order. I have never seen that in all the churches I have ever served in or visited. The Stations have been changed to the proper order and the name plates have been placed according to the proper station. Any questions, please feel free to call me at St. Benedict’s Parish at (814) 266-9718.

LITURGY MEETING ~ A meeting of the Liturgy Committee will be held on Sunday,

February 5th at 9:15 AM in the Rectory Dining Room. Fr. Warchola will be setting times

and events through the Easter Season.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of February through April are now being made up and will be available next weekend. Father Warchola will be conducting Altar Server, Lector and Eucharistic Minister training at a later date.

SOUP SALE ~ The Holy Name Society will be making chicken soup for our parish sick and shut-ins on Saturday, January 21st. Orders can be picked up in the church hall after each weekend Mass on the 21st and 22nd.

COFFEE & DONUTS ~ The Holy Name Society is sponsoring coffee/juice and donuts after the 8:00 AM and 10:30 AM Masses on February 12th. Everyone is invited over to the Church Hall to have a donut and socialize awhile.

THANK YOU ~ To the parishioners who sent cards, food and gave for Masses for our mother, Catherine Bodziak. We are very appreciative to the parishioners who came to the funeral home and funeral Mass who offered us comfort. *Fr. Bodziak, Sister Helen and John Bodziak*



CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS~The Parish Office has closed the books for 2016 parishioner’s contributions. You may request a statement of your tax-deductible donations at any time by calling the rectory at 495-9640. Tax laws state that any amount given as a donation needs to have documentation if you are claiming the donation for tax purposes. If a contribution was made to the ACA, you should have received a statement from the diocese.

We are updating our parish records, so 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.

ENVELOPE REMINDER ~ In order to make the Collection Counters and the Secretaries life a little easier, please remember to mark the amount of your donation on the outside of the envelope. This will also help insure you get proper credit for your donation.

CHOIR PRACTICES ~ Practice for the Sunday Choir will be held on Mondays at 7:00 PM.

Practice for the Saturday Choir will be held on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

MOM’S HOUSE COLLECTION ~ Last weekend, attached to the bulletin, you found a Knights of Columbus envelope for your donation to Mom’s House. If you did not get an envelope, they can be found at the entrances to our church. The organization was founded in 1983 by Johnstown resident Peg Luksik, then president of the Cambria-Somerset Chapter of Citizens for Human Life, as an alternative to abortion. At Mom’s House mothers are plugged into a network of supportive services that enable them to complete their education, find jobs and get off welfare. Mom’s House is free because members of the community and local organizations have believed in them for more than 30 years. Since 1983, Mom’s House® has evolved into a national organization and established a headquarters in Johnstown. There are now seven Mom’s Houses® in four states. This is an annual collection by the Knights of Columbus. The envelopes can be put in the weekly collection at any time. If possible, please remember to put your regular envelope number on the Mom’s House contribution envelope.

LIGHTING THE SANTUARY CANDLE ~ Lighting the red vigil lights in church for your own special intention has always been a long standing tradition within the Catholic Church. Many parishes also offer the SANCTUARY CANDLE to light for your special intention, living, deceased or special occasion. With a $5.00 donation you may request our sanctuary candle to burn for one week. Simply enclose in an envelope your “In Memory Of” intention. That intention will be announced in the weekly bulletin.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children

the week of January 22, 2017.



Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn for the Health and Well-Being of Suzie Thomas.

Requested by Helen Slonac & Family

the week of January 22, 2017.

*Liturgical Reflection...*

In a time when the Sacrament of Marriage is not celebrated as often as in preceding decades, the Church holds up the holiness and dignity of the sacramental covenant between a man and a woman. The matrimonial covenant, by which the two spouses establish a life-long partnership between themselves, derives its force and strength from creation as proclaimed in the Book of Genesis. And for the Christian faithful it is raised up to a higher dignity, since it is numbered among the Sacraments of the new covenant.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania16648

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, 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., Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Christine Baxter, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Jayden Scott Beam, Derrick Varnish, Karen Myers, Mark Baloga, 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.)

*January 22 nd Matthew 4:12-23*

*When Jesus called his disciples, they came immediately. Parents wish their children would respond as quickly, but they don’t. Children grow slowly into responsibility. It’s a process like walking, not done immediately but in small steps. Parenting demands patient encouragement.*



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,132.00

Loose $ 128.00

Youth $ 58.25

Monthly $ 445.00

Maintenance Fund $ 25.00

Candles $ 10.00

Initial Offering $ 45.00

Solemnity of Mary $ 10.00

Total $3,853.25

We sincerely thank and ask God’s blessing

upon all who have care and concern

for our parish.

VOCATIONS: A Message from Father Matthew Reese, Vocations Director

Consider this:  We currently have 58 active Diocesan Priests in our diocese (under the age of retirement of 75).  We have 88 churches in our Diocese.  At the present moment we have six men preparing to become priests for our Diocese.  If these men all persevere they will be ordained by the year 2023.  However, by that same year at least 14 of our active priests will reach the age of retirement.  That is a net loss of eight, which does not take into account extraordinary circumstances like unexpected deaths, etc.  These are the numbers we face in our Diocese, and everyone will be affected by the dwindling number of diocesan priests here in Altoona-Johnstown.  Ultimately, a call to priesthood is God's grace, but we need to cooperate with that grace!  All clergy and laity must be challenged to do vocational work in their own ministries and parish communities and not rely on others to do it for them!  If we are not actively seeking new vocations to the priesthood, how do we expect these numbers to change for the better?

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The following Mass Intentions have been sent with Fr. Bonaventure, OSB to the Benedictines at

St. Vincent Archabbey in Latrobe:

1. Michael Matsko by Jon & Irene Gindlesperger
2. Michael E. Gdula by Frank, Megan & Kristen Impala
3. Albert Bela Demko by Millie Luchini
4. Albert Bela Demko by Mr. & Mrs. Gary Luchini
5. Albert Bela Demko by Rita Demko
6. Stanley Pinkas by Fred Pinkas
7. Kathleen Slezak by Deacon Dave & Patty Hornick
8. William Kline by Mary Grace Neugebauer
9. Nora Ripper by Bob & Sharon Poldiak
10. Nick Gilles by Glenn & Ramona Hoffman
11. Barbara Brezovec by Eva & Jim Seftic
12. Barbara Brezovec by Jean Celmer & Family
13. Barbara Brezovec by Elaine Kachmar
14. Barbara Brezovec by Sara Wieczorek
15. Barbara Brezovec by Marty & Marie Johnson & James Afton
16. Beatrice Myers by Rose Marie Myers & Family
17. Anna Myers by Grandchildren & Great Grandchildren
18. Dorothy Selepack by Mike Hudak, Sr.
19. Carlos Diaz by Slovak Catholic Sokols
20. Ruth Hennessey by Leonard & Anna Fornadel
21. Irene Hribar by A Friend
22. Andrew Paulson by Sister, Mary Zalucki
23. John L. Podrebarac by Paul Susko
24. John L. Podrebarac by Rich & Pauline Barelick
25. Walter Christ by Chuck & Carol Swaney

*The disciples woke up to a normal day at work, but immediately responded to Jesus’ invitation to follow Him. Their lives were never the same again. May we answer Jesus’ call as passionately as those first disciple. Our lives will never be the same* *again.*

Religious Education And Christian Helping

 January 22, 2017

Upcoming Confirmation Session

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

 ~ Sunday, January 22, 2017, 9—10:20 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”.

 The program will begin in the church hall on Saturday, January 28th for the students. The students come to the church 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 3:15 PM, sponsors and/or parents are asked to join the confirmation students in the church 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.

At the conclusion of Mass, students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by a pizza social in the church hall for all students, parents and sponsors, including time for reflection on the day and also time for the confirmation candidates and their sponsors to spend time together discussing their sponsor / candidate session activities.

Diocesan Safe Environment Program / Parental Notification Form

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

 SUBJECT: Safe Environment Program

 The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has implemented a program for the protection of our youth known as our Youth Protection Program. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in 2002, requires each parish or school to provide formation for children in areas of safety and the integrity of their person. This program is mandatory for all Parish Religious Education programs and Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The philosophy is to directly involve parents in the formation of their children with the available lesson material. A classroom presentation of safety issues, adapted for grades 1, 5 and 9 and covering the required lessons will be offered during one of the regular January class times.

 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 Parent Verification/Refusal form, which indicates that this mandated instruction is being offered, and that you choose not to have your child participate. This form is also required if your child is absent the day the instruction was given. You may visit the Protecting God’s Children™ program at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

 Sunday, January 22 Religious Education~Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 Holy Name Soup Sale

 Mom’s House Collection

 Bus Captains Dinner / March for Life / 12 Noon to 3:00 PM / Hall

 Monday, January 23 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, January 24 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Sacraments Class / Fr. Grimme / 6:30-8:30 PM / Hall

 Wednesday, January 25 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Thursday, January 26 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

 Religious Education / Grades K - 5 / 3:30—4:30 PM / Hall

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 Friday, January 27 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Saturday, January 28 Confirmation Retreat / Grades 9,10 & 11 / 1:00—6:00 PM / Hall & Church

 Sunday, January 29 Religious Education / Grades 6, 7, 8 & 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

 Saturday February 4 Blessing of Throats

 Sunday, February 5 Blessing of Throats

 Sunday, February 5 Liturgy Meeting / 9:15 AM / Rectory Dining Room

PRAYER SERVICE ~ Bishop Mark will preside at a prayer service on the eve of the March for Life.

It will be held on January 26 at 7:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. The gathering will include Evening Prayer, Eucharistic Adoration, and a homily from the Bishop. Bishop Mark will also offer a special blessing to those who will go to Washington, D.C., the following day for the March for Life. All are invited to attend the prayer service to pray for the sanctity of human life.

St. Benedict Bible Study Resumes: What we believe as Catholics is found in the Bible in two ways: explicit and implicit. That Jesus called Twelve Apostles to follow him, healed and forgave sins, proclaimed the Kingdom of God, suffered, died and rose again for our sins, are all very explicit in the Bible. The Holy Spirit makes known the full meaning of these events and makes the power of these events effective in our lives today. Join us to learn how God reveals himself to us in Sacred Scripture. Using the weekly readings, Deacon Michael Russo will lead discussions that will add spiritual depth and meaning to our lives today. The Bible Study Group will meet Saturday mornings (weather permitting) from 9:30-11:30 in the Music Room located in the school building. Classes will be held on January 28; February 18, 25; March 4, 25; April 1, 8, 22, 29 and May 13. Handouts will be provided for each session. For more information, contact Deacon Michael at 288-3036. All are welcome!

A mother's four-year-old daughter was attending her first performance of the Ice Capades. She was so mesmerized that she wouldn't budge from her seat even during intermission, watching the activity while the ice was cleaned.

At the end of the show, she exclaimed, "I know what I want to be when I grow up!"

The mother envisioned her on the ice in another 15 years, starring in the Ice Capades.

She was brought back to earth when the daughter continued, "I want to be a Zamboni driver!"