ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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(814) 266-9718 / Ext. 507 Saturday 4:00 pm

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 6

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.

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 5, 2017

MASS INTENTIONS: (February 6 – 12, 2017)

Monday No Mass

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Wednesday 9:00 AM Dolores Zybura Berkhimer req. by Jean Celmer

Thursday 8:00 AM Louise & Sylvester Bentkowski req. by Diane & Paul Ledwich

Friday 9:00 AM George Secriskey req. by Rob & Debbie Wolford

Saturday 4:00 PM Claudia McCloskey req. by Michael & Regina Barton & Family

Sunday 8:00 AM Korey McClemens Welsh req. by Helen McClemens & Arlene Diamond

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, February 11 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Donald Dipko McCloskey Family

Minister of the Host: Vince Arena

Choir Minister: Mary Partsch

Altar Servers: Mykala Drobnick & Ana Spangler

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Sunday, February 12 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terri Leach McClemens Family

Minister of the Host: Paul Kundrod, Jr.

Choir Minister: Beth Kundrod

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Nathan Kundrod

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Greeter: Betty Long

Sunday, February 1210:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Caddy Family

Minister of the Host: Robert Oshaben

[](https://www.churchart.com/subscriber/viewimages?book_number=40&chapter=5&entry_date=1/1/0001&image_type=cl&page=2&ipp=12)Choir Minister: Amanda Williamson

Altar Servers: Eric & Shannan Elgin

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Richard Martyak

Sunday, February 12 Collection Counters

Camillus Long, Debbie Dupnock

Mary Anne Davis, Sara Zybura

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The Sanctuary Candle will burn for

the health and well being of Lois Tomb

requested by Edna Mae Cook

the week of February 5, 2017.

[](http://www.churchart.com/Subscriber/ViewImages.aspx?keywords=&entry_date=1/1/0001&image_type=,cl&topic_id=346&image_source_id=&page=1#no)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, Melisa Ruddek, Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Christine Baxter, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Jayden Scott Beam, Derrick Varnish, Karen Myers, Mark Baloga, 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.)

[](http://www.thebackpew.com/school-bus-stop.html)

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $2,821.00

Loose $ 204.70

Youth $ 49.25

Monthly $ 105.00

Maintenance Fund $ 50.00

Candles $ 24.00

Total $3,253.95

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

JESUS: THE LIGHT OF THE WORLD

We all likely pray that we get through life without times of darkness, but the reality is that they’re unavoidable. That doesn’t mean we can’t overcome the darkness or move past it. The solution is to light one candle. But where can we find the spark to ignite that candle? Maybe it’s in the love of a family member or friend. Maybe it’s in the choice to help someone else through their time of trouble. Maybe it’s by taking some time to pray quietly.



Ultimately, the light of that candle has only one source: Jesus, the Light of the World. Whether wecelebrate His coming at Christmas or His resurrection at Easter, it is Jesus who ignites the divine spark inside us, the divine spark we need to move forward with hope and love.

That’s the way it’s been since the beginning of time.

Christopher News Notes

PATIENCE WITH YOURSELF

“Have patience with all things, but chiefly have patience with yourself.

Do not lose courage in considering your own imperfections,

but instantly set about remedying them—every day begin the task anew.”

St. Francis de Sales

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FAMILY FOLKLORE

A nation’s life is shaped by great leaders and major events, yet a nation’s character is revealed in the daily activities of its workers, its ethnic and religious communities, and in its regional diversity. The most basic unit of all is the family.

Each family has its own folklore, the legacy of its past which is retold and interpreted to give meaning to life in an ever-changing world. Parents tell their children about the exploits of past generations. Adults swap anecdotes about family characters. Stories illuminate a family’s journey— migration from the old country and settlement in the new land. As part of becoming Americans, our immigrant ancestors may have changed family names. As families move in search of employment or for other reasons today, new experiences are incorporated into the stories, anecdotes, and jokes they tell.

Family folklore is also revealed in celebrations and commemorations. Each family has its way of marking such important events as births and religious initiations, weddings, deaths, and religious and national holidays. Often the highlights of these occasions are the customs and rituals, songs, dances, foods, and decorative arts. Photographs taken at such family gatherings are organized as family albums. These albums capture a family’s sense of its own story; the pictures evoke memories and associations of special people, times and places.

Each family’s legacy is one strand in a tapestry of American life. What are you doing to preserve the richness of that tapestry in your family’s folklore? Record your family stories, customs, traditions and be sure to take pictures so you can be sure that they will be passed on through the next generation.

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[](https://www.bing.com/images/search?q=open+door+clipart+free&id=57E483F18B618023B0BDE60612C82C47DA0FEE96&FORM=IQFRBA)FATHER BRIAN’S MESSAGE ~ Please be advised that anytime we experience severe weather where travel for one would be dangerous, you are not obliged to attend a Sunday Mass.  I have decided that, unless otherwise noted, we will not cancel any Mass when the local schools are closed or delayed.  In the future, if I am away on vacation, retreat, etc., weekday Masses will simply be canceled.  I prefer to not have Communion services, unless there would be an extreme reason to do so.  Canonically those services are to be held only when there is no other Mass celebrated for a long period of time.  We are still very blessed in our diocese and local area to have several other parishes that offer the Mass; we should attend those Masses on days when none is celebrated at St. Michael parish.

God bless! Fr. Brian L. Warchola

CHOIR PRACTICES ~ Practice for 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.

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 available this weekend for anyone who did not pick up one last weekend. They can be found on the wall inside the front doors.

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, February 12th immediately following the 8:00 AM Mass.

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.

[](http://www.churchart.com/search/ImageDetail.asp?image_id=93074236)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 or sending an email to saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com. 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.

*February 5th Matthew 5:13-16*

*Today’s gospel challenges us to be a “light” to our family. Parents shine their guiding light inviting their children to follow their “good deeds.”*



Religious Education And Christian Helping

February 5, 2017



A Vision for the National Catholic Youth Conference(NCYC)

In a distinctly Catholic setting the National Catholic Youth Conference invites participants to:

~ Encounter Christ. ~ Experience church. ~ Be empowered for discipleship.

The National Catholic Youth Conference is a powerful, biennial, three-day experience of prayer, community, and empowerment for Catholic teenagers (of high school age) and their adult chaperones. More than 23,000 young people and their chaperones attended [2016 NCYC](http://www.ncyc.info/2015/index.htm) in Indianapolis.

The 2017 National Catholic Youth Conference is November 16-18, back in Indianapolis, with the theme *Called/Llamados*.

What Happens During NCYC?

The program includes keynote presentations, prayer, workshops, Mass, and opportunities to participate in reconciliation and adoration of the Blessed Sacrament, as well as recreational activities, concerts, and exhibits. A key component of NCYC is the thematic park which is a blend of traditional exhibit booths with interactive areas featuring service projects, games, recreation, live musical performances, arts, and sports.

Who Can Attend NCYC?

Any high school aged member of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown aged 16 or over and their adult chaperones (with proper clearances) are invited to attend the pilgrimage to NCYC. Young people must register through their parish or Catholic High Schools.

The Cost of the trip is $625 per person.

Trip Package Includes:

* Deluxe motor coach travel (round trip) leaving from pick-up spots in Altoona and Ebensburg to Indianapolis (Bus departs late November 15 and returns early November 22)
* 3 nights’ accommodations (based on Quad occupancy)
* Continental breakfast at hotel each morning
* Sandwiches for lunch (ex. Panera, Subway meals)
* A pizza party on Thursday
* A Special Luncheon with Bishop Mark Bartchak on Friday
* NCYC Conference Registration, Administrative Fees, Taxes and Tips
* Official NCYC Diocesan T-shirts and sweatshirt

Initial Deposit of $100.00…………………………………………….….Due March 12, 2017

*Saint Michael Parish is planning to attend NCYC 2017!*

We are offering this trip opportunity to REACH students that will be age 16 or over in the fall of 2017 and also adult chaperones. Fundraising for this trip will start with our annual Spring fundraiser. Anyone interested in this trip can use their proceeds of this sale towards the $100.00 Registration Fee that is Due to the Diocesan Office by March 15, 2017. This initial $100.00 deposit represents each attendee’s commitment to their reservation. A payment plan is offered after the initial deposit is made.

Many additional “NCYC fundraisers” will be scheduled to raise funds towards the remaining cost of the trip. Once attendees are registered, there are also possible scholarship opportunities to apply for and more information will follow from the diocese. Please visit: [www.ncyc.info](http://www.ncyc.info) for more information including promotional videos.

NCYC Registration forms are available in the RE Office. *All registrations, along with an initial registration deposit fee of $100.00 is due in the RE Office no later than March 12, 2017 to hold a reservation for this trip. Registrations and deposits will then be sent to the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Office by their registration deadline to confirm our group registration.*

Additional questions can be directed to the RE Office at 495-4873.

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Upcoming Required Spring Confirmation Sessions

9th Grade ~ Session 9B—Prayer: Communion with God

~ Sunday, February 12, 2017, 9—10:30 a.m.

10th Grade ~ Session 10B – Witness: Word, Worship, Community & Service

~ Sunday, February 19, 2017, 9—10:30 a.m.

*Junior High Youth Day ~ March 19, 2017 / Students in Grades 6, 7 & 8* can attend. Parents, plans are being made for this year’s Junior High Youth Day 2017 and Registration Forms will be distributed to all 6th, 7th and 8th grade students in their Religious Education Classes. JHYD is held at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School from 11:00 AM – 4:00 PM featuring Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak. Bishop Mark has made it known that attending these youth events with our young people are among his favorite things to do as our Bishop.

This year’s theme is *“Stand Up! Being The UNIQUE YOU God Creater!!”* Parents, please talk to your kids now about attending and sign them up! Your encouragement is needed to get our kids involved.

Our *REACH funds will pay the $20 registration fee for their day* which includes a T-Shirt ~ Games ~ Food ~Fun ~ Friendship! We are looking forward to another great diocesan youth event that will allow them to grow in their faith and spend a wonderful day with other youth from all over our Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. *Registration Deadline is March 10th.*

Questions? Call the RE Office at 495-4873.

Sunday, February 5 Blessing of Throats

Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

Liturgy Meeting / 9:15 AM / Rectory Dining Room

Monday, February 6 No Mass

Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

Tuesday, February 7 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

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

Wednesday, February 8 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola



Thursday, February 9 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, February 10 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

Saturday, February 11 Second Sunday Food Collection

Sunday, February 12 Coffee & Donuts / after 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM Sunday Masses / Hall

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

Second Sunday Food Collection

**Story Time** ~ Beaverdale Library will be holding Story Time for elementary school age children on Thursday, February 9th from 5:30-6:30PM at the Beaverdale Library, 506 Jefferson Avenue, Beaverdale. Story Time for pre-school age children will be held on Monday, February 20th from 11:30AM-12:30PM. There is no charge, but please R.S.V.P. by calling (814) 487-7742.

*Liturgical Reflection…*

Jesus Christ has restored Marriage to its primordial form and holiness in such a way that what God has joined together, no one may put asunder. As Matthew’s Gospel witnesses, “Thus they are no longer two but one flesh. Therefore, let no one separate what God has joined (19:6)”. Jesus, Lord and Savior, has given us the high dignity of Marriage. Man and woman enter into an indissoluble union which is preordained by God. This divine union is a model for the faithful who seek unity with God, Father, Son, and Holy Spirit, and oneness with each other in the community of the Church.

2017, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648



FOUR FOOTBALL FANS

A Redskins fan, an Eagles fan, a Patriots fan, and a Steelers fan are climbing a mountain and arguing about who loves his team more.   
The Redskins fan insists he is the most loyal. 'This is for the Redskins!’ he yells, and jumps off the side of the mountain.  
Not to be outdone, the Eagles fan shouts, 'This is for the Eagles!'

and throws himself off the mountain.   
The Steelers fan is next to profess his love for his team.   
He yells, 'This is for everyone!' and pushes the Patriots fan off the mountain.

MINUTES OF ST. MICHAEL CHURCH PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

JANUARY 18, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

CLERGY: Fr. Brian Warchola; Administrator

PARISH COUNCIL: Susan Blazosky; Chairperson, Sally Kolar; Co-Chairperson, Donald Dipko, Peter Parisi, & Amy Dobbins; Council Secretary.

ABSENT: Vince Arena, Paul Kundrod, Barry Seese, Bill Thomas, & Catherine Yanzetich.

EX-OFFICIO MEMBERS: Laurie Sloan; DRE, Kathy Kalicky; Bookkeeper, Susan Poldiak; Secretary, & Christine Smay; Office Staff.

ABSENT: Rodney Turgeon; Maintenance

Susan Blazosky, Parish Council Chairperson called the meeting to order at 6:30 PM. Father Warchola led the council in an opening prayer.

The minutes from the May 23, 2016 meeting were reviewed. With no additions or corrections, the minutes stood as submitted.

REPORTS:

Parish Directory:

Christine Smay discussed that the completed parish directories have been disbursed to members of the parish that participated in having their pictures taken for the directory.

Liturgy:

Amy Dobbins reported to the council on the most recent meeting of the Liturgy Committee. At the aforementioned meeting, the calendar was set for the seasons of Advent and Christmas. Also, it was discussed that the ornate cover on the Gospel book is torn. However, due to the costliness of replacing the cover, repairing the damaged area will be explored. Finally, the next Liturgy Committee Meeting will be held on Sunday, February 5, 2017, at 9:15 AM in the Rectory Dining Room. Items up for discussion at this meeting will be establishing the calendar of events for the Lenten and Easter Seasons.

Maintenance:

Father Warchola informed the council that our maintenance position was filled by Rodney Turgeon.

Religious Education:

Laurie Sloan reported that there are currently 119 students enrolled in CCD this year. Out of that number, eleven students will be confirmed, and eight will make their First Holy Communion. Next Saturday, confirmation candidates will attend a confirmation retreat.

In regards to religious education instructors, two teachers have resigned for various reasons. To fill those vacancies, Ellen Grattan has volunteered to teach first grade and Pauline Minor has been instructing the eighth-grade class. Laurie Sloan has undertaken the task of instructing the third-grade class. There is still a need for volunteers to help out with substitute teaching for CCD.

Next, Mrs. Sloan discussed NCYC. Once information is received from the diocese on the conference, she will distribute it to the students.

Furthermore, St. Michael Church will host a Eucharistic Adoration on April 1, 2017. Bishop Bartchak will be visiting St. Michael for this special event. Laurie will be promoting the event to CCD students.

Finally, a discussion was held regarding dates for Confirmation and First Holy Communion. Confirmation will be held on April 19th, 2017 at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Due to conflicts in Fr. Warchola’s schedule, there were two possible dates discussed for First Holy Communion. They are either April 30th at 10:30 AM, or May 7 at 2:00 PM. The families of the First Holy Communion candidates will be contacted to gather their opinions on the two proposed dates.

Holy Name:

Pete Parisi updated the council on upcoming events of the Holy Name Society. This Saturday, the Holy Name will hold their annual soup sale. Orders may be picked up after the weekend masses. Additionally, the Holy Name Society will be delivering soup to the shut-ins of the parish.

Next, the Holy Name Society will be hosting doughnuts and fellowship time after the 8:00AM and 10:30AM Masses on February 12th. It is their hope to run this event on a monthly basis if there is enough interest by parishioners.

A discussion was held regarding a lack of fellowship opportunities available in the parish. Members of the council agreed that we are in need of rebuilding fellowship opportunities. It is hope that members of the parish will participate in planned events as well as future opportunities to come together as a parish family.

Future events proposed by the Holy Name included, a corn roast in the summer, and a church picnic in August. It was discussed that an outdoor Mass could be held on the day of the picnic. Other suggestions for parish events were a Seder Meal or Last Supper during Holy Week, planting of spring flowers in the beds around the parish grounds, and a parking lot clean up in the spring.

OLD BUSINESS:

Ticket Sales:

Sally Kolar and Susan Poldiak stated that the last Painless Picnic Ticket Sale netted the parish over $2,000. Future ticket sales are planned for May and October this year.

Hall Kitchen Floor:

Pete Parisi updated the council on the status of the flooring project. He stated that plans have been underway to complete the floor replacement project this spring.

Religious Education Fee:

Amy Dobbins discussed the Religious Education Registration Fee that has been funded by fundraisers for many years. Amy questioned if we are going to continue to charge for a registration fee for students. After a brief discussion, it was determined that St. Michael Parish will not be charging a fee for registration for religious education.

Fundraisers:

Council briefly discussed fundraisers that have in held in the past in the parish. It was decided to defer all fundraising items to the Parish Finance Council for further consideration.

NEW BUSINESS:

Church Grounds:

It was brought to the attention of the council that a car has been parking in the front lot during the day. This is a concern during the winter months for snowplowing as well as liability issues. The church will attempt to make contact with the owner of the vehicle to address the concerns.

Secondly, it was discussed that the church will now be open during the week from 8:30AM to 3:00PM, with the Wednesday being the exception.

Donation:

Mr. and Mrs. David Knobloch have generously offered to purchase a changing table in the church bathroom for usage of parents with infants. The council is appreciative of their generosity.

Letter from a Parishioner:

A letter was received from a parishioner concerning the creation of a long-range master plan for the parish regarding the existing buildings on the property. The council discussed the concept, but at the present, no movement toward making a master plan will occur, until we contact diocesan officials to see if this is a desire/possibility.

ITEMS FROM THE FLOOR:

Vacation Bible School:

Amy Dobbins related to the council that she was disappointed by the number of children from the parish that attended VBS in July 2016. However, there were children from other churches that did attend our VBS, which gave us a nice turn out. One suggestion that Amy made would be to promote VBS before our students finished CCD for the year. Also, perhaps a June VBS would be better received. Mrs. Dobbins stated that she feels VBS is a worthwhile program for the parish. However, at the present, she is unable to direct VBS this year. Amy hopes that someone from the parish will step forward to volunteer to run VBS this summer.

Parish Membership:

Susan Poldiak updated the council on the current membership of the parish. At present, there are 423 families and 14 homebound individuals.

Remarks by Father Warchola:

Father Warchola informed the council that he is anticipating taking over all weekend Masses beginning in June. Additionally, he feels that the parish campus is looking very nice due to the combined efforts of Mary Ann Tedjeske and Rod Turgeon. Finally, the Stations of the Cross were recently reversed in order in the church. Typically, the stations in churches are in the opposite order than the way they were placed at St. Michael Parish.

Next Meeting:

The next meeting of the St. Michael Church Parish Council has been scheduled for

May 17, 2017.

With no further business to discuss, Father Warchola led the council in a closing prayer. Chairperson Susan Blazosky adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Amy Dobbins; Parish Council Secretary