ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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Rev. Brian L. Warchola, Administrator MASSES:



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

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Susan Poldiak 10:30 am

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YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 7

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.

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time February 12, 2017

**Month of the Holy Family**

MASS INTENTIONS: (February 13 – 19, 2017)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Eugene Krupka req. by Bernard Brown & Nanette Parkinson

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:00 AM Martin & Mary Brown Family req. by Mary J. Brown

Friday 9:00 AM Margaret Hudak req. by Mike & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Saturday 4:00 PM Edward Tonski req. by wife, Marie & daughter, Jeanette

Sunday 8:00 AM Katherine Demko req. by Camillus & Betty Long

Sunday 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, February 18 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Tonski Family

Minister of the Host: Karen Myers

Choir Minister: Babe Richards

Altar Servers: Victoria Russic & Elisabeth Zajdel

Cantor: David Zajdel

Greeter: Mary Ann Spangler

Sunday, February 19 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Amy Spinos Camillus & Betty Long

Minister of the Host: Eric Tedjeske

Choir Minister: Cathy Faher

Altar Servers: Michael Kresic & Brian Bernard

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: Pete Parisi

Sunday, February 1910:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Caddy Rick Roberts Family

Minister of the Host: Michael Barton

Choir Minister: Joan Oshaben

Altar Servers: Colby Rearick & Brooke Williamson

Cantor: Ian Wieczorek

Greeter: REACH Students

Sunday, February 19 Collection Counters

 Tom & Sharon Paterson

 Robert Casti & Sara Zybura

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.

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 ~ This 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 this 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 Sunday, February 12th. Everyone is invited over to the Church Hall to have a donut and socialize awhile.



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.

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*A three-year-old boy went with his dad to see a litter of puppies. On returning home, he breathlessly informed his mother, "There were 2 boy puppies and 2 girl puppies." "How did you know?" his mother asked. "Daddy picked them up and looked underneath." He replied. "I think it's printed on the bottom."*



Religious Education And Christian Helping

 February 12, 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.

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.

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*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 5th.*

Questions? Call the RE Office at 495-4873.



 *St. Valentine and the Butterflies*

 Many many years ago, in old Rome there was a king named Claudius. Claudius was a very cruel king. He did not like to see people happy and was always starting wars with other countries.

 In the same city, there lived a kind priest named Valentine. He loved all things and was often seen out in his gardens, tending the plants and enjoying the butterflies that fluttered about the pretty petals of the flowers. Father Valentine made sure to take very good care of his garden, for he knew that the butterflies needed the flowers in order to live.

 Another thing that made Father Valentine very happy was to see young people in love. Love was the best thing that could happen to two people, and when couples came to him and asked him to marry them, it was a time for great festivities.

 Now, Claudius did not like to see people get married, for that meant that when a war came, his soldiers did not want to leave their wives and children. Young soldiers did not want to leave their sweethearts. So the king, being the cruel man that he was, banned all marriages and made it illegal for anyone to become engaged.

 Father Valentine was very upset at this, and he performed weddings in secrecy. Young couples in love would sneak through his garden, past the lovely flowers and butterflies and in through the back door where they would be married.

 Eventually, Claudius heard that Father Valentine was still performing marriages and ordered his guards to go and arrest the priest. The good Father was taken and thrown into the dungeon! While he was in the dungeon, Father Valentine learned that the jail-keepers daughter was blind and sent for her. He touched her brow and she was immediately granted her sight. It was a miracle!

 When the cruel King Claudius, learned of this miracle, he thought it was witchcraft and immediately ordered that Father Valentine's head be chopped off!

 On the morning of the execution, February 14, of the year 270, the priest sent a letter to the jail-keepers daughter, whom he had fallen in love with. He signed the letter "From your Valentine". That is why we sign our Valentine's Day cards the way we do today.

 As Father Valentine was being buried after the execution, a huge swarm of red and white butterflies appeared and circled over the people at his funeral. They fluttered here and there, and eventually landed upon Father Valentine's coffin. The people looked at the pattern that the butterflies had made when they landed and saw that it was shaped like a big heart. And that is why we use the heart as a symbol of love today.

*February 12th Matthew 5:17-37*

*To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don’t mix. Today’s gospel warns,*

*If you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.*



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Our Dad, Bruno Bovino

requested by daughters Joyce Suckenik & Louise Neff

the week of February 12, 2017.

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, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute 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 $3,498.50

Loose $ 248.36

Youth $ 48.00

Monthly $1,053.00

Maintenance Fund $ 55.00

Mandeville $ 10.00

Candles $ 35.00

Total $4,947.86

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



 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

 Monday, February 13 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, February 14 Mass / 8:00 AM / Fr. Joseph Nale

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

 Wednesday, February 15 NO MASS / Father Away

 Thursday, February 16 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 17 Mass / 9:00 AM / Fr. Brian Warchola

 Sunday, February 19 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

UPCOMING EVENTS

 Ash Wednesday, March 1 Masses are at 9:00 AM and 6:00 PM

A Bingo will be held on Sun., Feb. 12th at Holy Family Parish at 509 Caldwell Avenue, Portage, PA.  Admission is $20 for a complete package, extra specials may be purchased and extra jackpots may be purchased.  Early Birds will start at 6 PM.  Regular games will begin at 7 PM.  Food and refreshments will be available.  Full Prizes Paid on 90+ Admissions.

Christian Prayer and Spirituality Course will be offered at two locations this March. Sr. Marilyn

Welch, CCW will be teaching Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville, beginning March 8th and Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM at St. Patrick School, Johnstown beginning March 7th. During this 8 week course, participants will explore both traditional and contemporary expressions of Christian prayer and spirituality that will help deepen their relationship with God. The cost of this course which includes registration and materials is $55. For further information and registration please contact the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or email mheinze@dioceseai.org . All are welcome!

Carmelite Community of the Word offers Opportunities for Spiritual Enrichment

Overnight Silent Retreat Opportunities February 24-25, 2017: Living in the Present Moment

Retreat begins on Friday evening at 7 PM; ends on Saturday at 3 PM. and will include presentations on the theme, guided prayer opportunities and time for quiet personal reflection. An opportunity for personal Spiritual direction will be made available. Cost for the overnight retreat: $40/person or $50/married couple. Includes overnight accommodations, meals and all materials. Pre-registration with fee is required by the Tuesday before each retreat.

**Story Time** ~ Beaverdale Library will be holding a make-up Story Time for elementary school age children on Thursday, February 16th 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.

Minutes of the Liturgy Committee

St. Michael Catholic Church

February 5, 2017

Attendance: Reverend Brian Warchola, Carole Kakabar, Karen Myers, Susan Yanzetich,

 Amy Dobbins & Susan Blazosky.

Absent: Theresa Arena & Donald Dipko

 The meeting began at 9:15 AM with an opening prayer led by Father Warchola.

Lay Ministry: The first order of business that was brought to the floor by Susan Blazosky was lay ministry schedule concerns. Susan stated that at the 10:30 AM mass there are only two greeters. In order to fill weekends for the new schedule, she added REACH students to the position. There is a need for volunteers to become greeters not only for the 10:30 AM Mass, but also the 8:00 AM Sunday Mass. Also, additional Eucharistic Ministers could be added to the Saturday 4 PM mass and Sunday 8 AM mass. Furthermore, collection counting is also a ministry that could be benefit from additional volunteers. It was decided to turn the task of finding collection counters over to the Finance Council. Finally, Susan stated that the next schedule will begin in June. If ministers have requests for the schedule, they should contact Susan by May 1st, 2017.

Contact of Former Parishioners: Susan Yanzetich introduced the concept of reaching out to former parishioners of St. Michael Church to return to the church. Susan volunteered, with the help of office staff, to create a postcard to reach out to those former parishioners. The cards will be sent out before the beginning of lent. It is the hope of the committee that this contact may encourage former members to return to the church.

Calendar of Events:

 The next order of business was to discuss the particulars regarding Lent and Easter.

The calendar is as follows:

 March 1st, Ash Wednesday- Two masses are scheduled at 9 AM and 6 PM.

 Stations of the Cross will be held every Friday during Lent. They will begin at 6 PM. There will also be one Thursday date with K-5 CCD students and parishioners.

 A Lenten Penance Service is being planned in conjunction with Holy Trinity Church.

It will be held at St. Bartholomew Church in Wilmore. Day and time to be determined.

 April 12th, Wednesday of Holy Week, a Seder Meal will be held in the hall.

 April 13th, Holy Thursday Mass will begin at 7 PM. Immediately following the mass, exposition of the Holy Eucharist will take place until 10 PM.

 April 14th, Good Friday events will begin with The Living Stations performed by the REACH Students at noon. Immediately following the stations, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy will be said. Finally, the Good Friday Service will begin at 1:30 PM

 April 15th, Holy Saturday- Easter basket blessing will commence at 1 PM. Holy Saturday Mass is slated to begin at 8:30 PM.

 April 16th, Easter Sunday- Two masses will be said on Easter Sunday. They are 8 AM and 10:30 AM.

 April 23rd, Divine Mercy Sunday- Parishioners are encouraged to attend the Chaplet at St. Benedict Catholic Church, Geistown.

 First Holy Communion- Mrs. Pauline Minor, Second Grade CCD Teacher, will discuss with the families their preference for the mass. It will be held either April 30th, 2017 at 10:30 AM or May 7th, 2017 at 2:00 PM.

May Crowning will be held during the first weekend of May. Girls in the Second-Grade CCD Class will participate in the crowning.

 Ascension Thursday Mass is scheduled for Wednesday, May 24th at 6 PM, and Thursday, May 25th at 9 AM.

Music for Lent and Easter: The committee discussed splitting up masses between the two choirs during Holy Week. For this coming year, the Saturday Choir will sing at the Easter Vigil Mass, and the Sunday Choirs will sing for Holy Thursday, Good Friday, and Easter Sunday.

 Next, music for the Lenten Season was decided. The Our Father will be a sung response for Lent. The Penitential Rite will be spoken, but the response will be sung. The Holy, Holy and Lamb of God will be the Latin responses. Next, the meditation hymn will be omitted during lent, but a second communion hymn may be used if necessary. Finally, the Prayer to St. Michael will be recited after the final blessing and before the recessional hymn.

Common mass parts will be sung at all masses for Easter. Susan Yanzetich and Theresa Arena will collaborate to choose the mass setting.

Locking the Church: Karen Myers discussed a concern regarding the key being left in the tabernacle after the 10:30 Mass. With the church being open during additional hours during the week, it is important that the tabernacle is locked and the key removed. Father Warchola will bring this to the attention of Father Bonaventure and the Eucharistic Ministers.

 Additionally, it was discussed that Karen Myers and Susan Blazosky will double check to ensure that the church is locked in the evenings.

Next Meeting:

 No firm date was set for the next Liturgy Committee Meeting, but it was established that a meeting will be scheduled for June or July.

 With no further business to discuss, Father Warchola gave a blessing and adjourned the meeting at 10:02 AM.

 Respectfully Submitted,

 Amy Dobbins