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

 Third Sunday of Lent

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 March 3rd, 2024

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

Third Sunday of Lent

March 3rd, 2024

The Month of St. Joseph

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (March 5 – March 10, 2024)

Monday, March 4 No Mass

Tuesday, March 5 9:00 AM +Katherine & Albert Demko req. by Carl & Pam Freidhoff

Wed., March 6 9:00 AM +John Progar req. by Bev & Family

Thursday, March 7 9:00 AM +Magdalene Plummer req. by Kristen Hudak

Friday, March 8 9:00 AM +Rose Marie Hudak req. by Children

Saturday, March 9 4:00 PM +Rozalia Auguscik

Sunday, March 10 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

 10:30 AM +Robert Wilson req. by Mary Ann Murin & Family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 9 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino John & Bonnie Bizzarri

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Choir Minister: Dorothy Stroz

Altar Server: Bella & Adam Bambino

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Sunday, March 10 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Peter Bernard Deborah & Cheryl Macy

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Choir Minister: Marie Bernard

Altar Server: Kaden & Walter Christ

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Sunday, March 10 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carole Kakabar Jim & Heidi Fisher

Minister of the Host: Amanda Williamson

Choir Minister: Bill Myers

Altar Server: Landon Fisher & Alexis Henderson

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Sunday, March 10 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, Anne Robinson, Mary Fyock, Helen Soohy, Mildred Andrykovitch, Katie, Dolores Yanzetich, Nick Ripper, Michael Kiel, John Patterson, Joanne Hufford 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.)*

During the week of March 3rd, 2024

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Rose Marie Hudak

requested by Children

and the Holy Family Candle will burn in memory of

Vickie Rhoads DuBois

requested by Aunt Sally

will



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $3,551.00

Maintenance $ 406.00

Easter Flowers $ 315.00

Easter Offering $ 45.00

Holy Thursday $ 15.00

Diocesan Collections $ 145.00

Total $4,477.00

We sincerely thank and ask

God’s blessing upon all who

 care and have concern

for our parish.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $3,551.00

Maintenance $ 406.00

Easter Flowers $ 315.00

Easter Offering $ 45.00

Holy Thursday $ 15.00

Diocesan Collections $ 145.00

Total $4,477.00

We sincerely thank and ask

God’s blessing upon all who

 care and have concern

for our parish.

Third Sunday of Lent

This season of Lent is only halfway done – there is still time to work through our shortcomings and purify our hearts for the glorious Easter morning. Let us not waste another moment. Let us commit to living more faithfully God’s commandments, let us seek God’s mercy and let us invite God to transform our hearts.

 New Spring House

In the gospel Jesus reacts with anger to abuses in the Temple, which he perceives as the violation of the covenant and shows himself as the Lord of the Temple. He drove the traders out of the Temple and predicted that he himself would be the Temple of the new people of God. A temple is certainly a building dedicated to God. But it is more than that. It is a dedicated space, a sacred space, a space unlike all others in which we enter to be with God. But the reality of God’s temple is more than being simply a church building. Each one of us here is a temple that is purpose-made. Because of our baptisms each one of us here is a temple of the Holy Spirit. Lent is given to us each year so that we might examine, change, and clean up what’s happening inside of us, so that no longer we live, but Christ is living in us.



CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE ~ Today is Commitment weekend for the *2024 Catholic Ministries Drive*. Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacons. During Lent and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties – and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. This year our campaign’s theme is *Encountering Christ.* During this time of our Eucharistic Revival, *Encountering Christ* is an invitation to grow in your relationship with Christ in the Eucharist, to openyour heart to serving your brothers and sisters and to fulfill your holy duty of supporting the Church by gifts of your time, talent and treasure. If you didn’t bring your pledge card to Mass this weekend, or send it in this past week, please prayerfully consider making a donation this coming week or in the future. Our diocese’s ministries need your support. If you did not receive a pledge envelope in the mail and you would like to donate, you can find pledge envelopes located at the entrances of the church. The 2024 Catholic Ministries Drive target for St. Michael parish is $26,364.00. Thank you for supporting the *Catholic Ministries Drive* and our diocese’s vital ministries.

SCAM MESSAGES ~ It has come to Fr. Jerzy’s attention that his name Is being used in text messages to ask St. Michael parishioners to purchase gift cards for him to give to people battling cancer. Please don’t answer these scam messages! If Fr. Jerzy needs to speak to you, he will contact you using the Church phone number.

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.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ Will hold their monthly meeting and their coffee & donuts next Sunday, March 10th in the Church Hall after the 8:00 AM Mass.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~ Next weekend our parish will take up a second collection for the Catholic Relief Services. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, & bring Christ’s love & mercy to vulnerable people here & abroad. Next week, please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s love to those most in need. Envelopes can be found in your packet. Learn more at [www.usccb.org/catholic~relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic~relief).

CEMETERY COMMITTEE MEETING ~ There will be a Cemetery Committee Meeting this Tuesday, March 5th in the Church Hall at 6 PM.

PENANCE SERVICE ~ There will be a penance service here at St. Michael Church on Monday, March 18th at 6:00 PM. Fr. Jerzy and two other priests will be hearing confessions.



EASTER FLOWERS ~ If you would like to donate towards an Easter flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by using the Easter Flower envelope in your packet. The normal offering is $10.00. Please return the envelopes on or before March 24th. Extra envelopes can be found at the entrances of the Church.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP ~ Spring Cleanup! Please have everything removed from the graves at St. Michael cemetery by Saturday, March 9th. Anything left will be disposed of.



DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS ~ On Saturday, March 9th, please remember to turn your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ The Knights of Columbus Local Council 2275 are looking for a few good men to join our organization. Are you that person that wants to give your time and talent to support our local churches and communities? Did you know that our council 1) supports students thru raising money for scholarship opportunities, 2) makes donations to important causes in our area (Mom’s House, Food Pantry, Special Olympics, etc.), 3) supports Pro-Life initiatives, 4) prays the rosary and offers special prayer intentions at each monthly meeting, 5) packs food for children that are less fortunate in our area. These are just a few of the great initiatives that we run. We need more help to keep these initiatives moving forward. Please prayerfully consider joining the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Jim at 814-341-8044 if interested.

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.

 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

NUT ROLLS ~ Most Holy Tinity, South Fork. Easter Nut Roll order form can be found in the back of the church. Rolls are $12 each. Order by March 8th or call Rita at 814-495-5169 & leave a message. Pick up is Friday, March 15th from 9 AM-Noon or after all weekend Masses at Most Holy Trinity.

WOMEN’S LENTEN RETREAT ~ A night filled with prayer, reflection, reconciliation, & friendship. Tuesday, March 5th at St. John Catholic Church, Summerhill with 5:30 PM Rosary, 6 PM Light Supper, 7 PM Stations of the Cross “Mary’s Way of the Cross”, 7:20 Sacrament of Reconciliation available.

HAM BINGO ~ Holy Family Parish, 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage will be holding a Ham Bingo on Sunday, March 17th in the Parish Hall at 1 PM. A total of 15 Half Hams & 10 – 5 lb. packages of Holiday Kielbasa will be given away. Door prizes 50/50, specials & qualifiers. Admission is $7 per person & includes a door prize chance. Children 17 & younger are free. Bingo cards are 3/50 cents per game. Specials are $1 per sheet of 4. A $6 Lunch Platter will be available following the 10:30 AM Mass.

EUCHARISTIC MIRACLES ~ Tim Francis will be visiting Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg on March 21, 22, & 23 to present on Eucharistic Miracles, the infinite value of the Holy Sacrifice of Mass, and the role the saints have in helping us grow in holiness. The presentation will be at 6:30 PM each evening (same presentation each evening.) For more information on Tim Francis visit [www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/HolyName](http://www.ScienceTestsFaith.com/HolyName).

TENEBRAE SERVICE ~ Entitled “In the Shadow of the Cross” will be held at 7 PM Good Friday, March 29th at St. John Gualbert Cathedral 117 Clinton St., Johnstown. The Greater Johnstown Diocesan Festival Choir along with the Festival Chamber Orchestra will recount poignantly in song & scripture the last moments of the Christ’s earthly struggle. A free-will offering will be taken.

PRECIOUS LIFE ~ Spring Breakfast will be held on Saturday March 23rd at 9 AM at Anthony’s Restaurant in Johnstown. Tickets are a $10 donation and may be purchased by visiting our website at preciouslifeinc.com or by calling the Johnstown Precious Life office at 814-269-4391. A free-will offering will be taken.

PARISH MISSION ~ The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their annual *Lenten Mission in Honor of Our Lady of Loretto,* March 10-14. Rev. Fr. Jude Brady, OSB, St. Vincent Seminary, Latrobe is the Mission Director. Opens Sunday, March 10th at 7 PM with Prayers, homily and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak, JCD, presiding. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 PM Monday through Thursday. Confessions and Eucharistic Adoration offered at 6 PM Mon. – Thurs. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector PO Box 10, Loretto, PA 15940.

BASKET AUCTION ~ St. Augustine Parish, 803 St. Augustine Road, Dysart, will be having a St. Patrick’s Day Basket Auction on Sunday, March 17th, from 9 AM – 5 PM in the Church Hall. There will be baskets, handcrafted items, bake sale all day & pizza made fresh by “Charlie Davis & Company” from 1 – 5 PM. Proceeds benefit the Parish “Raise the Roof” fund.

IRISH AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH ~ Men of God: Are you Irish Catholic? As we celebrate each March, Irish American Heritage Month, do you feel called to embrace more fully your Irish Culture and Catholic Faith? Then the A.O.H. is looking for you! The Ancient Order of Hibernians is the Oldest, Largest Catholuc Fraternal Organization in America. Now is your chance to become a member of a local AOH Division. If you are interested, please contact one of our division presidents: Johnstown Division: John Skelley 814-525-2505 / jSkelley@atlanticcbb.net or Altoona Division: Tom Hallinan 814-934-7940 / xcrunr1@yahoo.com.

 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

AREA PENANCE SERVICES

1. March 10 – Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto – 7 PM
2. March 11 – St. Therese Church, Johnstown, West End – 5 PM
3. March 13 – St. Anthony of Padua Parish, Windber – 6 PM
4. March 18 – Our Mother of Sorrows, Johnstown – 6 PM

 Holy Family Parish, Portage – 7 PM

1. March 19 – Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary Parish, Johnstown – 5:30 PM

 Our Mother of Sorrows Parish, Johnstown – 6 PM

1. March 25 – St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown – 5 PM
2. March 27 – Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly – 6 PM



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

March 3, 2024

Junior High Youth Day ~ Sunday, March 17, 2024 ~ Grades 6, 7 & 8

All our Saint Michael students in grades 6th, 7th and 8th will be attending an Amazing Journey to the Cross with JESUS! on Sunday, March 17th. JHYD will begin at 11:00 AM with a celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak, which will fulfill the Sunday Mass attendance obligation. Following lunch, we will set out on a Journey to the Cross with Jesus.

ARE YOU WILLING TO TAKE UP YOUR CROSS AND WALK WITH JESUS?

Set out on a Journey to the Cross with Jesus. The sacrifice that won for us our salvation! Experience and learn about all the places and things that Jesus went through leading you his death on the cross. And ending with His Resurrection!

 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

**

*Rite of Sending ~* Our 11th grade Confirmation class along with their Sponsors will attend the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, March 10, 2024. The candidates will celebrate their “Rite of Sending” as our parish “sends them off” to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation.

Confirmation ~ Our 11th Grade Confirmation class will receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 4, 2024. A 7:00 PM Mass will be celebrated at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

 *Confirmation Practice will be held on Wednesday evening, April 3rd at 6:30 PM.*



*First Holy Communion* ~ Our First Holy Communion class is preparing to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5, 2024.

 \*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*\*

LENTEN FISH FRY ~ The St. Michael Fire Department is hosting their annual Lenten Fish Fries-Every Friday during lent thru Good Friday-March 8th, 15th, 22nd and 29th. Fried or Baked Fish Dinners - $13, Shrimp Dinner - $14. Takeout only & local delivery. Hours are 11 AM – 6 PM. Please phone 814-495-4111.

FISH BUFFET ~ All Fridays in Lent, thru Good Friday, Mar. 29th. New Germany Grove Hall, New Germany from 4-6:30 PM. Dine-in or Drive Thru Take Out Line. Adults $15, Children 6-11, $7.50. No Phone Orders.

 Sunday, March 3 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

 HS Religious Education / Hall / 9:00 – 10:15 AM

 Catholic Ministries Drive Commitment Weekend

 Girl Scouts Meeting / Hall / 4 – 5:30 PM

 Monday, March 4 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, March 5 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Lenten Reflections Class / Hall / After 9:00 AM Mass

 Cemetery Committee Meeting / Hall / 6:00 PM

 Wednesday, March 6 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, March 7 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 K – 5 Religious Education / Hall / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, March 8 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Stations of the Cross / 6:30 PM

 Combined Choir Practice / 7:30 – 8:30 PM

 Saturday, March 9 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Catholic Relief Services Second Collection



 UPCOMING EVENTS

 March 10 Catholic Relief Services Second Collection

 Holy Name Society Coffee & Donuts

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Daylight Savings Time Begins

 March 16 Pavilion Rental

 March 17 Jr. High Youth Day

 March 18 St. Michael Penance Service