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

 Fifth Sunday of Lent

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 March 17th, 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



Fifth Sunday of Lent

March 17th, 2024

The Month of St. Joseph

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (March 19 – March 24, 2024)

Monday, March 18 No Mass

 *St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

Tuesday, March 19 9:00 AM +Casimir Auguscik

Wed., March 20 9:00 AM +Margaret Snyder req. by Paul & Susan Snyder

Thursday, March 21 9:00 AM +Pauline Leipchack req. by her sister, Patty

Friday, March 22 9:00 AM +Joanne Single req. by Peter & Ruth Gerko

Saturday, March 23 4:00 PM +Richard & Grace Hautz req. by daughter, Karen

Sunday, March 24 8:00 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

 10:30 AM +Regina Anderko req. by Mary Ann Murin & Family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 23 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sandy Bambino & Donald Dipko Karen, Ellen & Dick

Minister of the Host: Dorothy Stroz

Choir Minister: Karen Myers

Altar Server: Bella & Adam Bambino

Cantor: David Zajdel

Sunday, March 24 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard & Cathy Faher Ushers

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Choir Minister: Terri Leach

Altar Server: Michael Kresic

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Sunday, March 24 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carole Kakabar & James Lashinsky Ron & Amy Dobbins

Minister of the Host: Bill Myers

Choir Minister: Robert Oshaben

Altar Server: Cameron Vitez & Alexis Henderson

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Sunday, March 24 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 17th, 2024

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Carl Tokarsky

requested by loving wife Hermina, Children & Grandchildren

and

the Holy Family Candle will burn in memory of

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LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $4,087.25

Maintenance $ 63.00

Easter Flowers $ 110.00

Easter Offering $ 110.00

Holy Thursday $ 55.00

Diocesan Collections $ 726.00

Total $5,151.25

We sincerely thank and ask

God’s blessing upon all who

 care and have concern

for our parish.

Fifth Sunday of Lent

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, let us strive to more faithfully live out our covenant with God by actively living as disciples of Christ. And may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

 The hour of the grain

In today’s gospel, the Greeks ask to ‘see Jesus’. They were (foreigners, Gentiles most likely) and had heard about Jesus and were curious to meet him, but the reply they get is unexpected. “Do you want to see Jesus?” – Well, unless a grain of wheat falls on the ground and dies, it remains a single grain, but if it dies…it produces a rich harvest.

We are asking the same thing – let us see Jesus. And Jesus gives us a cryptic reply too, if you want to see me, I am to be found in the suffering, in the broken, in the act of self-sacrificing service, in self-emptying love. Simply, get ready to become the fruitful grain.

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

HOLY THURSDAY ADORATION ~ The faithful are encouraged to adore the Blessed Sacrament after the Holy Thursday Last Supper Mass on March 28th. Adoration will be held in the St. Paul Room until 11:00 PM.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE ~ Good Friday - March 29th - Service time has changed to 3:00 PM. Lay Ministry Assignments for Holy Week will be posted in next week’s bulletin.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $710.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~ Thank you for your generous support of The Catholic Relief Services and for revealing Christ’s love to those who are poor and marginalized around the world. If you missed the collection, it’s not too late to give! Just visit [*www.usccb.org/nationalcollections*](http://www.usccb.org/nationalcollections) for more information.

RICE BOWLS ~ Will be collected during the days of the Tridium & Easter: Holy Thursday, Good Friday, Holy Saturday & Easter Sunday. There will be a box at the back of the Church marked “Rice Bowls” for you to drop your Rice Bowls in. Please make sure that your name, amount, and envelope number, if possible, is on the Rice Bowl. We hope all Rice Bowls are returned by Easter Sunday.

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 next Sunday, March 24th. Extra envelopes can be found at the entrances of the Church.

WORD AMONG US ~ The Word Among Us Daily Meditations booklet for the Easter Season is available for anyone wanting one. The booklets can be found at the entrances of the Church.

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.

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.

ANNUAL SPRING TEA ~ Immaculate Conception Altar Rosary Society invite you to the Annual Spring Tea held at Marian Hall, New Germany, April 14th. Rosary & Benediction at 1 PM, tea & luncheon to follow. Hats are encouraged! Please call Pauline Minor 814-495-5165 by April 3rd if you are planning to attend so she can give a total count from St. Michael Parish.

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR ~ Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. Sat. March 23rd from 9 AM – 3 PM. 60+ crafters & vendors. Easter Egg hunt at 1:30 PM.

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.

CARMELITE COMMUNITY OF THE WORD SPRING SERIES ~ A 5-week Spring Series on April 1, 8, 15, 22, & 29 at the CCW Incarnation Center from 10 AM – 12 Noon and at the Basilica of St. Michael in Loretto from 6 – 8 PM. This series will take a new & fresh look at Jesus: who he is, & what he is really like. Pre-registration for either location is required by March 27th. To register contact 814-886-4098 or email: CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-39): Our February Theology on Tap was our largest yet with 40+ coming to hear Fr. Ananias O.S.B. Over our first year we have grown to over 85 young adults strong with new members joining monthly. Fr. Curtis Kiddy C.P. (Passionist Priest and Retreat Director at Saint Paul of the Cross Retreat Center in Pittsburgh) is our March 27th speaker on “The Passion of Jesus in Lent and Life” at the Boulevard Grill (165 Southmont Boulevard) from 6-8pm. All faiths aged 18-39 are welcome to join us for faith and fellowship! We take monthly freewill offerings but are seeking sponsors to defer our excess buffet and speaker costs to avoid charging a set fee. For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

CELEBRATING THE NATIONAL EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL ~ The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown proudly presents Dr. Edward Sri for a 2-day event celebrating the National Eucharistic Revival at Mount Aloysius College, Athletic Convocation & Wellness Center, 7373 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson. Day 1, Friday, April 19th 7-9:30 PM, for HS, College & young adult audience (under 18 must be accompanied by an adult). Day 2,Saturday, April 20th, 9 AM-12:30 PM is for the General Audience. Register today! No cost for attendance, but registration is required. 2 ways to register: Online, (recommended) at [www.diocesaj.org](http://www.diocesaj.org), or by mail – forms are available on the bulletin board. Registration closes April 8th! There will be a free will offering at the event to benefit Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Direct all questions to Sister Linda LaMagna a llamagna@dioceseaj.org or 814-742-7894.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

March 17, 2024

 Religious Education Class Schedule

Our Grades 9, 10 and 11 students will have class this Sunday, March 17th.

There is no scheduled class for grades 6, 7 and 8 from 9:00am-10:15am.

Junior High Youth Day ~ Sunday, March 17, 2024

Students in grades 6, 7 and 8 that registered will attend Junior High Youth Day. We will meet in the Saint Michael Parish Hall at 10:30am to board a bus to Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg for check-in starting at 10:45am.

We will begin our day with a celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak. Our offertory collection will be for the benefit of the Fulton County Mission.

All participants should bring money for the collection.

JHYD will end around 3:30pm and we will travel back to the Church Hall for pickup at approximately 3:45—4:00pm.

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Good Friday Service will be held at 3 PM in the church. Our students are

encouraged to attend this service.

 Fr. Jerzy will have Outdoor Stations for our CCD Students Only at

5:30 PM (for those unable to attend the 3 PM Good Friday Service).

 Outdoor Stations will only be held if the weather permits it.

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Religious Education Easter Break

Our students and teachers will have an Easter Holiday break from March 24th through Divine Mercy Sunday, April 7th.

Classes Resume

Classes will resume on Thursday, April 11th for our K—5 students.

Classes will resume on Sunday, April 14th for our grades 6—10 students.

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.

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.

BINGO FOR BIRTHRIGHT ~ Join us Saturday, May 4th at The Willow for a buffet dinner & Bingo! Doors open at 4:30 PM, Dinner at 5 PM & games at 6 PM. Admission includes dinner & 15 bingo cards. Regular price: $50 beginning March 16th. Purchase tickets at www.birthrightofjohnstown.org or by calling 814-535-8231.

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AREA PENANCE SERVICES

1. 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

 Sunday, March 17 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

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

 St. Patrick’s Day

 Jr. High Youth Day / Bishop Carroll HS / 10:30 AM – Approx. 3:45 PM

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

 Monday, March 18 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 St. Michael Penance Service / 6:00 PM

 Tuesday, March 19 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

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



 Wednesday, March 20 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, March 21 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

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

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Knights of Columbus Meeting / Hall / 6:00 PM

 Friday, March 22 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Stations of the Cross / 6:30 PM

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

 Mass at Rose of Sharon Nursing Home / 10:15 AM

 Saturday, March 23 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 March 25 Chrism Mass

 March 28 Parish Offices Closed

 March 29 Good Friday Service Time Change / 3:00 PM

 Parish Offices Closed

 March 30 Blessing of Food Baskets / 11:00 AM

 March 31 Easter Sunday

 April 1 Parish Offices Closed

LENTEN FISH FRY ~ The St. Michael Fire Department is hosting their annual Lenten Fish Fries-Every Friday during lent thru Good Friday-March 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.