ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

 PO Box 103

 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

 Rev. Msgr. David A. Lockard, Administrator MASSES:

(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary & Bookkeeper: 10:30 am

 Michele Panick Daily Mass: M, T, W, Th, F

DRE: Laurie Sloan 9:00 am

Maintenance: Holy Days: See Bulletin

PHONES: Office Hours:

 Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 8:00 am to 3:00 pm

Fax: (814) 495-9424 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Closed Wednesdays

Parish Website Confessions:

[www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com](http://www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com) Saturday 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Secretaries’ E-mail Sunday 7:30 am to 7:45 am

saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com 10:00 am to 10:15 am

Facebook page: By Appointment

St. Michael Catholic Church/St. Michael, PA

 Fourth Sunday of Lent

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 March 19th, 2023

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.

SACRAMENTAL Parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism is

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Articles are due to the Parish Office by Noon on Tuesday

Fourth Sunday of Lent

March 19th, 2023

Month of St. Joseph

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (March 20 – March 26, 2023)

Monday, March 20 9:00 AM Loretta Smith req. by Matilda Blozevich

Tuesday, March 21 9:00 AM Agnes Noon req. by Jane & Kathy Gruss

 (Rescheduled from 3-14)

Wednesday, March 22 6:30 PM Ray & Irene Baldwin req. by Carl & Pam Freidhoff

Thursday, March 23 9:00 AM Mary Alice Colosimo req. by The Colosimo Family

Friday, March 24 9:00 AM Paul J. Kundrod req. by Jeff & Carrie Schofield

Saturday, March 25 4:00 PM Michael Blazosky req. by Theresa Arena

Sunday, March 26 8:00 AM Guy Galosi req. by Bernadette Ballow

 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, March 25 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Bryan Spangler Michael Blazosky Family

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Choir Minister: Dorothy Stroz

Altar Server: Ana Spangler

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Greeter: Helen Slonac

Sunday, March 26 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Guy Galosi Family

Minister of the Host: Terri Leach

Choir Minister: Ellen Grattan

Altar Server: Bryce Macy

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Pauline Minor

Sunday, March 26 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Nancy & Richard Wessel

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Michael Steele

Altar Server: Jackson Henderson

Cantor: Alexis Henderson

Greeter: REACH Students

Monday, March 27 Collection Counters

 George & Pauline Minor

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:* Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Dwight Fyock, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Ted Paluch, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Kristen Sinosky Long, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Jennifer Hagans, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Derrick Varnish, Vincent Koshute, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Dick Wilson, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Alina Rusnak, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Carter Bobak, Mike Morris, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Leonard Oshaben, Adam, Lily Maloney, Scott, Lisa, Audrey Costlow, Rosanne Krug, Becky Kakabar, Elliana, Ashlee, Helen Soohy, Carol K. Fabrizio, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Seder, Pearl Borlie, Joe (Runk) Slonac, Lori Gramling, Ruth Ferchalk, Ernie Martinage, Mildred Andrykovitch, Colin Wingard, Betty Duray, Jim Fisher, Bill Gideos, Corrine Onder, Anne Robinson, Joseph Litzinger, Rosalie Ambrose, Rebecca Brunberg, Gardner Stoker, Barbara Reighard, Danielle Pearson, Kim Morgan, Vivian Michaels Tsakeris, Jim Lambert, Devin Yochimowitz, Fr. Charles Bodziak, David Brown, Margaret Kowalski, John Patterson 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 19th, 2023

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Carl Tokarsky requested by loving wife,

Hermina, Children & Grandchildren

and the Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn in memory of Matthew & Anna Rus & Joseph Rus

requested by Family

will



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $4,801.00

Maintenance $ 70.00

Easter Flowers $ 130.00

Lenten Folders $ 45.00

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*March 19th John 9:1-41*

*Failure to forgive blinds us to another’s goodness. Lent provides an opportunity to wash away our blind-spots in the pool of forgiveness. Listen to Jesus in today’s gospel: “Go wash and see.”*

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES ~ This 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, and bring Christ’s love and mercy to vulnerable people. Please give generously to the collection and reveal Christ’s Love to those most in need. Learn more about the collection at [*www.org/catholic-relief*](http://www.org/catholic-relief)*.* Envelopes can be found in your packet.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $1,017.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

COMBINED CHOIR ~ Rehearsal time has been changed from Fridays at 7:30 PM to Fridays from 7:00 – 8:00 PM during Lent.



FOREST HILLS FOOD PANTRY ~ The Forest Hills Food Pantry will be collected on Sunday, April 2nd due to the Second Sunday being Easter Sunday. The collection will return to the second Sunday for the month of May.

CEMETERY CLEAN UP ~ Spring Cleanup! Please have everything removed from the graves at St. Michael cemetery by Friday, March 31st. Anything left will be disposed of.



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 April 2nd. Extra envelopes can be found at the entrances of the Church.

EASTER NUT ROLLS ~ Most Holy Trinity Easter Nut Rolls order form is on the table at the back of the church. Place your order for Rolls at $12 each by March 22nd or call Rita at 814-495-5169 & leave a message. Pick up is Friday, March 31st from 9 AM – Noon or after weekend Masses at Most Holy Trinity Church, South Fork.



ANNUAL SPRING TEA ~ To be held at St. Bartholomew’s Church, Wilmore, Sunday, April 23rd at 1 PM. Church Service followed by refreshments in the hall. Reservations by April 16th by calling Margy Blaisdell at 814-495-7020.

DIOCESE SPONSORING MEN’S CONFERENCE ~ An inspiring Catholic priest and a nationally recognized author will headline the 2023 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown men’s conference STRENGTH IN CHRIST – Be Not Afraid. The conference is scheduled for April 29th from 9 AM till 3:30 PM at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Speakers will be Fr. Joe Freedy, a priest of the Diocese of Pittsburgh, and Gary Zimak, a Catholic evangelist and author who is recognized as the leading speaker on the topic of overcoming anxiety. Bishop Mark will celebrate Mass at 4 PM. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be celebrated, and lunch will be provided Registration is required by April 14th. The cost is $20 per person, $10 for college and high school students. Register online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a registration form from our bulletin boards here at St. Michael.

LENTEN MISSION ~ The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their Lenten Mission in honor of Our Lady of Loretto, March 19-23. Rev. Fr. Michael Caridi, STL, St. Paul of the Cross Parish, Diocese of Pittsburgh, is the Mission Director. March 19th at 7 PM with Prayers, homily & Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament, Bishop Mark Bartchak, JCD presiding. Mass with mission prayers and homily will be offered at 7 PM Monday thru Thursday. Confessions are offered at 6 PM Mon. – Thurs. Eucharistic Adoration offered at 6 PM Mon. – Thurs. Prayer intentions may be sent to: Fr. John D. Byrnes, Rector at PO Box 10 Loretto, PA 15940.



SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ The Knights of Columbus will be having a Spaghetti Dinner to benefit George/Michael Ferrante Family at St. Therese Church (536 Decker Ave., Johnstown) on March 19th from 11 AM to 3 PM. Includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, roll, dessert and beverages. $10 per adult, $5 for children 10 & under. There will also be basket raffle tickets and 50/50 for sale.

STUFFED PORK CHOP DINNER ~ The Church of the Transfiguration will be offering a delicious Stuffed Pork Chop Dinner Take out & Eat in on Sunday, March 26th from 10 AM – 2 PM at the school hall on 219 Third St., Conemaugh. Cost is only $13 each.

POLISH LENTEN DEVOTIONS ~ Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be praying the Polish Lenten devotions known as Gorzkie Zale, or Bitter Lamentations. These devotions sung in English are composed of a 3 week cycle of meditations on the passion of Christ and form a rich part of the Polish liturgical tradition. The devotions begin at 3 PM and are celebrated at the parish’s Sacred Heart site (738 Sunshine Ave., Central City). Each week there will be a different speaker: March 19th – Pilgrim George Walter, March 26th – Marie Joseph, April 2 – Dr. Gregory Sweeney. Following the devotions on April 2nd there will be a spaghetti dinner in the parish hall open to all. Everyone welcome.

YOUNG ADULT GROUP (18-35) ~ The Greater Johnstown Young Adult Group presents: Theology on Tap! Events are free of charge with food/drink available for purchase. Meetings include prayer, a guest speaker, group discussion, and fellowship. We will meet the last Wednesday of every month from 6-8 PM beginning March 29th at the Boulevard Grill located at 165 Southmont Blvd, Johnstown in their Atrium room upstairs. Our first speaker will be Rev. Matthew Baum. All young adults aged 18-35 are welcome! Bring a friend! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at 814-659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com. Space is limited so please RSVP. If you can’t attend, please pray for us. Thank you to all KOC All Saints Assembly 954 for their sponsorship.

CRAFT & VENDOR FAIR ~ Bishop Carroll Catholic High School. Sat. April 1st from 9 AM – 3 PM. 60 crafters & vendors. Easter Bunny visit 11 AM - 1:30 PM. Easter Egg hunt at 1:30 PM.

SPRING BREAKFAST ~ The 10th annual PRECIOUS LIFE Spring Breakfast is rapidly approaching. This year’s breakfast will be held on Saturday, April 1st at 9 AM at Anthony’s Restaurant in Johnstown. Keynote speaker will be Steventhen Holland. Tickets are $10 donation and may be purchased by visiting our website at preciouslifeinc.com or call the Johnstown Precious Life office at 814-269-4391. A free-will offering will be taken.

HISTORIC PARISH BUS TRIP ~ Fr Aron Maghsoudi will be offering a bus trip to visit historic churches in Cleveland Ohio on Sunday, April 23rd. Beginning with Mass at St. Stephen’s (German), there will be tours of St. Elizabeth (Hungarian), St. Casimir (Polish), and Our Lady of Lourdes (Bohemian/Czech). Following Church tours there will be a performance by the Tamburitzan Folk ensemble. Dinner at Marie’s. Priced at $125 per person, trip includes transportation, dinner, and the show. Expected to return by 8:00/9:00 PM. To register please call the Boswell parish office 814-629-5551 by April 15th. All are welcome.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

March 19, 2023

 Junior High Youth Day

Students who registered to attend from grades 6, 7, and 8 will participate in JHYD as their CCD class today, Sunday, March 19th. There is no regularly scheduled Religious Ed class for these grades from 9:00am –10:15am.

We will meet at our Saint Michael Church Hall at 10:45 AM to board a bus for transportation to Bishop Carroll High School in Ebensburg to arrive for check-in starting at 11:00 AM.

Our day will begin with a celebration of Mass with Bishop Mark Bartchak, followed by lunch, keynotes and fun and games.

We will return to our Saint Michael Parish Hall by approximately 3:45 PM for parent pick-up.

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Pre-K thru 5 Schedule Change

Parents please note: There will not be Religious Education Class for our Pre-K thru grade 5 students on Thursday, March 23rd, due to an early dismissal on the schedule for the Forest Hills School District. Classes will resume on Thursday, March 30th as scheduled.

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 2023 DIOCESAN SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH

 Registration for our diocesan summer camps, Camp Zacchaeus and Camp Timothy, are currently being accepted. Registration brochures were distributed in Religious Education classes.

Scholarship money is available to eligible applicants for both camps. For more information or to receive a brochure for either camp, contact our Religious Education Office at 495-4873 or Francine Swope, Diocesan Youth Ministry at (814)317-2646.

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Confirmation ~ Our 11th Grade Confirmation class is preparing to receive their Sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 13th, 2023. A 7:00 PM Mass will be celebrated at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. *Confirmation Practice will be held on Wednesday evening, April 12th 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 7, 2023, at 2:00 PM.

 ST. MICHAEL PARISH EXTENDED CONFESSION SCHEDULE

~ Monday, April 3 – 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

~ Tuesday, April 4 – 9:30 AM & 6:30 PM

~ Wednesday, April 5 – 9:30 AM & 7:00 PM (After 6:30 PM Mass)

~ Good Friday, April 7 – 4:00 PM

NO Confessions on Holy Saturday or Easter Sunday.

As always, there is Confessions every weekend 1 half hour before each Mass

 and every Friday during Lent after the Stations of the Cross.

 AREA COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES DURING LENT

~ March 20

* Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton Parish, Windber – 6:00 PM
* Holy Family Parish, Portage – 7:00 PM

~ March 22

* Saint Anthony of Padua Parish, Windber – 6:00 PM

~ March 28

* Saint Mary Parish, Nanty Glo – 6:30 PM

~ March 30

* Saint John Gualbert Cathedral – 6:00 PM

 (Diocesan Penance Service with Bishop Mark presiding)

~ April 3

* Saint Benedict Parish, Johnstown – 5:00 PM

~ April 5

* Our Lady of the Alleghenies Parish, Lilly – 6:00 PM

 Sunday, March 19 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

 Confessions / 7:30 – 7:45 AM & 10:00 - 10:15 AM / Confessional

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

 Catholic Relief Services Second Collection

 Jr. High Youth Day / Grades 6, 7, & 8 / Bishop Carroll HS / 11 AM – 3:30 PM

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

 Monday, March 20 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, March 21 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Boy Scout Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Finance Council Meeting Postponed

 Wednesday, March 22 Mass ~ 6:30 PM

 Thursday, March 23 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 NO Pre-K – 5 Religious Education

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, March 24 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Stations of the Cross / 6:30 PM

 Confessions Following Stations of the Cross / Confessional

 Combined Choir Practice / 7:00 – 8:00 PM

 Saturday, March 25 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:30 – 3:45 PM / Confessional

 UPCOMING EVENTS



 March 28 Finance Council Meeting (Rescheduled)

 March 30 Cemetery Committee Meeting

 April 1 & 2 FH Food Pantry Collection (Changed from April 8 & 9)

 April 2 Holy Name Society Meeting & Coffee & Donuts (Changed from April 9)

 April 3-5 Extra Confession Times

SAINT MICHAEL FIRE DEPARTMENT FISH FRY ~ Held every Friday during Lent through Good Friday from 11 AM–6 PM. Meals will be takeout and local delivery and are Fried or Baked Fish or Shrimp Dinners with choice of sides. Adult Fish dinners - $13, Shrimp dinners - $14. Call 814-495-4111.

FISH FRY ~ Immaculate Conception, Summerhill. Fish Fries held on Fridays during Lent through Good Friday from 4-6:30 PM at New Germany Grove Hall. Dine-in now open. Adults-$15, Children: 6-11 – $7.50 & under 6 – Free. Choice of Baked or Fried Fish, & sides. Fish Sandwich Meal - $8. Cost for take-out dinner is $14.