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

 Fourth Sunday of Easter

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 April 21st, 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

Fourth Sunday of Easter

April 21st, 2024

Good Shepherd Sunday

The Month of the Holy Eucharist

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (April 16 – April 21, 2024)

Monday, April 22 No Mass

Tuesday, April 23 9:00 AM +Rev. Wojciech Kowalski

Wed., April 24 9:00 AM +Irene & Raymond Baldwin req. by Carl & Pam Freidhoff

 *Feast of St. Mark, Evangelist*

Thurs, April 25 9:00 AM +Mary Yuhas req. by Jim & Anna Susko

Friday, April 26 9:00 AM +Steve Pepoy req. by Mark & Bev Hull

Saturday, April 27 4:00 PM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael Parish

Sunday, April 28 8:00 AM +Dianne Sikorski req. by Krista & Josh Hershberger & Girls

 10:30 AM Religious Education Students

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, April 27 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sandy Bambino John & Bonnie Bizzarri

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Servers: Adam Bambino

Cantor: Theresa Arena

Sunday, April 28 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Krista & Josh Hershberger

Minister of the Host: Eric Tedjeske Family

Choir Minister: Terri Leach

Altar Servers: Arnold Bernard

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Sunday, April 28 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: James Lashinsky Religious Ed. Youth

Minister of the Host: Jennifer Steele

Choir Minister: Amanda Williamson

Altar Servers: Landon Fisher, Makenzee Steele &

 Bella Bambino

Cantor: Alexis Henderson

Monday, April 29 Collection Counters

 George & Pauline Minor

 Dorothy Stroz

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, Martha Auguscik, Bev Progar, Rev. Fr. Joseph Fleming, Mckenna 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.)*

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LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $3,852.15

Maintenance $ 25.00

Easter Offering $ 150.00

Holy Thursday $ 15.00

Rice Bowls $ 32.73

Diocesan Collections $ 30.00

Total $4,104.88

We sincerely thank and ask

God’s blessing upon all who

 care and have concern

for our parish.

April 21st

Today’s gospel is a job description for Christian parents. For most people the most influential shepherds in their lives are their PARENTS. Every parent is called to be a “good shepherd” to “freely lay down their life” for their children, to “love” and “know” their children and “lead” them so “they know your voice.”

 The Voice of True Shepherd



Today is the Good Shepherd Sunday and the Vocation Sunday and the word of God presents us with two images, the Children of God and the Good Shepherd. The scriptures tell us of the extraordinary love of God or us has taken in Jesus the form of the good shepherd. The image of the Good Shepherd was perhaps the favorite early Christian image of our Savior and has a long tradition in the history of God’s people. It is one that would be immediately understood by the people of the time. We have the popular images of Jesus the Good Shepherd carrying a sheep over his shoulders. This image of the shepherd appeals to us because it shows the tenderness of Jesus and his compassion. His voice could be heard only by those who know him. The voice of the Good Shepherd calls out to us calmly and lovingly. This Sunday, also the Vocation Sunday, we are asked to pray for many and a good vocation to continue the work of the Shepherd. The church insists that vocations are a responsibility of the Christian family. To foster vocations, the family must foster the Christian life. The family must live its faith in Christ daily in unity and prayer.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS ~ Today, Good Shepherd Sunday, has been designated as “World Day of Prayer for Vocations.” Please pray for the vocations to the permanent diaconate, the priesthood, and the consecrated life.



THANK – YOU ~ After years of dedicated and faithful service to our St. Michael Religious Education Program, Kelsey Deighan-Lafferty will be stepping down from her position at the end of April. We thank her for all her work with our Religious Education Program.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $759.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

PASTORAL COUNCIL MEETING ~ There will be a Pastoral Council Meeting this coming Monday, April 22nd in the Church Hall at 6:00 PM.

FINANCE COUNCIL MEETING ~ There will be a Finance Council Meeting on Tuesday, Aprill 23rd in the Church Hall, Rm. #2 at 4:00 PM.

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

EASTER STUDY GROUP ~ The class for this Tuesday, April 23rd has been postponed. Class will resume on Tuesday April 30th and Tuesday, May 7th following the 9:00 AM Mass – approximately 9:30 AM. The group will be viewing Bishop Barron’s Videos on Catholicism. Everyone is welcome!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL ~ Next week we will take up the Catholic Home Missions Appeal. Today, nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are unable to fund the essential pastoral work their communities need. Your support of this appeal helps them meet these faith formation and sacramental needs. Please prayerfully consider how you can support this appeal. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home~missions](http://www.usccb.org/home~missions).

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MAINTENANCE FUND TICKETS ~ Every active married couple will receive two tickets to buy or sell for $10.00 each, and each active single adult will receive one ticket to buy or sell for $10.00. Please return the money, stub, or ticket as soon as possible but no later than April 26th. The tickets start on May 1st, 2024 and continue the whole month of May. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing. Weekdays payoff is $75, weekends are $100 & Mother’s Day (May 12) and Memorial Day (May 27) is $150. The May Maintenance Fund tickets can be found on the back table at the back of the church this weekend. If you are unable to sell or don’t want the ticket, PLEASE don’t throw it away, but return it as soon as possible as we always have people looking for extras. If paying by check, please make check payable to St. Michael Church. The money raised from the sale of these tickets will help to build our Maintenance Fund.

PLEASE NOTE! ~ We apologize if anyone has been accidentally missed. If you would like a ticket or if anyone is wanting extra tickets, please call the office during office hours. If you no longer want tickets, please call the office and we will take you off the list. Thank you.

 *Fr. Jerzy Auguscik, Administrator*

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Summer Schedule which covers June through September 2024. If you have a request for dates you are not available (vacation) or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 814-495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by Sunday, May 19th. And please contact Suzi with your holy day preferences. Lay ministers are being sought for all Masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters.



MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH ~ All mothers and daughters of the parish are invited to a Mother’s Day Brunch on Sunday, May 12th sponsored by the Holy Name Society. They will be paying for, preparing and serving the meal in the church hall immediately following the 10:30 AM Mass. Sunday morning help is needed in the preparation, serving of the meal and the clean up after. (This is a good way for male REACH students to earn service hours. Contact the Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873 to volunteer.)

MOTHER’S DAY MASS INTENTIONS ~ Envelopes for Mother’s Day Mass Intentions are in your packet of envelopes. The envelopes will be placed on the altar during the month of May in remembrance of all mothers, both living and deceased. Extra envelopes can be found at the entrances of the church.

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.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

April 21, 2024

Religious Education Class Schedule And Youth Mass

Our K—5 Classes will continue through our last class, Thursday, April 25th.

We will have a Youth Mass on Sunday, April 28th at the 10:30 AM Mass

to conclude our Religious Education year.

Grades 6—10 Classes will continue Sunday, April 21st and end on April 28th.

Our April 28th class will begin at 10 AM for a Youth Mass at the 10:30 AM Mass.

All K—10 Students will meet their class at the parish Hall at 10:00 AM to organize and line up. We will process together to the church and sit in reserved pews for the 10:30 AM Mass. Our students will participate in all the liturgical parts of the Mass.

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Youth Mass ~ A Youth Mass will be held on April 28th at 10:30 AM. This Mass is a celebration of our 2023—2024 Religious Education year for our students and catechists.

 Our youth will participate in the liturgy as altar servers, Lectors for the readings and prayer intentions, and ushers and gift bearers for the offertory procession.

Parents of Religious Education students, if your child is interested in participating in our Mass parts, please contact our Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873.

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First Holy Communion ~ Our First Holy Communion class is preparing to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 5, 2024, at our 10:30 AM Mass.

*Practice* for our First Holy Communion class will be held this Thursday, April 25th, during our last Thursday K—5 RE class.

Their final practice will be held Saturday, May 4 at

1:00 PM in the church with parents in attendance.

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JOB OPENING ~ The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has an opening for a full-time Priest Care Coordinator to serve as an advocate and care manager for resident priests of St. Leonard’s Retirement Home while managing day – to – day operations. To view a listing of responsibilities and qualifications and to apply, please go to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment>. Resumes may be emailed to lmcevoy@dioceseaj.org.

HEALING MASS ~ Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, May 7th at 7 PM at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. Fr. Brad Baldwin TOR will be the main celebrant. Praise & worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 PM and prayer ministry will follow the Mass. If you are suffering physically, from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way - all are welcome!

HEALING PATCH ~ The Healing Patch Children’s Grief Program is recruiting new volunteers to work with grieving children and their families at centers in Altoona & Ebensburg. The Healing Patch is a free peer support program for children and their families who have suffered the death of a significant person, and volunteers are the heart of the Healing Patch. Specialized training is provided for new volunteers. For more information or to apply as a volunteer, visit homenursingagency.com or contact Volunteer Coordinator/Grief Specialist Shalen Steinbugl at 814-947-7140 or steinbuglsm@upmc.edu.

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YOUNG ADULT GROUP(18-39) ~ March was our one-year anniversary. We have grown to almost 100 members averaging 40+/- per meeting including special needs young adults and members from as far as Cumberland, Md. Mid-April we hosted our first Benediction and Board Games which was a success. Upcoming events include Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on April 24th at 6pm with Fr. Alan Thomas VG speaking on Vatican II; Bonfire and Rosary at Maura’s house on May 10th at 6pm; Theology on Tap at the Boulevard Grill on May 29th at 6pm with Fr. Timothy Harris T.O.R. speaking on Moral Theology; and Benediction and Board Games at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral on June 14th at 6pm. Young adults of all faiths aged 18-39 are welcome! For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at (814) 659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com.

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*Allegra & Staff at Mom’s House*

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BASKET RAFFLE ~ Adams Twp. Area Lion’s walk thru basket raffle, Sunday, April 21st 10AM – 3 PM. St. Michael Fire Hall. Tickets are $5. Drawing will be Sunday, April 21st at 3 PM.

OLDIES DANCE FUNDRAISER ~ The Knights of Columbus will be having an Oldies Dance Fundraiser on May 4th at the St. Michael’s Church Hall from 5:30 – 9:00 PM. Reservations are required to attend and can be made by contacting Dave Brown at 814-487-5525. Space is limited so reserve your spot early. Admission is $5 per person. Food will be provided for purchase along with a 50/50 drawing.

ITALIAN CHICKEN DINNER ~ St. Anthony of Padua, Windber. Take out Italian Chicken Dinner on Sunday, April 21st, 11 AM-2 PM. Meals are $12.

 Sunday, April 21 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

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

 World Day of Prayer for Vocations

 Monday, April 22 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Pastoral Council Meeting / Hall / 6:00 PM

 Tuesday, April 23 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 No Easter Study Group

 Finance Council Meeting / Hall / 4:00 PM

 Wednesday, April 24 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Thursday, April 25 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

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

 No Saturday Choir Practice

 Friday, April 26 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Mass at Rose of Sharon Personal Care Home / 10:15 AM

 Saturday, April 27 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Catholic Home Missions Second Collection

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 April 28 Catholic Home Missions Second Collection

 Religious Education Youth Mass

 May 4 2nd Grade First Communion Practice / Reconciliation

 Knights of Columbus “Oldies Dance”

 May 5 2nd Grade First Holy Communion