ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

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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DRE: Laurie Sloan Holy Days See Bulletin

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www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com 10:00 am to 10:15 am

Secretaries’ E-mail Anytime Requested

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 YEAR: 2017 NUMBER 17

 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.

 April 23, 2017

Divine Mercy Sunday

**Month of the Holy Eucharist**

MASS INTENTIONS: (April 24 – April 30, 2017)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Mary Plasay req. by Barbara Foor

Wednesday 9:00 AM John Zibura req. by wife Agnes & family

Thursday 8:00 AM Mary Jane Haddad req. by Nathan & Kathleen Thomas

Friday 9:00 AM For the Reparation of Sin against the Most Sacred Heart

 Of Jesus & the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Saturday 4:00 PM Thomas Murin req. by wife Mary Ann Murin & family

Sunday 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Sunday 10:30 AM Joseph & Maria McCloskey (60th Wedding Anniversary)

 req. by Children & Grandchildren

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, April 29 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino Ushers

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Ministers of the Cup: Vince Arena & Susan Blazosky

Altar Servers: Victoria Russic & Elisabeth Zajdel

Cantor: David Zajdel

Greeter: Phyllis Slonac

Sunday, April 30 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terri Leach Dick & Carol Hautz

Minister of the Host: Betty Long

Ministers of the Cup: Eric Tedjeske & Walter Christ

Altar Servers: Elyssa Nagy & Ana Spangler

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: Pete Parisi

Sunday, April 3010:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Carole Kakabar McCloskey Family

Minister of the Host: Edie Knobloch

Ministers of the Cup: Dave Knobloch & Michael & Barton

Altar Servers: Evan Burkhardt & Zach Fisher

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Volunteer

Sunday, April 30 Collection Counters

 John Bizzarri, Rod Kundrod,

 Mary Ann DeRosa & Phyllis Slonac

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:* 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, Sean, Holly, Shane, Melisa Ruddek, Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Jayden Scott Beam, Derrick Varnish, Karen Myers, Mark Baloga, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Darlene Marshall, Tammy Webb, 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 $ 2,234.00

Loose $ 540.00

Youth $ 23.25

Monthly $ 330.00

Maintenance Fund $ 80.00

Candles $ 42.00

Holy Thursday $ 869.50

Holy Land $ 580.00

Easter $ 5,535.75

Total $10,234.50

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

John 20:19-31

*"Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven." The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today's gospel through merciful and forgiveness demonstrated by their parents. Become who you are called to be, ambassadors of peace and forgiveness.*

We are asking that each parishioner(s) sell or buy the ticket(s) for $10.00 each and return the money and ticket stub as soon as possible, but no later than April 30th. The tickets start on May 1, 2017 and continue for the whole month of May. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing: Seventy-five dollars weekday; One hundred dollars weekends; and, One hundred-fifty dollars for May 14th Mother’s Day and One hundred-fifty dollars May 29th Memorial Day! If you are unable to sell or don’t want the ticket(s), PLEASE don’t throw them away, but return them 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 up our Parish Treasury. The remaining tickets have been mailed out.

*Parish and Finance Council Members*

MOTHER’S DAY BRUNCH ~ All mothers and daughters of the parish are invited to a Mother’s Day Brunch on Sunday, May 14th 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 a.m. Mass. Help is needed on Saturday night, May 13th to set up. Sunday morning help is needed in the preparation, serving of the meal and the clean up after. Please call Pete Parisi at 487-5351. (This is a good way for male REACH students to earn service hours. Contact the Religious Education Office at 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.

MOTHER’S DAY CARNATIONS FOR BIRTHRIGHT ~ REACH students will be handing out carnations before each Mass on Mother's Day weekend to the women of the parish.  A donation from REACH will be made to Birthright for their Pro-Life efforts. Birthright is an interdenominational pregnancy support service that enables women who are facing an unintended pregnancy to choose life for their unborn babies by providing emotional and material support. Birthright helps women in these situations find medical care, clothing, food....even housing. For thousands of women, Birthright is hope. Hope that they, and their unborn children, are not alone. Since 1980, over 5,000 babies have been born in our area under the auspices of Birthright.

ENVELOPES ~ In order to give proper credit, please remember to mark the amount given on the outside of your envelope.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of June through September are now being made up. Anyone who would like to serve as an Altar Server, Reader, Cantor, Greeter or any current minister who has scheduling preferences at this time, should call Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or e-mail her at sublazosky@gmail.com no later than Sunday, May 21st. Father Warchola will be conducting Altar Server, Lector and Eucharistic Minister training at a later date.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

John Zibura

 Requested by wife, Agnes and Family

and

The Our Lady of Grace Candle

will burn in memory of

Elvida Bovino

Requested by daughters, Louise Neff

 and Joyce Suckenik

 during the week of April 23

**CHOIR PRACTICES** ~ Practice for Sunday Choir will be held on Mondays at 7:00 PM.

The Saturday Night Choir practices on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

MARTHA’S GROUP ~ Martha’s Group will be meeting on the second and fourth Mondays of each month. The next meeting will be on Monday, April 24th at 6:00 PM. Even if you don’t sew, help is always needed in other areas. New helpers are always welcome!

CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS ~ Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal today! Right now over 40% of dioceses in the United States are considered home missions because they are unable to fund essential pastoral work needed in their communities. Your support funds programs such as religious education, seminary formation, and lay ministry training to build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous.

DIVINE MERCY ~ Saint Benedict Catholic Church in Geistown invites everyone, this Sunday, April 23rd as they celebrate the Feast of Divine Mercy beginning at 3:00 pm. They will have Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and Benediction. The celebration will conclude with the veneration of the relic of Saint Marie Faustina Kowalska from the *Congregation of the Sisters of Our Lady of Mercy.*

FIRESIDE BIBLES ~ We have only two copies of this large, beautiful white covered family Catholic Wedding New American Bible Revised edition. This is a perfect gift for all time for a bride and groom to make their wedding day a most blessed occasion. The cost of the bible is $35.00. If interested in purchasing one of them, please call the rectory. There are also three Burgundy Family Bibles, same size, same price.

PRAYER CARDS ~ St. Benedict Gift Shop, Geistown, has closed and much of the inventory was not sold. Fr. Brian Warchola has collected all of the prayer cards that remain which include many cards of our favorite Catholic saints. They will be displayed for anyone to purchase in the bridal room across from the restroom. The cost is 25 cents per card or five for $1.00; the money will go back to St. Benedict Church.



Religious Education And Christian Helping

April 23, 2017

*Religious Education Class Schedule*

*Sunday, 6—12 Classes resume this Sunday, April 23rd and continue through next Sunday, April 30th with April 30 being the last class scheduled for Grades 6—11.*

*Thursday, K—5: K—5 classes will continue on April 27 and May 4th with May 4th being the last class for Grades K—5.*

*Our second grade class will be preparing for and practicing during this time to receive their First Holy Communion, which they will celebrate on Sunday, May 7th at 2 PM.*

WPA Road Clean-up – Saturday, April 29, 2017 – The Spring WPA Road Clean-up for REACH students and parent chaperones is scheduled for Saturday, April 29, 2017 at 10:00 AM. The cleanup will last approximately 1-½ hours (10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and then lunch will be provided following the clean-up with our project being complete by 12:30 p.m. for pick up.

Adult / Student Permission / Liability forms are available at the church entrances and during RE classes.

PARTICIPATION IS NOT PERMITTED WITHOUT RETURNED FORMS.

Volunteer Safety is of primary importance!

1. Proper clothing should be worn -- i.e., tennis shoes -- NO FLIP FLOPS/SANDALS!

Long pants/long-sleeve shirts may also be appropriate.

Safety Vests and gloves will be provided.

1. Please be sure to indicate any allergies on the Waiver/Consent Form.

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*Students in Grades 9, 10 & 11 ….*

*Saint Michael Parish is planning to attend NCYC 2017!*

 *We need to confirm our groups initial reservation for students and chaperones planning to attend . . .*

☺If you are a student interested in attending and did not yet register, there is still time. This trip opportunity is for REACH students that will be age 16 or over (Currently, Grades 9—11) in the fall of 2017 and also adult chaperones. Contact the Religious Education Office at 495-4873 for details. NCYC Registration forms are available in the RE Office. Please visit: [www.ncyc.info](http://www.ncyc.info) for more information and promotional videos.



We are planning a NCYC Hoagie fundraiser for the weekend of May 20th & 21st to help subsidize our 1st payment of three payments due of $175.00 each. All proceeds of this sale will go towards our NCYC trip funds. Order forms will be available starting next weekend, April 30th with orders being due in by May 14th.



*First Holy Communion* *~ Our Second Grade class is preparing to receive their Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Sunday, May 7, 2017 at 2:00 PM.*

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*Congratulations to our Saint Michael Confirmation Class of 2017! The following class members received their sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, April 20th at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown:*

*Adam Bambino, Brian Bernard, Sarah Deibert, Eric Elgin, Abigail Jordan, Evan Kundrod, Victoria Russic, Abigail Swanson, Carter Vitez and Kourtney Walls. Sidney Kakabar will receive her sacrament of Confirmation on Thursday, May 9, also at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral.*

 2017 SUMMER CAMP OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH Registration for our diocesan summer camps, Camp Zacchaeus and Camp Timothy are currently being accepted. Registration brochures are available in the Religious Education Office.

- Camp “Z” is a week-long summer camp for youth grades 4-9 Campers can look forward to lively Liturgies, inspirational music, prayer experiences, evangelization sessions, campfires, games, skits, a live concert and lots more!

- Camp “T” is for youth in grades 10-12 as well as current year graduating high school seniors.

- Camp “T” campers will experience much the same –but even MORE!! We take the fun, faith and excitement to a higher level! 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)693-1401.

*Angel Fund 2017*

*Consider giving a gift now that will enrich the life of a young camper in the Summer of 2017!*

*Camp Zacchaeus Grades 4-9*

*and Camp Timothy Grades 10-12(and newly graduated seniors 2017)*

We are looking for people, groups, parishes or organizations to sponsor a child to attend

Camp Zacchaeus 2017 or Camp Timothy 2017 through the *Angel Fund*.

We will accept full or partial sponsorships of any amount to help cover the cost of camp. If you are interested in sponsoring a child, or for more information, please contact Francine Swope at the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office (814)317-2646, or mail your contribution directly to Camp Zacchaeus or Camp Timothy Angel Fund, 933 S. Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. Become an Angel Fund sponsor and help send a needy child to camp to experience a wonderful week of *Faith, Fun and Friendship* in the great outdoors!

 Sunday, April 23 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM

 Catholic Home Missions Appeal

 Monday, April 24 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Martha’s Group 6:00 PM

 Tuesday, April 25

 Wednesday, April 26

 Thursday, April 27 Religious Education / Grades K - 5 / 3:30—4:30 PM / Hall

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 Friday, April 28

 Saturday, April 29 WPA Road Clean-up / Volunteers needed / 10:00 AM

 Sunday, April 30 Religious Education / Grades 6 - 12 / 9:00—10:20 AM / Hall

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 Sunday, May 7 Holy Name Meeting / 9:00 AM / Hall

 First Holy Communion / 2:00 PM / Church

 Sunday, May 14 Mother’s Day Brunch / Following the 10:30 AM Mass

POLKA DANCE ~ There will be a Polka Dance at the St. Michael American Legion on Sunday, April 23rd from 2:00 PM until 5:00PM. Music will be provided by Bronco and the Rhinelanders. Everyone is welcome to attend!

41st ANNUAL ROAST BEEF DINNER/SPRING FESTIVAL ~ On Sunday, April 23rd at St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin. It will feature games, baskets, a bake sale, and of course our delicious roast beef dinner. Location: Church hall (former St. Patrick building) at the top of Church Street. 11:00 am to …? Adults (eat in or take out) $10.00; Children 6-12, $6.00; 5 and under FREE.

SPRING TEA ~ All women of the parish are invited to attend the Annual Spring Tea to be held by the St. Anne’s Society of St. Bartholomew Catholic Church in Wilmore, PA on Sunday, April 30th. Rosary and Benediction begin at 2:00 PM with the tea to follow in the Church Hall. Please RSVP Ann Pershing at 495-9298 or Margy Blaisdell at 495-7020 by Sunday, April 23, 2017.

CALICO QUILTERS of New Germany will hold their annual quilt show and pie social on Sunday, April 30th from 6-8 pm at New Germany Grove Hall. Doors open at 5:30. Many pieced and hand quilted items will be displayed. Chinese auction begins at 7:30. Admission is $3.00 and includes pie and beverage.

BINGO ~ Holy Family Parish in Portage is holding a bingo on Sunday, April 30th. Admission is $20.00 for a complete package, but extra specials and extra jackpots may also be purchased. Early bird games start at 5:45 PM and the regular games will begin immediately after the early bird birds at about 6:15 PM. Food and refreshments will be available.

BUS TRIP TO SIGHT AND SOUND ~ Spectacular Epic, “Jonah” on Friday, May 19th escorted by Msgr. Michael Becker: Cost of $125 includes bus, show and buffet dinner. Please call Jim at