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 Easter

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 April 28th, 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 Easter

April 28th, 2024

The Month of the Holy Eucharist

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (April 30 – May 5, 2024)

Monday, April 29 No Mass

Tuesday, April 30 9:00 AM +Marie Tonski req. by Marge Bopp

Wednesday, May 1 9:00 AM +Jim Fisher req. by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Long

Thursday, May 2 9:00 AM Special Intentions for Msgr. David Lockard req. by

 Rick & Nancy Wessel

 *Saints Philip and James, Apostles*

Friday, May 3 9:00 AM +Frank Snyder req. by Paul & Susan Snyder

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

Sunday, May 5 8:00 AM +Nancy Galosi req. by Terri & Gus Leach Family

 10:30 AM +Kristan Deighan req. by Rick & Nancy Wessel

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, May 4 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Dennis & Babe Richards

Minister of the Host: Dorothy Stroz

Choir Minister: Karen Myers

Altar Servers: Ana Spangler & Chase Williamson

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Sunday, May 5 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Terri Leach Family

Minister of the Host: Sally Kolar

Choir Minister: Cathy Faher

Altar Servers: Kaden Christ & Michael Kresic

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Sunday, May 5 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton First Holy Communicants

Minister of the Host: Michael Steele

Choir Minister: Haidyn Koch

Altar Servers: Cameron Vitez & Jackson Henderson

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Sunday, May 5 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, Martha Auguscik, Bev Progar, Rev. Fr. Joseph Fleming, Mckenna, Jeff Zalar 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 April 28th, 2024

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

Elvida Bovino

requested by daughters Louise Neff & Joyce Suckenik

will

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $3,980.50

Maintenance $ 55.00

Easter Offering $ 25.00

Mother’s Day $ 20.00

Father’s Day $ 10.00

Ascension Thursday $ 20.00

Cemetery Maintenance $ 10.00

Diocesan Collections $ 55.00

Total $4,175.50

We sincerely thank and ask

God’s blessing upon all who

 care and have concern

for our parish.

April 28th

Like the vine grower in today’s gospel, parents must “prune and cleanse” the branches in their family if their children are going to be rooted. Discipline, limits and setting goals are a necessary part of parenting so our children will grow and “bear fruit.”

 You are my branches

Our Gospel this weekend is that great image of the Vine and the branches. It shows the deep connection we have and are called to have with Jesus. Sometimes faith demands that we take risks because God would have us look for him in the most unexpected places. Life is always a struggle. Nevertheless, a life with Jesus brings a Christian dimension to all the difficulties and hardships that we experience. Jesus mentions another truth that we often forget. Suffering is part of our life with Jesus. Our suffering is the pruning process that God uses and allows. Jesus brings the blessing of goodness into our own hearts and lives through what he suffered. In the same way must our words and deeds bring blessings and good things into the lives of others in the world. If we are attached to Jesus the true vine, then our faith will be nourished and we will remain in him to the end.

FIRST FRIDAY COMMUNION CALLS ~ Will be this coming Friday, May 3rd starting at 10:00 AM. Anyone needing to be put on the Communion Call list, please call the office during regular office hours.

ADORATION, BENEDICTION & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~ There will be Adoration on Friday, May 3rd, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continuing until 3:00 PM at which time there will be Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are invited to sit and pray quietly in the presence of Jesus.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ Will be having their monthly meeting next Sunday, May 5th instead of Sunday, May 12th.

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 ~ Classes will be 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 ~ Support the Catholic Home Missions Appeal second collection today! Nearly 40% of dioceses in the United States and its territories are considered mission territories because they are unable to fund the essential pastoral activities in their communities. Your support funds religious education, seminary formation, lay ministry training, and other programs that build vibrant faith communities right here in the United States. Please be generous. More information can be found at [www.usccb.org/home~missions](http://www.usccb.org/home~missions).

COMBINED CHOIR ~ Any Choir members, past and present, wishing to sing for our First Communion Liturgy are asked to attend rehearsal on Friday, May 3rd at 7 PM. All are welcome to celebrate this special moment for our children of the parish.

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.

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 814-244-3329 (number change) or email Suziblaz@outlook.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.

ADORATION ~ St. Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona, hosts an hour of adoration with the recitation of the rosary every Thursday night from 6 – 7 PM to pray for our loved ones who have left the practice of the Catholic faith. Everyone is welcome, please join us.

**SPING FLING AT ST. BERNARDINE MONASTERY** ~ Spring Fling at St. Bernardine Monastery Saturday, May 18th, 10:00 AM-4:00 PM! St. Bernardine Monastery and the Friar’s Nook Gift Shop is located at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. The event will have craft vendors, food trucks, and children's activities, The blessing of the SSVDP Monastery Community Gardens will take place at 11:00 AM, the Rosary will take place at3:30, and Catholic Massat 4:00. Please bring a lawn chair if you are staying for Mass. This event is for all ages, and pets too! (Please ensure your pets do well in crowds and with other animals).

MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS TO BE TELEVISED ~ Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 26, 2024 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 am on WATM ABC 23 and will rebroadcast that night at 9:00 p.m. on the Breezeline channel 9. All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons who have lost a spouse through death throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org. When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away. The last day to register is Wednesday, May 22, 2024. The event is sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

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.

**FINANCE MANAGER POSITION AVAILABLE** ~ The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernardine Monastery is seeking qualified candidates for a Finance Manager at our Hollidaysburg, PA location. The Finance Manager oversees and performs the financial functions of the organization. For full job description and benefit details, please visit, [www.thefranciscanfriars.org/jobs](http://www.thefranciscanfriars.org/jobs).

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.

Young Adult Group (18-39): 

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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 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.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

April 28, 2024



Youth Mass ~ Today’s Youth Mass is a celebration of our 2023—2024

Religious Education year.

 Many Blessings to all our students and our catechists. We had a wonderful

year of Religious Education together. Have a Great Summer!! See you in the Fall.

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 Our First Holy Communion class will receive their

Sacrament of First Holy Communion

**next Sunday, May 5, 2024, at our 10:30 AM Mass.

Our students that will be receiving their Sacrament are:

 Case Christ, Sadie Hershberger, Rachael Hribar, Wynston Hritz, Brielle Raptosh,

Eva Shirk, Madelyn Vogel, Matthew Wantiez and Leyna Webb.

Our May crowning of Mary will take place after communion when our

First Communion class will present Mary with her crown and flowers.

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 Their final practice will be held this Saturday, May 4

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

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EDUCATION SCHOLARSHIPS ~ Two Education Scholarships of $500 each for Graduating High School Seniors in the Class of 2023-2024. These 2 scholarships are being sponsored by the Knights of Columbus Prince Gallitzin Council 2275. Applicants for the 2 scholarships will come from these Churches: St. Michael, St. Michael, St. John the Baptist, Summerhill, St. Bartholomew, Wilmore, Most Holy Trinity, South Fork, and Immaculate Conception, New Germany. Applications were sent to this year’s Seniors, but if you did not receive one, please check at the Religious Education or Parish Office. Submitted applications must be postmarked by May 15, 2024.

Vacation Bible Camp 2024: Save the Date! June 17—21 at New Germany Grove from 9 AM to Noon. Youth volunteers are needed to help with VBC.

 Mark your calendars! Registration forms will be available in a few weeks. Watch the bulletin for more details.

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OLDIES DANCE FUNDRAISER ~ The Knights of Columbus is having an Oldies Dance on May 4th at the St. Michael’s Church Hall from 5:30 – 9:00 PM. Please make reservations by contacting Dave Brown at 814-487-5525. Admission is $5 per person. Food will be provided for purchase along with a 50/50 drawing.

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BASKET PARTY ~ Sunday, May 19th, St. Michael Catholic Church Hall,

St. Michael. Tickets $15. Doors open at 11:30 AM, basket raffle announced at 1:30 PM. Sponsored by team “Blue Skies Over Purple Hearts” in Memory of Jane Plummer. All proceeds go to Alzheimer’s Association. To purchase tickets, call Janet Minor 814-241-5106 or Mary Ann Tedjeske 814-341-5463. \*Any Parishioner wanting to donate an assembled basket would be greatly appreciated. Please drop off assembled baskets in the Bridal Room no later than Friday, May 18th.

 Sunday, April 28 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

 Catholic Home Missions Second Collection

 Religious Education Youth Mass / 10:30 AM

 Girl Scouts Meeting / Pavilion & Hall / 3:00 – 5:30 PM

 Monday, April 29 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, April 30 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Easter Study Group / Hall / After 9:00 AM Mass

 Wednesday, May 1 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Thursday, May 2 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Saturday Choir Practice

 Friday, May 3 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 First Friday Communion Calls / 10:00 AM

 Adoration / After 9:00 AM Mass

 Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy / 3:00 PM

 Combined Choir / 7:00 PM

 Saturday, May 4 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Second Grade First Communion Practice & Reconciliation / 1:00 PM

 Knights of Columbus “Oldies Dance” / Hall / 5:30 – 9:00 PM

 UPCOMING EVENTS



 May 5 2nd Grade First Holy Communion

 Holy Name Society Meeting

 May 9 Ascension of the Lord / Holy Day

 Parish Offices Closed

 May 12 Mother’s Day Banquet

 Cameron George Jones Baptism

 May 18 Michael Weinzierl / Julia Gully Nuptials

 May 19 Julian James Shugars Baptism

 End Alzheimer's Spaghetti Fundraiser