ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 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

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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

 Seventh Sunday of Easter

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 May 21st, 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

Seventh Sunday of Easter

May 21st, 2023

Month of the Blessed Virgin Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (May 22 – May 28, 2023)

Monday, May 22 9:00 AM John & Sylvia Barr req. by son, Evan Bill Barr

Tuesday, May 23 9:00 AM Michael Blazosky req. by Joe Daniels

Wednesday, May 24 9:00 AM Ben & Hermine Reid req. by Sondre Harteis

Thursday, May 25 9:00 AM Agnes Noon req. by Bruce Slonoc

Friday, May 26 9:00 AM Nathan Bosic req. by Helen Petkosh & Family

Saturday, May 27 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, May 28 8:00 AM Staff Sgt. Andrew Chalan req. by sister, Pauline Minor

 & Family

 10:30 AM Joseph Wilson req. by Mary Ann Murin & Family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, May 27 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Anthony Bambino Cheryl & Deborah Macy

Minister of the Host: Alice Podrebarac

Choir Minister: Michael Barton

Altar Server: Kaylee Roberts

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, May 28 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Andrew Chalan Family

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Choir Minister: Ellen Grattan

Altar Server: Kaden Christ

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Lori George

Sunday, May 28 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Jacob Stiffler Robert & Joan Oshaben

Minister of the Host: Haidyn Koch

Choir Minister: Jennifer Steele

Altar Server: Cameron Vitez

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Wendy Blough

Sunday, May 28 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:* 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, Raymond Roth 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 May 21st, 2023

the Sanctuary Candle will burn for the

Sick & Homebound of our Parish

will



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $4,962.00

Maintenance $ 20.00

Holy Days $ 105.00

Diocesan Collections $ 40.00

Mother’s Day $ 917.00

Cemetery Maintenance $ 175.00

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May 21st

Family life is a series of departures. As we mature and grow older we constantly transition from the familiar to the new unknown. Jesus assures us we are not alone in these transitions.

NEW COMMITTEE NEEDED ~ As I discussed with our Pastoral Council recently where our parish should go next, it became clear that we need a group responsible for planning, organizing, and carrying out social activities for our parish, i.e., a “Community Life Committee.” This committee would work with the Holy Name Society, the Young Adult Group, and the REACH Youth Group. If you would be interested in being a member of the St. Michael Parish Community Life Committee, please contact the Parish Office and let us know.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $1,023.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

HOLY THURSDAY AND LENTEN FOLDERS ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated towards our Holy Thursday Collection and the Lenten Coin Folders. Money collected was $1,971.00 which was donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry.

CEMETERY ENVELOPES ~ In your packet of envelopes, for May 28th, you will find an envelope for Cemetery Maintenance with the three cemeteries: Corpus Christi, St. Joseph, and St. Michael. You need to circle or underline the cemetery you would like your donation to go towards. If nothing is specified, the donation will be split between the three cemeteries.

MEMORIAL DAY MASS ~ The Memorial Day Mass will be held at St. Joseph Cemetery, Beaverdale, on Monday, May 29th at 10:00 AM. There will be NO 9:00 AM Mass here at St. Michael Church.

MAINTENANCE FUND TICKETS ~ June Maintenance Tickets can be found on the table at the back of the church. If you haven’t picked yours up, please do so. All money and stubs are due to the office by May 28th.

SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE ~ Due to the Memorial Day holiday, Sunday Choir practice will be held Tuesday, May 30th at 7 PM. It will return to its normal day and time the following week – Monday, June 5th at 7 PM.



A LITTLE CHANGE…CHANGES LIVES! ~ PRECIOUS LIFE is running a Baby Bottle Campaign. Empty baby bottles can be found in the Bridal Room beginning this weekend. Please take a bottle, fill it up with change and return it to the Bridal Room by Father’s Day, June 18th. PRECIOUS LIFE is a Christian ministry providing positive alternatives to abortion. For more information: facebook/www.preciouslifeinc.com

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE REQUESTS ~ 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 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com. This Sunday is the last day to let Suzi know of your requests.

MOMENT OF PRAYER FOR THE SYNOD OF BISHOPS ~ Pope Francis is inviting everyone in the Church to a moment of prayer on May 31st (Feast of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary) in support of the upcoming first session of the 16th Ordinary General Assembly of the Synod of Bishops. All are encouraged to set aside time for prayer in parishes or at home. It is recommended that recitation of the Rosary, Prayer to Mary Mother of the Church (Patroness of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown) or the Prayer for the Synod be offered. These prayers can be found on the insert in this week’s bulletin.



MEMORIAL DAY HONOR ~ The South Fork Library is honoring our Veterans. Please stop in the library & purchase a flag for $2 – place the Veterans name on the flag to be placed in our field next to the library. Let’s FILL THE FIELD! All who purchase a flag will also be entered to win a Memorial Day gift.

MAY DAYS ~ At the Basilica of St. Michael – May 27th & 28th at Our Lady of Loretto Hall – featuring live entertainment, Cinch Tournament (Call Kathy 472-5815 to join) basket auction, flea market, silent auction, food, and beverages. Saturday, 4 – 8 PM and Sunday, 11 AM – 4 PM. Proceeds from the weekend festival benefit *Our Lady of Loretto Community Hall, Pickin’ for Wishes, Project Healing Waters Fly Fishing, and the* *Sisters of St. Joseph.*

THE EUCHARISTIC REVIVAL CELEBRATION OF CORPUS CHRISTI ~ The Diocese will open Year II of the Eucharistic Revival, with a Diocesan Celebration of Corpus Christ at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies, in Loretto, on Sunday , June 11, with Eucharistic Adoration and opportunities for Confession at the Basilica from 3 – 6:30 PM. The Historic Prince Gallitzin Chapel House will be open from 3 – 6 PM Bishop Mark Bartchak will celebrate Mass at the outdoor Shrine at 7 PM with Concelebrating Priests and Deacons and a procession around the Shrine following Mass which will include the Knights of Columbus, Catholic Daughters, Honor guards, and many others. We would like to invite the First Communion Classes of 2023 from all Parishes, to join in the Procession, wearing their First Communion Clothes and paying honor to the Eucharist which they have just received for the First Time. DON’T FORGET TO BRING YOUR OWN LAWN CHAIR.

CALLING ALL FIRST COMMUNICANTS ~ The Diocese would like to invite all the children who have made their First Holy Communion in this this year 2023 year to join us for the Diocesan Celebration of Corpus Christi on Sunday, June 11th, at the Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. Bishop Mark will have an Outdoor Mass at the Shrine at 7 PM. There will be an outdoor procession with the Blessed Sacrament around the Shrine following Mass. Please dress in your First Communion outfit. Communicants can sit with family & join the Procession when Sr. Linda calls them forth after Communion. Please bring lawn chairs.

HOLY HOUR AND ORDINATION ~ The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is preparing to welcome a new priest. Bishop Mark Bartchak will ordain Deacon Justin Treon to the priesthood on May 27th at 10 AM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. A Holy Hour will be prayed for Deacon Treon on the eve of his ordination, May 26th at 5:30 PM at Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson. All are invited to join Deacon Treon at the Holy Hour in praise and thanksgiving to God or the gift of his vocation and to pray for an increase of vocations in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. Deacon Treon, a member of Saint Aloysius Parish in Cresson, completed his priestly education and formation at Saint Vincent Seminary in Latrobe.

DAY OF DISCERNMENT ~ Men who are open to a vocation to the priesthood are invited to a special opportunity. The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Office of Vocations is sponsoring a Day of Discernment on May 31st from 2 – 6 PM at Our Lady of Victory Parish in State College. The event will give participants a great opportunity to meet and interact with priests of the diocese and a diocesan seminarian. There will also be prayer, fellowship, and a great meal. The Day of Discernment is open to all men who are high school age or older. Please register by emailing Diocesan Director of Vocations Fr. Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org or by calling him at 814-317-2681.

OUTDOOR MASSES ~ All the faithful of the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese are invited to our outdoor Masses every Sunday evening at 7 PM at the beautiful Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies.  The first Mass of the season will be celebrated May 28th! Outdoor Masses will continue through Labor Day weekend- September 3, 2023. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The Chapel House of Father Demetrius Gallitzin is not open for personal tours. However, we will be open for visiting hours this summer. The hours that one may visit the Chapel House are: June 11, June 25, July 9, July 23, August 6, and August 20 from 3:00PM to 6:00PM.

SAVE THE DATE ~ The Family Life Office of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites you to join us for the return of Faith Day at Delgrosso’s Amusement Park! This year, Faith Day will be held on Sunday, June 25th. Mass with Bishop Mark at 4:30 PM followed by a community dinner. Admission to the park is free, there will be reduced price Ride-and-Slide passes available, as well as a dinner can be purchased. More info to come!



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

May 21, 2023

On Sunday, May 28th, we will honor our 2023 high school seniors as well as our 2023 Confirmation Class at a recognition luncheon in our Parish Hall starting at 11:30 a.m.



We will gather for a light luncheon and celebrate our “Class of 2023” senior members of our Saint Michael Parish that will graduate in June and welcome our newly confirmed Confirmation Class of 2023.

Invitations and information for this Luncheon will be mailed to the families included. An RSVP is requested to help with preparation for this special celebration. We look forward to sharing this time and fellowship with both our 2023 classes.

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Vacation Bible Camp 2023: Mark your calendars! SonSpark VBC, June 19—23 at New Germany Grove grounds from 9 AM to Noon.

This VBC Program is a combination of all our Forest Hills parishes. Our kids learn together, compete together and are friends with each other, so it makes sense that we all should spend one of the BES weeks of summer together!

Scientists, 2019 (Birth Year) through those entering 7th grade need to register by June 14th. There is no cost to attend.

Volunteers, 8th grade through adults are needed. Volunteers need to complete all state and diocese clearances to volunteer. Registration forms are placed on the tables at the church entrances or can be picked up in the Religious Education or Parish Offices.

If interested in helping, contact the Religious Education Office at 495-4873.

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 and are also available in the Religious Education Office.

- Camp “Z” is a week-long summer camp for youth grades 4-9 Campers can look forward

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

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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Calling all College students & Graduating high school Seniors,

Camp Zacchaeus needs your Help! Become a Camp Counselor!

What Is Camp Zacchaeus? (Camp Z)

Camp Zacchaeus is a Catholic, faith-based, weeklong summer camp for youth in grades 4 thru 9 sponsored by the Diocese of Altoona- Johnstown Youth Ministry Office.

Where is Camp Zacchaeus Held?

Camp Zacchaeus is held on the beautiful grounds of Camp Sequanota in Jennerstown, PA.

What do we do at Camp Z??

Well, do you like having fun in the great outdoors? Hiking, swimming, fishing, playing games? That is just the start! As a counselor, you will be shaping the lives of young campers, spending time and sharing your faith with them as we ALL celebrate our faith at Camp Z! CHALLENGING yourself! It is a week of FAITH, FUN AND FRIENDSHIP!!

IT IS A LIFE-CHANGING EXPERIENCE!

Why not make is even better?! Invite a friend to participate with you!

All counselors must have graduated high school and must be 18 or older by July 15th.

SO, ARE YOU READY TO JOIN US FOR A FUN WEEK???

Contact Francine Swope at DAJ Youth Ministry Office (814) 317-2646 or by email fswope@diocesesaj.org and you will receive an application packet.

COME ON!! DON’T MISS THIS AMAZING OPPORTUNITY!

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

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

 End ALZ Spaghetti Dinner & Basket Party / Hall / 11:30 AM

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

 Monday, May 22 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Leadership Meeting / Hall Rm. #2 / 6:30 PM

 Tuesday, May 23 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Boy Scout Meeting / Pavilion / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, May 24 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Thursday, May 25 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Cemetery Committee Meeting / Hall Rm. #2 / 6:30 PM

 Friday, May 26 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Saturday, May 27 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

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

 UPCOMING EVENTS



 May 28 “Class of 2023” Recognition Luncheon

 May 29 Memorial Day / Offices Closed

 Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery

 May 30 Finance Meeting

 June 4 Hudson Brighton Dreher Baptism

 June 4 – 9 Msgr. Away / Clergy Retreat

SPAGHETTI DINNER & BASKET PARTY ~ Sunday, May 21st, St. Michael Catholic Church Hall, St. Michael. Tickets $15. Doors open at 11:30 AM, basket raffle announced at 1:00 PM. Sponsored by team “Blue Skies Over Purple Hearts” in Memory of Jane Plummer. All proceeds go to Alzheimer’s Association.

HOLY NAME PARISH ANNUAL FESTIVAL ~ Ebensburg, June 2nd, 3rd, & 4th featuring a Fish Dinner (Fried or Baked) on Friday from 4-7 PM, Adults $13, children under 12 - $6 and a Turkey Dinner on Sunday from 11 AM – 4 PM, Adults $13, children under 12 - $6. Take-out dinners available. Refreshments, games, baked goods, activities for kids, flea market, basket raffle with over 100 baskets and more!



**Prayer to Mary, Mother of the Church**

**Mother, help our faith!**

**Open our ears to hear God’s word and to recognize his**

**voice and call. Awaken in us a desire to follow in his**

**footsteps, to go forth from our own land and to receive**

**his promise.**

**Help us to be touched by his love, that we may touch him**

**in faith. Help us to entrust ourselves fully to him and to**

**believe in his love, especially at times of trial, beneath the**

**shadow of the cross, when our faith is called to mature.**

**Sow in our faith the joy of the Risen One.**

**Remind us that those who believe are never alone.**

**Teach us to see all things with the eyes of Jesus,**

**that he may be light for our path.**

**And may this light of faith always increase in us,**

**until the dawn of that undying day which is Christ**

**himself, your Son, our Lord! Amen.**

**Pope Francis (June 29, 2013)**



Prayer for the Synod on Synodality

We stand before You, Holy Spirit, as we gather together in Your name.

With You alone to guide us, make Yourself at home in our hearts;

Teach us the way we must go and how we are to pursue it.

We are weak and sinful; do not let us promote disorder.

Do not let ignorance lead us down the wrong path nor partiality influence our actions.

Let us find in You our unity so that we may journey together to eternal life

and not stray from the way of truth and what is right.

All this we ask of You, who are at work in every place and time,

in the communion of the Father and the Son, forever and ever.

Amen.

Mary, Mother of the Church, Pray for us.