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

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

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PHONES: Office Hours:

 Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

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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

 The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 August 15th, 2021

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.

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 August 15th, 2021

 Month of the Immaculate Heart of Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (August 16 – August 22, 2021)

Monday, August 16 Noon E. Irene Danel req. by Paul & Susan Snyder

Tuesday, August 17 Noon Jason Plummer req. by Patty Hammond

Wednesday, August 18 Noon Josephine Castorina req. by Debra Dindock & Chelsea Maloskey

Thursday, August 19 Noon John E. Cook req. by Paul & Cindy Pioli

Friday, August 20 Noon Anna Podrebarac req. by Mike Blazosky

Saturday, August 21 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday, August 22 8:00 AM Stella Pinkas req. by Fred & Ruth Pinkas

 10:30 AM Regina Anderko req. by Mary Ann Murin & family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, August 21 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak John & Bonnie Bizzarri

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Choir Minister: Susan Blazosky

Altar Server: Caden & Kaylee Roberts

Cantor: David Zajdel

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, August 22 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Cathy Faher Stella Pinkas Family

Minister of the Host: Terri Leach

Choir Minister: Eric Tedjeske

Altar Server: Kaden Christ

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: Lori George

Sunday, August 22 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton John & Michelle Vitez Family

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Michael Steele

Altar Server: Haidyn Koch

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Volunteer

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, Bernice Myers, Dwight Fyock, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Mary Zangaglia, Natalie Zerby, Valencia Tursi, Homer Locher, 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, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Izzy Bihun, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Alina Rusnak, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Anne Robinson, Carter Bobak, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Nancy Edmiston, Leonard Oshaben, Adam, Janice Dipyatic, Lily Maloney, Scott, Lisa, Audrey Costlow, Cathy Sossong, Rosanne Krug, Becky Kakabar, Dolores Mucko, Elliana, Ashlee, Helen Soohy, Carol K. Fabrizio, Peggy Carpenter, Dave Seder, Rosalie Ambrose, Pearl Borlie, Joe (Runk) Slonac, Patty Gdula, Judy Barr, Ric Szelong, Lori Gramling, Babe Richards, Ruth Ferchalk 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

Regular Offertory $4,467.00

Maintenance $ 30.00

Feast of the Assumption $ 45.00

Missionary Co-op $ 20.00

Total $4,562.00

We sincerely thank

and ask God’s blessing

 upon all who have care

 and concern for

our parish.

August 15, 2021 Luke 1:39-56

“Blessed is the fruit of your womb” can be said of all mothers, because every child is “blessed” and a child of God upon whom God “looks with favor.” This is our deepest identity and destiny. We do not earn this blessing. God’s love is a free gift to each of us.

During the week of August 15th, 2021

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of

John Progar

requested by Bev & family



BAPTISM ~ On Saturday August 7th, 2021, we celebrated the baptism of Madeline Jane Kerr, daughter of Christopher and Nicole (Pelesky) Kerr. Madeline Jane became a new creation in Christ in the waters of Holy Baptism. Now joined to us by the gifts of faith, hope, and charity, we warmly welcome her into our St. Michael Parish Family.

LITURGY COMMITTEE MEETING ~ There will be a Liturgy Committee Meeting this Sunday, August 15th after the 10:30 AM Mass in the Church Hall, Room #2.

PARISH OFFICE ~ The Parish Office will be closed Friday, August 20th due to the secretary being on vacation. Emergency calls only, please.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $1,020.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.



ST. MICHAEL PARISH CORN ROAST ~ COME ONE! COME ALL! The Holy Name Society will be sponsoring an End of the Summer & Back to School Corn Roast on Sunday, August 22nd at 5:00 PM at the Pavilion. The corn, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. There will be games! Bring yourself and a covered dish! Sign-up sheets are at the entrances of the Church. Please join us for our End of Summer & Back to School Fling!

ST. MICHAEL HOLY NAME SOCIETY FUNNEL CAKE BOOTH ~ Sign-up sheets are available at the back of the church for the Funnel Cake Booth at the Forest Hills Festival on September 4th, 5th, & 6th. You don’t have to be a member of the Holy Name Society to help. This is the Holy Name Society’s biggest fundraiser of the year!

BABY BOTTLE FUNDRAISER ~ To date, 107 churches and organizations raised over $108,000 for the ministry of Precious Life! St. Michael Parish helped Precious Life by raising $571.76. “Thank you so much for helping us in this year’s Campaign.”

The flowers on the Altar this weekend

are in memory of:

Julia Vandzura by daughter, Theresa Arena

Rose Chalan by daughter, Pauline Minor

and Frances Lockard.





 CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~ Fridays in the Basilica of St. Michael, Loretto at 3 PM. Please join us as

 we gather to pray the Chaplet of Divine Mercy and the Rosary for our country, world, and religious freedom.

“BISHOP’S NIGHT OF VOCATIONS” ~ Is God Calling you to become a Deacon? If so, you and your wife (if married) are invited to join Bishop Mark & Deacon Michael Russo on Tuesday, September 21st at 7 PM at the US Hotel Tavern, Hollidaysburg. Reservations for this event are required and can be made by contacting Marybeth at 814-361-2000. Deadline for reservations is August 20th. For more information on the permanent Diaconate please visit us online at [www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/](http://www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/) or by contacting Deacon Michael Russo, Director at 814-288-3036. All are welcome!

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY ~ Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2021 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 12th in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 19th in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Monday, August 23rd.

CATHOLIC MEN’S CONFERENCE ~ A Catholic Men’s Conference is being held at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg on September 11th. Guest Speaker is Bas Rutten. Advance tickets only by calling 814-472-7244.

40 HOURS DEVOTION ~ A devotional prayer centered around Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will be held at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Church in Lilly (608 Main St.) on Sunday, Monday, and Tuesday – September 12th, 13th, and 14th. A Devotional Service will begin each evening at 7:00 PM with Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament during the day. Everyone is welcome to attend!



RELICS OF ST. PADRE PIO ~ The Windber Catholic Parishes invites you to venerate three Relics of St. Padre Pio. The relics will be at St. Anthony of Padua Church, Windber on Tuesday, September 14th, 9 AM to 8 PM. We will have our traditional Noon Novena Mass in honor of St. Anthony of Padua and St. Padre Pio. At 6 PM, we will have a Mass in honor of St. Padre Pio. The Church will be open the entire day for veneration. Also, confessions will be heard from 9 – 11:30 AM and from 1 – 5:30 PM. Quoting St. Padre Pio, “Stay with me, Lord, for you are my light and without you I am in darkness.”

WISDOM LITERATURE & PSALMS ZOOM CLASS ~ Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching this six week Zoom course to study the biblical Wisdom Literature and selected Psalms with a focus on their underlying message and the literary contribution of ancient Israel to world literature. The registration fee for this class is $45 and the required books can be purchased online at Amazon.com. For registration & book information, please contact Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. Registrations and information can be found at [www.dioceseaj.org/lay=ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay%3Decclesial-ministry). All are welcome!

A LETTER TO THE FAITHFUL: From Bishop Mark Bartchak

With the help of vaccinations and social distancing, the dangers brought by the COVID-19 virus have diminished and our churches are open. All of this points to the conclusion that the dispensation from the obligation to participate at Mass on Sundays and Holy Days is no longer necessary.

After consulting with all the Bishops of Pennsylvania who are each announcing the same directive,

I hereby decree that beginning August 15th, 2021, the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass is ended!

There is no obligation for those who are unable to attend Mass due to a serious or chronic health condition. If you are ill or you provide care for someone who is ill and unable to attend Mass on Sunday and Holy Days, there is no need for any dispensation or permission.

It is time for us, all of us, to start anew. I invite all of you to come to your place at the Lord’s table. Come back to that same pew at the same Mass time that was part of your regular Sunday routine. For so long, we went without the joy that comes from the little things of life. But the Lord tells us: “My child, treat yourself well, according to your means…Do not deprive yourself of the day’s enjoyment” (Sirach 14: 11, 14).

Brothers and Sisters, the ultimate encounter with Christ for us here on earth is in the celebration of the Holy Eucharist, the Sacrifice of the Mass through which we meet the crucified and risen Lord Jesus. It is time for all of us to come back to the experience. I invite everyone to assist each other in making their way back to their proper place on the Lord’s Day. And if anyone is in need of sacramental Reconciliation to assist you in coming back, the sacrament is available.

Come to the table of the Lord, the table of mercy and love. The Lord invites all of us to meet him there.



The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

*Patris Corde,* An Obedient Father, Model of Patience

While in Egypt, Joseph awaited the angel’s notice that he could safely return home. In the third dream, the angel told Joseph that those who sought to kill the child were dead and ordered him to rise, take the child and his mother, and return to the land of Israel. Once more, Joseph promptly obeyed—he got up, took the child and his mother, and went to the land of Israel. Again, it was a long and dangerous trip.

In the Gospel of Luke, it is specifically written that Jesus’ parents observed all the prescriptions of the Law: the rites of the circumcision of Jesus, the purification of Mary after childbirth, the offering of the firstborn to God and attending the annual celebration of the Feast of Passover. This would have involved many journeys to the holy city of Jerusalem to the temple.

St. Joseph, we ask you to intercede to Jesus and Mary for as we journey in our spirituality and in our humanity. May our patient obedience to God’s commands be our goal too.

*St. Joseph, obedient father, model of patience, pray for us.*

(Pope Francis Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde,* 3. Dec. 8, 2020) 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, *Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center,* 2713 W. Chestnut Ave., Altoona, PA 16601.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

 August 15, 2021

 Upcoming REACH Service Project

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 The annual Forest Hills Labor Day Festival is back and will be held September 4th, 5th & 6th. The Festival is a great opportunity for our REACH students to help out and at the same time to earn 'Service Hour Credit' towards the community service requirement for their confirmation process.



REACH Festival Booth Fundraiser ~ The REACH Festival Booth sign-up sheets are ready and available for our students to choose a preferred day and time to help out with our 2 booths. We will be selling Apple Dumplings and Ice Cream Sundaes. This is our biggest REACH fundraiser. It’s a great opportunity for our REACH families to offer their assistance to our REACH Youth Ministry. Sign-up sheets are on the easel in the back of the church for REACH students and parents to sign-up for preferred time slots.

*REACH Student and Parent volunteers are needed to help with both booths for the 3-day weekend. Parent chaperones are needed in each booth for all 2-Hour time slots.*

 *Help will be greatly appreciated.*

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Religious Education Teacher Needed ~ Your help is needed. We are looking for a Religious Education teacher for our Thursday K—5 Program. Contact the Parish Office at 814-495-9640 or the Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873 to inquire.

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The PENNSYLVANIA CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE LAW requires all PA clearances and training for anyone working with our parish children. All helpers, volunteers and any other adults who wish to help chaperone or mentor our children in any way are required to have and will need these clearances. The clearances are free of charge for all volunteers.

Please contact the Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873 or the Parish Office at

814-495-9640 for information on how to obtain these clearances.

 Sunday, August 15 Mass ~ 8:00 & 10:30 AM / Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary

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

 Liturgy Committee Meeting / Hall Rm #2 / After 10:30 AM Mass

 Pavilion Rental / Noon

 Rowan Rebekah Minor Baptism / 1:00 PM

 Monday, August 16 Mass ~ Noon

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

 Knights of Columbus / Pavilion / 7:15 PM

 Tuesday, August 17 Mass ~ Noon

 Boy Scouts / Hall / 7:30 – 9:00 PM

 Wednesday, August 18 Mass ~ Noon

 Thursday, August 19 Mass ~ Noon

 Friday, August 20 Mass ~ Noon

 Saturday, August 21 Mass / 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:30 – 3:45 / In the Confessional

 Charles Frear / Sabrina Appley Nuptials / 1:00 PM

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 August 22 Parish Corn Roast



POLISH DAY OF MERRIMENT ~ In honor of their Polish heritage, Queen of Angels Parish in Central City is sponsoring their “Summer Dyngus Party” on Saturday, August 21st at their parish hall (738 Sunshine Ave.). The event includes live polka music by Li’l John Nalevanko and the ATM Band, games of chance, all you can eat buffet of homemade ethnic foods, beer, and soft drinks. For tickets, please call 754-5224. All proceeds benefit the parish CCD program.

SPAGHETTI DRIVE-BY ~ The Church of the Transfiguration, 201 3rd St., Conemaugh will be having a Spaghetti Drive-By on Sunday, August 22 from 10:30 AM – 1:30 PM. Meal includes: Spaghetti & Meatballs, Tossed Salad, dinner Roll & Dessert. All for $8.00 per meal!