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

 Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 August 20th, 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

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

August 20th, 2023

Month of The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (August 22 – August 27, 2023)

Monday, August 21 No Mass

Tuesday, August 22 9:00 AM +Patrick Krestar Sr. req. by Paul & Susan Snyder

Wednesday, August 23 9:00 AM +Bill Kostan req. by Joe Daniels

Thursday, August 24 9:00 AM +Phyllis Christ req. by Chuck & Carol Swaney

Friday, August 25 9:00 AM +Paul J. Kundrod req. by Mike & Susan Blazosky

Saturday, August 26 4:00 PM +Mary Ann Daniels req. by Bob & Mary Lou Daniels

Sunday, August 27 8:00 AM +Jane Plummer req. by Mary Ann & Chuck Tedjeske

 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, August 26 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Donald Dipko Bryan & Amy Spangler

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards

Choir Minister: Susan Blazosky

Altar Server: Kaylee Roberts

Cantor: David Zajdel

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Sunday, August 27 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Jane Plummer Family

Minister of the Host: Eric Tedjeske

Choir Minister: Ellen Grattan

Altar Server: Kaden Christ

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, August 27 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Jim & Heidi Fisher Family

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Choir Minister: Robert Oshaben

Altar Server: Alexis Henderson

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: Wendy Blough

Monday, August 28 Collection Counters

 George & Pauline Minor

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, 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, Margaret Kowalski, John Patterson, Linda Milo, Trey Sinosky, Paul Slonac Jr., 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 August 20th, 2023

the Sanctuary Candle will burn for all the

Sick and Homebound

of St. Michael Parish

will

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $6,093.50

Maintenance $ 15.00

Peter’s Pence $ 10.00

Assumption $ 70.00

Total $6,188.50

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August 20th

The mother in today’s gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

 *“Woman, great is your Faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”*



Today we read the story of the encounter with the Canaanite woman. We notice that the woman was refused three times by Jesus before he granted her request; finally, at her fourth attempt, Jesus rewarded her persistence, curing her daughter in answer to her plea – This silently underlines Jesus’ teaching that we must persist in prayer. *“Ask and you shall receive.”* Asking with fervor and perseverance proves that we have the “great Faith” we need to receive what Christ wants to grant us in response to our requests.

FAREWELL FROM MSGR. LOCKARD ~ I truly wish to thank the Holy Name Society, the Funeral Luncheon Committee, and everyone else who planned, prepared and / or donated to the Farewell / Welcome Party last Sunday. It was very special! I especially want to thank all those who donated or gave gifts to the event, as well as all those who made an effort to attend. I feel it was a good day for the parish, as well as for Fr. Jerzy and me. I am sorry that I ran out of time and energy before I could see everyone who was there. “The old gray priest ain’t what he used to be!” But I do appreciate your presence as well as your presents! I like to say that for us who believe in the future Resurrection, we should not say “Good-bye” at times such as these, but rather, “I’ll see you later.” And I do believe that one day we shall see one another again, somehow, somewhere. Meanwhile God bless all of you.

 Love,

 Msgr. David Lockard Msgr.’s Mailing Address:

 St. Michael the Archangel, pray for us! St. Michael the Archangel Parish

 301 Spruce St.

 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

WEEKDAY CONFESSIONS ~ Fr. Jerzy will be hearing confessions in the confessional one-half hour before weekday Masses (8:30 AM) beginning this Tuesday, August 22nd.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thank you to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $690.00 and an assortment of non-perishable items.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULE REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the winter months of October through January 2024. If you have dates you are not available or dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by Sunday, September 17th. And please contact Suzi with your Holiday preferences (Any Holy Days, Christmas, and New Year’s). Lay ministers are being sought for all Masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, and Altar Servers.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS (R.C.I.A.) ~ Are you interested, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to grow in faith understanding or has not been confirmed for one reason or another? The R.C.I.A. sessions will resume in October here at St. Michael. For more information, please call Suzi Blazosky at 814-495-5287 or email sublazosky@gmail.com.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY FUNNEL CAKE BOOTH ~ Sign-up sheets are available on the easel at the back of the Church for the Funnel Cake Booth at the Forest Hills Festival on September 2nd, 3rd, and 4th. Please consider helping! 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!

GREATER JOHNSTOWN COMMUNITY CHORUS OPEN HOUSE ~ Do you like to sing? The Greater Johnstown Community Chorus is accepting new members. Under the direction of Zing Allsopp, we meet Tuesdays 7-9 PM at Mount Calvary United Methodist Church on Scalp Ave. in the back lower level. If interested, we are having an Open House August 29th at 7 PM. For more information contact Anita Lorek 814-487-7769, 814-243-0149, or email wlorek1852@comcast.net.

DIACONATE 2023-2024 CLASSES ~ Sacred Scripture & Synoptic Gospels taught by Deacon Michael Russo via ZOOM. Tuesdays from 6:30-9 PM (Running for 10 weeks) beginning August 22nd. IN PERSON: Moral Theology taught by Fr. James Crookston at Holy Name Parish in Ebensburg. Classes will be held on Thursdays from 6:30-9 PM (Running 7 weeks) beginning on August 24th. To register for classes please visit [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-eclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-eclesial-ministry) or contact Jessica, *Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry* at 814-361-2000.

THEOLOGY ON TAP ~ Young Adult Group (18-35). We meet the last Wednesday of every month & will soon be adding additional events. The August 30th session is from 6-8 PM at The Crows Nest located at 510 Tire Hill Road. Guest Speaker will be Fr. Peter Crowe – Pastor of St. Andrew Parish and Diocesan Vocations Director – speaking on the Priesthood. Upcoming guest speakers include Fr. Brian Norris (Sept.), Bishop Mark Bartchak (Oct.), and Fr. Malachi Van Tassell T.O.R. (Nov.). For more information contact Geoffrey Stumpo at

814-659-7415 or geoffstumpo@gmail.com

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT ~ Fr. John D. Byrnes and the Basilica of St. Michael parish family invite all in the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese to Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament before the final outdoor Mass of the summer, in Loretto. Adoration will be on September 3rd in the Basilica of St. Michael from 3 – 6:30 PM prior to outdoor Mass.

UPCOMING CLASSES & WORKSHOPS ~ In person or Virtual Zoom Link. Vatican Council II Constitutions taught by Fr. John Slovikovski at Bishop McCort High School via Zoom Link on Tuesdays from 6 – 8 PM (Running for 8 weeks) beginning Sept. 19th. Catechumenate Team Ministry Course & Fall Workshop Understanding the Annulment Process will be In-Person and Zoom. You can find Registration and Flyers on the class & Workshop on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the Church.

ENRICHMENT DAYS AT ST. BERNARDINE MONASTERY ~ The Franciscan Friars, TOR at St. Bernardine Monastery welcome you to join us for our Wednesday Enrichment Days. Each workshop includes a class on the given topic, Mass, and lunch with Friars. The cost is $20 per workshop, and you must pre-register with payment. Space is limited, so please register early by sending payment to 788 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648. The workshop theme is September 13th - The Mass (register by September 6th).

STRENGTH IN CHRIST WOMEN’S CONFERENCE ~ September 16th at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. Internationally recognized speakers Kitty Cleveland and Mary Castner. The conference will include Mass with Bishop Mark, Confessions, and lunch. The conference runs from 9 AM – 4 PM with check-in beginning at 7:30 AM. Ladies are invited to stay and pray the Rosary from 4 - 5 PM. Cost is $20 for adults, $10 for high school & college students. Register by September 1st online at dioceseaj.org or pick up a hard copy registration from your parish bulletin board.

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGIES ~ Bishop Mark Bartchak & 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 2023 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend Sunday, September 10th in ALTOONA at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or Sunday, September 17th in JOHNSTOWN at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Most Rev. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant & homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples & their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by Tuesday, August 29th.



Religious Education And Christian Helping

August 20, 2023



Our REACH, Religious Education And Christian Helping year has officially started for our 2023—2024 Religious Education year.

Students can earn service time when participating in any service projects scheduled within the parish and any service performed outside anywhere in our communities. Outside Individual Service forms are available in the Religious Education Office. All service will count towards "total service" for Diocesan requirements for students in their Confirmation Process in grades 9, 10 & 11.

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 Upcoming REACH Service Project

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Forest Hills Labor Day Festival ~ The annual Forest Hills Labor Day Festival will be held September 2nd, September 3rd & September 4th.

The Festival is a great opportunity for our REACH students to help 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 with our 2 booths. We will be selling Apple Dumplings and Ice Cream Sundaes. Proceeds will go towards future REACH activities. 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.*

*Call the RE Office at 814-495-4873 to volunteer.*



 Religious Education Schedule

Our Religious Education classes will begin on Thursday, September 21 for Pre-K—Grade 5 students from 3:30—4:30 p.m. and on Sunday, September 24th

for Grades 6—12 from 9:00—10:20 a.m.

Youth Mass & Picnic ~ We are planning a Youth Mass for Saturday, September 16th at our 4:00 p.m. Mass to Kick-Off the beginning of our new Religious Education year. Fr. Jerzy would like our youth to participate in the liturgy as altar servers, Lectors for the readings and prayer intentions, and ushers and gift bearers for the offertory procession.

Following the Mass, we will have a picnic and games for our Religious Education students and families. Religious Education parents, please contact our Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873 to sign up for participation in our Mass parts and RSVP to attend our picnic so we can plan for the festivities.

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*New volunteers are always needed to help with our parish children.*

We need your help to carry out our activities and projects at the parish.

Please contact the Religious Education Office at 814-495-4873 or the Parish Office at 814-495-9640 if you are willing to be a part of our team. Information on how to obtain volunteer clearances will be provided. Your swiftness to complete the clearance process over the summer will help assure that we have an adequate number of compliant volunteers able to help with our youth when needed for our Religious Education and Youth Ministry programs and activities. Thank You in advance for your consideration of this ministry.

 Sunday, August 20 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

 Deacon Picnic / Pavilion Rental / Noon

 Monday, August 21 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, August 22 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Wednesday, August 23 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, August 24 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, August 25 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Saturday, August 26 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional



 UPCOMING EVENTS

 August 27 Holy Name Society Meeting

 Aubrie Clare Meyers Baptism

 September 2, 3, 4 Forest Hills Labor Day Festival

SWISS STEAK DINNER ~ Church of the Transfiguration on Sunday, August 27th. Doors open at the parish hall at 10 AM to 1:30 PM. $13 a meal that includes hot Swiss Steak, in its own gravy, green beans, bun, salad, & dessert.

SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ Sunday, September 10th, St. John Gualbert Cathedral Activities Center, 110 Adams St. Johnstown, PA. At the corner of Adams & Railroad Streets. Doors open 11 AM – serving till 3 PM. Adults-$10, Children 4-12 - $7. Ages 3 & under free, take-outs available. Tickets can be purchased at the door or at the St. John Gualbert Rectory prior to the event. Basket Party & 50/50 tickets will be available for an additional charge at the dinner. No need to be present to win.



PILGRIMAGE ~ Fr. John Slovikovski, Pastor of Visitation parish is promoting & coordinating a pilgrimage to Rome, Assisi, & Orvieto, Italy, which is open to the entire diocese in the month of June 2025. This includes visitations to the 4 Major Basilicas of Rome (The Vatican{with and audience with the Pope}, St. Mary Major, St. John Lateran, and St. Paul Fountain, & the Coliseum as well as the basilicas of St. Francis & St. Clare in Assisi. Please contact the Visitation Parish office @ 814-536-6110. There is no obligation (financial or otherwise) before we make our commitment with the Pilgrimage tour company in early 2024. 2025 is an exceptional time to be in Rome since it will be during a Jubilee Year – which a Jubilee only occurs once every 25 years.