ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 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

 Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 September 10th, 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

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The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 12 – September 17, 2023)

Monday, September 11 No Mass

Tuesday, September 12 9:00 AM No Mass

Wed., September 13 9:00 AM No Mass

Thursday, September 14 9:00 AM No Mass

Friday, September 15 9:00 AM No Mass

Saturday, September 16 4:00 PM +Michael Blazosky req. by Gary, Brenda, Madison, Garrett &

 Carson Kundrod

Sunday, September 17 8:00 AM +Phyllis Christ req. by The Metzgars & Imlers

 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 16 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Wyatt Hritz & Natalie Stohon Michael & Stephanie Yuhas

Minister of the Host: Babe Richards Family

Choir Minister: Susan Blazosky

Altar Server: Ana Spangler

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Greeter: Religious Education Students

Sunday, September 17 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Pauline Minor Phyllis Christ Family

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Choir Minister: Eric Tedjeske

Altar Server: Bryce Macy

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Deborah Macy

Sunday, September 17 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Dorothy Stroz Janet Higgins &

Minister of the Host: Robert Oshaben Laura Docherty

Choir Minister: Amanda Williamson

Altar Server: Landon Fisher

Cantor: Alexis Henderson

Greeter: REACH Students

Sunday, September 17 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:* 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, 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, 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 Miko, Trey Sinosky, Paul Slonac Jr., Sharon Poldiak, Kathy McClemens 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 September 10th, 2023

the Sanctuary Candle will burn for

all the Souls in Purgatory

will

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $5,233.00

Maintenance $ 76.00

Holy Days $ 5.00

Diocesan Collections $ 125.00

Total $5,439.00

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September 10th

The key word in today’s gospel is “listen.” We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and “if he listens to you” then he /she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.

 The Power of Love



In the Gospel this Sunday we read: “Jesus said to his disciples: ‘If your brother sins, go and admonish him privately; if he listens to you, you have gained your brother.’” It is not easy in individual cases to know whether it is better to correct something or let it go, speak or be silent. This is why it is important to remember the Golden Rule, valid in all cases, that St. Paul offers in the second letter: “Owe each other nothing but the debt of mutual love. […] Love does evil to no one.” Saint Augustine synthesized everything in the maxim, “Love and do what you will.”



MAY HE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Edward Hudak whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, September 8th, 2023. May he know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. Please pray for the consolation of all his family and friends.

WEEKDAY MASS ~ There will be NO weekday Mass for this week, September 12th through September 15th due to Fr. Jerzy being on leave. Weekday Mass will resume on Tuesday, September 19th at 9:00 AM.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ~ This weekend is our Second Sunday food Pantry Collection. Please bring non-perishable food items or toiletries with you. Monetary donations are also appreciated.

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ Will be having a meeting this Sunday, September 10th after the 8:00 AM Mass in the Church Hall. Anyone interested in the Holy Name Society please join us.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~ In your envelope packet there is an envelope for our Religious Education Fund – dated September 10th. Envelopes can be turned in any weekend of September.

PRECIOUS LIFE BABY BOTTLES ~ The ministry of Precious Life wants to thank the Parish of St. Michael for their kind and generous offering of $293.04 for the Baby Bottle campaign. Your donation reaches many women facing unplanned pregnancies & gives them a place of hope & help in their time of need.

MAINTENANCE FUND TICKETS ~ Every active married couple will receive two tickets to buy or sell for $10.00 each, and each active single adult will receive one ticket to buy or sell for $10.00. Please return the money, stub, or ticket as soon as possible but no later than September 27th. The tickets start on October 1st, 2023 and continue the whole month of October. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing. Weekdays payoff is $75, weekends are $100 & Columbus Day (Oct. 9) and Halloween (Oct. 31) is $150. The October Maintenance Fund tickets can be found on the back table at the back of the church this weekend. If you are unable to sell or don’t want the ticket, PLEASE don’t throw it away, but return it 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 our Maintenance Fund.

PLEASE NOTE! ~ We apologize if anyone has been accidentally missed. If you would like a ticket or if anyone is wanting extra tickets, please call the office during office hours. If you no longer want tickets, please call the office and we will take you off the list. Thank you.

 *Fr. Jerzy Auguscik, Administrator*

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SURVEY ~ We want to hear from you!

*The St. Michael Stewardship Team* (previously known as *The St. Michael Leadership Team*) would like to determine the needs of our parish in order to enhance our spiritual life. A parish survey will be distributed over the weekend of September 30th – October 1st. All parishioners are encouraged to participate! Your feedback will help guide future projects and bring to light areas of interest in our community.

Paper surveys will be made available and collected in the church. Digital surveys will also be available using

a QR code, which will be posted in the church and in the weekend bulletin. \*Please note that *The Stewardship Team* recommends using the digital version if possible.

Any questions or comments for *The St. Michael Stewardship Team* can be directed to Kelsey Deighan-Lafferty in the parish office at 814-495-4873.

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.

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FATIMA DEVOTIONS ~ The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating Fatima Devotions on Wednesday, September 13th at 6:30 PM in the Gardens (In case of inclement weather we will be at the Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). The presider will be Fr. Timothy Harris, T.O.R.

WOMEN’S DAY OF REFLECTION ~ St. Benedict Parish, Johnstown will be hosting Inspirational Speaker, Ximena DeBroeck, STL, Ph. D for A Women’s Day of Reflection, “Called and Anointed for Mission” This one-day event will be held from 8:30 AM – 4 PM September 30th. The day will start off with a walk with the Women of the Old and New Testament as you discover the meaning of being called. The day will include Mass, Adoration, confession & fellowship. This event is free & open to all. Lunch & Refreshments will be served so an RSVP is required. For more information contact St. Benedict Rectory at 814-266-9178 or Deacon Michael Russo at 814-288-3036 or email michael.russo@atlanticbb.net.

SPEAKER ~ Brenda Garcia, a faithful Catholic & Hollywood stunt woman, will speak at Holy Name Church, Ebensburg on Tuesday evening, October 3rd at 7 PM. She has appeared in movies and has also worked on many TV series. Open to all, free of charge & no registration needed. A free will offering will be taken.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 10, 2023

REACH Service Project



Our Saint Michael REACH Youth Ministry would like to thank all those who supported us at this year’s Forest Hills Labor Day Festival by purchasing any of our Apple Dumplings or Ice Cream Sundaes.

Thank you to all the REACH students and parents that helped with any part of the prep and working shifts in our booths selling our Apple Dumplings and Ice Cream Sundaes during the festival weekend: Austin, Jeannine & Jude Pramuk, Ana & Amy Spangler, Cameron, Jon & Michelle Vitez, Sophia, Max, Tina & Lucas Jacobs, Landon, Heidi & Jim Fisher, Colson Tokarsky, Sydney, Carson & Jodi Myers, Isabella, Sandy and Tony Bambino, Jackson and Heather Henderson, Blake & Tara Shilcosky, Noah and Julie Eppley, Kiera, Brayden & Brandy Smith, Natalie Stohon & Gino Spinos, Chase & Amanda Williamson, Bryce Roberts, Nikki Brezovec, Taylor & Kim Snyder, Ellie, Evan, Brock, Jenna, Amy & Cory Shaw, Paelyn, Paxton & Payton Pcola, Adalynne Webb, Laurie & Bob Sloan, and Alexia, Mckenzee, Jen & Mike Steele.

Thanks to all our volunteers; those that helped prepare our booth spaces with all the supplies and to take down after the festival was over. Everyone’s generosity and participation are greatly appreciated. And of course, A Huge THANK YOU to our SAINT MICHAEL FIREHALL and their many, many, many volunteers who participate and coordinate the entire weekend and help make it all run so smoothly for all the vendors, entertainment and community attending. It was a great weekend once again!!!!!

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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.



 Religious Education Schedule

Our Religious Education classes will begin on Thursday, September 21 for

Pre-K—Grade 5 students, 3:30—4:30 p.m. and on Sunday, September 24th for Grades 6—12, 9:00—10:20 a.m.

*\*Parents – check your e-mail for an important Religious Education newsletter.*

Thursday K—5 Parents, please look for a School Bus Permission Slip attached to this email. If you want your child(ren) to ride the Forest Hills Elementary Bus provided to Thursday RE, You must print, fill out and return this School Bus Permission slip to the Forest Hills Elementary Office giving them your permission to allow your student to ride to our Saint Michael Church in place of their regular return home bus. These Permission slips need to be returned by Friday, September 8, giving the school and our RE Department time to compile a list of students riding on Thursday afternoons.

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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 Sunday, September 10 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Holy Name Society Meeting / Hall / After 8:00 AM Mass



 Monday, September 11 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, September 12 No Mass

 No Confessions

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Citizens Concerned for Human Life Meeting / Hall / 7:00 PM

 Wednesday, September 13 No Mass

 No Confessions

 Thursday, September 14 No Mass

 No Confessions

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, September 15 No Mass

 No Confessions

 Saturday, September 16 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 Religious Ed. Youth Mass / Religious Ed. Youth Picnic



 UPCOMING EVENTS

 September 23 & 24 Retired Priests Medical Second Collection

 September 23 Conner Michael Christ Baptism

MOST HOLY TRINITY PUMPKIN ROLLS ~ Sign up to order Pumpkin Rolls or call Rita Gramling 814-495-5169 & leave a message. Rolls are $15 each & orders are due by September 15th. Pick up will be Friday September 22nd, 9AM – 12 noon or after weekend Masses at Most Holy Trinity, South Fork, church hall. Order forms can be found on the table at the back of the church.

CHICKEN BBQ AND MINI-BAZAAR ~ St. Demetrius Parish, Gallitzin, Sunday, September 24th in the parish Activity Center, 714 Foster St., Gallitzin. Takeout dinners are $12 each. There will be a flea market, baked goods, games & a basket raffle. Dinner served 11 AM until sold out.

STEELER TICKET LOTTERY ~ The Church of the Visitation of the Blessed Virgin Mary is currently selling tickets for the Steelers vs. the Baltimore Ravens Game at 1 PM on Sunday, October 8th. Tickets cost $10 & include seating for 4 people at the game on the 40-yard line, ten seats up, transportation to the game by way of the Steeler bus and $200 mad money. If you would like to purchase some tickets, call the parish rectory @ 814-536-6110.