ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

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 Daily Mass See Bulletin

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YEAR: 2016 NUMBER: 37

JUBILEE YEAR OF MERCY

SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

BAPTISM: By Appointment. Reserve at least one month in advance.

 Preparation classes are necessary.

MARRIAGE: Make arrangements at least nine months in advance.

 Preparation sessions are necessary.

FUNERALS: Arrangements are made in conjunction with the funeral home.

 Eulogies should be given at the funeral home at the time of the wake service or at the luncheon.

REGISTRATION Those new to the area, newlyweds, and single adults, (even if registered

 and before with their families) are asked to register by calling the Parish Office.

MEMBERSHIP: 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 rectory to have the shut-in placed on our monthly Holy Communion calls or seriously ill prayer list.

SACRAMENTAL Requires a six-month parish registration and active Mass participation

POLICY: for Baptism and Marriage.

BULLETIN ARTICLES: Articles are due to the Parish Office by Noon on Monday.

24th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 11, 2016

 Month of the Seven Dolors of the Sorrowful Mother



MASS INTENTIONS: (September 12 to September 18, 2016)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Martha Bertolino req. by Husband, Jim & Family

Wednesday 9:00 AM For the Reparation of Sins against the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus

 & the Immaculate Heart of Mary

Thursday 8:00 AM Fritzie & Mike Beaver req. by Family

Friday 9:00 AM Beatrice Myers req. by Rose Marie Myers & Family

Saturday 4:00 PM Nora Ripper req. by Joe & Cathy Faher

Sunday 8:00 AM Irene Hribar req. by Paul & Susan Snyder

 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 17 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Schofield Family

Minister of the Host: Helen Slonac

Ministers of the Cup: Mary Partsch & Susan Blazosky

Altar Servers: Evan, Dylan & Carson Kundrod

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Greeter: Mary Ann Spangler

Sunday, September 18 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: David Knepper Frank Hribar Family

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Ministers of the Cup: Sally Kolar & Terri Leach

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin, Griffin & Kaden Christ

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, September 1810:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Devon Michaels James Fisher Family

Minister of the Host: Deacon Dave Hornick

Ministers of the Cup: Michael Barton & Sharon Paterson

Altar Servers: Alexis Henderson, Haidyn Koch & Abby Jordan

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Jim Shirdon

Sunday, September 18 Collection Counters

 Tom & Sharon Paterson,

 Robert Casti & Sara Zybura



Weare placing names of the sick in the bulletin for prayer providing they give permission. Although we remember all sick and shut-ins at every Mass, we would like our parish family to be aware of the need for special prayer intentions because of a most serious illness or hospital stay. *May the* *Divine Physician send healing grace for those for* *whom we pray:* Josephine Koshute, Allen C. Rosemas, Patricia Murphy, Todd Euen, Bernice Myers, Dwight Fyock, Lori Facciani, Dylon Wills, Dawn Hagen, Debbie Dibert, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Remy Beaver, Mary Lou Offman, Marian Chuckalovcak, John T. Plummer, Arlene Diamond, Mary Zangaglia, Dorothy Rosemas, Natalie Zerby, Patricia Grata, Michael Wadsworth, Valencia & Frank Tursi, Homer Locher, Gloria Weyandt, Brayden Schofield, Steve Faher, Jr, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Allison Krischer, Ted Paluch, Brandt Hutzel, Caroline Dombrosky, Nicholas “Hop” Kolar, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Ann Marie Beppler, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Loretta Panick, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Maria, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Jill Cekada, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Michael Liimatainen, Mary Agnes Nastase, Heidi Allison, Sharon Poldiak, Melinda Jerome, Phyllis Christ, Nancy Edmiston, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Susan Poldiak, Katie Ansell, Mary McCall, Dillon Myers, Suzie Thomas, Sean, Holly, Shane, Joan McDowell, Melisa Ruddek, Joanne Serre, 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.)

CHOIR PRACTICES ~ Because of the Labor Day Holiday, practice for the Sunday Choir will be on Tuesday, September 6th at 7:00 PM. Next week it will return to its normal schedule on Monday at 7:00 PM. Practice for the Saturday Choir is on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

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

HOLY NAME SOCIETY ~ The Holy Name Society will be meeting this Sunday, September 11th following the 8:00 AM Mass.

MARTHA’S GROUP ~ Martha’s Group will be meeting this Monday, September 12th beginning at 6:00 PM. Please call Mary Anne Davis at 495-3310 for more information.

EXCITING NEWS ~ Is it time to become involved in your church? Have you ever sat in church and thought “I would like to be a Eucharistic Minister, Reader, Cantor, or Greeter? “ Now is the time to get involved and become closer to God. New schedules will be made in September and you can become a part of the liturgy. Please call the church office and sign up or talk to a person on the liturgy committee. We need new people and would love to have you on our team. Also, it is time to have more youth as altar servers, please encourage your children to be an altar server. Sign-up sheets will be provided at the beginning of religious education classes. Deacon Dave will train the new servers during CCD to make it easier for your children to attend.

MEET AND GREET ~ The Parish is holding a Meet & Greet for Father Brian on October 2nd following the 10:30 AM Mass. Sign-up sheets can be found at the Church entrances. Please list the number of people attending and what covered dish you will be bringing. The Church will be supplying the meats.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~ In the new packet of envelopes there is an envelope for our Religious Education Fund. All money collected will go into our Higher Education Account. Any student completing their Senior (12th) year of Religious Education requirements is eligible for a $300.00 scholarship. Envelopes can be turned in any weekend in September.

*Luke 15:1-32*

*Parents are like that shepherd in today’s gospel for they don’t give up and can’t rest if one of their children has wandered away. A parent’s persistent love provides a glimpse of the unconditional love for each of us by God, Our Father. A parent is a window to the Divine.*

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Diocesan Goal $29,040.00

Pledged $18,173.00

Total Cash Amount $17,843.00

Number of Responses 127 430 30%



The Sanctuary Candle will burn in memory of all those killed in the September 11th terrorist attacks

and

the Our Lady of Grace Candle will a birthday remembrance for Anna Pavlik

requested by daughter, Helen and Family

during the week of September 11, 2016.



Liturgical Reflection...

The younger son came home and told his father of his sins and his sorrow. His father showed him mercy. The older son stood outside and judged both his brother and father. His father showed him mercy. Do we celebrate God’s mercy in our lives? Or are our hearts so full of resentment and judgment that we cannot experience forgiveness? The father shows compassion and love to both sons. A heart full of mercy has no other option than to rejoice and celebrate when a sinner has come home. Has your heart led you to celebrate with someone who has hurt you? Have you forgiven the trespasses of another? Today is the anniversary when trespassers took many innocent lives on American soil. Is there any forgiveness in our hearts?

2016, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, Pennsylvania 16648

We are asking that each parishioner(s) sell or buy the ticket(s) for $10.00 each and return the money and ticket stub as soon as possible, but no later than September 30th. The tickets start on October 1, 2016 and continue for the whole month of October. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing: Seventy-five dollars weekday; One hundred dollars weekends; and, One hundred-fifty dollars for October 10th, Columbus Day and One hundred-fifty dollars on October 31st, Halloween! If you are unable to sell or don’t want the ticket(s), PLEASE don’t throw them away, but return them 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 up our Parish Treasury. The tickets are available this weekend, September 3rd and 4th.

*Parish and Finance Council Members*

HAPPY GRANDPARENTS DAY - It surely does take a village to raise a child! Grandparents are a gift from God and have been given a huge responsibility and privilege to help lead their grandchildren in faith. Grandparents, are you taking this responsibility seriously? Are you sharing Jesus with the little and not so little children in your life? Take time to thank God for the gift of Grand-parenting, a God ordained mission field, where you have been sent forth to plant and water he seeds of faith in the youngest of hearts. "Bring the little children to Me, do not hinder them!"

EXCERPTS FROM A SPEECH BY PRESIDENT GEORGE W. BUSH AFTER THE 9-11 ATTACKS
 “ Today, our fellow citizens, our way of life, our very freedom came under attack in a series of deliberate and deadly terrorist acts. The victims were in airplanes or in their offices: secretaries, business men and women, military and federal workers, moms and dads, friends and neighbors. Thousands of lives were suddenly ended by evil, despicable acts of terror. The pictures of airplanes flying into buildings, fires burning, huge -- huge structures collapsing have filled us with disbelief, terrible sadness, and a quiet, unyielding anger. These acts of mass murder were intended to frighten our nation into chaos and retreat. But they have failed. Our country is strong.

A great people has been moved to defend a great nation. Terrorist attacks can shake the foundations of our biggest buildings, but they cannot touch the foundation of America. These acts shatter steel, but they cannot dent the steel of American resolve. America was targeted for attack because we're the brightest beacon for freedom and opportunity in the world. And no one will keep that light from shining. Today, our nation saw evil -- the very worst of human nature -- and we responded with the best of America. With the daring of our rescue workers, with the caring for strangers and neighbors who came to give blood and help in any way they could.

The search is underway for those who were behind these evil acts. I have directed the full resources of our intelligence and law enforcement communities to find those responsible and to bring them to justice. We will make no distinction between the terrorists who committed these acts and those who harbor them.

Tonight, I ask for your prayers for all those who grieve, for the children whose worlds have been shattered, for all whose sense of safety and security has been threatened. And I pray they will be comforted by a Power greater than any of us, spoken through the ages in Psalm 23:

*Even though I walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I fear no evil for you are with me.*

This is a day when all Americans from every walk of life unite in our resolve for justice and peace. America has stood down enemies before, and we will do so this time. None of us will ever forget this day, yet we go forward to defend freedom and all that is good and just in our world.”

**LET US PRAY AND REMEMBER** ~ The following Rev. Fathers from our diocese that died throughout the years from September 12th through September 18th: Andrew Sabados, John W. Palfy, Edward Dabcoskey,

James F. Schuster, and, Thomas J. O’Shea

PRAY FOR LIVING PRIESTS AND DEACONS IN THE DIOCESE ~ Charles Bodziak, George Jakopac, Christian Oravec, TOR, Deacon Richard Golden, and Seminarians Michael Pleva, Austin Keith, Peter Crowe, Jonathan Dickson, Devin Crouse and Mark Groeger



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,229.00

Loose $ 263.00

Youth $ 66.75

Assumption $ 15.00

Monthly $ 949.00

Maintenance Fund $ 80.00

Religious Education Fund $ 15.00

Retired Priests Medical $ 15.00

World Mission Sunday $ 10.00

Candles $ 26.00

Total $4,668.75

We sincerely thank and ask God’s blessing upon all who have care and concern for our parish.



Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 11, 2016

For All the Parish Support at the Forest Hills Labor Day Festival

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, and those who helped in any way. Your generosity is appreciated. The entire weekend was filled with beautiful weather and wonderful fellowship which allowed for a very successful fundraiser.

Thanks to all the following volunteers, 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 3 days of the festival:

Garrett & Carson Kundrod ~ Evan, Dylan & Kristen Kundrod ~ Eva, Quinn & Amy Spangler ~ Ian, Elizabeth & Amy Dobbins ~ Brian & Marie Bernard ~ Victoria Russic ~ Alexia Steele, Jen & Mike Steele ~ Eric Elgin~ Evan & Missy Burkardt ~ Andrew Martin ~ Tyson Snyder ~ Haden Koch ~ Liz & Ken Burkardt ~ Shannan Elgin ~ Wendy Blough ~ Terri Leach ~ Michael Barton ~ Pauline Minor ~ Sally Kolar ~ Ashley Cook ~ Haley Cook ~ Sarah & Dave Deibert ~ Kourtney & Joanne Walls ~ Lexi & Vee Koeck ~ Carter, Kirstyn & Michelle Vitez ~ Elisabeth & Sarah Zajdel ~ Abbey Swanson ~ Chris & Dana Ramirez ~ Sidney Kakabar ~ Abby, Debbie & Troy Jordan ~ Luke Hribar ~ Adam Bambino ~ Erika Frombach Luke & Laura Docherty ~ Rebecca & Gale Docherty ~ Mckenzie Webb ~ Hailey Hampton ~ Haden Romanow. Thank You! Thank You! Thank You To All!

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Our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has posted the schedule for Confirmation Masses being celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak in the Easter season of 2017. Our Saint Michael Parish Confirmation Mass is scheduled for *Thursday, April 20, 2017* at 7:00p.m. and will be held at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

11th Grade Confirmation candidates: With the April 20, 2017 Confirmation date set, keep in mind that as a candidate, you are required to secure at least 25 community service hours for the 11th Grade year by March 1, 2017 to be eligible to receive the sacrament of Confirmation. Community service hours can be acquired within our church through our REACH Youth Ministry Projects or from outside our church community by submitting an individual Service form for each service signed by an adult overseeing that service.

Religious Education Registration is taking place for our 2016—2017 Religious Education Year. Forms are being mailed out to all families currently registered in our parish with school-age children. All current families, as well as new families are required to pre-register each year so that all contact and medical information is up-to-date. Return registrations by the end of August. Return forms by dropping in the weekend collection basket, drop off at the Rectory or RE Offices, or by mail.

In addition, parents of K—5 students also need to return the enclosed Bus Permission card to the Elementary School Office.

New members of the parish who may not be on the mailing list, please call the Religious Education Office at 495-4873 with an address so forms can be mailed.

 Religious Education Start Dates:

Grades K—5 begins Thursday, September 22nd from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grades 6—12 begins on Sunday, September 25th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

\*In order for your K—5 students to ride the bus from school, a bus permission postcard must be returned to the school by Monday, September 12th.

*9th Grade Parent Orientation ~ Orientation for parents of our 9th grade students beginning their 3-year confirmation process is scheduled for Sunday, September 25th beginning at 9:10 a.m.* Attendance *of at least 1 parent is required.*

*This orientation will take place in the upstairs of the Parish Hall while students are in their classroom for their first class of this new Religious Education year. You will be provided with information for the newly revised confirmation process guidelines and requirements for Sacramental prep from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and the opportunity for any questions along with a schedule for our 2016—2017 Religious Education Year.*

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*Attention: Any present or new volunteers planning to work with our parish children:*

*New volunteers are wanted & needed!!* The PENNSYLVANIA CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE LAW requires clearances and training for anyone working with our parish children. All helpers, volunteers and any other adults who wish to help chaperone and mentor our children in any way are those who are required to have and will need these clearances. These clearances will be free for all volunteers. If your job does not already require these, or you do not have these clearances, you will need to obtain them to work with the parish children. The child abuse clearance site is compass.state.pa.us/cwis/public/home, the State Police background check may be found at epatch.state.pa.us. and to complete the Mandated Reporting Online training certification, go to reportabusepa.pitt.edu. Once completed, please provide copies of clearances and certification to our Saint Michael Parish Office.

Contact the Rectory Office at 495-9640 or the Religious Education Office at 495-4873 to obtain more information to help with this process.

 Sunday, September 11 St. Michael Religious Education Collection

 Monday, September 12 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, September 13 Morning Mass / 8:00 AM

 Wednesday, September 14 Morning Mass / 9:00 AM

 Thursday, September 15 Morning Mass / 8:00 AM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 Friday, September 16 Morning Mass / 9:00 AM

 Saturday, September 17

 Sunday, September 18 Boy Scouts / Hall / 4:00 to 5:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

 Sunday, October 2 Meet & Greet Fr. Brian / Covered Dish After the 10:30 AM Mass

**A BLUE MASS,** honoring all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMS for their service, will be held 11 a.m. Sunday, Sept. 11th at St John Gualbert Cathedral, 117 Clinton Street, Johnstown. The mass is open to the public but we ask all first responders who are interested in participating in our celebration to please dress in their uniforms or work attire. If you are planning on attending, please email evyanz@hotmail.com.

SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ Most Holy Trinity Catholic Church, 550 Main St, South Fork will sponsor a Spaghetti Dinner on Thursday, Sept. 22 from 4-7pm for Take-Out dinners only. There will be no dine-in. Tickets are $8 for adults and $3 for children, and are available at the door.

THIRD ANNUAL ST. BENEDICT OKTOBERFEST will be held at St. Benedict School Hall, Johnstown on Saturday, October 1, 2016. Doors open at 6:00 pm. Music by Rosie and the Jammers from 7:00 pm – 10:00 pm, $20.00 per person includes food, soft drinks, and complimentary draft beers. Menu Includes Kielbasa, Sausage, Parsley Potatoes, Hot Dogs &Sauerkraut, Pigs in a Blanket, Halushki and Beverages. Must present ticket for admission, valid ID is required. Door Prizes, Instant Bingo Tickets, 50/50 Drawing throughout the evening, Small Games of Chance. For tickets contact 266-9718 (Ext. 501)

HOLY FAMILY PARISH~509 Caldwell Ave., Portage, PA will hold a BASKET PARTY on Sun., Oct. 2, 2016 Doors open at 1 PM Tickets will be sold until 2:15 PM Drawing starts at 2:30 PM. Cost of Ticket is $5 which includes; 25 entries of a basket of your choice, door prize ,dessert & beverage. Tickets are available in advance at the Parish Office 736-4279. You do not need to be present to win.



A fire chief died and went to heaven. When he got there he saw a long line waiting to get in to the pearly gates. He told himself, “I am a fire chief, I’m not going to wait in line.” He went to the angels guarding the gates and said, “Let me in, I’m a fire chief.” The angels replied, “You’ll have to wait in line like everyone else, sir.” While waiting at the back of the line he saw a sedan pull up with red lights and a man got out wearing a white helmet that said “CHIEF.” The angels popped to attention and let the chief enter heaven. The waiting fire chief was really upset now and went to talk to the angels. He asked, “Why did you let that fire chief go through and not me?”

To which the angels replied, “You have it all wrong, sir. That’s GOD, he just thinks he’s a fire chief.”