ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 Rev. Brian L. Warchola, Administrator MASSES:



(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Michele Panick 10:30 am

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www.saintmichaelchurch.weebly.com 10:00 am to 10:15 am

Secretaries’ E-mail Anytime Requested

saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com

 YEAR: 2017 NUMBER: 38

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

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

 Preparation classes are necessary.

MARRIAGE: Plan 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 parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism

POLICY: and Marriage.

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

 Twenty - Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time , September 17, 2017

  **The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother**

MASS INTENTIONS: (September 18 – September 24, 2017)

Monday 8:00 AM Michael Beaver req. by Mary Thable

Tuesday 8:00 AM Helen McCall req. by Ginny Hull

Wednesday 8:00 AM Most Holy Trinity, South Fork & St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

 12:05 PM St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

Thursday 8:00 AM James Onder req. by Helen Soohy

Friday 8:00 AM Mildred Beesoick req. by Chuck & Pat Sura

Saturday 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 AM Richard J. Schiffhauer req. by Edna Mae Cook

Sunday 10:30 AM Claudia McCloskey req. Susan Yanzetich

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 23 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak Bambino Family

Minister of the Host: Mary Partsch

Ministers of the Cup: Theresa Carlson & Vince Arena

Altar Servers: Adam & Alex Bambino

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Joanne Thomas

Sunday, September 24 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Edna Mae Cook

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Ministers of the Cup: Beth Kundrod & Cathy Faher

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Brian Bernard

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, September 2410:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Madison Kundrod McCloskey Family

Minister of the Host: Robert Oshaben

Ministers of the Cup: Karen Myers & Susan Wieczorek

Altar Servers: Eric & Shannan Elgin

Cantor: Ian Wieczorek

Greeter: Karen Myers

Sunday, September 24 Collection Counters

 Debbie Dupnock, Camillus Long,

 Mary Ann Davis, Sara Zybura



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, Lori Facciani, Dylon Wills, Dawn Hagen, Debbie Dibert, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Remy Beaver, Mary Lou Offman, Marian Chuckalovcak, Arlene Diamond, Mary Zangaglia, Dorothy Rosemas, Natalie Zerby, Patricia Grata, Michael Wadsworth, Valencia & Frank Tursi, Homer Locher, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Allison Krischer, Ted Paluch, Brandt Hutzel, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Corey Lybarger, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Muriel “Jean” Wiesheier, Heidi Allison, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Mary McCall, Sean, Holly, Shane, Patrick O’Donnell, Owen Taylor, Keith Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Derrick Varnish, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Michelle Elliott, Shannon Meyers, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Dan Pauley, Peggy Mulvehill, Jane Plummer, Izzy Bihun, Sharon Poldiak 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

Adults $ 3,918.00

Loose $ 233.00

Youth $ 52.00

Monthly $ 168.00

Maintenance Fund $ 65.00

Candles $ 21.00

Religious Ed. Fund $ 581.00

Retired Priests Medical $ 30.00

Total $ 5,068.00

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

*September 17, 2017* Mt. 18:15-20

Forgiveness is critical to a healthy life. By holding on to an injury, we are hoping for a better past which will never happen. Forgiveness recognizes that we were unjustly treated and that it will not be corrected. Forgiveness does not condone the injustice. It is a decision to not let the injustice control our lives any longer.

TREASURY TICKETS ~ 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 17th. The tickets start on October 1, 2017 and continue for the whole month of October. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing. 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.

 *Parish and Finance Council Members*

SPAGHETTI DINNER TICKETS ~ Spaghetti Dinner Tickets for our October 8th fundraiser will be on sale in the Bridal Room this weekend after all Masses. Tickets are $8.00 for Adults, $5.00 for children 5-12, and children under 5 are free.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of October through January are now being made up. Anyone who would like to serve as an Altar Server, Reader, Cantor, Greeter or any current

minister who has scheduling preferences should call Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or e-mail her at sublazosky@gmail.com no later than Friday, September 22.

R.C.I.A. ~ Are you 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. program will commence in October. For more information, please call Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or e-mail her at sublazosky@gmail.com.

THE SOCIETY OF ST. VINCENT DE PAUL ~ Will hold its Annual Dinner and Liturgy Sunday, October 15, 2017 at St. Francis University in Loretto. This year the Society celebrates 400 years of Vincentian Charism. For information concerning the event or reservations contact the Society at 814-943-1981. The Liturgy and Dinner is open to all Vincentians, volunteers and friends of the Society. Deadline for reservations is Friday, October 6, 2017.

**FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION – MASS AND ROSARY**…Will be held Sunday, October 1, 2017 at 3 PM, at St. Benedict’s Church, Johnstown, PA. The theme is “Observation of the 100th Anniversary of the Apparitions of the Blessed Virgin Mary at Fatima, Portugal”. This year marks the 100th anniversary of the appartions of the Blessed Virgin Mary to the three shepherd children in Fatima from May to October 1917. The message of Fatima includes a call to conversion of heart, repentance of sin, pryer (especially the rosary) and devotion to the Immaculate Heart of Mary. Bishop Mark will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

***Stewardship Reflections ~***

Those who practice stewardship see themselves as God’s gifts. They are grateful and are eager to share their gifts out of love of God and one another



 Catholic Ministries Drive $23,811.00

 Raised: $14,595.00

 Balance: $ 9,216.00

 Number of Responses: 90

Thank you to all who have participated in the Catholic Ministries Drive. Please join them in supporting our Parish and our Diocesan ministries. If you do not have a pledge card, you may send your gift (made payable to the “Catholic Ministries Drive”) directly to the parish office. Thank you for your generous response!

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the Success of our Religious Education Program

and

The Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn for our Religious Education Teachers and Aides

during the week of September 17, 2017



RECTORY OFFICES ~ The rectory offices (including Father Brian’s) have now been moved to the Church Hall. Please use the side door facing the back parking lot.

Your text here

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Thanks to all who so generously donated to the Forest Hills Food Pantry. The total money collected was $390.00 along with an assortment of grocery items.

ST. JOSEPH CEMETERY ~ Please remove all flowers and wire decorations from the graves at St. Joseph’s Cemetery by Friday, September 22, 2017.

DONATIONS FOR THE DISCALCED CARMELITE NUNS ~ We will be taking donations of tissues, paper towels, toilet paper, dish liquid, soap, laundry detergent, toothpaste, shampoo, etc.… on September 30th and October 1st for the Carmelite nuns in Loretto. The sisters do not eat meat, so any food donations would have to be non-perishable and meatless. Your donations can be dropped off in the Bridal Room. Thank-you for your support.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~In your 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.

HURRICANE HARVEY COLLECTION ~ Bishop Mark Bartchak requests help with the recovery efforts in the aftermath of Hurricane Harvey. Bishop Mark is asking for our prayers as well as our financial aid to those most directly affected by the impact of Hurricane Harvey. A special second collection for Catholic Charities USA will be taken this weekend (September 16th and 17th.) Thank you for whatever assistance you are able to provide.

2017 DIOCESAN PRIESTS’MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION ~ Next weekend, all parishes in our diocese will take up a special collection to support our diocesan priests’ medical and retirement needs. Donations will help subsidize current priests’ medical care as well as the medical and living expenses of our senior priests. Once a priest achieves senior status, he no longer depends upon a parish for basic needs even though he continues to celebrate Masses and perform other pastoral ministries. Your generous support allows the diocese to provide modest stipends to our senior priests while keeping increases in the parish’s assessment for priests’ medical care and retirement needs to a minimum. Thank-you!

Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 17, 2017

Religious Education Start Dates:

Grades K—5 begins Thursday, September 21st from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.



Grades 6—12 begins on Sunday, September 24th from 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

 *9th Grade Parent Orientation ~ Orientation for parents of our 9th grade students beginning*

 *their 3-year confirmation process is scheduled for*

 *Sunday, September 24th beginning at 9:10 a.m.*

*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 2017—2018 Religious Education Year.*

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*Catechists for the 2017—2018 School Year:*

*Thursday’s 3:30 to 4:30 p.m. Sunday’s 9:00 to 10:20 a.m.*

 Kindergarten Susan Poldiak Grade 6 Pauline Minor

Grade 1 Ellen Grattan Grade 7 Diane Skoner

Grade 2 Pauline Minor Grade 8 Nancy Wessel

Grade 3 Mary Ann Spangler Grade 9 David Gully

Grade 4 Ken Burkardt Grade 10 Elaine Barton

Grade 5 Theresa Arena Grade 11 Michael Barton

 Grade 12 Missy Burkardt

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SHYCON 2017 ~ Attention-All High School Students in Grades 9—12, SHYCON 2017 is scheduled for Sunday, October 22, 2017 at the Stokes Center, at Saint Francis University in Loretto.

 Our keynote speaker for SHYCON 2017 is ValLimar Jansen. Her style of sharing her faith through acting and storytelling is amazing! She will help our youth appreciate their call and their faith! Check her out on YOUTUBE! This year’s theme in “CALLED TO BE A DISCIPLE.” The day’s activities will help youth understand what it means to be a disciple of Jesus and their mission as a follower. It will make them think about, “What a Disciple looks like,” “How they are called and invited to be a disciple.”

 Registration forms are available and will be giving to students in RE class. The $20 registration fee will come from REACH Youth Ministry funds for students attending.

Registration forms are due back to our RE Office by Sunday, October 8, 2017.



Parents, we need your encouragement to get our youth to participate in this event!

Our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has posted the schedule for Confirmation Masses being celebrated by Bishop Mark L. Bartchak in the Easter season of 2018. Our Saint Michael Parish Confirmation Mass is scheduled for *Thursday, April 5, 2018* at 7:00p.m. and will be held at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

11th Grade Confirmation candidates: With the April 5, 2018 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, 2018 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.

CORPORAL WORKS OF MERCY – When Jesus was describing the universal judgment that will take place at the end of the world, He spoke of the importance of good deeds done for others.  These are: to feed the hungry, to clothe the naked, to visit the sick, to bury the dead, to give drink to the thirsty, to shelter the homeless, to visit the imprisoned.

Again, “*As long as you did it for one of my least brothers, you did it for me*.”

SPIRITUAL WORKS OF MERCY – Gathering together other words of Jesus, the Church also teaches us to:  counsel the doubtful, comfort the sorrowful, pray for the living and the dead, instruct the ignorant, forgive injuries, admonish the sinner, bear wrongs patiently.

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

 *in our Religious Education Program. \* YOU CAN HELP \**

Parents: We need your help as chaperones at our various projects.

Substitute Catechists are needed to fill in on an “as needed” basis.

If you are willing to do so, FIRST we need to obtain your clearances

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 17 Hurricane Harvey Relief Collection

 Treasury Tickets due in the Office

 Monday, September 18 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, September 19 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Wednesday, September 20 No Mass

 8:00 AM Mass / Most Holy Trinity, South Fork

 8:00 AM & 12:05 PM Mass / St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

 Thursday, September 21 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM

 Religious Education Class for Elementary Grades K-5

 Friday, September 22 Mass / 8:00 AM

 Saturday September 23 Retired Priests Medical Collection

 Hall Rental

 UPCOMING EVENT

 September 24 Religious Education Class for Jr./ Sr. High School

 Retired Priests Medical Collection

 September 30 & October 1 Donations for Carmelite Nuns Due in the Bridal Room

 October 6 First Friday / Expostion of the Blessed Sacrament

OCTOBERFEST ~ at Most Holy Trinity Church Hall, South Fork is Friday, Sept. 22. Doors open at 5 PM with Octoberfest food and beer available. Music by the Rhinelanders from 6-9 PM. Tickets are $10 at the door or call Patti at 322-8840.

BIRTHRIGHT BASKET PARTY ~ At Ace’s on Chestnut Street–Sunday, October 15, 2017 from 11 AM to 2:00 PM. Drawing @ 1 PM. Over 100 great baskets. $10 includes spaghetti dinner and 25 basket chances. Please call Mary Kay @ 535-8231 for tickets. Advance sale only Thank you for your support of Birthright’s prolife work!

CHICKEN BBQ DINNER ~ St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin will hold its annual Chicken BBQ Dinner & Mini-Bazaar Sunday Sept. 24th, in the parish Activity Center in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: $10, Children 6-12: $6, Children aged 5 and under: free. Take outs: $10. Flea market, baked goods, games & baskets. Dinner served from 11 AM -?

HOLY FAMILY PARISH, PORTAGE ~ Bingo, Sunday, Sept. 17th in the Parish Hall. Admission is $20 per person. Extra specials & cards will be available. Doors open at 5 PM. Early bird games will begin promptly at 5:30 PM and regular games begin at 6:15 PM. Food & refreshments will be available.



COOKBOOKS FOR SALE $10 ~ A collection of Recipes from: St. Michael American Legion Auxiliary and Friends & Family of the Auxiliary. Available from any Auxiliary member or at the St. Michael Legion or contact Jeanne Conkle at 659-7487.