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

 Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 September 24th, 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

Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

September 24th, 2023

World Day of Migrants and Refugees

Month of The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 26 – October 1, 2023)

Monday, September 25 No Mass

Tuesday, September 26 9:00 AM +Paul Kundrod req. by Ron & Amy Dobbins

Wed., September 27 9:00 AM +John Lewis req. by Nick & Pauline Minor

Thursday, September 28 9:00 AM +Agnes Noon req. by Carol, Susan & Paul

Friday, September 29 9:00 AM +Evelyn Shay req. by Cathy & Joe Faher

Saturday, September 30 4:00 PM +Mary Ann Daniels req. by husband, Joe

Sunday, October 1 8:00 AM +Pete Parisi req. by Susan Yanzetich & the Choir

 10:30 AM Living & Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 30 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Cheryl & Debbie Macy

Minister of the Host: Dorothy Stroz

Choir Minister: Karen Myers

Altar Server: Caden Roberts

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Joanne Thomas

Sunday, October 1 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Cathy Faher Mike & Lucia Ann Brezovec

Minister of the Host: Marie Bernard

Choir Minister: Terri Leach

Altar Server: Michael Kresic

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: Pauline Minor

Sunday, October 1 10:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Rick & Jeannine Roberts

Minister of the Host: Michael Steele

Choir Minister: Robert Oshaben

Altar Server: Jackson Henderson

Cantor: Alexis Henderson

Greeter: Wendy Blough

Sunday, October 1 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 24h, 2023

the Sanctuary Candle will burn in honor of

First Responders -

Police, Law Enforcement, Public Safety,

Firefighters and EMTs

will



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Regular Offertory $4,101.75

Maintenance $ 15.00

Holy Days $ 10.00

Religious Ed. $ 255.00

Diocesan Collections $ 50.00

Total $4,431.75

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September 24th

Today Jesus is saying to us: “Why are you idle? Go into my vineyard.” Family, where “the last will be first,” is the “vineyard” entrusted to us in today’s gospel. Successful families are constructed by “laborer,” who work hard on family relationships, and not by couch potatoes.

 Mercy at work

We learn from the Gospel of today that God does not call everybody at the same time, and yet the price of that call is equal. It does not mean we deserve that equality. Today’s parable teaches us that nothing God gives to us is due to us. Everything he gives us is from his free bounty. Unfortunately, human pride build on the religious exclusivism pretends that gift to be shared by few only. That is why Jesus went out to the margins, searched for these people, and made a special effort to ensure that they were very much included in his Kingdom.



BAPTISM ~ On Saturday September 23rd, 2023, we celebrated the baptism of Conner Michael Christ, son of Aaron and Christina (Helsel) Christ. Conner Michael 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 him into our St. Michael Parish Family.

ST. MICHAEL BLUE MASS ~ We will be having a Blue Mass honoring all first responders for their service at the 10:30 AM Mass this Sunday, September 24th. A small luncheon will follow for first responders and their families in the Church Hall.

ADORATION, BENEDICTION & CHAPLET OF DIVINE MERCY ~ There will be Adoration on Friday, October 6th, after the 9:00 AM Mass and continuing until 3:00 PM at which time there will be Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy. All are invited to sit and pray quietly in the presence of Jesus.

PARISH OFFICE ~ Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, September 25th due to the secretary being out of the office.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION FUND ~ Religious Education Fund envelopes can be turned in any weekend of September.

ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBERS ~ Please remember to notify the Parish Office of any changes in address or telephone numbers. If you no longer have a land line and your cellphone is your primary house phone, please call us or drop a note in the collection basket.

PRIESTS’ MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION ~ This weekend, September 23rd & 24th, there will be a second collection for the medical and retirement needs of our diocesan priests. Your generous response will provide relief to the men who bring us closer to Christ through worship, service, and community. Please use the special envelope provided in your packet.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Fall Lay Ministry schedules can be found on the wall inside the front doors.

MAINTENANCE FUND TICKETS ~ Please return the money, stub, or ticket(s) no later than September 27th. 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.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS ~ Did you know that Babe Ruth, Vince Lombardi & President John F. Kennedy were all members of the Knights of Columbus? If you are interested in making a difference in our local churches and communities, please consider joining the Knights of Columbus Council 2275. You can join us at [www.KofC.org/JoinUs](http://www.KofC.org/JoinUs).

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.

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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.

THEOLOGY ON TAP ~ Young Adult Group (18-35). We meet the last Wednesday of every month & will soon be adding additional events. Our September 27th session is from 6-8 PM at the Boulevard Grill located 165 Southmont Boulevard. Guest Speaker will be Fr. Brian Norris. Upcoming guest speakers include 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 Please try to RSVP.

BASKET PARTY ~ Holy Family Parish, Portage, on Sunday, October 1st at 2 PM. Doors open at 11:30 AM. Tickets are $5 for 25 chances & 1 door prize chance. Complimentary cake & coffee. Pre ticket Sales available in the Parish Hall before & after all weekend Masses.

FRANCISCAN CREATION FESTIVAL ~ Oct. 7th at 10 AM – 4 PM. St. Bernardine Monastery & the Friar’s Nook Gift shop located at 793 Monastery Rd., Hollidaysburg. Craft vendors, food trucks, activities & a petting zoo. Rosary will take place at 3 PM, Pet Blessing at 3:30 PM & Catholic Mass at 4 PM. Bring a lawn chair or blanket for Mass.



BASKET RAFFLE ~ To benefit Trinity McCall, 3 yr. old daughter of Dylan & Kayla McCall, Granddaughter of Thomas & Marsha McCall and Tony & Cindy Maticic with multiple degenerative & terminal medical conditions. Sunday, October 8th at St. Bartholomew Church, Wilmore. (Location Change) Doors open at 1 PM, Drawing at 3 PM. Basket Tickets - $5/25 tickets.

POLISH CHRISTMAS CUSTOMS ~ WITAMY! Tuesday October 17th at 6:30 PM, All Saints Parish Hall, 505 Center St., Boswell. The presenter will be Fr. Czeslaw Krysa. Refreshments included, & open to all. Participants are asked to register at the parish office 814-629-5551 or email Emily Marsh at emarsh@dioceseaj.org.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 24, 2023

 Religious Education Classes Begin

 Grades 6—12 begins today,

 Sunday, September 24th ~ 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

 Grades K—5 began on

 Thursday, September 21st ~ 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

*Catechists for the 2023—2024 School Year*

Kindergarten Susan Poldiak Grade 6 Susan Wieczorek

Grade 1 Ellen Grattan Grade 7 Diane Skoner

Grade 2 Pauline Minor Grade 8 Nancy Wessel

Grade 3 Mary Ann Spangler Grade 9 Pauline Minor

Grade 4 Ken Burkardt Grade 10 Susan Blazosky

Grade 5 Madison Kundrod Grade 11 Michael Barton

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A special Thank you goes out to our Holy Name members and volunteers that helped with our Youth Picnic. All the help with our set-up, food preparation and clean-up is greatly appreciated.

 Thank you to our parish families that participated in our Youth Mass and those that attended our kick-off Picnic. We had a wonderful Mass and beautiful weather for our event. Thanks be to God!

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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 2024. Our Saint Michael Parish Confirmation Mass is

scheduled for *Thursday, April 4, 2024,* at 7:00 p.m. and will be held at

 Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown.

Senior High Youth Conference ~ SHYCON 2023



Our Saint Michael students in grades 9, 10 and 11 will be attending SHYCON on Sunday, October 22, 2023, at Saint Francis University Stokes Center.

This theme for SHYCON 2023 is:

“*The Son of Man himself did not come*

*to be served but to serve.”*

Gathering of young people in grades 9—12 not only is an opportunity to grow in

their faith, but to see themselves as members of Christ’s body, the young church, on a bigger scale than just their parish.

 The day will begin with a group check-in at 11:00 AM. Bishop Mark will be joining us as the celebrant of our Liturgy and this liturgy will fulfill our Sunday Mass attendance obligation.

Registration Forms will be given to the students in grades 9—11 in their RE classes.

Registration forms are due back by Sunday, October 1, 2023

\*During the three-year process of confirmation formation, candidates in grades 9, 10 and 11 are required to attend a minimum of one diocesan youth conference (SHYCON).

 Sunday, September 24 Mass ~ 8:00 AM & 10:30 AM

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

 Retired Priests Medical Expenses Second Collection

 Blue Mass / 10:30 AM Mass

 Monday, September 25 No Mass

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, September 26 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Boy Scouts Meeting / Hall / 7:30 PM

 Parish Council Meeting / Hall Rm. #2 / 6:00 PM

 Wednesday, September 27 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Thursday, September 28 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Pre-K – 5 Religious Education / Hall / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, September 29 Mass ~ 9:00 AM

 Confessions / 8:30 AM

 Saturday, September 30 Mass ~ 4:00 PM

 Confessions / 3:15 PM / Confessional

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 September 26 Parish Council Meeting

 October 6 First Friday Communion Calls

 First Friday Adoration, Benediction & Chaplet of Divine Mercy

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. Dine in seating will be available. There will be a flea market, baked goods, games & a basket raffle. Dinner served 11 AM until sold out.

PIE & CHICKEN NOODLE SOUP SALE ~ St. Benedict Church Altar Rosary Society, Carrolltown - on Saturday, September 30th, from 10 AM – 2 PM in the Church Hall. Large pies-$9, small pies-$7, apple dumplings-$3, homemade chicken noodle soup-$7 per qt. Soup & sandwich bar available.

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.

DRIVE BY SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ Church of the Transfiguration Sunday, September 24th. We take orders from 10 AM-1:30 PM. Come into parking lot at 219 Third St., Conemaugh. $8 per meal. Thanks for your support.