**ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH**

751 Locust Street

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St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

Administrator: Rev. Brian Warchola Weekend Masses:

(814) 266-9718 / Ext. 507 Saturday 4:00 pm

Deacon Dave Hornick Sunday Morning 8:00 am

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 Daily Mass See Bulletin

Office Staff: Holy Days See Bulletin

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YEAR: 2016 NUMBER: 39

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 Mondays.

26th Sunday in Ordinary Time September 25, 2016

Month of the Seven Dolors of the Sorrowful Mother



MASS INTENTIONS: (September 26 to October 2, 2016)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Carl Tokarsky req. by James & Anna Susko

Wednesday 9:00 AM Rose Ann Kuhn req. by Uncle Mike & Aunt Pauline

Thursday 8:00 AM Mary Plasay req. by Barbara Foor

Friday 9:00 AM Josephine ‘Jo’ Danel req. by Bob & Joan Oshaben & Family

Saturday 4:00 PM Claudia McCloskey req. by Lenny & Karen

Sunday 8:00 AM People of the Parish

 10:30 AM Mary Lou Yourich req. by Grandchildren Elizabeth & Ian Dobbins

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, October 1 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko The McCloskey Family

Minister of the Host: Vince Arena

Ministers of the Cup: Karen Myers & Helen Slonac

Altar Servers: Ashley & Haley Cook

Cantor: Amanda Williamson

Greeter: Carole Mucker

Sunday, October 2 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Cathy Faher Richard & Carol Hautz

Minister of the Host: Robert Grattan

Ministers of the Cup: Marie Jo Plummer & Beth Kundrod

Altar Servers: Quinn & Eva Spangler

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: Betty Long

Sunday, October 210:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Madison Kundrod The Dobbins Family

Minister of the Host: Deacon Dave Hornick

Ministers of the Cup: Greg Stiffler & Joan Oshaben

Altar Servers: Eric & Shannan Elgin

Cantor: Louis McCloskey

Greeter: Mary Ann Oravis

Sunday, October 2 Collection Counters

 John Bizzarri, Rod Kundrod

 Mary Ann DeRosa & Phyllis Slonac

MEET AND GREET ~ The Parish is holding a Meet & Greet for Father Brian Warchola next Sunday, 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.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of John T. “Tom” Plummer. May he know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. He served our Saint Michael Parish as Eucharistic Minister and was active in the Holy Name Society here. Please pray for the consolation of his children and all of his family and friends.

2016 DIOCESAN PRIESTS’ MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION ~ Today’s special collection benefits our diocesan priests’ medical and retirement needs. Please consider a generous gift as an expression of gratitude to our senior priests who are no longer supported by a parish yet who continue to serve us in many pastoral ministries. If you forgot to bring the special collection envelope, please bring it with you next weekend or consider donating online at www.dioceseaj.org. Thank you!

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 time in September.

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, 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 ~ Practice for the Sunday Choir is on Monday at 7:00 PM. Practice for the Saturday Choir is on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

TICKETS DUE ~ 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. Just a reminder, the tickets are due by September 30th. Good Luck!

*Parish and Finance Council Members*

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ The Fall 2016 Lay Ministry Schedules are available in the back of the church.

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Diocesan Goal $29,040.00

Pledged $18,173.00

Total Cash Amount $17,883.00

Number of Responses 127 430 30%



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for

Retired and Current Priests

and

the Our Lady of Grace Candle will burn for

our Lay Ministries Volunteers

during the week of September 25, 2016.



*Liturgical Reflection...*

There are the rich and there are the poor. The great sin is that of uncaring complacency. Every community of faith is charged with finding ways to share its resources to those in need. A caring heart, a heart full of mercy seeks to help the poor. Our Diocese has very active members of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society that reaches out to each person in need at the local level. (The Church in the annual calendar remembers Saint Vincent de Paul this Tuesday.) Have you shared some of your wealth with the Saint Vincent de Paul Society? The worse response would be apathy. It is mercy that leads us to reach out to those in need. Lord, give us a merciful heart!

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

FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION – MASS AND ROSARY ~ Will be held on Sunday, October 2, 2016 at 3 PM, at Saint Benedict Church, 2310 Bedford Street, Johnstown, PA. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Mary, Mother of Mercy: Our life, our sweetness and our hope”. Bishop Mark will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. Please join Bishop Mark, along with the clergy, children, and religious organizaitons in honoring our Blessed Mother. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,513.00

Loose $ 183.75

Youth $ 39.25

Monthly $ 150.00

Maintenance Fund $ 25.00

Religious Education Fund $ 190.00

Retired Priests Medical $ 5.00

Candles $ 9.00

Total $4,115.00

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

**LET US PRAY AND REMEMBER** ~ The following Rev. Fathers from our diocese that died throughout the years from September 26th through October 2nd: Rev. Joseph R. Fogel, Rev. Walter Kurdziel, Rev Eugene Bradley, Rev. Jeremiah F. Looney, Rev. David A. Koshko, Msgr. Hugh M. O’Neil, Rev. Anthony C. Choby, Rev. Thomas M. Carroll, Rev. John A. Kerkoska, Rev. Morgan A. McDermott

PRAY FOR LIVING PRIESTS AND DEACONS IN THE DIOCESE ~ Fr. Robert Kelly; Fr. Robert Reese;

Fr. Bernard Karmanocky, OFM; Very Rev. J. Patrick Quinn, TOR; Deacon Laslo Ivanits; and

Seminarians Michael Pleva, Austin Keith, Peter Crowe, Jonathan Dickson, Devin Crouse and Mark Groeger



While working for an organization that delivers lunches to elderly shut-ins, I used to take my 4-year-old daughter on my afternoon rounds. The various appliances of old age, particularly the canes, walkers and wheelchairs, unfailingly intrigued her. One day I found her staring at a pair of false teeth soaking in a glass. As I braced myself for the inevitable barrage of questions, she merely turned and whispered, "The tooth fairy will never believe this!"

WPA Road Clean-up – Saturday, October 22, 2016 – The Fall WPA Road Clean- up for REACH students and parent chaperones is scheduled for Saturday, October 22, 2016 at 10:00 AM. The cleanup will last approximately 1-½ hours (10:00 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.) and then lunch will be provided following the clean-up with our project being complete by 12:30 p.m. for pick up.

Adult / Student Permission / Liability forms are available at the church entrances and during RE classes.

PARTICIPATION IS NOT PERMITTED WITHOUT RETURNED FORMS.

Volunteer Safety is of primary importance!

1. Proper clothing should be worn -- i.e., tennis shoes -- NO FLIP FLOPS/SANDALS!

Long pants/long-sleeve shirts may also be appropriate.

Safety Vests and gloves will be provided.

1. Please be sure to indicate any allergies on the Waiver/Consent Form.

Religious Education And Christian Helping

September 25, 2016

2nd GRADE PENANCE / RECONCILIATION RETREAT There will be a Penance / Reconciliation

Retreat held on Sunday, October 9, 2016 beginning at 11:45 a.m. until 2:15 p.m. in the Parish Hall for all 2nd grade students and their parents. This retreat is part of the preparation process for these students to receive their sacraments of First Reconciliation in December. A letter with detailed information has been mailed to all 2nd Grade parents.

 11th Grade Confirmation Class ~ Important Dates for Upcoming Requirements

*Fall Confirmation Session 11 A ~ The Rite of Confirmation: Sunday, October 30, 2016*

 All 11th Grade students will be attending their Fall Session 11A from 9 to 10:30 a.m. in the Parish Hall to fulfill this session requirement.

*\* If the students miss this scheduled session, they are required to attend another*

*parishes scheduled session to fulfill these requirements.*

11th Grade Discipleship Retreat is scheduled for Saturday, November 12th at Saint Francis University. This “FIREstarters Retreat” will be held at the Campus Ministry Center (next to Cafe' Gubbio) in Saint Francis Hall. The retreat will begin at 9:00 a.m. and conclude at 5:00 p.m., which includes a 4:30 p.m. Mass. Lunch will be provided and the $25 cost per student will be paid from our REACH Youth Ministry funds. Parents should have students arrive at 8:45 a.m. and pick-up again at 5:00 p.m. Parents also are invited to return and attend the 4:00 p.m. Mass held at the Immaculate Conception Chapel. "Application for Participation" forms will be provided to the 11th Grade students and permission is required for the students to attend. These forms need returned to the RE Office by October 11th and forwarded to St. Francis to hold our group reservation.

\* If students are not able to make this scheduled retreat date, they are required to attend another parish's Discipleship Retreat to fulfill this requirement. Alternate dates are available throughout the diocese. Inquire in the Religious Education Office.

SHYCON 2016 ~ Attention-All High School Students in Grades 9—12, SHYCON 2016 is scheduled for Sunday, October 23, 2016 at the Stokes Center, at Saint Francis University in Loretto.

 This year – we welcome Mike Patin. Mike uses energy, humor and stories to affirm God’s goodness and presence among us while inviting others (and himself) to take the “next step” in our journey with God. If you are not familiar with him, check him out online at [www.mikepatin.com](http://www.mikepatin.com) or find on Facebook!

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

Registration forms due back to RE Office by Sunday, October 9, 2016.

Helping Hands STOP HUNGER NOW!!!



*An exciting part of SHYCON this year will be for participants to have the chance to pack meals for the hungry. Living out the first Corparal Work of Mercy!!*

How can you be a part of SHYCON 2016 ?

The First Corporal Work of Mercy: Feed the Hungry!!

Please—Help us help others!!

Our goal is to pack 30,000 meals!!

*We are looking for individuals, groups or businesses that would like to participate in SHYCON with us by helping us to purchase the kits needed for our youth to pack these meals for the hungry. This way more than just the participants can participate in the Corporal Work of Mercy! Anyone who contributes is also living out a work of mercy for others! But evan more important, making sure our youth can live it!!*

For more information, or to make a donation, contact Francine Swope in the Diocesan Youth Ministry Office at (814)317-2646 or by email at fswope@dioceseaj.org

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.

 Sunday, Sunday,September 25 Diocesan Priests’ Medical & Retirement Collection

 Religious Education begins for Grades 6-12 / 9:00-10:20 AM / Hall

 9th Grade Parent Orientation / 9:10 AM / Upstairs Hall

 Boy Scouts / Hall / 4:00-5:30 PM

 Monday, September 26 Martha’s Group / 6:00 PM / Hall

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, September 27 Morning Mass / 8:00 AM

 Wednesday, September 28 Morning Mass / 9:00 AM

 Thursday, September 29 Morning Mass / 8:00 AM

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

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 Friday, September 30 Morning Mass / 9:00 AM

 Saturday, October 1

 Sunday, October 2 Religious Education Grades 6-12 / 9:00-10:20 AM / Hall

 Meet & Greet Fr. Brian Warchola / Covered Dish After the 10:30 AM Mass

 Boy Scouts / Hall / 4:00-5:30 PM

UPCOMING EVENTS

 October 15-16 World Mission Sunday

FALL ADULT FAITH EDUCATION CLASSES -   Deacon Richard Golden & Jane Golden will present an opportunity for adult faith formation, *The Bible & the Sacraments*. The classes will be presented in the basilica basement.  Let’s grow in our faith together! Classes will be Thursday October 6, 20, 27 and November 3, 10, 17 from 6PM – 7:30PM. Registration/workbook cost is $10. To register, call our Parish Office at 472-8551 or parish e-mail sherri0530@verizon.net  or Deacon Golden at rjgold@csrlink.net. or call 241-0975.

DAY OF PRAYER ~ The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is getting ready for another special observance in celebration of this Jubilee Year of Mercy. The Catholic Life Conference Day of Prayer will be held on October 22, 2016, at Mount Aloysius College in Cresson. The theme will be “Enfleshing Mercy in our Lives – A Circle of Giving and Receiving.” Sister Janet Ruffing, RSM, a professor at Yale Divinity School in Connecticut, will deliver the keynote addresses. The day will also feature witness talks from individuals representing Diocesan ministries on various experiences that reflect the Corporal and Spiritual Works of Mercy. All are invited. To register, please contact the Diocesan Parish Life Office at (814) 693-9605

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SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ A “Spaghetti Dinner” will be held on Sunday, October 16, from 11:00am-2:00pm, at St. Anthony of Padua Church in Windber.  Dinners are $8.00 for adults and $4.00 for children.  Eat in or take-outs are available.  All are welcome.

SOUP, BREAD & DESSERT SUPPER ~ A Soup, Bread & Dessert Supper will be held on Wednesday, October 19, from 4:00pm until ?, at Marian Hall, New Germany Church in New Germany, sponsored by the Knights of Columbus and Ladies Court. Free Will Donation. All proceeds benefit St. Vincent De Paul Food Pantry. All are welcome

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POLKA DANCE ~ St. Michael American Legion is holding a Polka Dance on Sunday, September 25th from 2:00 until 5:00 PM at the Legion Hall. Music will be provided by *Bronco and the Rhinelanders.* Everyone Welcome.