ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 PO Box 103

 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

 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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DRE: Laurie Sloan Holy Days See Bulletin

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 Office Hours:

PHONES: 8:30 am to 3:30 pm

Rectory / Office: (814) 495-9640 Monday, Tues., Thurs., Friday

Fax: (814) 495-9424 Confessions:

Rel. Education: (814) 495-4873 Saturday 3:30 pm to 3:45 pm

Parish Website Sunday 7:30 am to 7:45 am

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

Secretaries’ E-mail Anytime Requested

saintmichaelsecretaries@yahoo.com

 YEAR: 2018 NUMBER: 1

 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 Tuesdays.

 Epiphany of the Lord

 January 7, 2018

  **The Holy Name of Jesus**

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (January 8 – January 14, 2018)

Monday 8:00 AM Walter H. Christ req. by The Farabaughs

Tuesday 8:00 AM James Hoss Onder req. by Michael Hudak & Family

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

 12:05 PM St. Benedict’s, Johnstown

Thursday 8:00 AM Fritzie & Michael Beaver req. by Remy (Ray) Beaver

Friday 8:00 AM George & Elizabeth Freidhoff

Saturday 4:00 PM Rose Ropecka req. by Loving Husband Joseph

Sunday 8:00 AM People of the Parish

Sunday 10:30 AM Josephine Danel req. by Helen Smith

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 13 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sherry Dipko Rose Ropecka Family

Minister of the Host: Theresa Carlson

Ministers of the Cup: Vince Arena & Babe Richards

Altar Servers: Caden Roberts & Carson Kundrod

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Shirley Walls

Sunday, January 14 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Camillus & Betty Long

Minister of the Host: Pauline Minor

Ministers of the Cup: Cathy Faher & Ellen Grattan

Altar Servers: Griffin & Kaden Christ

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Lori George

Sunday, January 1410:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: James Lashinsky Josephine Danel Family Minister of the Host: Greg Stiffler

Ministers of the Cup: Robert Oshaben & Sharon Paterson

Altar Servers: Luke Docherty & Nicholas Caddy

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter 9th Grade REACH Students

Sunday, January 14 Collection Counters

 John Bizzarri, Rod Kundrod

 Mary Ann DeRosa, Phyllis Slonac

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, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Mary McCall, Sean, Holly, Shane, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, Gail Faher, Marjorie (Latshaw) Feldman, Derrick Varnish, Daniel Koshute, Vincent Koshute, Karen Lovrich, Melissa Cordek, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Dan Pauley, Jane Plummer, Izzy Bihun, Erica Mitzelfeld, Heidi Allison, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ed Ripper Sr., Bob Debias, Patricia Oshaben, Craig Kraber, Ashlee Madison, Marlene McCrory, Bob Casti, Frank McCleester, Susan Yanzetich 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 $2,682.50

Loose $ 148.75

Youth $ 19.75

Monthly $ 20.00

Candles $ 48.00

Maintenance Fund $ 120.00

Initial Offering $ 5.00

Christmas $ 315.00

Solemnity of Mary $ 436.00

Religious Retirement $ 5.00

Total $3,800.00

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

*January 7, 2018 Matthew 2:1-12*

*The magi in today’s gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Don’t let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.*

FR. BRIAN’S MESSAGE ~ I would like to, once again, thank all of our parish for their help decorating the church, serving and ministering at the Masses.

 I also want to thank our choirs for their beautiful music we enjoyed for all the liturgies. We had wonderful attendance at all the Masses; I couldn’t be more pleased.

 Thank you also for all your gifts and cards. I did my best to return a written thanks to everyone. If I somehow missed some, I want to thank you dearly.

 Also, it has been brought to my attention that Fr. Bonaventure Curtis, O.S.B. recently suffered an accident which left him with some injuries. I have heard that he is healing well; let’s keep him in our prayers to the Lord. If you would like to send a get-well card, he can be reached at: 300 Fraser Purchase Rd., Latrobe,

PA 15650.

 *Fr. Brian Warchola*

The Sanctuary Candle will burn as a

birthday remembrance for

our Dad, Bruno Bovino

requested by daughters Louise Neff & Joyce Sucknik

during the week of January 7, 2018



MAY HE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of James Morris whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Friday, January 5th by Fr. Brian Warchola. 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.

CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ~ The Parish Office has closed the books for 2017 parishioner’s contributions. You may request a statement of your tax-deductible donations at any time by calling the rectory at 495-9640. Tax laws state that any amount given as a donation needs to have documentation if you are claiming the donation for tax purposes. If a contribution was made to the CMD, you should have received a statement from the diocese.

We are updating our parish records, so please remember to notify the 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.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring schedule which covers February through May 2018. If you have a request for dates you are not available or for dates that you are only available, please contact Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or email: sublazosky@gmail.com by Sunday, January 21. Lay ministers are being sought for all masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters. Please contact Fr. Brian or Suzi for further details or if you would like to volunteer.

SUNDAY MASS WITH SPORTS STARS ~ Here at St. Michael’s Church on Sunday, January 28, 2018 at 2:00 PM with a Meet and Greet with Talks and 3:00 PM Holy Sacrifice of the Mass. Come see these dedicated athletes: Rick Roberts, Gene Pentz, John Strittmatter and more, who have excelled in sports and fitness, while keeping their Catholic Faith strong in their lives.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD COLLECTION ~ Next 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 MEETING ~ The Holy Name Society meeting will be held next Sunday, January 14th after the 8:00 AM M

 Religious Education And Christian Helping

January 7, 2018

Upcoming Confirmation Sessions

 Grade 10 ~ Session 10 B ~ Winess: Word, Worship, Community & Service

Sunday, January 21, 2018

All 10th Grade students will attend their Session 10 B from 9 to 10:20 a.m.

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

*Parishes scheduled session to fulfill these requirements.*

*Confirmation Retreat* / Saturday, February 3, 2018, 1—6:30 PM

All students in grades 9, 10, & 11 will take part in their annual confirmation retreat. This retreat will take place on Saturday, February 3, 2018, 1—6:30 PM. The retreat will focus on the three required retreat topics of ~ “Baptism”, “Gifts of the Holy Spirit” and “Parables”.

 The program will begin in the church hall on Saturday, February 3rd for the students. The students come to the church hall and join classmates for specific topic discussions with their grade level leader in designated classrooms for their specific retreat from 1 to 3 PM.

At 3:15 PM, sponsors and/or parents are asked to join the confirmation students in the church for a Rosary lead by our 11th grade Confirmation Class followed by the 4 PM Mass. During this Mass, the 9th grade students will celebrate their “‘Rite of Blessing” and the 10th Grade students will celebrate their “Rite of Commitment” as part of their confirmation journey.

At the conclusion of Mass, students will celebrate the Sacrament of Reconciliation, followed by a pizza social in the church hall for all students, parents and sponsors, including time for reflection on the day and also time for the confirmation candidates and their sponsors to spend time together discussing their sponsor / candidate session activities.

Diocesan Safe Environment Program / Parental Notification Form

 TO: Parents of St. Michael Catholic Church Religious Education Students

 SUBJECT: Safe Environment Program

 The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown has implemented a program for the protection of our youth known as our Youth Protection Program. The Charter for the Protection of Children and Young People, adopted by the United States Catholic Conference of Bishops in 2002, requires each parish or school to provide formation for children in areas of safety and the integrity of their person. This program is mandatory for all Parish Religious Education programs and Catholic Schools in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. The philosophy is to directly involve parents in the formation of their children with the available lesson material. A classroom presentation of safety issues, adapted for grades 1, 5 and 9 and covering the required lessons will be offered during one of the regular January class times.

 If you have any questions, please contact The Religious Education Office at 495-4873. You may request to review the specific content material. If you decide you do not desire your child to participate, there is a Parent Verification/Refusal form, which indicates that this mandated instruction is being offered, and that you choose not to have your child participate. This form is also required if your child is absent the day the instruction was given. You may visit the Protecting God’s Children™ program at [www.virtus.org](http://www.virtus.org).

 Sunday, January 7 Religious Education Classes / Grades 6-12

 Monday, January 8 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, January 9 Sacrament Class w/ Fr. Grimme / 6:30 – 8:30 PM

 Wednesday, January 10 No Mass

 Thursday, January 11 K – 5 Religious Education Classes / 3:30-4:30 PM

 Saturday Night Choir Practice / 5:30 PM

 Friday, January 12

 Saturday January 13 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 January 14 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 Hall Rental

 January 21 Hall Rental

 January 28 Sunday Mass with Sports Stars

 February 3 Confirmation Retreat / Grades 9-11

 February 14 Ash Wednesday

STEPPING STONES TO PRAYER ~ The Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus invite girls in grades 7-12 to a weekend retreat, Stepping Stones to Prayer, from Jan 12-14, 2018. Held at St. Joseph Convent, 1872 Munster Rd., Portage, the weekend begins Fri. 6:00 PM to Sun. 1:00 PM. Please register by Wednesday, January 10th by contacting Sister Jacinta sisterjacinta@gmail.com or 814-886-4459. Meals will be provided. Suggested donation $35.

ST. BENEDICT 2018 WINTER/SPRING BIBLE STUDY SCHEDULE ~ The letter of St. Paul that is heard more often than any other as the Second Reading on Sundays in the three-year Catholic lectionary, is his Letter to the Romans. This letter is the longest, the most influential and most rewarding of Paul’s undisputed letters. Deacon Michael Russo will facilitate an in-depth study of St. Paul’s Letter to the Romans Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 AM beginning January 6th in the School Music Room. Please bring your Bible. For additional information, contact Deacon Michael at 288-3036 or Michael.russo@atlanticbb.net. ALL ARE WELCOME!

NEW BENEDICTINE OBLATE NOVICES ~ Deacon Michael Russo welcomes four new Benedictine Oblate Novices to the Benedictine Oblate Community. They are: Jerome Nevling, Lori Nevling, Jill Van Scoyoc, Lori Little. Benedictine Oblates are affiliated with St. Vincent Archabbey, Latrobe, The Johnstown Deanery parishes meet monthly at St. Benedict Church, Johnstown. Beginning in February, the Benedictine Oblates will meet on the first Monday of each month at 6:30 PM. The meeting begins with Evening Prayer in the church followed by the regular meeting in the St. JPII Center. The Oblates are currently discussing the book, “Everyone Needs to Forgive Somebody” by Allen R. Hunt. All are welcome to attend. For more information contact Deacon Michael at 288-3036 or michael.russo@atlanticbb.net .

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting

December 7, 2017

ATTENDANCE:

Clergy: Reverend Brian Warchola; Administrator

Parish Council Members: Susan Blazosky; Chairperson, Sally Kolar; Co-Chairperson, Catherine Yanzetich, & Amy Dobbins; Council Secretary.

Absent: Vince Arena, Paul Kundrod, Barry Seese, Don Dipko & Bill Thomas

Ex-Officio Members: Michele Panick; Parish Secretary, Pete Parisi; Holy Name, & Laurie Sloan; DRE.

Absent: Kathy Kalicky & Rodney Turgeon

 Parish Council Chair, Susan Blazosky called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM. Father Warchola led the Council in an opening prayer.

 The minutes from the May 24, 2017 meeting were read. With no additions or corrections, the minutes stood as read.

**Reports:**

**Maintenance:**

 Father Warchola discussed recent projects on the parish grounds. First, security cameras were installed at the rectory, hall, and church. Next, a roof was placed over the entrance to the offices at the hall. Thirdly, a new light was installed on the altar behind the Sacred Heart of Jesus stained glass to illuminate the image. Furthermore, a movable divider was placed in Father Warchola’s office in the hall, because the office is also utilized as a classroom for 12th grade on Sundays. Additional projects completed in the hall include: a bathroom being installed in the bottom level of the hall, flooring replaced in the kitchen of the hall, a new stove in the hall kitchen, and all doors of the hall are now compliant with regulations for disabled persons. Finally, Father discussed that Rod Turgeon will continue to maintain the parking lots and grounds during the winter for snow removal.

**Religious Education:**

 Laurie Sloan related all of the events completed since the last council meeting for the Religious Education Program. These events include: First Holy Communion and May Crowning, SHYCON, WPA Road Clean UP, REACH Apple Dumpling Sale, Confirmation Sessions, planting flowers on the church grounds, rosary, REACH Basket Party, Veteran’s Day Luncheon and Mass, 8th Grade Cookie Bake, & Fruit Basket Preparation.

 Mrs. Sloan discussed that there are currently 121 students in the K-12 Religious Education Program. 47 students are in grades K-5 and 74 students are in 6-12. These numbers include 10 seniors, 11 students for Confirmation, and 14 First Holy Communion students.

**Holy Name:**

 Pete Parisi reported on behalf of the Holy Name Society. Recent projects that the society completed include: replacing the floor in the hall kitchen, placement of the stove and oven in the hall kitchen, helping with the downstairs hall bathroom installation, and their annual Funnel Cake Booth.

 Pete also related that the Holy Name will once again be hosting a Pizza Party for K-5 students and will provide treat bags for those students. On December 17, 2017, a donut social will be held after the 8 AM mass for students and parishioners. Finally, the Holy Name will be making soup for the shut in parishioners, and will be taking orders to sell soup to members of the parish.

**New Business:**

**Christmas Gifts:**

 Christmas gifts for lay ministry members will be distributed after weekend masses for all adult members of the various ministries. Monetary gifts will be sent to altar servers again this year.

**Fundraiser reports:**

 Recent fundraising totals were reported by Father Brian. The spaghetti dinner earned the parish a profit of $865.05, and the October Painless Picnic Fundraiser produced $2,252.00 in profit. The Applebee’s Dining to Donate funds have not been received from Applebee’s at the present date.

**Confessions:**

 On December 14th, 2017 four priests will be available to hear confessions at St. Michael Parish beginning at 6 PM

**CCD Student Survey:**

 A recent survey was completed by students in our CCD program regarding mass participation and items the students would like to see offered by the parish. Father Warchola reported that the majority of our students regularly attend mass. Also, the students would like to see the parish offering more opportunities for socialization for students. One example, given was a bus trip.

**Vocations Mass:**

 On December 16th at 4 PM, a mass will be held for vocations to the priesthood. The Knights of Columbus will be in attendance at the mass. Coffee and donuts will be served the hall immediately following the liturgy.

 **Meeting With Athletes:**

 Father Brian stated that he is currently planning an event on January 28th at 2 PM for our parish youth to meet with adults who have participated in athletics. He has contacted a few of these individuals to discuss with the students the impact of not only athletics, but also how their faith has played a major role in the course of their life. A mass will be held at the conclusion of the event.

**Diocesan Program:**

 Father discussed a program that is currently being offered by the diocese; Arise/Renew. Each parish is required to begin this program which emphasizes spirituality. A training will be held in the future for interested parties that wish to participate in the program as facilitators.

**Memorial Service:**

 Susan Blazosky reported that a parish memorial service was held in November remembering parishioners that passed away during the year. The next memorial service is scheduled for November of 2018.

**Items from the Floor:**

 A need for a roof over the religious education entrance to the hall was noted due to ice forming from water collecting in front of the door. This has been a problem for many winters.

 Sally Kolar suggested that a Sight and Sound trip would be a good idea for the REACH students.

 The next meeting of the Parish Council was set for March 11, 2018, at 11:30 AM.

 With no further business to discuss, Father Warchola recited a closing prayer. Susan Blazosky adjourned the meeting at 8:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted, Amy Dobbins; Parish Council Secretary