**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

(814) 525-4183 10:30 am

 Daily Mass See Bulletin

Office Staff: Holy Days See Bulletin

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YEAR: 2016 NUMBER: 40

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 parish registration and active Mass participation for

POLICY: Baptism and Marriage.

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

27th Sunday in Ordinary Time October 2, 2016

Month of the Holy Rosary



MASS INTENTIONS: (October 3 - 9, 2016)

Monday No Mass

Tuesday 8:00 AM Stanley “Tucker” Pomersky req. Robert & Loretta Maticic

Wednesday 9:00 AM Mildred Beesoick req. by Agnes Plummer

Thursday 8:00 AM Frank Oshaben req. by the Robert Oshaben Family

First Friday 9:00 AM Sick & Shut-ins

Saturday 4:00 PM Mary Ann Poldiak req. by Cuff, Susan & Children

Sunday 8:00 AM Wayne Cook req. by the Steve Pepoy Family

 10:30 AM People of the Parish

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, October 8 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Devon Michaels The Poldiak Family

Minister of the Host: Deacon Dave Hornick

Ministers of the Cup: Theresa Carlson & Mary Partsch

Altar Servers: Garrett & Carson Kundrod

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Joanne Thomas

Sunday, October 9 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard The Cook Family

Minister of the Host: Deacon Dave Hornick

Ministers of the Cup: Marie Bernard & Betty Long

Altar Servers: Michael Kresic & Brian Bernard

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, October 910:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Jacob Stiffler The Blanchetti Family

Minister of the Host: Deacon Dave Hornick

Ministers of the Cup: Robert Oshaben & Amanda Williamson

Altar Servers: Colby Rearick & Brooke Williamson

Cantor: Tori Dibble

Greeter: Richard Martyak

Sunday, October 9 Collection Counters

 Tom & Sharon Paterson

 Robert Casti & Sara Zybura

MEET AND GREET ~ The Parish is holding a Meet & Greet for Father Brian Warchola this Sunday, October 2nd following the 10:30 AM Mass. The Church will be supplying hamburgers, hot dogs and sauerkraut and iced tea, soda and coffee. Everyone welcome! Please stop by to meet and greet our administrator Father Brian Warchola

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2016 DIOCESAN PRIESTS’ MEDICAL & RETIREMENT COLLECTION THANK YOU ~ Thank you for your thoughtful response to this year’s Diocesan Priests Medical and Retirement Collection. The $628.36 that you have contributed will be forwarded to the diocese for the designated purpose of subsidizing our diocesan priests’ medical care and retirement needs. We will continue to forward additional contributions as they are made or you may choose to donate 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.

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, Scott N. 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 Mondays at 7:00 PM. Practice for the Saturday Choir is on Thursdays at 5:30 PM.

HOMEBOUND COMMUNION CALLS ~ Deacon David Hornick will be doing Homebound Communion Calls this Thursday, October 6, 2016. If you know of anyone who would like to receive communion at home, please contact the Rectory at 495-9640.

*October 2* *Luke 17:5-10*

Faith is one of those things we just can’t get enough of! In today’s gospel the apostles asked Jesus to “Increase our faith.” It is faith in ourselves, our spouse, our children and our parents which equips us to overlook annoyances. It helps us to forgive and urges us to ask forgiveness. “Lord, increase our faith.”

BAPTISM ~ On Sunday, September 25th, we celebrated the glorious baptism of

Eva Jean Shirk, daughter of Scott and Chelsea (Paterson) Shirk and granddaughter of Tom and Sharon Paterson, by Fr. Brian Warchola. She 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 her into our St. Michael Parish Family.

OCTOBER PARISH TICKETS ~ Our parish tickets start this Saturday, 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! Winners will be posted each

week in the bulletin and checks will be mailed out throughout the month. Good Luck!

*Parish and Finance Council Members*

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

of the church for anyone who did not pick up a copy already.

2016 ANNUAL CATHOLIC APPEAL

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Diocesan Goal $29,040.00

Pledged $18,173.00

Total Cash Amount $17,913.00

Number of Responses 127 430 30%





The Sanctuary Candle will burn for

Betty Pcola

during the week of October 2, 2016.

*Liturgical Reflection...*

"When you have done all you have been commanded to do, say, “...we have (simply) done what we were obliged to do.” Believers are called to live obedient lives to the will of God. We pray that our faith increase. We reach out to others in mercy because we know that our faith impels us to enflesh what we believe. Deep faith insures that compassion, forgiveness, and love are shared with others. During this Jubilee Year of Mercy may we intensify our care for the needs of our sisters and brothers. May mercy ground our actions. With increased faith, may our love of neighbor bear abundant fruit.

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

FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION – MASS AND ROSARY ~ Will be held on this Sunday,

FAMILY MARIAN CELEBRATION—MASS AND ROSARY Will be held on this 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.

STATUE OF THE RISEN CHRIST UPDATE ~ Our statue is almost done getting refurbished at Gary Wingard’s. The last time it had a makeover was in 2003. Look for it to be back in the next few weeks.



LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION

Adults $3,752.50

Loose $ 164.00

Youth $ 56.25

Monthly $ 96.00

Maintenance Fund $ 392.50

Religious Education Fund $ 39.00

Retired Priests Medical $ 588.36

World Mission Sunday $ 10.00

Assumption $ 10.00

Candles $ 40.00

Total $5,148.61

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 October 3rd through October 9th: Rev. John P. Duggan and Rev. Ignatius M. Pilz

PRAY FOR LIVING PRIESTS AND DEACONS IN THE DIOCESE ~ Fr. John Brezovec; Msgr. Roy Kline;

Fr. Mark Reid; Fr. Karl Kolodziejski, OFM Conv; Deacon Thaddeus Janisko; and Seminarians Michael Pleva, Austin Keith, Peter Crowe, Jonathan Dickson, Devin Crouse, Mark Groeger and Sean Gibson

SAND & STONE A story tells that two friends were walking through the desert. During some point of the journey, they had an argument, and one friend slapped the other one in the face. The one who got slapped was hurt, but without saying anything, he wrote in the sand: Today my best friend slapped me in the face. They kept on walking, until they found an oasis, where they decided to take a bath. The one who had been slapped got stuck in the mire and started drowning, but his friend saved him. After he recovered from the near drowning, he wrote on a stone: Today my best friend saved my life. The friend, who had slapped and saved his best friend, asked him, "After I hurt you, you wrote in the sand, and now, you write on a stone, why?" The other friend replied: "When someone hurts us, we should write it down in sand, where the winds of forgiveness can erase it away, but when someone does something good for us, we must engrave it in stone where no wind can ever erase it. Learn to write your hurts in the sand and to carve your blessings in stone.



Religious Education And Christian Helping

October 2, 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 sacrament of First Reconciliation in December. A letter with detailed information has been mailed to all 2nd Grade parents.

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

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.

 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.



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, 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

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

 Monday, October 3 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM / Church

 Tuesday, October 4 Morning Mass / 8:00 AM

 Wednesday, October 5 Morning Mass / 9:00 AM

 Thursday, October 6 Morning Mass / 8:00 AM

 Homebound Communion Calls

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

 Saturday Choir Practice / 5:30 PM / Church

 Friday, October 7 Morning Mass / 9:00 AM

 Saturday, October 8

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

 2nd Grade Retreat / 11:45 AM – 2:15 PM / Hall

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 October 15-16 World Mission Sunday Collection

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 Loretto 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.

**ROAST BEEF DINNER** ~ St John Gualbert Cathedral will be holding their annual Roast Beef Dinner with salad bar; 11am-2pm, Sunday,  October 23, St John Gualbert Activity Center, Corner of Railroad and Adams Streets; Adults: $10 ;  children ages 5 to 10: $6; Children under 5: free;  take-outs available.

**FALL SPAGHETTI DINNER** ~ St Clare of Assisi Parish (Woodvale) will host its annual Fall Spaghetti Dinner in the School Hall on Sunday, October 16th from 11 AM to 5 PM. Adults $9, Children $5; Eat-in or Take-out. Italian Cookies Available.

**OCTOBERFEST** ~ St Therese Church, 536 Decker Avenue will host its annual Octoberfest on Saturday, October 22nd from 4-8:30PM and Sunday, October 23rd from 11AM-4:30PM. Join us for delicious Ethnic food including kolbassi, haluski. German potato salad, pigs, piroghi, lamb, apple strudel, apple dumplings, home-made pies, beverages and much more! Saturday there will be a large wheel raffle (5:30-8PM), instant bingo, 50/50, theme basket raffle, clowns for kids and games. Music by the Rhythm Masters on Sunday from 1-4, and from2-2:30PM a performance by the Fusion Dance Team. Drawing for the Basket raffle will be at 4PM Sunday.