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 ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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Rev. Msgr. David A. Lockard, Administrator MASSES:



(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm

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 10:30 am

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 YEAR: 2019 NUMBER: 49

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 December 8, 2019

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 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 Parish registration and active Mass participation for Baptism is encouraged

POLICY: and is required for Marriage.

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

Second Sunday in Advent December 8, 2019

Month of The Immaculate Conception

MASS INTENTIONS: (December 9 – December 15, 2019)

Monday 12:00 PM Fr. Anthony Legarski req. by Msgr. David Lockard

 6:00 PM Michael Koshute (B-day Remembrance) req. by Cindy & Paul McCloskey

Tuesday 12:00 PM Mary T. Deter req. by Bill Deter

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 12:00 PM Buddy Andrykovitch req. by Michael & Regina Barton & Family

Friday 12:00 PM Steve Domen req. by Ed, Mike & Mary Hudak

Saturday 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 AM Tom & Magdalene Plummer req. by Patty Hammond & Family

 10:30 AM David Serball req. by Wife & step children

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, December 14 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Donald Dipko Joe & Phyllis Slonac

Minister of the Host: Theresa Carlson

Ministers of the Cup: Karen Myers & Helen Slonac

Altar Servers: Caden Roberts & Mykala Drobnick

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Cheryl Macy

Sunday, December 15 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Amy Spinos Tom & Magdalene Plummer

Minister of the Host: Beth Kundrod Family

Ministers of the Cup: Walter Christ & Cathy Faher

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Michael Kresic

Cantor: David Knepper

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Sunday, December 1510:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Jacob Stiffler Michael & Linda Caddy

Minister of the Host: Jennifer Steele Family

Ministers of the Cup: Michael Barton & Sharon Paterson

Altar Servers: Luke Docherty & Alexia Steele

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Sara Wieczorek

Sunday, December 15 Collection Counters

 John Bizzarri, Phyllis Slonac

 Rod Kundrod

The Sanctuary Candle will burn as a

birthday remembrance for Stephen D. Yanzetich

requested by Dolores, Evan & Susan

during the week of December 8, 2019.





MAY SHE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Florence Smith whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, November 30th, 2019 by Fr. Leonard Voytek. May she know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. Please pray for the consolation of all her family and friends.



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE ~ In your charity, please pray for the eternal rest of Elizabeth Zihalla whose Funeral Mass was celebrated on Saturday, December 7th, 2019 by Fr. Brian Warchola. May she know the eternal peace and happiness promised by our Savior, Lord Jesus. Please pray for the consolation of all her family and friends.

MESSAGE FROM MSGR. LOCKARD ~ Thank you very much for your concern and well wishes during my recent mishap. I still need more time to recuperate. Having said this, morning Mass during the winter months, will be at NOON on Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays, and Fridays starting with Monday, December 9th.

PARISH COUNCIL MEETING ~ Has been cancelled for this Sunday, December 8th.

ADVENT CONFESSIONS ~ Advent Confessions will be here at St. Michael Tuesday, December 10th at 6:00 PM. Several priests will be present to assist Msgr. Lockard. Mark your calendars now. We will combine with Most Holy Trinity, South Fork, and St. Bartholomew, Wilmore. Everyone welcome!

EXTRA CONFESSION TIMES ~ For people who wish to make a Christmas confession, we will offer the sacrament of Reconciliation after the 12:00 PM Masses on Thursday, December 19th, Friday, December 20th and Monday, December 23rd. As always, there will be confessions offered one half hour before the weekend Masses.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS ~ Support aging religious. Our second collection is for the Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medication, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous.

OPLATKI ~ Oplatki will be available this weekend (December 7th & 8th) at all Masses.

SECOND SUNDAY FOOD PANTRY COLLECTION ~ This 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 ~ Will hold their monthly meeting next Sunday, September 15th after the 8:00 AM Mass.

COFFEE AND DONUTS ~ There will be coffee and donuts in the church hall after the 8:00 & 10:30 AM Mass next Sunday, December 15th.

COMBINED CHRISTMAS CHOIR ~ Combined Choirs for Christmas will rehearse Tuesday, December 10th, and 17th at 7:00 PM. Other dates and times TBA.

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, Dylon Wills, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, Mary Zangaglia, Natalie Zerby, Valencia & Frank Tursi, Homer Locher, Brayden Schofield, Michelle Kasper, Diane Kingera, Allison Krischer, Ted Paluch, Brandt Hutzel, Pearl Litzinger, Patrick Munro, Fran Baldassarre, Kristen Sinosky Long, Helen Ranieri, Cresta Micik, Basil Costantino, Madison McCrory, Laura, Joe Yoder, Dolores Yanzetich, Sandy Krug, Wanda Gramling, Merna Smay, Agnes Plummer, Jennifer Hagans, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, Derrick Varnish, Vincent Koshute, Melissa Cordek, Michelle Elliott, Heather Romanow, Mackston Barrick, Connor Thomas, Erin, Pat, Mary Agnes Nastase, Mary Ann Bertolino, Dick Wilson, Izzy Bihun, Dorothy Kaminsky, Patricia Oshaben, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Danika Faith, Alina Rusnak, Marcia Costlow, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Helen Bowen, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Dan Strinkoski, Anne Robinson, Marlene McCrory, Sharon Poldiak, Carter Bobak, Vince Arena, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Colton Snyder, Betty Delaney, Nancy Edmiston, Elizabeth Stoker Thomas, Albert Sracic, Joseph Ropecka, Bill Krajewski, Leonard Oshaben, Florence Smith, Michael Chalan Jr., Adam, Bill Gideos, Janice Dipyatic, John Poldiak Jr., Gerald Delaney, Lily Maloney, Adam Wingard, Scott, Lisa, Rosalie Ambrose, John Patrick 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 $2,819.00

Loose $ 203.00

Youth $ 33.00

Monthly $1,025.00

Maintenance Fund $ 60.00

Candles $ 23.00

All Saints $ 10.00

All Souls $ 10.00

Immaculate Conception $ 20.00

Religious Retirement $ 20.00

Catholic Charities $ 30.00

Christmas Flowers $ 375.00

Total $4,628.00

We sincerely thank and ask

God’s blessing upon all who

have care and concern

for our parish.

December 8, 2019 Matthew 3:1-12

Like John the Baptist, every parent “prepares the way of the Lord” in the hearts of their children. Advent is a good time to ask; “Do I help or hinder my children to know Jesus?”

*FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION*

*Not a Holy Day of Obligation*

Monday December 9 12:00 PM Monday December 9 6:00 PM

Lector: Pauline Minor Lector: Anthony Bambino

Minister of the Host: Robert Grattan Minister of the Host: Paul Kundrod

Ministers of the Cup: Karen Myers & Ministers of the Cup: Marie Jo Plummer &

 Pauline Minor Marie Bernard

Altar Servers: None Scheduled Altar Servers: Ana Spangler & Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Theresa Arena Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Mary Ann Spangler Greeter: Helen Slonac

Offertory Procession: Bob & Ellen Grattan Offertory Procession: McCloskey Family



IMMACULATE CONCEPTION ~ Since December 8th is the Second Sunday of Advent, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary is transferred to Monday, December 9th. While the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception remains a holy day, it is not a holy day of obligation. There will be two Masses here at St. Michael for the Immaculate Conception on Monday, December 9th at 12:00 PM and 6:00 PM. I encourage our faithful to attend Mass to celebrate the Immaculate Conception.



SALVATION ARMY TREASURES FOR CHILDREN PROJECT ~

* Return your UNWRAPPED gift(s) with the tag attached to the St. Michael Catholic Church St. Paul Room by December 9th so that we can check them off and deliver them to the Salvation Army in time for distribution to the families.
* If you wish, you could provide an “extra” gift of your choice to be used for those tags

that are not chosen at all. Gifts and larger clothing for pre-teens ages 11-13 are particularly hard to fill.



CHRISTMAS FLOWERS ~ If you would like to purchase a Christmas flower for a living (In Honor Of) or a deceased (In Memory Of) member of your family, please do so by using the Christmas Flower envelope in your packet. The normal offering is $10.00. Extra envelopes can be found at the church entrances.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring Schedule which covers February through May 2020. 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 19th. Lay ministers are being sought for all masses and all ministries – Cantors, Readers, Eucharistic Ministers, Greeters, Altar Servers, and Collection Counters. Please contact Msgr. Lockard or Suzi for further details or if you would like to volunteer.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

 December 8, 2019

Eucharistic Adoration Day for Teens in Grades 9—12

![MC900436063[1]]() Students in grades 9—12 are invited to attend a Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Mark Bartchak here at our Saint Michael Parish this Saturday, December 14, 2019. The day will begin at 10:00 AM in the church with Praise and Worship Music and Eucharistic Adoration celebrated by Bishop Mark with an opportunity for reconciliation. This event is open to all teens throughout the Altoona-Johnstown diocese as part of their Confirmation Process. A social gathering will be held afterwards for fellowship with Bishop Mark and will conclude by 12 Noon.



*Upcoming REACH Service Projects*

*Holy Name K—5 Treats ~* Our Holy Name Society will sponsor a Christmas Pizza Party for our K—5 students on Thursday, December 19th. REACH students are needed to pack the Christmas treats that they distribute to students. They will be gathering for this task on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 p.m. in the Parish Hall. Sign-up in the RE Office at 495-4873.

*Christmas Fruit Baskets for our Homebound Parish Members*

REACH students are needed to help assemble fruit baskets on Tuesday, December 17th at 6:00 PM in the Parish Hall. These fruit baskets will be delivered to the homebound members of our parish for Christmas. Come help spread some holiday cheer and well wishes to our parish shut-ins by being part of this project. Sign-up in the RE Office at 495-4873.



Fall Confirmation Session

*Grade 11 ~ Fall Session 11B ~Sacraments and the Paschal Mystery: Sunday, December 15, 2019*

All 11th Grade students will be attending their Fall Session 11B from 9 to 10:20 a.m.





Our REACH Youth Ministry will sponsor their annual REACH Basket Social on Sunday, December 8th. Sunday December 8th, tickets will be available at the door for $5.00 each which includes 25 perforated basket chances and 1 door prize chance. Multiple tickets may be purchased. *Doors will open at 1:00 p.m. with 'chancing off' beginning at 2:00 p.m.* Come early to purchase your tickets and have ample time to view all baskets available and place your chances before the drawing begins.

 Sunday, December 8 Retirement Fund for Religious / Second Collection

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 High School Religious Ed. / 9:00 – 10:20 AM

 REACH Basket Social / 2:00 PM

 Girl Scouts / 1:30 – 3:00 PM & 4 – 5:30 PM

 Monday, December 9 Mass for Immaculate Conception / Noon and 6:00 PM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, December 10 Mass / Noon

 Advent Confessions / 6:00 PM

 Combined Christmas Choir / 7:00 PM

 Boy Scouts / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, December 11 No Mass

 Thursday, December 12 Mass/ Noon

 K – 5 Religious Ed / 3:30-4:30 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, December 13 Mass / Noon

 Saturday, December 14 Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Mark Bartchak/10:00 AM–Noon/Grades 9-12

UPCOMING EVENTS



 December 15 Holy Name Meeting

 Coffee & Donuts

 11th grade Confirmation Session

 December 17 Christmas treats packing / Fruit basket making

 December 19 Christmas Pizza Party / K – 5



**FOREST HILLS COMMUNITY BAND** ~ Presents their 2019 ***Christmas Concerts***! Sun., Dec. 8th, Dunlo Fire Hall – 6 PM / Sun., Dec.15th, New Germany Grove Hall – 6 PM / Sun., Dec. 22nd, Galleria Mall, Richland – 2 PM.



BASKET PARTY & SPAGHETTI DINNER ~ Greater Johnstown Career and Technology Center Culinary Students are hosting a Basket Party & Spaghetti Dinner on December 15th starting at Noon. Dinner & Basket Chances Ticket is $20. Take outs available for $10. 120 + baskets, 50/50, door prizes and qualifiers. Supports the Trip to Disney Resort for Cook around the world. Info at 814-266-6073.