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 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

Bookkeeper: Kathy Kalicky Daily Mass See Bulletin

DRE: Laurie Sloan Holy Days See Bulletin

Maintenance: Rodney Turgeon

 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

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 YEAR: 2018 NUMBER: 52

 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.

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

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

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

 Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph

 December 30, 2018

 **Month of The Immaculate Conception**

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (December 31, 2018 – January 6, 2019)

Monday 8:00 AM Albert “Buddy” Andrykovitch req. by Esther & Frank Quel

 6:00 PM Alan Oshaben req. by Joan & Bob Oshaben

Tuesday 9:00 AM Claudia McCloskey req. by Agnes Zibura

Wednesday NO MASS

Thursday 8:00 AM For Catholics to Return to the Church

First Friday 8:00 AM Thomas Murin req. by Mary Ann Murin & Family

Saturday 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 AM William Shay req. by Cathy & Joe Faher

Sunday 10:30 AM Hermine Sivec req. by Ron & Amy Dobbins & Family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, January 5 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Susan Poldiak John & Bonnie Bizzarri

Minister of the Host: Vince Arena

Ministers of the Cup: Babe Richards & Susan Blazosky

Altar Servers: Ana & Eva Spangler

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Greeter: Carole Mucker

Sunday, January 6 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Joseph Faher Cathy & Joe Faher

Minister of the Host: Marie Bernard

Ministers of the Cup: Tracy Yakicic & Cathy Faher

Altar Servers: Elizabeth & Ian Dobbins

Cantor: Susan Yanzetich

Greeter: Peter Parisi

Sunday, January 610:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: James Lashinsky Hermine Sivec Family

Minister of the Host: Jennifer Steele

Ministers of the Cup: Michael Steele & Amanda Williamson

Altar Servers: Luke Docherty & Alexia Steele

Cantor: Anita Lorek

Greeter: REACH Students

Sunday, January 6 Collection Counters

 Rod Kundrod, Debbie Dupnock

 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, Missy, Joanne (Kolar) Hufford, Christine Flanagan, Ayden Alan Grata, Mary Lou Offman, 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, Shawn, Holly, Shane, Spencer, Owen Taylor, Keith & Dawnetta Hoyer, 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, Izzy Bihun, Erica Mitzelfeld, Dorothy Kaminsky, Ed Ripper Sr., Patricia Oshaben, Ashlee Madison, Susan Yanzetich, Mike, Mary Sivec, Danika Faith, Alina Rusnak, Marcia Costlow, Gary Smay, Elizabeth Howell, Mary Ann Cover, Helen Bowen, Bill Gideos, James Macy, Walter Bodziak, Rhonda, Dan Strinkoski, Anne Robinson, Marlene McCrory, Sharon Poldiak, Carter Bobak, Vince Arena, Mike Morris, Sarah Kelt, Marian Madison, Mildred Andrykovitch, Patty Yanzetich Caldwell, Mary Secriskey, Owen Croyle, Colton Snyder, Betty Delaney, Sam Martin, Nancy Edmiston, Elizabeth Stoker Thomas 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 $3,439.00

 Loose $ 150.00

 Youth $ 31.00

 Monthly $ 383.00

 Candles $ 21.00

 Maintenance $ 504.00

 Solemnity of Mary (2019) $ 11.00

 All Saints $ 11.00

 All Souls $ 11.00

 Immaculate Conception $ 31.00

 Christmas Offering $7,756.00

 World Mission Sunday $ 5.00

 Catholic Charities $ 10.00

 Religious Retirement $ 25.00

 Christmas Flowers $ 90.00

 Total $12,478.00

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

*December 30, 2018 Luke2:41-52*

Today’s gospel contains this truth about parenting: “but his parents did not know.” One of the reasons parenting is so difficult is because our children don’t tell us everything. If the Holy Family had trouble with their teenager, why do we think it will be easier for us?

 Solemnity of Mary Liturgical Appointments

Monday, December 31st 6:00 p.m.

Lector: Peter Bernard

Minister of the Host: Marie Jo Plummer

Ministers of the Cup: Paul & Beth Kundrod

 Servers: Carson & Dylan Kundrod

Cantor: Ian Wieczorek

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Offertory Procession: Joan & Bob Oshaben

Tuesday, January 1st 9:00 a.m.

Lector: Pauline Minor

Minister of the Host: Terri Leach

Ministers of the Cup: Ellen & Robert Grattan

Servers: Alexis & Jackson Henderson

Cantor: Theresa Arena

Greeter: Carol Hautz

Offertory Procession: Claudia McCloskey Family

ADDITIONAL CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

 In memory of:

George Petkosh by Helen Petkosh,

John & Mary Brindak by Mary Secriskey

Mike & Anna Secriskey by Mary Secriskey

George Secriskey by Mary Secriskey

Deceased members of the Leonard Jasiecki Family by John & Susan Poldiak.

Again, we thank all those who so generously gave donations for the Christmas Flowers.

The extra money collected will help to defray the cost of flowers purchased throughout 2019.



The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the

Well-Being of the Parishioners of

 St. Michael Parish

during the week of December 30, 2018.

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, HOLY MOTHER OF GOD ~ January 1st, 2019 is the Solemnity of Mary. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Vigil Mass is Monday, December 31st at 6:00 PM and The Solemnity of Mary Mass on Tuesday, January 1, 2019 is at 9:00 AM.

FIRST FRIDAY ~ Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is Friday, January 4th, with adoration from

8:30 AM – 3:00 PM. Sign-up sheets can be found at the entrances of the Church.

PARISH OFFICES ~ The Parish Offices will be closed from Monday, December 31st through Wednesday, January 2nd, 2019 for the New Year’s Holiday.

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES REQUESTS ~ Lay Ministry schedule requests are currently being taken for the Spring Schedule which covers February through May 2019. 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 20th. 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.

END OF THE YEAR CHARITABLE GIVING ~ Ease your tax burden while benefitting St. Michael. Here are two important ways to help your parish: 1. Qualified Charitable Distributions from your IRA: If you are over the age of 70 ½, you may transfer, tax-free, up to $100,000 from your IRAs to St. Michael. The gift can satisfy your required minimum distribution (RMD) each year but does not count as income to you! 2. Donation of Appreciated Stock or Mutual Funds: If you have shares of stock or mutual funds that have grown in value over the years, or low basis stock, consider gifting the shares to St. Michael, rather than giving cash. At the time of the donation you get a tax deduction equal to the fair market value of the stock and avoid paying the capital gains on the shares donated. To get the process started or for more information, contact the Parish Office or contact Pam Seasoltz, Director of Stewardship and Development, at 814-695-5577 or pseasoltz@dioceseaj.org. Remember: Plan early to process your donation in order to receive your tax deduction in 2018!

*Stewardship Reflections…Christ the King*

The birth of our savior has caused us to become members of one family – the Family of God. May our love and actions toward all humanity place us in our Father’s house.

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the *2018 Catholic Ministries Drive.* Please join them in supporting our Parish and a select group of ministries that provide outreach to the poor, family life, youth and seminarians. If you did not receive a pledge card in the mail, you may give online at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org).



Catholic Ministries Drive $24,043.00

Raised: $12,180.00

Balance: $11,863.00

Number of responses: 89



Thanks to the generosity of the Thanksgiving Day Offertory Collection here at St. Michael, we were able to purchase much needed clothing for the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home. We received this note of appreciation.

Dear St. Michael Members:

 On behalf of the residents of the Hollidaysburg Veterans Home, we would like to thank you for your donation of clothing to the Veterans Home on December 1, 2018. These items will be distributed upon request.

 Your generosity and support that you show toward our residents is greatly appreciated by them as well as the staff and administration of our facility. It’s people like you that make it possible for our residents to enjoy the comfort and the atmosphere at their home. We are indeed grateful for your support.

Sincerely,

 Deborah A. Nesbella, MSN, NHA

 Commandant



SOULCORE ~ St. Michael Parish, St. Michael will be holding a SOULCORE workshop on Saturday, January 12, 2019. The afternoon will begin at our parish hall at 1:30 PM to register, and the program will be from 2:00 PM – 3:00 PM. Suggested donation is $10 per woman, if one is able to do so. The workshop is open to the women and girls of our Parish. Mallory Hurley, a SoulCore leader from Pittsburgh will be leading the workshop. More information to follow. In case of inclement weather conditions, it will be rescheduled. If any of the women of the parish are interested in coming to the SoulCore workshop, please call the parish office to register, (495-9640).

Religious Education And Christian Helping

December 30, 2018



*Religious Education Schedule for the Christmas & New Year’s Holiday*

*We will have a holiday break for our Religious Education students and catechists. Religious Education Classes will not be held over the holiday including the following dates:*

*No Class this Sunday, December 30th for Grades 6—12.*

Classes will resume on Thursday, January 3rd for K~5 and Sunday, January 6th for Grades 6~12.



*Confirmation Retreat* / Saturday, January 19, 2019, 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, January 19, 2019, 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 parish hall on Saturday, January 19th for the students. The students come to the parish 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 parish 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.



 Sunday, December 30 NO High School Religious Ed.

 Baptism

 Hall Rental

 Monday, December 31 Offices Closed

 Solemnity of Mary Vigil Mass / 6:00 PM

 Tuesday, January 1, 2019 Solemnity of Mary (Holy Day of Obligation) Mass / 9:00 AM

 Offices Closed

 Wednesday, January 2 NO MASS

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

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, January 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament & Adoration / 8:30 AM – 3:00 PM

 Saturday, January 5 Hall Rental

 UPCOMING EVENTS



 January 6 High School Religious Education

 Baptism

 Girl Scouts

 January 8 Fr. Grimme Sacrament Class

 Boy Scouts

 January 12 SoulCore Workshop

 Second Sunday Food Collection

 January 13 Holy Name Meeting

 Second Sunday Food Collection

 Hall Rental

A COMMUNITY CELEBRATION OF CHRISTMAS ~ On Sunday, December 30th, at 3 PM, at Our Lady of Mount Carmel Church, 8th Avenue and 11th Street, Altoona, PA 16602, a relaxing concert with Seasonal Music and audience participation will be held. The organists will be Agoston Solzi and James Dengler. All our welcome to attend. A free will offering will be taken to benefit the Pipe Organ Campaign.

JEWELRY RAFFLE ~ Immaculate Conception Church, New Germany Hall. Saturday, January 19th. Doors open at 5 PM, 1st drawing at 5:50 PM. Door ticket includes: Admission, Meal, Dessert and Drinks. Jewelry, Accessories, Instant Bingo & 50/50’s will be chanced during the bash. Prizes from Gold Rush Diamonds & Boutiques, Mini Mall, Ebensburg. For tickets call Becky 724-357-8384. [www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle](http://www.facebook.com/ICJewelryRaffle) .

MOUNT ALOYSIUS COLLEGE OPEN HOUSE ~ Visit the beautiful Mount Aloysius Campus during this holiday season or for our MLK Jr. Day Open House on January 21, 2019 and receive a $1,000 scholarship for your visit! The College will be closed from December 21 and will reopen on January 2, 2019. The Admissions Office will be open for appointments only from 9:00 AM – 3:00 PM. RSVP Today. 814-886-6383 or 1-888-823-2220 or admissions@mtaloy.edumtaloy.edu/future-students/visit.