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 ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

 PO Box 103

 St. Michael, Pennsylvania 15951

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

(814) 495-9640 Saturday 4:00 pm



 Sunday Morning 8:00 am

Secretary: Michele Panick 10:30 am

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 Office Hours:

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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: 2019 NUMBER: 34

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 August 25, 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

POLICY: encouraged and is required for Marriage.

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

 Twenty–First Sunday in Ordinary Time

 August 25, 2019

The Immaculate Heart of Mary

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (August 26 – September 1, 2019)

Monday 8:00 AM Janet L. Smith req. by Norman Long

Tuesday 8:00 AM Buddy Andrykovitch req. by K & G Pettorim

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:00 AM Barbara Brezovec req. by Agnes Zibura

Friday 8:00 AM Marianne Bodenschatz req. by Debbie Conway

Saturday 4:00 PM People of the Parish

Sunday 8:00 AM The Brady Family req. by Terri & Gus Leach Family

Sunday 10:30 AM Walter M. Lorek req. by Wife & Family

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, August 31 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Sandy Bambino Rod Kundrod Family

Minister of the Host: Helen Slonac

Minister of the Cup: Karen Myers & Babe Richards

Altar Servers: Alex Bambino & Elisabeth Zajdel

Cantor: Susan Blazosky

Greeter: Darlene Marshall

Sunday, September 1 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Arnold Bernard Terri Leach & Carol Cordek

Minister of the Host: Ellen Grattan

Minister of the Cup: Eric Tedjeske & Marie Jo Plummer

Altar Servers: Ana & Eva Spangler

Cantor: Sharon Dibble

Greeter: Lori George

Sunday, September 110:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Michael Barton Walter M. Lorek Family

Minister of the Host: George Minor

Minister of the Cup: Michael Steele & Janet Minor

Altar Servers: Landon & Zach Fisher

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Nancy Wessel

Sunday, September 1 Collection Counters

 Christine Smay, Sara Zybura

 Debbie Dupnock

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, 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, 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, Erica Mitzelfeld, 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, Theressa Stravinsky, Janice Dipyatic, Martha, John Poldiak Jr., Gerald Delaney, Lily Maloney, Adam Wingard 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 $3,072.00

 Loose $ 216.50

 Youth $ 25.00

 Monthly $ 125.00

 Candles $ 34.00

 Maintenance $ 25.00

 Feast of the Assumption $1,115.00

 Missionary Co-Op $ 851.50

 Total $5,464.00

We sincerely thank and ask God’s

 blessing upon all who have care

and concern for our parish.

August 25, 2019 Luke 13:22-30

The gospel today is clear: Just going to church on Sunday is not enough! It is not enough that we know God – rather God must recognize us as His followers; recognize us by how we have lived our lives, 24-7. Would you say that yours is a Christian family?



We are asking that each parish household sell or buy one ticket for $10.00 and return the money and ticket stub as soon as possible, but no later than September 8th. The tickets start on October 1, 2019 and continue for the whole month of October. Winning numbers will be determined by the Pennsylvania Lottery Evening Pick Three Drawing. If you are unable to sell or don’t want the ticket, PLEASE don’t throw it away, but return it 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. The tickets are available this weekend, August 24th & 25th on the table at the back of the Church. We apologize if anyone has been missed. If you would like a ticket, please call the parish office.

 *Parish and Finance Council Members*

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION ~ Sunday, September 8th, Saint Catherine of Siena Shrine, Old Rt.22, Duncansville. 8:00 & 11:00 AM Mass, Celebrant: Msgr. Robert Saly. 9:00-10:30 AM Holy Rosary Commences in the church. 12:00-4:30 PM Rosary in the church & shrine. 5:00 PM Mass, Celebrant/Homilist Most Rev. Bishop Mark Bartchak. Spaghetti Dinner from 12:00-4:00 PM. Coffee & Cake after the evening Mass. Church hall Displays: Life of Mary, Our Mother, Rosary Makers and more. Bring a lawn chair. Address petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration, PO Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635. Donations Welcome!

BLUE MASS ~ Honoring First responders for their service at 11 AM, Sunday, Sept. 8th at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown. This event is open to all police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters, and EMTs and their families. The Blue Mass celebration will be open to the general public and honors those who serve our community in a most outstanding way as first responders. Anyone wishing to attend, plus those seeking further information, can contact 814-659-6240 or evyanz@hotmail.com

PADRE PIO FAMILY FEST ~ At St. John the Baptist New Baltimore. All are invited to St. John the Baptist Parish & Retreat Center in New Baltimore on Sunday, Sept. 8 for an exciting program of prayer, music, games & food. There will be an outdoor Mass at noon. At. 5 PM there will be a healing prayer service in honor of Padre Pio. Relics of Padre Pio, including a glove he wore and blood from his stigmata will be available for veneration. The Fest is sponsored by the Capuchin Franciscan Friars. Padre Pio who died in 1968 had on his body the wounds of Christ. Padre Pio is well known as an intercessor. God has granted many healing and miracles through Padre Pio’s prayers. At 5 PM there will be a special prayer service where all are invited to ask for healing and for other favors.

OBERAMMERGAU PASSION PLAY ~ Fr. Aron Maghsoudi of Queen of Angels Parish in Central City will be hosting a trip to the play and a tour of the ever-enchanting countryside of Central/Eastern Europe, open to anyone who loves beautiful churches, epic meals, unforgettable scenery, and fascinating history. Scheduled from Sept. 16th through 24th, 2020 includes the Passion Play & visits to Munich, the Bavarian Sea, Cesky Krumlov, Prague, Kutna Hora, Olomuc, the Wielczka Salt Mines, Krakow, a tour of the incredible scenic landscapes of Central & Eastern Europe and an optional excursion to a village in Slovakia. The trip includes commentary & restaurants handpicked by Fr. Aron. It also includes daily Mass & airfare with the total cost of $3,399. For more information or for a brochure, please contact Fr. Aron by phone at 814-754-5224 or by email amaghsoudi@dioceseaj.org.



Catholic Ministries Drive $26,768.00

Raised: $ 9,175.50

Balance: $17,592.50

Number of responses: 69

Thank you to all parishioners who have responded to the *2019 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).

The Sanctuary Candle will burn for the

Students, Teachers, Administration and Parents,

that they will have a successful 2019-2020 school year

during the week of August 25th, 2019.



THANK YOU! THANK YOU! THANK YOU! ~ On behalf of all parishioners, I wish to thank the volunteers who cut down the brush along the highway that was threatening to hide the sign announcing our church’s existence in St. Michael and our Mass times. Your efforts are very much appreciated.

 *Msgr. Lockard*

ST. MICHAEL PARISH CORN ROAST ~ COME ONE! COME ALL! The Holy Name Society will be sponsoring an End of the Summer & Back to School Corn Roast on Sunday August 25th at 5:00 PM at the Pavilion. The corn, hot dogs, and drinks will be provided. There will be games! Bring yourself! You can bring a covered dish if you like. Please join us for our End of Summer & Back to School Fling!!

CHURCH DIRECTORIES ~ The 2019 Church Directories are in! Those that had their picture taken or submitted for the Directory can pick up your copy at the back of the Church either before or after all masses this weekend.

LABOR DAY MASS ~ There will be a Mass on Labor Day Monday, September 2nd at St. Joseph Cemetery, Beaverdale, at 10:00 AM, celebrated by Fr. Brian Warchola. Everyone is invited to attend.

SUNDAY CHOIR PRACTICE ~ Due to the Labor Day holiday and Forest Hills Festival, Monday’s (September 2)choir practice will move to Tuesday, September 3rd at 7 PM. It will return to its usual day and time on Mon. September 9th at 7 PM. New members are always welcome!

LAY MINISTRY SCHEDULES ~ Lay ministry schedules for the months of October through January are now being made up. Anyone who would like to serve as an Altar Server, Reader, Cantor, Greeter or any current minister who has scheduling preferences at this time, should call Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or e-mail her at sublazosky@gmail.com. Deadline is September 22nd, 2019.

R.C.I.A. ~ Are you interested in becoming a Catholic? Are you a Catholic who would like to grow in faith understanding or has not been confirmed for one reason or another? The R.C.I.A. program will commence in October. For more information, please call Suzi Blazosky at 495-5287 or e-mail her at sublazosky@gmail.com.

*Stewardship Reflections…*

There is a difference between hearing God’s word and actually practicing it. In beckoning us to enter the kingdom “by the narrow door,” Jesus directs us to live as wise stewards and disciples and travel lightly, unburdened by possessions. We are to narrow our focus so only the heart of Christ fills our vision.



Religious Education And Christian Helping

 August 25, 2019

 REACH Service Project

Forest Hills Labor Day Festival ~ The Forest Hills Labor Day Festival is upon us! This coming weekend, August 31, September 1st & 2nd, our REACH Youth Ministry will have 2 booths for selling Apple Dumplings and Ice Cream Sundaes.

*Help is still needed where noted \*. Student and Parent volunteers are still needed to help in the time slots marked on the sign-up schedule below.*

The sign-ups are as follows: APPLE DUMPLINGS ~ ICE CREAM SUNDAES

 Saturday, August 31st:

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: Carson, Dylan & Karen Kundrod ~ Anna Stigers, Alyssa & Linda Caddy

1 to 3 p.m.: Elizabeth, Ian & Amy Dobbins ~ (*\* Workers still needed in Ice Cream)*

3 to 5 p.m.: Andrew & Ann Marie Martin & Tyson Snyder ~ Amilyah & Haden Koch & Terra Smay

5 to 7 p.m.: (*\*Workers still needed in Apple Dumplings)* ~ Alexis, Jax & Heather Henderson

7 to 9 p.m.: (*\* Workers still needed in Both Booths)*

 Sunday, September 1st:

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: (*\* Workers still needed in Both Booths)*

1 to 3 p.m.: Kimmy & Alex Deighan, Nancy Wessel ~ (*\* Workers still needed in Ice Cream)*

3 to 5 p.m.: Eva, Ana & Amy Spangler ~ Kimmy & Alex Deighan, Nancy Wessel

5 to 7 p.m.: Shannan Elgin, Wendy Blough & Colton Cornell ~ Chase Williamson, Nate & Jen Cornell

7 to 9 p.m.: Mckenzie Webb, Hailey Hampton & RiLynn Swinger *~ Alexia*, Mike & Jen Steele

 Monday, September 2nd:

11 a.m. to 1 p.m.: (*\* Workers still needed in Both Booths)*

1 to 3 p.m.: (*\* Workers still needed in Both Booths)*

3 to 5 p.m.: (*\* Workers still needed in Both Booths)*

\* If able to help us out with any of these available times, call the RE Office at 495-4873.

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Religious Education Registration is now taking place for our 2019—2020 Religious Education Year. Families need to pre-register students each year so that all information is updated. New Family Registration packets were available for pick up and have now been mailed out to all registered families in the parish with school aged children, grades K—12.

When you receive your envelope, please fill out the forms and return them so our class enrollment lists can be completed. Forms can be returned by mail, by dropping in the weekend collection basket, or by dropping off at the Parish or Religious Education Offices.

In addition, parents of K—5 students also need to return the enclosed Bus Permission card to the Elementary School Office. Any questions, call the RE Office at 495-4873.

 Religious Education Start Dates:

Grades K—5 begins Thursday, September 19th from 3:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Grades 6—12 begins on Sunday, September 22nd from 9:00 a.m. to 10:20 a.m.

\*In order for your K—5 students to ride the bus from school, a bus permission postcard must be returned to the school by Monday, September 9th.

ANY PARISH MEMBERS CURRENTLY VOLUNTEERING OR NEW VOLUNTEERS INTERESTED IN VOLUNTEERING WITH YOUTH UNDER THE AGE OF 18 for PARISH FUNCTIONS / COMMITTEES MUST COMPLETE THE FOLLOWING:

DIOCESE of ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN OFFICE OF CHILD AND YOUTH PROTECTION

Our Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown requirements are that all volunteers be registered with VIRTUS Online and complete the Youth Protection Awareness Training and The Mandated Reporting Training along with the required paperwork. These trainings are both free of charge and available online by going to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org) and clicking on the Youth Protection Tab. Instructions, paperwork and links to register for these trainings are all available there. All information and paperwork can also be picked up in the Parish Office or the Religious Education Office.

Step Two: In addition, the PENNSYLVANIA CHILD PROTECTIVE SERVICE LAW also requires all Pennsylvania clearances to be obtained for anyone working with our parish children. These clearances are free of charge for all volunteers. All helpers, volunteers and any other adults who wish to help chaperone or mentor our children in any way are required to have and will need these clearances. These links are also included within the instructions under the Youth Protection Icon on the diocesan website listed above. Please contact the Religious Education Office at 495-4873 or the Parish Office at 495-9640 for information and assistance obtaining these clearances.

Once completed, our Parish is then required to have copies of all of these clearances, certificates and paperwork on file in our Parish Office and the Diocesan Youth Protection Office. Your swiftness to complete the clearance process will help assure that we have an adequate number of compliant volunteers able to help with our youth when needed and aid in maintaining a Safe Environment for all of our Parish Children.

TEEN VOLUNTEERS AGES 14 TO 17 / DIOCESE OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN

The following safeguards and guidelines must be followed for minor volunteers (14 to 17 years of age) to be a volunteer with parish youth programming and activities within our Saint Michael Parish.

Minor volunteers (non-paid) ages 14-17, do not need their PA clearances, but must review and sign a youth code of conduct with parent/guardian approval and signature; and fill out Youth Protection paperwork. Students need to create an account on VIRTUS Online ([www.virtusonline.org](http://www.virtusonline.org)) and complete the Youth Protection Awareness Training.

Detailed information and paperwork for Teen volunteers can be picked up in the Religious Education Office or the Parish Office.

*Questions regarding any of the above information can be directed to Laurie Sloan in the Religious Education office at 495-4873.*

 Sunday, August 25 End of Summer/Back to School Parish Corn Roast / 5:00 PM



 Monday, August 26 First Day of School!

 Martha’s Group / 6:00 PM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, August 27 Boy Scouts / 7:30 – 9:00 PM

 Wednesday, August 28 No Mass

 Thursday, August 29 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Girl Scout Recruitment / 7:00 PM

 Friday, August 30

 Saturday, August 31 Forest Hills Labor Day Festival

 UPCOMING EVENTS



 September 1 – September 2 Forest Hills Labor Day Festival

 September 2 Labor Day

 Mass at St. Joseph Cemetery

 Offices Closed

 September 6 Expostition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration

 September 7 & 8 Religious Education Collection / Second Collection

 Second Sunday Food Pantry Collection

 September 8 Holy Name Society Meeting

 Hall Rental

CHURCH PICNIC ~ St. John The Baptist Church, Summerhill will be holding their annual Church Picnic on Sunday, August 25th at the New Germany Grove Hall, New Germany. ALL ARE WELCOME!

BASKET RAFFLE & BAKE SALE ~ Sunday, September 8, 11:00 AM – 3:00 PM. Bishop Carroll High School Cafeteria, Ebensburg. Call 814-472-7500 ext. 101 for info.

QUARTER AUCTION ~ Join the Sisters of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society-Beta Epsilon Chapter for a fun filled afternoon on September 8th. Held at St. Michael Church Hall, St. Michael. Doors open at noon, with the auction beginning at 1:00 PM. Vendors from direct sales companies will also be on site. All proceeds will be used for projects that benefit students in local schools, including Forest Hills. Tickets are $6.00, which includes lunch and an auction paddle. For tickets, call Amy 487-4569 or Suzi 242-3329.

ARE YOU READY FOR SOULCORE? ~ Grab your rosaries and exercise mats! We will be having a Soulcore workshop at the Holy Name School Gym, 205 W. Hornier St., Ebensburg on Saturday, September 14th from 1:00-2:30 PM. Mallory Hurley, a Soulcore leader from Pittsburgh will be our instructor. Soulcore is a movement that pairs core strengthening, stretching and functional movement with the prayers of the rosary. It is an invitation to discover the beauty of the rosary; a gentle path to grow in virtue and interior peace. Our Lady’s desire is always to lead us closer to her Son Jesus. Soulcore imitates her in striving to draw closer to Christ through deeper reflection on His life and virtues in the rosary. This workshop will be open to anyone 18 years of age and older. If anyone is interested, please register by calling Holy Name Parish office at 814-472-7244. There will be a suggested $10 donation for the instructor, if you are able to do so. For more information on Soulcore, check out their website at [www.soulcore.com](http://www.soulcore.com).