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 ST. MICHAEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

 751 Locust Street

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 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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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: 2019 NUMBER: 38

 SERVING GOD AND COMMUNITY FOR OVER ONE HUNDRED YEARS!

 September 22, 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–Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

 September 22, 2019

The Seven Dolors of The Sorrowful Mother

**MASS INTENTIONS**: (September 23 – September 29, 2019)

Monday 8:00 AM Frances Ritz req. by Joan W. Patterson

Tuesday 8:00 AM Hermine Sivec req. by Irene Danel

Wednesday No Mass

Thursday 8:00 AM Benjamin Reid req. by Sondre Harteis & Family

Friday 8:00 AM Ann Blazosky req. by Carl & Hermina Tokarsky

Saturday 4:00 PM People of the Parish

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

Sunday 10:30 AM For the First Responders of our Communities

LITURGICIAL APPOINTMENTS:

Saturday, September 28 4:00 PM Offertory Procession

Lector: Amy Spinos Tony Bambino Family

Minister of the Host: George Minor

Minister of the Cup: Susan Blazosky & Janet Minor

Altar Servers: Ana Spangler & Natalie Stohon

Cantor: Amy Spangler

Greeter: Mary Ann Spangler

Sunday, September 29 8:00 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Pauline Minor Cathy & Joe Faher

Minister of the Host: Robert Grattan

Minister of the Cup: Ellen Grattan & Terri Leach

Altar Servers: Andrew Martin & Bryce Macy

Cantor: Joseph Faher

Greeter: Pete Parisi

Sunday, September 2910:30 AM Offertory Procession

Lector: Terry Crissey John & Michelle Vitez

Minister of the Host: Susan Wieczorek

Minister of the Cup: Robert Oshaben & Amanda Williamson

Altar Servers: Luke Docherty, Alexia Steele & Noah Eppley

Cantor: Amy Dobbins

Greeter: Wendy Blough

Sunday, September 29 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 $3,758.00

 Loose $ 146.00

 Youth $ 21.25

 Monthly $ 75.00

 Religious Education Fund $ 103.00

 Candles $ 27.00

 Maintenance $ 55.00

 Total $4,185.25

We sincerely thank and ask

 God’s blessing upon all

who have care and

concern for our

parish.

September 22, 2019 Luke 16:1-13

Today’s gospel has a tip for parents: “Whoever is faithful in very little is faithful also in much.” Fidelity is a learned behavior. It is never too early to teach our children to be faithful to their promises, chores, and responsibilities. Of course, the best teacher is the example of our own lives.

PENN HOSPICE VOLUNTEERS ~ We have an exciting opportunity for local church congregations that are looking to volunteer their time. Volunteering gives you a sense of purpose. Committing even as little as one hour a week can have a profound benefit on your own life. We are in search of volunteers to help us care and comfort our hospice patients. You can find a flyer on the bulletin boards at the entrances of the church or you can contact: Genette Swank, Volunteer Coordinator, gswank@pennhospice.com. Penn Hospice, 313 West High Street Ebensburg, PA 15931. 814-846-4160. Thanks for your attention and we look forward to your support.

MARIAN CELEBRATION ~ The Family Marian Celebration Mass and Rosary will be held Sunday, October 6 at 3:00 PM at St. Benedict Church, 2310 Bedford St., Johnstown. The theme for this year’s celebration is “Mary as Advocate of Miracles”. Bishop Mark Bartchak will be the principal celebrant and will give the homily. Please join Bishop Mark, along with clergy, children and religious organizations in honoring our Blessed Mother. This Mass fulfills your Sunday obligation.

CARROLLTOWN LIFE CHAIN ~ (1) Sunday, October 6th (Respect for Life Sunday) from 1:30-3:00 PM. Please come and stand with us at the Life Chain to show your support against abortion. Pick up signs in front of St. Benedict Church by the red light on Rt. 219. After the Carrolltown Life Chain, light refreshments will be served in the St. Benedict Church Hall. The 10th grade Confraternity of Christian Doctrine class will be holding a Baby Shower & collecting donations for the Gabriel Project. Donations of diapers, wipes, onesies, baby clothes, blankets, money or anything for infants will be welcomed! (2) A Life Chain will be in Johnstown, Sunday, October 6th from 1-2:00 PM. Pick up signs on Broad St. in front of the former St. Columba Church. (3) On Saturday, October 26th from 9 AM to Noon, CCHL will hold their Annual Pro-Life Prayer Breakfast at the Immaculate Conception Grove Church Hall in New Germany featuring Jennifer Christie as speaker. Tickets are $10 and must be purchased in advance. Call Ann Poole at 472-8584 or Joanne Link at 344-8371 for information or tickets.

LEGION OF MARY ~ Of our diocese, is holding its *Annual* *Rosary Devotion with Mary, On Sunday, October 20 at 3:00 PM* at Queen of Peace Roman Catholic Church, Patton. All are invited to attend. Students from local grade and high schools are encouraged to participate in the “Living Rosary.” If any student is interested in participating, please call Shirley Anderson (674-3630) or Jean Berish (674-8043). Practice dates will be Thursday, October 10th and Thursday, October 17th at Queen of Peace from 6:30 – 7:15 PM.

OLD TESTAMENT CLASS ~ Is being offered in two locations by the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry. Beginning Tuesday, October 29th, this 8-week class will be offered by Fr. Brian Saylor at St. Rose of Lima, Altoona and on Wednesday, October 30th by Fr. Peter Crowe at St. Patrick School, Johnstown. Class time is 6:30-8:30 PM. This class may be taken for continuing education hours. The cost of this class which includes registration and book fee is $65. You may register online at [www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry](http://www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry) or by calling or emailing Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are 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. This weekend (September 22nd) is the deadline!



Catholic Ministries Drive $26,768.00

Raised: $ 9,263.00

Balance: $17,505.00

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

Sick and Shut-Ins of our Parish

during the week of September 22nd, 2019.

HURRICANE DORIAN ~ Many of you have asked how you can help the victims of Hurricane Dorian. If you would like to and we encourage you to do so by contributing to the collection this weekend (September 21 & 22). Please make your check payable to St. Michael and drop check or cash off in the regular collection in an envelope marked “Hurricane Victims”. We will then forward one check to Catholic Charities USA.

RETIRED PRIESTS MEDICAL COLLECTION ~ Next weekend, we will take up a second collection for medical and retirement needs of our senior diocesan priests. Contributions are managed by the diocese’s Medical Retirement Plan Commission to help keep our parish share of priests’ benefits at manageable levels. Your generous response will provide relief to the men who bring us closer to Christ through worship, service and community. Please use the special envelope provided or donate online through the diocese’s website at [www.dioceseaj.org](http://www.dioceseaj.org). Thank you.

FALL TREASURY TICKETS ~ If you are unable to buy or sell the ticket, please return it no later than Monday, September 30th. (Earlier if you can, because we have people wanting to buy more tickets). Return ticket, money & stubs either in the collection, at the office or in the mail.

ST. MICHAEL BLUE MASS ~ We will be having a Blue Mass honoring all first responders (police, law enforcement, public safety, firefighters and EMT’s and their families) for their service at the 10:30 AM Mass on Sunday, September 29th. A small luncheon will follow for first responders and their families in the Church Hall.

FAMILY OF THE MONTH ~ The family of Robert and Laurie Sloan has been selected as the August Family of the Month for Knights of Columbus Council 2275. Robert and Laurie have been married for 36 years and have 3 children and 7 grandchildren. They have been members of Saint Michael Parish for 30 years. Laurie is the DRE and Youth Ministry for the Parish and she does an outstanding job working with the children, and Bob helps with activities around the church like setting up for the Labor Day Festival.

PARISH SAFETY PREPAREDNESS AWARENESS WORKSHOP ~ In honor of the feast day of St. Michael the Archangel, Sunday, September 29th, the diocese of Altoona-Johnstown invites parish ministry representatives of hospitality, ushers and any interested parishioner to a safety preparedness awareness workshop. A panel of law enforcement, security and emergency personnel will provide information on how to assess possible risks of attacks and create a plan to do the best to protect parishioners in the event the church is threatened or targeted for an attack. Sunday, September 29th, 1 – 3:00 PM. Bishop Carroll Catholic High School Cafeteria, 728 Benjamin Franklin Hwy., Ebensburg. Mass will be celebrated at 3 PM. RSVP’s are appreciated, please contact Cindy O’Connor at 814-317-2621 or via email: coconnor@dioceseaj.org

*Stewardship Reflections…*

Each of us, regardless of our level of wealth, has the ability to be a prudent and sensible steward. We are called to be trustworthy and responsible in obeying God’s laws of charity, honesty, and justice. We are called to be the advocate and voice of the poor in our faith and civic communities.



 Religious Education And Christian Helping

 September 22, 2019



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 Elementary School Office.

*9th Grade Parent Orientation ~ Orientation for parents of our 9th grade students beginning their*

*3-year confirmation process is scheduled for Sunday, September 22nd beginning at 9:10 a.m.* Attendance *of at least 1 parent is required.*

*This orientation will take place in the upstairs of the Parish Hall while students are in their classroom for their first class of this new Religious Education year. You will be provided with information for the newly revised confirmation process guidelines and requirements for Sacramental prep from the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown and the opportunity for any questions along with a schedule for our 2019—2020 Religious Education Year.*

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 SHYCON 2019 ~ is an event for ALL Catholic young people currently in grades 9—12 and is scheduled for Sunday, October 20, 2019 at the Stokes Center, at Saint Francis University. Pope Francis challenges our faith communities to become missionary disciples who are not afraid to witness the faith.

By participating in a large diocesan event like SHYCON, it will enable young people to see themselves as witnesses of Christ and share their faith as members of the young church of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

This theme for SHYCON 2019, is, “WELL DONE, GOOD AND FAITHFUL SERVANT.”

Our keynote speaker for SHYCON 2019 is John Angotti. John is a full time music missionary who travels throughout many parts of the world providing inspirational music and faith witness to all ages through concerts, workshops, retreats, missions, conferences, and worship. He is a graduate of West Virginia University and the U.S. Military School of Music, where he was a member of the U.S. Navy Band as lead vocalist. John received his Master’s Degree in Pastoral Studies from Catholic Theological Union in Chicago in 2013.

Registration forms are available and will be giving to students in RE class. The $20 registration fee will come from REACH Youth Ministry funds for students attending.

Registration forms are due back to our RE Office by Sunday, October 6, 2019.

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 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, September 22 Hurrrican Dorian Collection / Regular Collection

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

 9th Grade Orientation / 9:00 AM – 10:20

 Monday, September 23 Martha’s Group / 6:00 PM

 Sunday Choir Practice / 7:00 PM

 Tuesday, September 24 Boy Scouts / 7:30 PM

 Wednesday, September 25 No Mass

 Thursday, September 26 Elementary Religious Ed. Class / 3:30 – 4:30 PM

 Saturday Choir Practice / 4:30 PM

 Friday, September 27

 Saturday, September 28 Retired Priests Medical Collection / Second Collection

 UPCOMING EVENTS

 September 29 Retired Priests Medical Collection / Second Collection

 First Responders Mass & Luncheon

 October 4 Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament with Adoration

 October 6 Holy Name Meeting

 Coffee & Donuts

 October 12 & 13 Second Sunday Food Collection

 October 12 Hall Rental

 October 13 Parish Council Meeting

CHICKEN BBQ DINNER AND MINI-BAZAAR ~ St. Demetrius Parish in Gallitzin. Sunday, September 29th, in the parish Activity Center, 714 Foster St., in Gallitzin. Dinners for Adults: $10; Children 6-12: $6; Children ages 5 and under: free. Take outs: $10. A flea market will also be featured, as well as baked goods, games, and baskets. Dinner will be served from 11 AM until - ?

COMMUNITY LAB BLOOD SCREEN ~ Trinity Lutheran Church in conjunction with Chan Soon-Shiong Medical Center at Windber is holding a Community Lab Blood Screen - $30. Saturday, October 5: 7-9 AM, 101 Church St. Sidman. Please call 814-467-3739 to schedule an appointment. A 12-14 hour fast is recommended. You do not need to be a patient of a Windber Physician to participate; patients of any physician are welcome. No Physician order is needed! Walk-ins Welcome!

ST. PATRICK BASEMENT SALE ~ St. Patrick Catholic Church, 609 Park Avenue, Johnstown will hold a Fall “Basement” Sale on Saturday, October 5th from 8 AM to 1 PM. Antiques & Collectables, Holiday Items, Books, CD’s, Records and Much More…No Early Sales! For more information about this up-coming event, please contact the parish office at 814-539-2186.



BASKET PARTY ~ Plan to join Holy Family Parish at 509 Caldwell Ave., Portage for a Basket Party on Sun., October 6 in the Parish Hall. Doors open at noon. No tickets will be sold after 2:15 PM. Drawings start at 2:30 PM. $5 donation will get you 25 basket chances and a door prize chance. Chances on larger baskets and Qualifiers will be available. To purchase your chances in advance, please call Barb at 814-736-3367.