

December 10, 2017

Second Sunday of Advent



ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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ST. MICHAEL FAITH COMMUNITY

Extending a rich parish heritage built upon the pioneering traditions of the first settlers of the Southern Allegheny mountains, St. Michael the Archangel Parish embraces as its mission the use of all available resources, both spiritual and temporal, to minister to the needs of the people of Hollidaysburg and its surrounding areas. We do this in a fashion which reflects the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, while promoting a tradition of liturgical excellence, strong support for Catholic education in all its varieties, and enlightened social outreach to the community at large, in union with both the Diocesan and Universal Church.

MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.
Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.
Daily & Holy Days: *See inside the Bulletin*

CONFESSIONS

Regularly on Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. and Sundays: 7:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Call the church office to schedule an appointment.
Nine month advance notice is normally required for marriage.

BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to have information printed in the bulletin announcements is 4:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the weekend of the announcement. Mail or email the information to the church office.

PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you would like to join the parish, please contact the rectory/church office. Please remember to notify us if you move or will be moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure is essential for the common good.

CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic Church should contact the parish office. New classes begin in the Fall.

Liturgical Reflection:

ORDER OF CHRISTIAN FUNERALS

Advent is a time of hopeful anticipation as we prepare to celebrate the remembrance of the Lord's first coming and, also, recalling his final coming in glory at the end of time. As we celebrate our funeral rites, the goal is to bring hope to the living. We turn to the Lord of life at the time of death to find assurance in our faith. We turn to the God of mercy in time of crisis and pain. To those who mourn and grieve, there is reason to have hope. In God is our hope and our salvation.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS for December 10 - December 17

TODAY, SUNDAY, December 10 *Second Sunday of Advent*

8:30 a.m. + **Raymond Brown** (*Birthday Rem.*) - by Elda Brown
10:00 a.m. + **Erin Mentzer** (*Birthday Rem.*) - by Rhodes & Pope families
11:30 a.m. **For the People of the Parish**

MONDAY, December 11 *St. Damasus I, Pope*

7:45 a.m. + **Robert Amis** - by the Baker Family

TUESDAY, December 12 *Our Lady of Guadalupe*

7:45 a.m. + **Tom Conlon** - by Mr & Mrs Joe Dodson

WEDNESDAY, December 13 *St. Lucy, Virgin & Martyr*

7:45 a.m. + **Mary Ann Perez** - by Sharle Kirkham

THURSDAY, December 14 *St. John of the Cross, Priest & Doctor of the Church*

8:30 a.m. **Holy Trinity School Mass**
+ **James Malone** - by Steve & Janice Frank

FRIDAY, December 15

7:45 a.m. + **Louis J. Cala** - by his family

SATURDAY, December 16

5:00 p.m. **Special Intention** - by Denise Madden

SUNDAY, December 17 *Third Sunday of Advent*

8:30 a.m. **For the People of the Parish**
10:00 a.m. + **Anne Himes** - by Pete & Gerry Pontzer
11:30 a.m. + **Terry Claycomb** - by the family

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11 This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling upon the prophet to encourage the Jewish people who are exiled in Babylon. The prophet is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road to the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the *people* to proclaim from a mountaintop the goodness of God.

Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14 The second letter of Peter was written nearly 100 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. At an earlier time, Christians had expected the Lord to return in glory quickly. But by this time, they had lost confidence that the Lord would return at all. The author doesn't want people to abandon their hope, and gives a positive interpretation to this delay.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

SACRISTAN (12/10 - 12/16/17): P. Claycomb

SCRIP (12/17/17): J. Hartkorn

COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL (12/17/17): The Balconi Family

December 16 - 17 Third Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 16, 5:00 PM

Readers: M. Dodson (1) & L. Michelone (2)
Altar Servers: W. Kordish & D. Kordish
E. Min.: L. Savino, C. Storm & D. Straub
Gift Bearers: The Byrne Family

Sunday, December 17, 8:30 AM

Readers: P. Yakymac (1) & B. Stevens (2)
Altar Servers: B. Gervinski & C. Montagnese
E. Min.: M. Fiore, M. Schlechter & R. Stellabotte
Gift Bearers: The A. Collin family

Sunday, December 17, 10:00 AM

Readers: D. Lanzel (1) & **available** (2)
Altar Servers: C. Reachard & **available**
E. Min.: D. Culp, M. Culp & M. Lanzel
Gift Bearers: The Craig Family

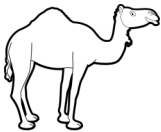
Sunday, December 17, 11:30 AM

Readers: D. Sault (1) & K. Stanko (2)
Altar Servers: M. Gardner & J. Gardner
E. Min.: L. Malone, E. Pope & R. Walter
Gift Bearers: The Treese Family

MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR'S MASSES

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers and Altar Servers are still needed for the Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, and New Year's Day Masses. Please sign-up online through Ministry Scheduler Pro or call the rectory office, as soon as possible.

CAMEL TREE GIFT RETURN



Just a reminder to all who selected a camel from the Camel Tree. Gifts should be returned **UNWRAPPED** with the camel attached to the Church Hall **before the 11:30 Mass TODAY**. Many thanks to those who participated in this parish outreach project!

PARISH SURVEY

Thank you to all who have completed our Parish Survey so far. If you have not done so yet, we encourage you to answer the questions in the survey. Paper copies of the survey, are available in the church and at the parish office. You may also complete it online using the following link: <https://cstmr411.com/czzvq> Our hope is that every adult member will complete the survey to help guide our Parish Council. **Please complete the paper or online survey by THIS FRIDAY, Dec. 15.**

"3: FOUR ONE" IN CONCERT



The contemporary Christian group "3: Four One" will be presenting a concert for the public **HERE at St. Michael Church on Tuesday, December 19 at 7:00 PM**. The trio, comprised of vocalists **Rebecca Culp, Julie Hanlon and Lisa Surkovich**, all members of St. Michael, have been performing contemporary Christian music in the area for the past two years. Please come and enjoy this inspirational selection of Christmas music performed with beautiful three part harmonies.

FREE SOUP SATURDAYS

St. Michael parish will once again host the Free Soup Saturdays. Our dates to host this year are: **January 6, 13 & 20**. MANY volunteers are needed to make soup, provide desserts, set up and serve each week. If you can help in any way, please contact Janet via email at: stmichaelchurchpa@gmail.com, or call 695-0912.

This is a wonderful outreach to our community, and much appreciated, especially in the cold month of January. Everyone is welcome to help especially confirmation students.



~~~~~ OUR GIFTS TO GOD ~~~~~

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (12/3/17) \$10,734.87
Sunday Envelopes: \$10,268.00
Loose Cash: \$466.87

2017 Catholic Ministries Drive (C.M.D.) Goal: \$46,613.00
Parish Total Received (as of 12/3/17): \$40,080.50
Under Goal: (\$6,532.50)
Catholic Charities Collection (received as of 12/3/17): \$1,901.00
Share in the Care Collection (received as of 12/3/17): \$200.00

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## CATHOLIC CALENDARS

Catholic calendars, one from our diocesan Family Life Office and one depicting Religious Art, are available at our church entrances. You are invited to take one home with you today.

## SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION and ADVENT PENANCE SERVICES

WE JOYFULLY CELEBRATE THE FORGIVENESS OF GOD

Regularly scheduled Confessions will be heard here at St. Michael parish **EVERY Saturday in Dec. at 1:00 PM**, and **EVERY Sunday at 7:30 AM**

### Penance Services in our area:

**DEC. 11 - 7:00 PM** Our Lady of Mount Carmel Parish, Altoona  
**DEC. 14 - 5:30 PM** Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Altoona  
**DEC. 16 - 10:00 AM** St. Therese of the Child Jesus Parish, Alt.  
**DEC. 17 - 4:00 PM** Saint Mary Parish, Hollidaysburg  
**DEC. 18 - 7:00 PM** Saint Rose of Lima Parish, Altoona  
**DEC. 20 - 6:30 PM** Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Alt.  
**DEC. 21 - 5:30 PM** Sacred Heart Parish, Altoona  
**DEC. 22 - 7:00 PM** Saint Aloysius Parish, Cresson

### Thursday, Dec. 21

In addition to our regularly scheduled opportunities to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation, the Sacrament will also be celebrated here at St. Michael Parish at 7 AM, Noon and 5 PM

For a full list of Penance Services in the Diocese visit:  
<https://www.dioceseaj.org/communal-penance-services/>

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION

- An AED (Automated External Defibrillator), generously provided by the UPMC Altoona Foundation, has been installed in the back of the church near the statue of St. Michael the Archangel.
- With the consultation of our parish's Finance Council, Maintenance Committee, Pastoral Council, and the assistance of an architect, our parish is in the preliminary stages of considering the feasibility of changing one of our reconciliation rooms into two areas that would become a restroom and a small closet for usher needs.
- So as to limit access to our church hall while it is being used as a school cafeteria, a lock has been installed on the door leading from our church into the stairwell to the basement.
- Thanks to an annual gift from The Allegheny Club, a public address/amplification system and speakers have been installed in our parish hall.

## CHURCH DECORATING



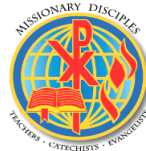
All are invited to help us decorate the Church for the Christmas season on **Thursday, Dec. 21 at 9 AM**.

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Once again we will be remembering the deceased of our families with our Christmas Memorials. If you wish to have a loved one remembered in this special way this Christmas Season then please use the form below, and turn it in to the rectory office **before 4 p.m. TOMORROW, Monday Dec. 11**. Each memorial is a \$10 donation which will be used to help offset the cost of Christmas decorations, vestments, candles, music etc... that all add so much to the celebration of Christmas. The list of memorials will be printed in the bulletin.

Memorial for: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
 (Please print)



## St. Michael's Religious Education and Faith Formation News

## RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

### PRE K - 9TH GRADE

**TODAY** Religious Ed. Classes (*pre K - 9th grade*) **10:00 AM**  
**Dec. 17** Religious Ed. Classes (*pre K - 9th grade*) **10:00 AM**  
**Dec. 24** No Religious Ed Classes  
**Dec. 31** No Religious Ed Classes

### 1st GRADE

**Dec. 23** 1st Grade practice for the 6 PM Christmas Eve Mass  
**11:00 AM in the Church**

### "YEAR OF INVITATION" (9th Grade)

**Jan. 6** Retreat: Baptism (*Activ. Bldg.*) - Inc. Mass **12:30 AM - 6 PM**  
 Sponsors/Parents must attend as well

### "YEAR OF FORMATION" (10th Grade)

**TODAY** Religious Education (*Activity Building*) **12:30 PM**

### "YEAR OF REFLECTION" (11th Grade)

**TODAY** Religious Education (*Activity Building*) **12:30 PM**  
**Dec. 17** Sacraments & the Paschal Mystery (*Activity Building*) **12:30 PM**

## XBOX EXTRAVAGANZA!

Parish Youth Group Event

**Wednesday, December 20, 6:30 PM.**



Ok Gamers...this night is your night! We will transform the Activity Building into multiple gaming stations with Xbox, Wii, and maybe even Msgr. Carson's pinball machine. The evening will be filled with refreshments and holiday cheer! Don't miss it! (*Our Parish Youth*

*Group is open to all parishioners in grades 7 - 12th grades. Contact Tim Baranik, Youth Group Director, @ 207-7008 for more information.*)

## THOSE WHO NEED OUR PRAYERS



The St. Michael Church's Legion of Mary (Our Lady of the Angels Praesidium) would like to assist the parishioners here at St. Michael with their prayers and rosaries for your special intentions (spiritual, physical, temporal needs etc...) All requests will be held in the strictest confidence! If a parishioner would like a visit, that can be arranged as well. For inquiries and concerns please call Pat Gildea at 814.695.2965 or Anne Musser at 814.515.8028

## QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

**Every Monday:** Prayer Group (*in the Church*) **2 PM**  
**SCRIP:** sold after the 8:30 & 10 AM Masses & before the 11:30 AM Mass  
**TODAY** Camel Tree gifts due (*Church hall*) **before the 11:30 AM Mass**  
**TODAY** Contemplative Prayer Group - Last meeting (*Church*) **2 PM**  
**TODAY** Men's Club Meeting (*Church hall*) **7 PM**  
**12/15** Parish Survey due  
**12/17** Contemplative Prayer Group - Repeat of 12/10 (*Church*) **2 PM**  
**12/19** 3:Four One Concert (*Church*) **7 PM**  
**12/20** Youth Group Game Night (*Activity Building*) **6:30 PM**  
**12/21** Confessions (*at the Church*) **7 AM, Noon & 5 PM**  
**12/21** Church decorating **9 AM**  
**12/22 - 12/26** Parish Office Closed  
**12/23** 1st Grade practice for the 6 PM Christmas Eve Mass **11 AM**  
**12/24** Christmas Eve Mass  
**4 PM - 6 PM** (*Children's Mass*) & **10 PM** (*preceded by carols at 9:30 PM*)  
**12/25** Christmas Day Mass **8:30 AM & 10 AM**



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