

December 31, 2017

# The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph



# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE 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.



The Missal's solemn blessing for the New Year includes the following petition: "May God, the source and origin of all blessing, grant you grace, pour his blessing in abundance, and keep you safe from harm throughout the year."

As we begin 2018, it is my prayer that you and your family will be deeply aware of God's grace, blessing, and protection during all that you experience in the days and months ahead. Our awareness of the sufficiency of God's graceful presence can be a tremendous source of courage and consolation.

- Msgr. Stan Carson

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS for December 31 - January 7

**TODAY, SUNDAY, DECEMBER 31** *The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph*

- 8:30 a.m. + Anna Fanelli - by her daughter Patti Geesey  
 10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish  
 11:30 a.m. + Mark Burger - by friends

**MONDAY, JANUARY 1** *The Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God  
 (Not a Holy Day of Obligation this year);  
 New Year's Day; World Day of Prayer for Peace*

8:30 a.m. For Blessings in the New Year

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 2** *St. Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen, Bishops & Doctors*

7:45 a.m. + Jim Lusardi, Jr. (*Birthdays Rem.*) - by the Baker Family

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 3** *St. Most Holy Name of Jesus*

7:45 a.m. + Joseph Walchko - from Jerry & Robin Kurland

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 4** *St. Elizabeth Ann Seton, Religious*

8:30 a.m. H.T.C. School Mass  
 + Rose Simelbauer - by Bernie & Kay Geishauer

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 5** *St. John Neumann, Bishop*

7:45 a.m. + Joe Boland - by Bob & Louise Irwin

**SATURDAY, JANUARY 6** *St. Andre Bessette, Religious*

5:00 p.m. + Michael Lardieri (*Birthdays Rem.*) - by Dave & Deb Claar

**SUNDAY, JANUARY 7** *The Epiphany of the Lord*

- 8:30 a.m. + Nancy Starkey - by her sister Cathy Schwartz  
 10:00 a.m. + Marie Thalhauser - by her children  
 11:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

## NEW YEAR'S DAY MASS SCHEDULE

### New Year's Day - Monday, Jan. 1

### 8:30 AM \*

\* Please note that this year New Year Day (Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God) is not a Holy Day of Obligation. There will be no vigil Mass on Sunday, Dec. 31st. The Mass for the day will be said at 8:30 a.m.

## FREE SOUP SATURDAYS

### Starts NEXT Saturday!

St. Michael parish will once again host the Hollidaysburg Free Soup Saturdays. Our dates to host this year are: **January 6, 13 & 20**. **MANY volunteers are STILL 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](mailto:stmichaelchurchpa@gmail.com), or call 695-0912. Please consider helping, even for just one of the weeks. Our church has quite a reputation for fantastic soup, and a large delicious amount of desserts. 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.

## EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

We will have the opportunity to adore Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament **NEXT Sunday, January 7 after the 11:30 AM Mass until the Benediction at 5:00 PM.** Unlike the magi, there is no need for us to travel a great distance to pay homage to the "new born king." You are encouraged to spend time in prayer with Jesus while our church is attractively decorated during the Christmas season. *There is a sign-up sheet at the church entrance to guarantee that there is always someone in prayer while the Blessed Sacrament is on the altar.*



## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The Parish Office will be closed  
**Tomorrow, Monday & Tuesday, January 1 - 2.**

## INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH

**Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3** In ancient Near Eastern culture, it was thought it essential to have a male descendant to carry on the family line and inherit all that his parents had worked for. But the elderly Abraham and Sarah were still childless, which seemed to contradict God's earlier promises to them. Today's passage will tell us how this problem is resolved.

**Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19** The author of the letter to the Hebrews frequently held up Old Testament heroes as models of faith. He did this because he was writing to a community whose faith was wavering. Today he presents, as examples, Abraham and Sarah whose faith had survived severe testing.

## THIS WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

**SACRISTAN** (12/31 - 1/6/18): K. Balconi  
**SCRIP** (1/7/18): as scheduled  
**COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL** (1/7/18): as scheduled

### January 6 - 7

### The Epiphany of the Lord

**Saturday, January 6, 5:00 PM**

**Readers:** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students  
**Altar Servers:** M. Gildea & S. Gildea  
**E. Min.:** C. Storm, D. Straub & S. Teske  
**Gift Bearers:** 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students

**Sunday, January 7, 8:30 AM**

**Readers:** B. Stevens (1) & P. Gildea (2)  
**Altar Servers:** W. Kordish & D. Kordish  
**E. Min.:** B. Anthony, C. Feathers & R. Stellabotte  
**Gift Bearers:** The G. Michelone Family

**Sunday, January 7, 10:00 AM**

**Readers:** D. Culp (1) & M. Culp (2)  
**Altar Servers:** C. Reachard & available  
**E. Min.:** D. Garrity, R. Pompa & T. Wilt  
**Gift Bearers:** The Culp Family

**Sunday, January 7, 11:30 AM**

**Readers:** Georgiana (1) & R. Wagner (2)  
**Altar Servers:** D. Georgiana & G. Georgiana  
**E. Min.:** G. Harrington, E. Pope & D. Stoehr  
**Gift Bearers:** available

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

*Thank you for your generosity!*

<b>Sunday Offering (12/24 &amp; 12/25/17)</b>	<b>\$11,486.00</b>
Sunday Envelopes:	\$11,019.00
Loose Cash: (12/24/17)	\$467.00

<b>Christmas Offering (12/24 &amp; 12/25/17)</b>	<b>\$13,622.75</b>
Christmas Envelopes:	\$12,181.00
Christmas Loose Cash: (12/25/17)	\$1,441.75

<b>2017 Catholic Ministries Drive (C.M.D.) Goal:</b>	<b>\$46,613.00</b>
Parish Total Received (as of 12/23/17):	\$46,605.50
Under Goal:	(\$7.50)

## YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

We greatly appreciate the volunteers at St. Michael parish and are calling on you again to help us take down and store the Christmas decorations. Come join us after the morning rosary (around 8:30 a.m.) on **Monday, Jan. 8**. With a lot of helpers it shouldn't take more than 30 minutes. Thanks!

## LADIES GUILD

The parish Ladies Guild will be have their first meeting of the new year on **Tuesday, Jan. 9 at 1:00 p.m.** at Marzoni's restaurant (in Duncansville). All women of the parish are invited to attend.

## DAY OF PRAYER FOR WORLD PEACE AND JUSTICE

The local Church of Altoona-Johnstown will observe Monday, January 1, 2018, the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, as a Day of Prayer for World Peace and Justice. **This day will be celebrated here at St. Michael Parish with Mass at 8:30 a.m.,** it is not being observed as a Holy Day of Obligation in 2018.

The faithful are asked to join in reciting this prayer on Jan. 1st:

*O God, who have revealed that peace-makers are to be called your children, grant, we pray, that we may work without ceasing to establish that justice which alone ensures true and lasting peace. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.*

## HOLLIDAYSBURG FREE SOUP SATURDAYS

11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

**Jan. 6, 13 & 20** HERE at St. Michael Church  
**Jan. 27 & Feb. 3** at St. John Reformed Church  
**Feb. 10 & 17** at St. Mary Church  
**Feb. 24 & March 3** at Hlbg. Church of the Brethren  
**March 10, 17 & 24** at First Presbyterian Church

## BASKET FREE THROW CONTEST

The Knights Of Columbus Star of the Sea Council 4245, will hold a basketball free throw contest on Saturday, Jan. 27th from 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM at the Church of St. Patrick's gym, Newry. The competition is for all boys and girls ages 10 to 14 as of January 1, 2018. Children ages 7 to 9 may compete but are not eligible to advance to the Knights of Columbus District Competition. Contact, Brother Knight Dennis Dombrowsky at 814-695-1509 or by email at dinopapt@aol.com.

## MARCH ON THE MOUNTAIN

Saint Francis University in Loretto will sponsor the 5th annual March on the Mountain on **Monday, January, 22**. The Rosary will be prayed at 10:30 AM; the march around campus will happen at 11:00 AM. Mass will be celebrated at Immaculate Conception Chapel at Noon. All are invited to any or all of the events to show support for the sanctity of human life. Bishop Mark will be in attendance.

## RESPECT LIFE MARCH

The 31st annual Respect Life March will be held on **Sunday, January 21** in Tyrone. Sponsored by the Saint Gregory Council #1218 Knights of Columbus, the event will begin at **Noon** at Saint Matthew Parish in Tyrone. Participants will then walk a little more than one mile to the grave of Baby Agnes Doe. All are invited to this pro-life event.

## SENIOR COMPANIONS NEEDED

Blair Senior Services Area Agency on Aging invites you to make a positive difference in someone's life...and a new friend. Call today to learn how to become a Senior Companion or Foster Grandparent. Tax free hourly stipend, paid holidays and mileage reimbursement. Must meet age and income requirements. Call the Volunteer Program Office 946-1235

## FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

*Reflections on the Sunday Reading*

**Luke 2:22 - 40** The gospel shows Mary and Joseph weren't perfect parents. Have you ever been amazed and astonished at what came out of your child's mouth, then you are in good company - so did Mary and Joseph. Parenting is tough but it is also the stuff of holiness.



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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

#### PRE K - 9TH GRADE

**TODAY** No Religious Ed Classes

**Jan. 7** Religious Ed. Classes (*pre K - 9th grade*) **10:00 AM**

**Jan. 14** Religious Ed. Classes (*pre K - 9th grade*) **10:00 AM**

#### 2nd GRADE

**Jan. 25** 2nd Grade parent meeting with Msgr. Carson (First Eucharist)  
**6:30 PM in the Activity Building**

**Jan. 28** Make-up Session 2nd Grade parent meeting with Msgr.  
**1:00 PM in the Activity Building**

#### "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)

**Jan. 14** Religious Education (*Activ. Bldg.*) \*Please note date correction **12:30 PM**

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

**Jan. 14** Religious Education (*Activ. Bldg.*) \*Please note date correction **12:30 PM**

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

**Holy Family of Jesus, Mary, and Joseph** (Dec. 31)

We are called to offer everything we have in faith as an offering to God, in the name of the Lord Jesus. Christian stewards are called to "give thanks to God" as we offer our gifts in the "peace of Christ."

## ALTAR CRUCIFIX

So as to call to mind for the faithful the saving passion of the Lord, on or near the altar there is to be a cross with the figure of Christ crucified upon it. The cross currently on our altar is made of olive wood and is from Bethlehem in the Holy Land.

## LITURGICAL REFLECTION

We gaze at the Holy Family this Christmas time. We gather with our families these days of Christmas. Our attention is focused on the infant who is surrounded by love. We pray that our families be grounded in the love of the newborn Child. When faced with challenges and crises, turn to the Holy Family and seek guidance and protection. When the challenges of life seem overbearing, turn to Jesus, Mary, and Joseph to find comfort. Pray for right judgement and the faith to live in harmony.

2017 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office,  
925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.

## 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

**PLEASE NOTE:SCRIP will NOT be sold Dec. 24 or 31**

**1/1** New Year's Day Mass **8:30 AM**

**1/2 - 1/3** Parish Office Closed

**1/6** Free Soup Saturday (HERE) **11 AM - 1 PM**

**1/7** Adoration (Church) **after the 11:30 AM Mass - 5 PM**

**1/8** Undecorating of the Church **8:30 AM**

**1/9** Ladies Guild Meeting (at Marzoni's) **1 PM**

**1/13** Free Soup Saturday (HERE) **11 AM - 1 PM**

**1/14** Men's Club Meeting (*Church Hall*) **7:00 PM**

**1/15** Parish Office Closed

**1/17** Parish Council Meeting (*Rectory Meeting Room*) **7:00 PM**

Want to rehear Monsignor's Homily? Misplaced your bulletin?  
On vacation? Don't miss what's going on!

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