

March 4, 2018



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT 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.
During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available on Wednesday evenings at 6:00 p.m. prior to the 6:30 p.m. Mass.

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

Today the Elect (those seeking the Easter Sacraments of Baptism, Confirmation, and Eucharist) hear the Gospel of the woman at the well. She is thirsting for something in her life; sin has taken her to the wrong places. She discovers that Christ is the living water who leads us from sin to new life. When we celebrate the Funeral Mass for a sister or brother, we call upon God's mercy to forgive whatever sinful offenses may stand in the way of salvation. As one of the prayers at the Funeral Mass begins, "O God, who are mercy for sinners..." we are reminded that both the living and dead stand in need of God's mercy and compassion.

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS for March 4 - March 11

TODAY, March 4 *Third Sunday of Lent*

8:30 a.m. + **Tim McCormick** - by *Tim & Kathy Balconi*
 10:00 a.m. **For the People of the Parish**
 11:30 a.m. + **Ernest Tomassetti** - by *Walter & Connie Tomassetti*

MONDAY, March 5

7:45 a.m. + **Barry Surma** - by *Steve & Janice Frank*

TUESDAY, March 6

7:45 a.m. + **Paul Boland** - by *his wife Linda*

WEDNESDAY, March 7 *Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs*

7:45 a.m. + **Craig Wimbush** - by *the Joe Burger Family*
 6:30 p.m. + **Nadene Pasinski** - by *her niece; Maryann Klingner*

THURSDAY, March 8 *St. John of God, Religious*

8:30 a.m. **HTC School Mass**

FRIDAY, March 9 *St. Frances of Rome, Religious*

7:45 a.m. + **Jean Sommer** - by *Roy & Cate Leister*

SATURDAY, March 10

5:00 p.m. + **Margaret Kennedy** - by *Susie Redline*

SUNDAY, March 11 *Fourth Sunday of Lent; Daylight Saving Time begins*

8:30 a.m. + **Pauline Helen Casciotti** - by *Bob & Maria Daski*
 10:00 a.m. + **Joe Nocek** - by *Lucy & Joe Dodson*
 11:30 a.m. **For the People of the Parish**

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20: 1-17 A covenant is a solemn agreement between two parties in which each promises something. The book of Exodus recounts how the Jews escaped from slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with God on Mount Sinai. The heart of that covenant is this: God promises to accept the Israelites as his people. On their part, they must promise to keep God's commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25 Paul wrote to his Corinthian converts about the difficulty in preaching about a crucified savior. To *Jewish* people who looked for a powerful Messiah performing spectacular signs, it seemed unacceptable that the Messiah would suffer and die. To *Gentiles*, it seemed entirely absurd that someone who died such a humiliating death could be the savior of the world.

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

SACRISTAN (3/4/18 - 3/10/18): K. Lashinsky
SCRIP (3/11/18): J. Hartkorn
COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL (3/11/18): the Nocek Family

March 10 - March 11 Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, February 10, 5:00 PM

Readers: M. Dodson (1) & L. Michelone (2)
Altar Servers: A. Carey & C. Reachard
E. Min.: J. Bookhamer
Gift Bearers: The D. Boland family

Sunday, February 11, 8:30 AM

Readers: P. Yakymac (1) & B. Stevens (2)
Altar Servers: B. Gervinski & C. Montagnese
E. Min.: B. Anthony
Gift Bearers: The D. Adams Family

Sunday, February 11, 10:00 AM

Readers: D. Culp (1) & M. Culp (2)
Altar Servers: S. Manna & Z. Manna
E. Min.: L. Craig
Gift Bearers: The Craig Family

Sunday, February 11, 11:30 AM

Readers: D. Sault (1) & K. Stanko (2)
Altar Servers: **available & available**
E. Min.: B. Codd
Gift Bearers: The B. Byrne Family

MINISTRY REMINDER

Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Altar Servers and Gift Bearers are reminded to please log-on to Ministry Scheduler Pro, or contact the church office, to sign-up for available slots, especially for the Wednesday Evening Masses during Lent, Holy Week, and Easter. Thank you.

Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend! (Turn your clocks ahead 1 hour Saturday night)

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (2/25/18)	\$9,325.08
Sunday Envelopes:	\$8,937.00
Loose Cash:	\$388.08
Minority Groups Collection (as of 2/25/18)	\$797.00

LENTEN EVENING MASS

Every Wednesday, during Lent,
we will celebrate Mass at **6:30 PM**

(The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be available at 6 PM prior to the Mass.)

LENTEN EUCHARISTIC DAY OF PRAYER



All are invited to spend some special prayerful time in the presence of the Holy Eucharist during our Lenten Eucharistic Day of Prayer, **TODAY, SUNDAY, March 4, 12:30 p.m. until the Benediction at 5:00 p.m.** *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.*

LENTEN FOOD DRIVE



TODAY, our Peace & Justice Committee will be collecting food items and gift cards in the church hall before all Masses. This will help to restock the shelves of our local American Rescue Workers and in addition we will be providing food for several families in our parish and/or families that were suggested by our parishioners.

ARISE MEETING



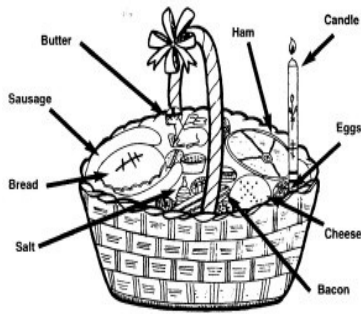
Parishioners who attended the diocesan meeting about *ARISE*, or who expressed an interest in being on the *ARISE* team for our parish, are asked to attend a meeting in the church hall **NEXT SUNDAY, March 11 at 12:30 PM.**

The diocesan-wide renewal process, *ARISE Together in Christ*, will begin this Fall over a six week period (called a Season); and then continue with six week sessions in Lent and Fall of two more years. The Gospel-themed process will include weekend Eucharist, small faith-sharing groups, personal prayer, and a Parish Mission.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are encouraged to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross at **5:30 PM** on Fridays of Lent. (Please note the NEW time for this year.) The half-hour devotional service based on the passion and death of Jesus will vary with the use of: *The Scriptural Way of the Cross*, the *Way of the Cross* composed by Saint Alphonsus Liguori, and *Mary's Way of the Cross*. (You are also invited to say the stations at the church on your own any day from 8:30 a.m. - 4. p.m. Booklets are available on a stand near the first station.)

THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS



Easter Food Baskets will be blessed here at St. Michael Church on Holy Saturday at Noon.

People with Eastern European backgrounds - Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Hungary, Ukraine, the Balkans and other countries with Slavic traditions - might be familiar with the blessing of Easter foods. What's in the baskets depends on the region one is from and the family's preferences. The food in the Easter baskets, like the food served during the Jewish Passover, would also carry significant religious symbolism.

- Bread-symbolizes Christ the Bread of Life. Easter bread is sometimes sweetened, braided, or even decorated with a dough cross.
- Butter-a symbol of God's goodness and the richness of salvation. Sometimes it is molded into the shape of a lamb. Cheese would have similar symbolism.
- Eggs-a symbol of life, hope, rebirth, and resurrection.
- Horseradish-symbolic of the bitterness and harshness of Christ's passion. It is sometimes mixed with grated beets.
- Meat-ham, lamb, smoked sausage-symbolize God's favor and generosity. Since pork was forbidden in the Old Testament, eating it now symbolizes that all things are made new in Christ. Linked sausage can remind us that Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant.
- Salt-to symbolize preservation and purification. It also reminds us the we are to be "the salt of the earth."
- Wine-to gladden the heart.
- Candy and baked sweets-symbolize God's providential sustenance, life's sweetness, eternal life, and the good things to come in the heavenly banquet.
- Candle-reminds us that Christ is our light. It may also be used at the Easter table.
- White cloth-used either under or over the food, symbolizes the burial cloth of Jesus that was found left in the tomb.

LAST SUPPER DRAMA



Special event *HERE* at St. Michael Parish

Monday of Holy Week, **March 26**
at **8:00 PM – 9:00 PM** the Last

Supper will be performed *HERE* at St. Michael Parish. It will be performed by adults from several parishes including, St. Michael, St. Mary and St. Patrick parishes. Watch and listen, as Christ's disciples speak of their thoughts and emotions, as they prepare to share in the First Eucharist, and our Lord's Redeeming Passion. This spectacular drama is one hour long, and requires no audience participation. There is no cost, or offering. Consider attending this thought provoking service, as part of your Lenten journey, along with other scheduled Holy Week services.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord - March 25

Palms distributed at all Masses

Saturday Evening Mass at **5:00 PM**

Sunday Mass at **8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM**

Communal Penance Service at St. Mary Parish - **4:00 PM**

Monday of Holy Week, March 26

Last Supper Presentation - **8:00 PM** (*in the Church*)

Tuesday of Holy Week, March 27

Confessions - **7:00 AM, Noon and 5:00 PM**

Wednesday of Holy Week, March 28

Evening Lenten Mass - **6:30 PM**

Holy Thursday - March 29

Mass of the Lord's Supper - **7 PM**

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament - after Mass to **11:00 PM**

Good Friday - March 30

Celebration of the Passion of the Lord - **12:00 Noon**

Stations of the Cross - **5:30 PM**

Holy Saturday - March 31

Blessing of Easter Food - **12:00 NOON**

Easter Vigil at **8:30 PM**

Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord - April 1

Masses at **8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM**

EASTER MEMORIALS

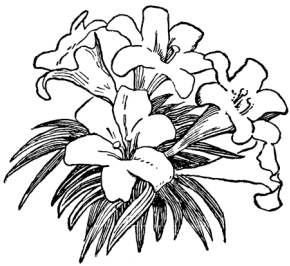
Flowers are an important feature of the Church environment for the Easter season, because they help to establish an atmosphere of the celebration of new life in the Risen Lord. You are invited to have those who have died remembered through our Easter flowers and decorations by returning the "Easter Flower & Decoration Memorials" envelope in your envelope packet. **Please remember to fill-in the back of the envelope with the memorial intention and by whom it is requested.** Each memorial is a suggested \$10 donation. We ask that all envelopes be turned in by **Tuesday, March 20 before 4:00 PM** so that we may print the memorials in the Easter bulletin. If you are currently not receiving envelopes, and would like them, please contact the rectory. If you do not use envelopes you may use the form below and place it with your donation in the collection basket by **March 18** or return it to the rectory before **March 20. Memorial donations to the Easter Memorials will be used to pay for the cost of the Easter Flowers, candles, music etc...**



Please print

Memorial for: _____

Given by: _____



St. Michael the Archangel Parish

March 2018



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 8:30 AM HTCS Mass 12:00 Noon Lenten Luncheon at FUMC - St. Michael is hosting 1:30 PM Cemetery Committee Meeting 2:40 PM Youth choir practice 7:30 PM Adult choir practice	2 7:45 AM Mass 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross	3 1 PM Confessions 5 PM Mass Food Drive Collection
4 7:30 AM Confessions MASS 8:30 - 10 & 11:30 AM 10 AM - Religious Ed 12:30 - 2 PM 10th Grade Session 12:30 - 5 Adoration Food Drive Collection	5 7:45 AM Mass 2 PM - Prayer Group	6 7:45 AM Mass 1 PM Ladies Guild meeting (@ Zach's Sports & Spirits, 5820 6th Ave., Altoona)	7 7:45 AM Mass 6:00 PM Confessions 6:30 PM Lenten Evening Mass	8 8:30 AM HTCS Mass 2:40 PM Youth choir practice 7:30 PM Adult choir practice	9 7:45 AM Mass 1:30 PM HTCS Stations of the Cross 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross	10 1 PM Confessions
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25 PALM SUNDAY 7:30 AM Confessions MASS 8:30 - 10 & 11:30 AM 1:30 PM 2nd Grade Retreat 4 PM Penance Service at St. Mary Church	26 7:45 AM Mass 11 AM Chrism Mass (at the Cathedral) 2 PM - Prayer Grp. 8 PM - Last Supper Presentation	27 7:45 AM Mass Confessions 7 AM - Noon & 5 PM	28 7:45 AM Mass 6:00 PM Confessions 6:30 PM Lenten Evening Mass	29 HOLY THURSDAY 7:00 PM Mass Adoration after Mass until 11PM Parish Office Closed	30 GOOD FRIDAY NOON - Passion of the Lord 5:30 PM Stations of the Cross Parish Office Closed	31 HOLY SATURDAY NOON - Blessing of Easter Food 8:30 PM Easter Vigil Mass

ST. JOSEPH'S TABLE



The Saint Joseph's Table is a tradition dating back to the Middle Ages when there was a severe drought in Sicily which resulted in a famine. The people prayed to God for rain, but they also prayed to St. Joseph to intercede with God on their behalf. They promised Saint Joseph that if God caused it to rain; they would hold a feast in Joseph's honor. The rains came, and the crops were planted. With the harvest, the people prepared the promised feast.

A Saint Joseph's Table of breakfast food will be available in the parish rectory following the 7:45 A.M. Mass on Monday, March 19th, St. Joseph's Feastday. The meal begins with the Litany of St. Joseph and a Blessing.

NUTRIENTS FOR OPTIMAL HEALTH

Have you often been confused with buzz words like antioxidants, probiotics, and Omega-3 fatty acids? Join parishioner Julie Donovan, lifestyle coach, consultant to many Olympic athletes, and weight loss coach in a new holistic program called "In.Form" as she helps clarify and simplify 7 categories of healthy nutrients.

**Tuesday, March 13 at 6:30 PM
in the parish Activity Building.**

If you are interested in attending contact the parish office or email Julie: Julie.inform@gmail.com.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Next week, please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection (envelopes are available in your newest envelope packet) and help Jesus in disguise.

OUR LADIES GUILD



All women of the parish are invited to attend the next meeting of our parish's Ladies Guild. They will be meeting at **1:00 PM THIS Tuesday, March 6** at Zach's Sports & Spirits restaurant, (5820 6th Ave., Altoona). Come join them!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

3rd Sunday of Lent (March 4) What is in the Lord's temple – your body – either physically or spiritually that does not honor God? Pray that you may become a better steward of God's wisdom and not your own. Begin with the Sacrament of Reconciliation.



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

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE! www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org

FIND US ON FACEBOOK TOO!

"St. Michael the Archangel Church Hollidaysburg"

BIBLES FOR USE IN THE CHURCH

There are Bibles on our church's windowsills for those who would like to use them for reading, personal prayer, and meditation. You are asked to leave them in church and return them to the windowsill so that others might use them. There is a Brief Introduction to Biblical Meditation inserted in the front cover of each bible.

LOST AND FOUND

There is a tan box under the table at the church main entrance. Please take a look in there if you can not find your glasses, rosaries etc... that may have been left behind in the church. Valuable items are generally taken to the parish office. Currently there are a number of gloves, hats and other winter clothing items.

NURSING HOME AND HOMEBOUND PARISHIONERS

Msgr. Carson currently celebrates Mass at the Lutheran Home on the 2nd Thursday of the month and at Homewood in Martinsburg on the 3rd Thursday of the month. He also normally makes Holy Communion visits to parishioners once a month at several local nursing and personal care homes. A few parishioners are also on a monthly Communion Visit list. If you or a family member would like to be added to the list, please call the parish office at 695-0912.

HOLLIDAYSBURG LENTEN LUNCHESES

The Hollidaysburg Ministerium, comprised of many Blair County clergy and leaders, alongside their congregations and local churches, are hosting Lenten Lunches beginning at **noon** through Lent on Thursdays. The remaining lunches are on March 8, 15, and 22 will be held at Zion Lutheran Church located at 500 Allegheny Street in Hollidaysburg.

3/8/18 Hosts: Hicks United Methodist Church
3/15/18 Hosts: Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren
3/22/18 Hosts: St. Johns Reformed Church
3/30/18 (Good Friday) Hosts: Zion Lutheran Church

Lunches promptly begin at the noon hour and continue typically until 1:00 PM. A light lunch and inspiring message is included. A freewill donation is accepted to defray the costs and generate financial support for the American Rescue Workers food pantry. The Lunches culminate with a Good Friday service held at Zion Lutheran Church on Friday, March 30. The public is cordially invited to attend.

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

PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

St Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness
and snares of the devil.

May God rebuke him we humbly pray
and do thou O Prince of the Heavenly Host,
by the power of God, cast into hell,
Satan and all the evil spirits,
who wander through the world,
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

B.G.H.S. BASEBALL FUNDRAISER

Bishop Guilfoyle H.S. Baseball is having a Spaghetti Dinner and Bake Sale at the B.G.H.S. Cafeteria **Sunday, March 11, 2018 11 AM – 2:30 PM**. Cost is \$8 and tickets can be purchased at the door, purchased from your favorite BG Baseball player, or call Kathleen Dombrosky 695.1509. Dinner includes spaghetti, meatball, sauce, salad, bread, drink and dessert. Eat in or Take out! Walk-ins welcome!

ST. LEONARD'S HOME EVENT

St. Leonard's Home will host its 3rd annual celebration of St. Joseph's Table on **Saturday, March 24 from 5:00 to 8:00 PM** at the American Legion Post 516 Social Hall, at Legion Park in Hollidaysburg. The event includes a meal, cheese bar, desserts, wine, auction, prizes for bidding and entertainment. Tickets are \$30, and are available at St. Leonard's Home or by calling 695-9581 during business hours. (St. Leonard's Home provides personal care for persons over age 55 who are unable to safely live alone.)

ADULT CLASSES

Adult Religious Education nurtures the lifelong development of the whole person – body, mind, heart, and spirit. The following classes are being offered this Spring that provide the opportunity for study, exploration, reflection and spiritual development. These classes also can be used for continuing education credit.

Christian Prayer and Spirituality (8 weeks)

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville

Wednesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM

March 7, 14, 21, 28; April 4, 11, 18, 25

Church History (10 weeks)

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville

Tuesdays from 6:30-8:30 PM

March 6, 13, 20, 27; April 3, 10, 17, 24; May 1, 8

For more information visit www.ajdiocese.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or email: mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

BE A FOSTER GRANDPARENT OR SENIOR COMPANION

Make a positive difference in someone's life... and make a new friend! Call Blair Senior Services today to learn how to become a Foster Grandparent or senior Companion. Tax free hourly stipend, paid holidays and mileage reimbursement are offered. Applicants must meet age and income requirements. Call 814.946.1235 for more information.

BASKET BINGO

Garvey Manor is hosting a Basket Bingo on **Sunday, March 18 from 2:00 - 5:00 PM**. All proceeds will benefit the activity programs for the residents of Garvey Manor/Our Lady of the Alleghenies. A fun-filled afternoon of BINGO & much more! Space is limited and pre-registration is recommended. Call 695-5571 for more information.

WITH REPENTANCE...

Low self-esteem causes me to believe that I have so little worth that my response does not matter. With repentance, however, I understand that being worth so much to God is why my response is so important. Repentance is remedial work to mend our minds and hearts, which get bent by sin."

*-John Ortberg Jr.
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Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.*

THE SHROUD OF TURIN: IS THIS THE FACE OF JESUS?

In 2013 Bill Wingard established "Shroud Talks" to present the history and science of the Shroud of Turin and tackle its biggest mystery...Is the Shroud the actual burial cloth of Jesus? Personal research coupled with the knowledge and help of the original photographer, Barrie Schwartz, for scientific evaluation in 1978 make for a powerful and comprehensive presentation that will not disappoint. You are invited to hear the talk and see the full-size replica of the Shroud of Turin!

Sunday, March 11, 2018 at 4:00 PM

St Rose of Lima Parish - 5519 Sixth Ave, Altoona PA

All are welcome, for more information contact the St. Rose parish office at 944.8509 or email frbsaylor@stroselima.com Tickets are not required, a free will offering will be collected.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES AWARDS

Catholic Charities Awards Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is seeking nominations for the 2018 Msgr. William M. Griffin Award and Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award. The honors will be presented at the annual Catholic Charities Recognition Dinner, scheduled for May 30, 2018.

The Msgr. William M. Griffin Award is given to persons demonstrating a significant, long-term commitment (professional or volunteer) to serving the poor, marginalized and most vulnerable within the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

The Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award is given to elementary thru high school students for demonstrating exceptional service to their communities, especially service to the poor and needy. This service must be "above and beyond" required school community service hours. Award winners will receive a monetary prize and a plaque recognizing their achievements.

Nominations for both awards must be submitted by March 23, 2018. For more information and a nomination form, visit www.ajdiocese.org

SIGHT & SOUND BUS TRIP

The Knights of Columbus 4th Degree Bishop Garvey Assembly are sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theater in Lancaster, PA for 'JESUS'. This is a live performance that includes transportation, performance, and a family style meal at the Hershey Farm Restaurant. The date is **Wednesday June 20**, departing from Martins Grocery Store in Duncansville at 7 AM and the Bull Pen Restaurant in Tyrone at 6:30 AM. The cost is \$120 per person and will be sold as 'first come first serve' until 2 buses are sold out. To reserve your spot, call Ron Harella at 814-696-3295.

TREASURES OF THE CHURCH

Queen of Peace Parish in Patton welcomes you to a teaching and exposition of Sacred Relics on **Sunday, March 11th at 3:00 PM**. Over 150 relics will be shown some believed to be as old as 2000 years. Among the treasures will be relics of Saint Joseph, Saint Teresa of Avila, Saint Maria Goretti, Saint Therese of Lisieux (the "Little Flower"), Saint Francis of Assisi, Saint Anthony of Padua, Saint Thomas Aquinas, and Saint Faustina Kowalska. In addition, there will also be present a piece of a veil which is believed to have belonged to Our Lady and one of the largest remaining pieces of the True Cross in the world. Treasures of the Church is a ministry of evangelization of the Catholic Church. Run by Fr. Carlos Martins of the Companions of the Cross, its purpose is to give people an experience of the living God through an encounter with the relics of his saints in the form of an exposition. For more info: www.treasuresofthechurch.com

CEMETERY SPRING CLEAN-UP

The Spring cleanup at Greenlawn Cemetery will be on **Saturday, March 17, at 10:00 AM**. We will be cleaning up any loose articles in the cemetery. If you want to save items from your loved ones graves, please remove them by March 15. Help with the clean-up would greatly be appreciated. If you are a confirmation student and need service hours, this would be a great way to get them!

PENANCE SERVICES AND RECONCILIATION

To reconcile with God is the reason for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our regularly scheduled Confessions are on **Saturdays at 1:00 PM and Sundays at 7:30 AM**, During Lent, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available on **Wednesday evenings at 6:00 P.M.** prior to the 6:30 PM Mass, and also during Holy Week on **Tuesday, March 27, at 7:00 AM, Noon and 5:00 PM**.

St. Mary Parish – Hollidaysburg will host a Penance Service on **Palm Sunday, March 25 at 4:00 PM**.

OTHER PENANCE SERVICES - Several parishes in our Diocese will host Penance services throughout Lent. You can find the dates, locations and times online at: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/lent/> or contact the parish office.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

John 2:13-25 Today's gospel says Jesus chased the merchants out of the temple, it doesn't say He was angry. Jesus teaches us to act from conviction and not from anger. He didn't condemn the merchants, only their business practice. Attack the behavior and not the person.

THANK YOU

The St. Michael's Men's Club would like to thank everyone who volunteered to help with the pancake and sausage breakfast last Sunday. It was really wonderful to see so many people helping with the breakfast, especially the youth of our parish. We thank also those who bought and enjoyed the pancakes and sausage, we hope to see you at the next one on **April 29**.

SAVE THE DATES!

Be sure to mark your calendars for the following FUN events! Details will be announced closer to the date.

"Over 80 Brunch" - On **Sunday, April 22** we will honor all members of our parish who are 80 + years of age at the 11:30 AM Mass followed by a delicious brunch.

Ministry Appreciation Picnic - All who volunteer in church ministries are invited to a special dinner in their honor on **Tuesday, May 29 at 6 PM** at the American Legion Social Hall.

Faith Day - The Altoona - Johnstown Diocese invites all parishioners to attend *Faith Day* at Del Grosso Park on **Sunday, June 24**. The day includes discounted all day ride & slide passes and an outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark officiating.

Field Mass & Family Picnic @ Legion Park - Sunday, July 8 Our annual church field Mass and family picnic is a highly anticipated event! Mark your calendars and schedule your vacation around the date! Field Mass will begin at 12:45 PM and the picnic will follow at 1:30 PM.



St. Michael's Religious Education and Faith Formation News

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

PRE K - 9TH GRADE

TODAY	Religious Ed. Classes (<i>pre K - 9th grade</i>)	10:00 AM
Mar. 11	Religious Ed. Classes (<i>pre K - 9th grade</i>)	10:00 AM
Mar. 18	Religious Ed. Classes (<i>pre K - 9th grade</i>)	10:00 AM
Mar. 25	No Class	
April 1	No Class	

2nd GRADE

Mar. 25	Eucharist Retreat (<i>Church hall</i>)	1:30 PM
	<i>(Please note: This was originally scheduled for April 17 at 3:30 PM)</i>	

6 - 8 GRADE

W.W.J.D? W.W.Y.D?

Retreat for students in Grades 6th - 8th



WWJD? What Would Jesus Do?
WWYD? What Would YOU Do?

Four simple letters; two simple questions. All students in 6th - 8th grade are invited to come and find the answers AND have fun at the **Jr. High Youth Day, Sunday, March 18** at Bishop Carroll High school in

Ebensburg. The day will feature the APeX Ministries. The day begins at **11 AM**, cost is just \$15 and includes lunch and a t-shirt. Come and learn about your call to love, care for and respect others while having fun with other youth from our diocese. Mass will be celebrated by Bishop Mark at 3:00 PM; dismissal will be around **4 PM**. Registration must be turned into the Parish Office by **TOMORROW, Monday, March 5**. For more information, call Sue Teske at 695-0912.

"YEAR OF INVITATION" (9th Grade)

TODAY	Session: Communion with God (<i>Activ. Bldg.</i>)	12:30 AM - 2 PM
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"YEAR OF FORMATION" (10th Grade)

Mar. 11	Religious Education (<i>Activ. Bldg.</i>)	12:30 PM
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"YEAR OF REFLECTION" (11th Grade)

TODAY	Lenten Eucharistic Day of Prayer (<i>Church</i>)	12:30 - 5 PM
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(If you have not attended an Adoration you may attend ours. Sign-up for an hour at the church main entrance.)

Mar. 11	Religious Education (<i>Activ. Bldg.</i>)	12:30 PM
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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	Lenten Food Drive Collection (<i>Church Hall</i>)	before all Masses
TODAY	Lenten Eucharistic Day of Prayer (<i>Church</i>)	12:30 - 5 PM
Mar. 6	Ladies Guild Meeting (@ Zach's Sports & Spirits, 5820 6th Ave., Altoona)	1 PM
Mar. 7	Lenten Evening Mass	6:30 PM
Mar. 9	Stations of the Cross	5:30 PM
Mar. 11	Daylight Savings Time Begins	<i>Remember to set your clocks ahead</i>
Mar. 11	Arise meeting (<i>Church Hall</i>)	12:30 PM
Mar. 11	Men's Club Meeting (<i>Church Hall</i>)	7:00 PM
Mar. 14	Lenten Evening Mass	6:30 PM
Mar. 16	Stations of the Cross	5:30 PM
Mar. 17	Cemetery Clean-up (<i>Greenlawn</i>)	10:00 AM
Mar. 19	St. Joseph's Table Breakfast (<i>Rectory</i>)	after the 7:45 AM Mass
Mar. 21	Lenten Evening Mass	6:30 PM
Mar. 21	Parish Council Meeting (<i>Rectory Mtg Rm</i>)	after the Evening Mass
Mar. 23	Stations of the Cross	5:30 PM
Mar. 25	Palm Sunday	

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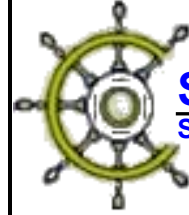
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