

St. Michael Parish's Youth Group:

SWEETS & TREATS FOR OUR SENIORS!

All students in grades 7 – 12 are invited to join the St. Michael's Youth Group! The next event the group has planned is the popular "Sweet and Treats for Our Seniors!" Join us **THIS Wednesday, March 14, at 6:30 PM** in Church Hall (*Basement of Church*) as we gather to make "Lucky" cookies for our friends and parishioners who may be living in a local nursing home. Join us having fun with others your age and you will easily earn service hours for school or confirmation as well! If possible, bring one item to help decorate our St. Patrick Day Cookies... green sprinkles, icing tube, etc.



ALSO: The Youth Group will also meet **THIS Saturday, March 17th, at 9:30 AM** in the Church Hall to gather the "Lucky Cookies", split into groups and deliver them to our friends at St. Leonard's Nursing Home or car pool to Garvey Manor. *Parents who are willing to help transport students would be appreciated.* Call or text Tim Baranik, Youth Group Director at 207-7008 if you have any questions.



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. 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.)

PENANCE SERVICES & 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.**

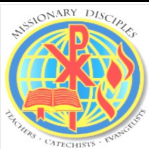
OTHER PENANCE SERVICES - Several parishes in our Diocese will host Penance services throughout Lent. You can find the dates, locations and times online at: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/lent/> or contact the parish office.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

John 3:14-21 Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

MANY THANKS!

THANK YOU to all who helped prepare and serve the meal at the Hollidaysburg Ministerium Lenten Luncheon on March 1. Special thanks to Rita Pompa for all her hard work as well as to her helpers: Jan Abram, Dale Culp, Kay Gardner, Louise Irwin, Jim & Jan Kinney, & Jacki Mowery.



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**
Mar. 18 Religious Ed. Classes (*pre K - 9th grade*) **10:00 AM**

Mar. 25 No Class

April 1 No Class

2nd GRADE

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

"YEAR OF INVITATION" (9th Grade)

April 15 Service Hour paperwork due by this date

"YEAR OF FORMATION" (10th Grade)

TODAY Religious Education (*Activ. Bldg.*) **12:30 PM**

"YEAR OF REFLECTION" (11th Grade)

TODAY Religious Education (*Activ. Bldg.*) **12:30 PM**

Don't Miss Our Parish Easter Egg Hunt!

Easter Sunday, April 1st
After the 10:00 AM Mass!

All Children Age 10 and Under
Are Invited to Meet in the Church Side Yard

3 Age Groups:
(3 and Under) (4-7) and (8-10)



We need your Help....Lots of Eggs to find!!

Hosted by our Parish Youth Group.

Youth Group members, or those in 7 –12 grade, who want to help with the Easter Egg Hunt, are invited to meet on **Wednesday March 28, at 6:30 PM** in the Parish Activity Building to help fill LOTS of eggs. Please come and help.

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Monday: Prayer Group (<i>in the Church</i>)	2 PM
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TODAY Arise Meeting (<i>Church Hall</i>)	12:30 PM
TODAY Men's Club Meeting (<i>Church Hall</i>)	7:00 PM
Mar. 13 Nutrients for Optimal Health Meeting (<i>Activity Building</i>)	6:30 PM
Mar. 14 Lenten Evening Mass	6:30 PM
Mar. 14 Youth Group Cookie Bake (<i>Church Hall</i>)	6:30 PM
Mar. 16 Stations of the Cross	5:30 PM
Mar. 16 - 17 24 Hours for the Lord (<i>Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament - Altoona</i>)	4 PM - 4 PM
Mar. 17 Youth Group Cookie Delivery (<i>Church Hall</i>)	9:30 AM
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. 20 Altar Server Training (<i>Church</i>)	2:30 PM
Mar. 20 Easter Memorials due (<i>Parish Office</i>)	before 4:00 PM
Mar. 21 Lenten Evening Mass	6:30 PM
Mar. 21 Parish Council Meeting (<i>Rectory Mtg Rm</i>)	after the Evening Mass
Mar. 22 Holy Trinity School Open House	6 PM - 7:30 PM
Mar. 23 Stations of the Cross	5:30 PM
Mar. 24 Altar Server Training (<i>Church</i>)	Noon
Mar. 25 Palm Sunday	
Mar. 25 Altar Server Training (<i>Church</i>)	12:30 PM
Mar. 25 Penance Service (<i>St. Mary Church - Hollidaysburg</i>)	4:00 PM