

August 12, 2018

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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 considered for publication in the bulletin 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...

PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS

The Church continues to prefer the practice of burying the bodies of the deceased. The reason is that this ancient Christian custom shows a greater esteem towards the deceased. Nevertheless, cremation is not prohibited, unless it is chosen for reasons contrary to Christian doctrine. In the absence of motives contrary to Christian doctrine, the Church after the celebration of the Funeral Mass or Funeral Liturgy outside Mass, accompanies the choice of cremation. The relevant liturgical rites are provided. And care is to be taken to avoid any appearance of religious indifference.

*Instruction, Ad resurgendum cum Christo, Congregation for the Doctrine of the Faith, 2016, Number 4.
 2018 Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Liturgy Office, 925 South Logan Boulevard, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648.*

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

For August 12 - 19

TODAY, August 12 *Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. + Jeane McDowell - by Joe & Kathy Harella

10:00 a.m. **Birthday Celebration of Pete & Gerry Pontzer**
- by their family

11:30 a.m. **For the People of the Parish**

MONDAY, August 13 *Sts. Pontian, Pope & Hippolytus, Priest, Martyrs*

7:45 a.m. + James L. Lusardi, Jr. (*Anniversary Remembrance*)
- by the St. Michael Parish Men's Club

TUESDAY, August 14 *St. Maximilian Kolbe, Priest & Martyr*

7:45 a.m. **For the physical & spiritual health
of Carmen Shaw** - by Al & Nancy Levine

6:30 p.m. *The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Vigil)*
+ Carol Jeffreys-Scott - by Cecilia Madden

WEDNESDAY, August 15 *St. The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary*

7:45 a.m. + Dr. Philip Denning (*Anniversary Remembrance*)
and Bernadette Melville - by the family

12:00 Noon **For the People of the Parish**

5:30 p.m. + Carolyn W. Ward (*Anniversary Rem.*) - by her family

THURSDAY, August 16 *St. Stephen of Hungary*

7:45 a.m. + Lori Irwin-Kozlowski - her parents; Bob & Louise

FRIDAY, August 17

7:45 a.m. + Laurie Pequignot - Smith (*Birthday Remembrance*)
- by Mark & Joe DeLozier

SATURDAY, August 18

5:00 p.m. + Paul Boland (*1st yr Anniv. Rem.*) - by Carol & family

SUNDAY, August 19 *Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. + Dave Mason - by Greg & Lisa Michelone

10:00 a.m. **For the People of the Parish**

11:30 a.m. + Ralph Conroy - by his wife Joan



This **Wednesday, August 15**, is the Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. The Church commemorates that Mary, who bore the Incarnate and Risen Word in her womb, did not experience death and decay. Rather she is the first to share in her Son's resurrection. She is assumed into heaven body and soul. The first cathedral of the United States in Baltimore bears the title of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary.

Mass times for the Holy Day are:

Tuesday (Vigil), August 14: 6:30 PM

Wednesday, August 15: 7:45 AM, Noon & 5:30 PM

Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Readers and Gift Bearers are needed for the Holy Day Masses, please volunteer online through Ministry Scheduler Pro or contact Janet at the parish office, 695-0912.

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THIS Wednesday, August 15

After the noon Mass until the Benediction at 5:00 p.m.

All are invited to spend some prayerful time in the presence of the Blessed Sacrament. We will have Adoration on **Wednesday, August 15**, the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary, **from after the Noon Mass until the Benediction at 5:00 P.M.**



MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Parishioner **Lois Mielnik** died this week (8/8/18). Lois was very active in our parish and will be greatly missed. Our deepest sympathy to her husband Ray and their children; Ralph, Maria & Fred. Please keep her and her family and friends in your prayers. May God grant Lois eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn.

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

1 Kings 19:4-8 The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mt. Horeb (also known as Mt. Sinai). Today's passage takes place at the beginning of his flight.

Ephesians 4:30 – 5:2 This part of the letter to the Ephesians contains more practical advice for Christian living. The author says that actions which cause division in a community are simply unacceptable. Today's reading points out mutual forgiveness is seen as essential for any group that calls itself Christian. There is an echo here of part of the Lord's prayer.

John 6: 41-51

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (Aug. 19)

Proverbs 9: 1-6 and Ephesians 5: 15-20 ; John 6: 51-58

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

SACRISTAN (8/12/18 - 8/18/18): **P. Claycomb**

SCRIP (8/19/18): **T. Woolridge**

COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL (8/19/18): **the Williams family**

August 18 - 19

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 18 - 5:00 PM

Readers: J. Burke (1) & B. Stevens (2)

Altar Servers: *available & available*

E. Min.: J. Bookhamer, L. Savino and *available*

Gift Bearers: The N. Bauman Family

Sunday, August 19 - 8:30 AM

Readers: P. Yakymac (1) & P. Gildea (2)

Altar Servers: C. Montagnese & L. Waibel

E. Min.: R. Holzer, M. Icenroad & *available*

Gift Bearers: The Vaniel Family

Sunday, August 19 - 10:00 AM

Readers: *available (1) & available (2)*

Altar Servers: S. Blescia & C. Reachard

E. Min.: R. Pompa, J. Pompa & T. Wilt

Gift Bearers: The Smithmyer Family

Sunday, August 19 - 11:30 AM

Readers: D. Sault (1) & R. Wagner (2)

Altar Servers: J. Gardner & M. Gardner

E. Min.: B. Codd, G. Harrington & E. Pope

Gift Bearers: The Hayer Family

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

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (as of 8/5/18): \$8,578.16

Envelopes: \$8104.26

Loose Cash: \$473.90

Catholic Ministry Drive Parish Goal: \$46,613.00

Parish Total Received: (as of 8/6/18): \$44,157.00

Under Goal: (as of 8/6/18): (\$2,456.00)

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

The flowers at the altar this weekend were given in celebration of **Pete and Gerry Pontzer's** birthdays by their children.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

*Please note that the parish office will be closed
for the Holy Day on **Wed., Aug. 15.***



JEANS FOR TEENS

Help Support the Altoona Teen Center & Shelter
NEXT WEEKEND - AUGUST 18 & 19



Our Peace & Justice Committee is teaming up with Family Services to help the Altoona Teen Center & Shelter, and your support is needed!

Through your generosity we can help provide something new for teens in need, as they prepare to head back to school. The Altoona Teen Center & Shelter currently has an average of 130 teens passing through their building WEEKLY!

How can you help?

You can help in three different ways:

1. Purchase a NEW pair of jeans for a teenager (boy or girl), OR black leggings (ladies or juniors size S - XL). Any color of jeans are fine, but please only black leggings.
2. Purchase an OLD NAVY gift card so the teens can pick out and buy their own jeans. You can even buy the gift cards through the Holy Trinity Scrip program in the church hall after the 8:30 & 10 AM Masses and help the teens AND students at HTCS.
3. Make a cash donation. Monetary donations would also be greatly appreciated and will be used to purchase gift cards.

Jeans, leggings, gift cards or cash donations may be brought to the church hall before the Masses NEXT weekend, **August 18/19**.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

19th Sunday in Ordinary Time - In his letter to the Ephesians, St. Paul reminds us that as Christian stewards we imitate God through our kindness, compassion, and forgiveness. Let us be as generous in our actions as our gratitude is for the love of God.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

John 6:41-51 - "Stop murmuring" Jesus told the disciples in today's gospel. Complaining is a dead-end and constant complaining is nagging. We might feel better but others feel bitter. Silence or grumbling will not resolve the problem. Address differences honestly and respectfully. Don't make them personal attacks.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima devotions **TOMORROW, Monday, August 13 at 6:30 PM** in the Sunken Gardens. (In case of inclement weather, the devotions will be at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel). The singing will be led by the choir from Prince of Peace in Northern Cambria. All are invited.

TOURS OF THE CATHEDRAL

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona is conducting tours during the month of September. That is the month in which the Cathedral was formally dedicated in 1931. Parishes and groups from throughout the Diocese are invited to come for a one-hour guided tour. Plan to take part in one of these tours during September. Please call your Parish Office for further information.

Meet New Friends
Deepen Faith
Encounter Christ



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Registration for students in grades pre-k thru grade 11 will take place the weekend after Labor day, **Sept. 8 - 9** in the Activity Building after all Masses. (Registration forms are available in the Church entrance and on the parish website, if you'd like to fill it out in advance.) This year's fee is \$20 per student. The fee helps with some of the cost for the books and supplies. **All students must register, even if in the program last year.** Catholic school students in 2nd and 9 - 11 grades must also register to be enrolled in the First Communion and the Confirmation programs. **Classes will begin on Sunday, September 16 at 10:00 AM.**

SAFE ENVIRONMENT TRAINING SESSION:

Training is required for new volunteers and religious education teachers. If you need training before the school year begins it will be available at the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Admin., Bldg. A (927 S. Logan Blvd, Hollidaysburg, PA)

Sat., Sept. 8, 2018 - 8:30 AM-12:30 PM: (RSVP by Aug 31st)

This is a Two-Part Training Workshop (you may attend one or both). Youth Protection/Safe Environment · Mandated Reporting Both Trainings are also available on-line at no cost, to access the trainings, visit the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website: www.dioceseaj.org/youth-protection to register for this workshop, please visit on-line at www.virtusonline.org. Any questions please call: Cindy O'Connor @ (814) 695-5579, ext. 2621 or email @ coconnor@dioceseaj.org

ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY LITURGY

Bishop Mark Bartchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2018 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend **Sunday, Sept. 9 in ALTOONA** at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, Sept. 16 in JOHNSTOWN** at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the Mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations must be made through the parish office for either celebration by Monday, August 20.**

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Monday: Prayer Group (in the Church) **2 PM**
SCRIP: sold after the 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday Masses in the Church Hall
Aug. 15 The Parish Office will be closed for the Holy Day
The Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation)
MASS SCHEDULE:
(Vigil) **Tuesday, Aug 14 at 6:30 PM**
Wednesday, Aug. 15 at 7:45 AM, Noon & 5:30 PM
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament: after the Noon Mass - 5:00 PM

Aug. 16 ARISE Team Meeting (Church Hall) **6:30 PM**
Aug. 19 Holy Trinity Catholic School Open House **1 - 3 PM**
Aug. 18 & 19 Jeans for Teens Collection (Church Hall) **before all Masses**
Aug. 20 Last day to register for the Wedding Anniv. Mass **by 4 PM**
Aug. 23 First day of school for Holy Trinity Catholic School
Aug. 25 & 26 ARISE small group sign-up
Sept. 1 & 2 ARISE small group sign-up

ENCOUNTERING CHRIST TODAY

ARISE Together in Christ is the process of spiritual renewal and evangelization that is beginning this fall in our parish and throughout our diocese.

ARISE offers the opportunity to develop a closer relationship with Christ, grow in community, and reach out in service to others through small faith-sharing groups which will meet for 90 minutes each week for six weeks. Sign-up for the groups will begin the weekend of August 25 & 26.



WHY PARTICIPATE IN ARISE?

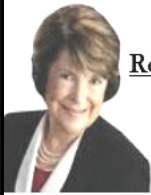
The key reasons for signing up to participate in the ARISE Together in Christ process are:

- **To know God better**
We learn more about God, talk more freely about our faith, and hear how God has impacted other peoples' lives.
- **To grow spiritually**
We see more clearly how the Holy Spirit has touched our lives and we become more willing to ask for the Spirit's guidance.
- **To meet new people**
Praying and reading the Bible with others brings people closer. New relationships are formed and deepened.
- **To talk about God**
Society and daily pressures offer little opportunity for us to pause and reflect on our spiritual life. Small communities provide the time and support for reflection.
- **To improve ourselves**
Wherever we are in our relationships with Christ, there is always room for improvement. Being in a small community offers this opportunity.
- **To put faith into action**
Baptism calls us to reach out to others, to help improve the quality of life for all. Small communities assist us in identifying ways to respond to others' needs. These communities support outreach.
- **To change the way we see the world**
Small communities enable us to view the world and all in it with the eyes of Christ. This leads us to become more attuned to the needs and problems of others.
- **To improve relationships**
Being in a small community infuses our relationships with more understanding, tolerance, patience, and love.
- **To experience different prayer styles**
The Catholic Church has a rich variety of prayers methods. It is a gift to experience the many ways of communicating with God.
- **To be rejuvenated**
We bring the daily worries, cares, and frustrations into an atmosphere of prayer, reflection, and faith sharing can bring new life to our everyday world.



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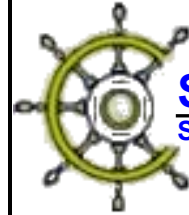
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 by the power of God,

cast into hell,

Satan and all the evil spirits,
 who prowl through the world,
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