

September 23, 2018

Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

301 SPRUCE STREET, HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA 16648



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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 faith should contact the parish office. New classes begin each Fall.

LITURGICAL REFLECTION...

PROPER BURIAL OF THE BODY AND CREMATED REMAINS

There are occasions and circumstances that sometimes make it impossible for the body to be present for the Funeral Mass. When extraordinary circumstances make cremation of a body the only feasible choice, pastoral sensitivity must be exercised by priests, deacons, and others who minister to the family of the deceased. Such circumstances are seen as exceptions to the general practice of the Church which is to have the body of the deceased present for the Vigil of the Deceased and the Funeral Mass.

Order of Christian Funerals, Cremation, 1998, Number 415.

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DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

For September 23 - 30

TODAY, September 23 *Twenty - Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. + Helene Wade - Akeret - by Rachel Canole

11:30 a.m. + Ellen Ottaway - by Mr/Mrs Walter Tomassetti & Family

MONDAY, September 24

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

TUESDAY, September 25

7:45 a.m. + Terry Shaffer - by Lucie & Joe Dodson

WEDNESDAY, September 26 *Sts. Cosmas & Damian, Martyrs*

7:45 a.m. + Marianne Proch - by the Klingbeil Family

THURSDAY, September 27 *St. Vincent de Paul, Priest*

8:30 a.m. Holy Trinity Catholic School Mass

FRIDAY, September 28 *St. Wenceslaus, Martyr;*

St. Lawrence Ruiz & Companions, Martyrs

7:45 a.m. + Tom Cawley (Birthday Rem.) - by Bob & Jean Jones

SATURDAY, September 29 *Sts. Michael, Gabriel & Raphael, Archangels*

5:00 p.m. + Ernie Tomassetti - by Helen Tomassetti & Family

SUNDAY, September 30 *Twenty - Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time*

8:30 a.m. + Bob Keech - by Tom & Patricia Forr

10:00 a.m. + Jerome Lanzel Jr. - by Dave & Mary Jo Lanzel

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

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Wisdom 2: 12, 17-20 The book of Wisdom was written about 50 years before Christ and was addressed to a group of Jews living in Alexandria, Egypt. In this pagan environment, some were tempted to abandon their religious beliefs and practices. In today's passage, an unidentified person, referred to as the "just one", challenges them to remain faithful to their traditional values. Early Christians thought this person sounded a lot like Jesus.

James 3: 16 - 4:3 Today we are hearing from a series of successive readings from the letter of James. This part of the letter deals with sins that threaten the harmony in a Christian community.

Mark 9:30-37

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS (Sept. 23)

Numbers 11: 25-29 and James 5: 1-6

Gospel: Mark 9:38-43,45,47-48

THIS WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

SACRISTAN (9/23 - 9/29/18): S. Heist

SCRIP (9/30/18): as scheduled

COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL (9/30/18): The McCloskey Family

September 29 - September 30

Twenty-Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 29 - 5:00 PM

Readers: M. Dodson (1) & L. Michelone (2)

Altar Servers: A. Carey & Z. Yingling

E. Min.: S. Teske, J. Burke & C. Storm

Gift Bearers: the D. Boland family

Sunday, September 30 - 8:30 AM

Readers: M. Schlechter (1) & B. Stevens (2)

Altar Servers: B. Gervinski & M. Hemminger

E. Min.: M. Fiore, J. Frank & R. Stellabotte

Gift Bearers: the K. Balconi family

Sunday, September 30 - 10:00 AM

Readers: M. Culp (1) & D. Culp (2)

Altar Servers: S. Manna & Z. Manna

E. Min.: B. Farnan, J. Pompa & R. Pompa

Gift Bearers: the Nosek family

Sunday, September 30 - 11:30 AM

Readers: L. Georgiana (1) & J. Plummer (2)

Altar Servers: J. Georgiana & G. Georgiana

E. Min.: available, G. Harrington & E. Pope

Gift Bearers: the D. Boland family

2nd - 8th GRADE STUDENTS: WE NEED YOU!

Share your beautiful voice! We are looking to fill the choir loft with new & returning members to the Youth Choir. The choir sings once a month at a Saturday 5:00 PM Mass, and it's LOTS OF FUN (complete with pizza parties)! Come join us starting **THIS Thursday, Sept. 27** in the church. H.T.C. students will practice 2:40 - 3:40 PM and public school students will meet from 3:30 - 4 PM. Contact directors Sandy Harteis at 932-9610 or Kim Olsavick at 695-0774 if you have any questions.



ARISE! TOGETHER IN CHRIST

Season One: ARISE Update

The Arise Team is pleased to report that we currently have five small groups with 48 participants who will begin meeting soon. We will happily add you to an existing group, or create a new group (if we are able) for you. Please call either Kathy Balconi at 585-730-0757 or Bob Low at 814-695-1253 or the parish office. Most small groups will begin meeting the week of October 7 (or as specified by the group leader). Thank you for considering this opportunity for spiritual renewal with your fellow parishioners. All groups will be meeting for approx. 90 minutes.

These are the current groups we have:

Sundays at 2 PM Sundays at 7 PM Tuesdays at 10 AM

Tuesday at 7 PM Wednesday at 10 AM



BLESSING OF THE ANIMALS

Thursday, Oct. 4 on the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi, Msgr. Carson will be blessing animals in the school parking lot at **1:30 PM** (in the event of bad weather, the blessing will be held in the Parish Activity Center). Parishioners, and their pets, are invited to attend.

PARSIH FALL SOCIAL AND WAGON RIDE

at Diamond Lane Farm & Carriage in Roaring Spring.

Sunday, Oct. 21 from 1 - 4 PM

Mark your calendars, more details in next week's bulletin!

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (as of 9/16/18): **\$8,064.75**
Envelopes: \$7,632.00
Loose Cash: \$432.75



2018 CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

Making Christ a Home in Your Heart

Catholic Ministry Drive: (Goal) \$46,613.00
Parish Total Received: (as of 9/17/18) \$44,717.00
Under Goal: (as of 9/17/18) (\$1,896.00)

THANK YOU!

- Last Sunday, September 16 the Men's Club hosted their famous Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. Thank you to all the men who helped and an extra thank you to **Ryan Frank, Adam Elder, Christofer** and **Adrian Diaz**. Thank you also to all parishioners who stayed and ate pancakes. All proceeds from this event will be given to our Twin Parish in Jamaica.
- Thanks to the parishioners who volunteer to be our Religious Education and Faith Formation teachers, aides and helpers. Please remember to keep our Catechists in your prayers all year as they guide and educate the youth of our parish.
- Thank you to **Tom Kunkle, Julie Hanlon** and the members of our **choirs** for sharing their musical gifts with us once again! Welcome back!

DO YOU QUILT, KNIT or CROCHET?

Do you quilt, knit and/or crochet? St. Leonard's Personal Care home currently have several residents who would love to learn a new skill. If you feel comfortable teaching someone any of these skills, and have time to volunteer your help, please contact the parish office.

COMPANION NEEDED

An older female parishioner is looking for another woman to visit with her in her home from 5 PM - 9 PM for 3 days a week, possibly more. Services would include meal preparation and after dinner conversation. Please call Carole at 937-0380 for more information, details and pay rate.

COMMUNITY RESOURCES FAIR 2018

On **Thursday, October 4, from Noon - 3 PM** the Blair County Children, Youth & Families Services is hosting their 5th Annual Community Resource Fair at the Jaffa Shrine in Altoona. This FREE event is open to everyone. Free activities for children, car seat inspections, resources and over 60 vendors and informative booths.

PRAY THE ROSARY IN OCTOBER



You are invited to join with other parishioners praying the rosary, in the church, **every Saturday & Sunday in October twenty minutes before the 5 PM and 8:30 AM Masses**. You are also invited to join in praying the rosary every week day after the 7:45 a.m. Masses.

RETIRED PRIEST MEDICAL COLLECTION

Next weekend, all parishes in our diocese will take up a special collection to support our diocesan priests' medical and retirement needs. Donations will help subsidize medical care as well as the medical and living expenses of our senior priests. Once a priest achieves senior status, he no longer depends upon a parish for basic needs even though he continues to celebrate masses and perform other pastoral ministries. Your generous support allows the diocese to provide modest stipends to our senior priests while keeping increases in the parish's assessment for their cares to a minimum. Please use the marked envelope in your envelope pack and place it in the collection basket.

BASKET BINGO

St. Leonard's Personal Care Home Charity Care Fund Basket Bingo will be held on **Saturday, October 20 from 1 - 3:30 PM** at the St. Catherine Church Hall in Duncansville. Beautiful themed baskets for 20 bingo prizes and a silent auction. Lunch will be available beginning at noon. For more information or tickets (\$25), call 695-9581 or stop in St. Leonard's Home during business hours.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION



"Enlisting Witnesses for Jesus Christ"

Any questions call our D.R.E., Sue Teske
at 695-0912 or 934-2180 email: Steske@dioceaj.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

PRE K - 9TH GRADE

TODAY	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
Sept. 30	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
Oct. 7	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
Oct 14	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
Oct 21	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM

2nd GRADE (ALL Students)

Oct. 18	1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting with Msgr. (Activ Bldg)	6:30 PM
Oct. 28	Make-up:1st Reconciliation Parent Meeting with Msgr.	1:00 PM

"YEAR OF INVITATION" (9th Grade)

Sept. 30	Confirmation Informational Meeting for ALL 9th gr. students & parents (Activity Building)	12:30 PM
Oct 28	SHYCON (St. Francis, Loretto)	11:00 AM - 6 PM

"YEAR OF FORMATION" (10th Grade)

TODAY	Confirmation Informational Meeting for ALL 10th gr. students & parents (Activity Building)	12:30 PM
Oct 14	Religious Ed. Session (for all but BGHS students)	12:30 PM
Oct 28	SHYCON (St. Francis, Loretto)	11:00 AM - 6 PM

"YEAR OF REFLECTION" (11th Grade)

Oct 14	Religious Ed. Session (for all but BGHS students)	12:30 PM
Oct 28	SHYCON (St. Francis, Loretto)	11:00 AM - 6 PM

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION PARENTS

* Please be sure to look through your child's Religious Education folder for the "Parent Letter". Attached to the letter is a registration for the ARISE program for children and families. We hope you will take advantage of this great program being offered.

SHYCON 2018

Sunday, October 28 beginning at 11 AM
"STRONG AND COURAGEOUS"

The Altoona-Johnstown Diocese Office of Youth Ministry is sponsoring the annual **Senior High Youth Conference -- SHYCON -- on Sunday, October 28** at the Stokes Center at St. Francis Univ. in Loretto. SHYCON is open to **high school students (9 - 12)** from around the Diocese, and fulfills one of the requirements for Confirmation. This is a great way to meet and celebrate with other catholic teens from other parishes. Lots of fun, food, games, & activities and Mass with Bishop Mark. This year the special guest speaker is nationally recognized speaker, musician and beat boxer: **Paul Kim!** **Registration forms and money (\$20 per person) are due no later than Oct 10 to Sue Teske or the rectory office.** Forms are available in the rectory, on the parish website and in the entrance of the Church.

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	
Oct. 2	Ladies Guild Meeting (Cracker Barrel - Altoona PA)	1 PM
Oct. 4	Blessing of Pets (Church parking lot)	1:30 PM
Oct. 6	Youth Group Kayaking and Picnic (Canoe Creek)	2 PM
Oct. 9	Peace & Justice Meeting (Church hall)	7:00 PM
Oct. 13	Youth Group Campfire Rosary & Glowstick Tag	7:30 PM
Oct. 14	Men's Club Meeting (Church hall)	7 PM
Oct. 17	Parish Council Meeting (Rectory Meeting Room)	7 PM
Oct. 18	2nd Grade Parent Meeting (Activity Center)	6:30 PM
Oct. 18	ARISE! Team Meeting (Church Hall)	6:30 PM
Oct. 21	Parish Fall Social (Diamond Lane Carriage - Roaring Spring)	1 - 4 PM