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**St. Mary & St. Michael  
Parishes**  
*One Body in Christ*

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**Third Sunday  
of Lent**  
March 8, 2026

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:**  
Vigil - 4:00 PM - St. Mary

**Sunday:**  
7:30 AM and 10:00 AM - St. Mary  
10:00 AM and 11:30 AM - St. Michael

Daily and Holy Days: See inside

**Confessions:**  
Saturday: 1:00 PM - St. Michael  
Wednesday: 5:30 PM - St. Mary  
Thursday before the First Friday  
of the month: 4:00 PM - St. Mary



**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
301 Spruce Street  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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**Music Coordinator:**  
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**Christian Initiation (OCIA):**  
Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith?  
Contact Deacon Allan F. Duman aduman@dioceseaj.org

**Joint Parish Website:** www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org  
**Joint Facebook page:** www.facebook.com/StMaryandStMichael

814- 695-0912  
Mon. to Fri. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (St. Michael)  
Closed Holy Days and Holidays

**Marriage & Baptism:**  
Call the church office to schedule an appointment.  
A notice of 9 months is required for marriage  
and a notice of **at least 1 month** is required for Baptism.



VIRTUAL TOUR



VIRTUAL TOUR

**“We no longer believe because of your word;  
for we have heard for ourselves,  
and we know that this is truly the savior of the world.”**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES Saturday, Mar. 7th. to Sunday, Mar. 15th.			
DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ Vince Frank & Millie Frank
<b>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME STARTS, TURN YOUR CLOCKS AHEAD 1 HOUR</b>			
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠ Earl Hite
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Ronald Petak
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Denise Baranik & Baranik Family
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Mary Ann Prostko
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Philip DeLozier
WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	✠ Angela Auerbeck
THUR	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Annabelle Wagner
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	✠ Eternal rest for all the souls in purgatory
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Bishop Mark Bartchak
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠ Joseph Boley
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Natalia Ubac
 <b>Little Lamb's Ministry</b> St. Michael Church 10:00 AM Mass 			
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ John Waibel and Susan Waibel
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish

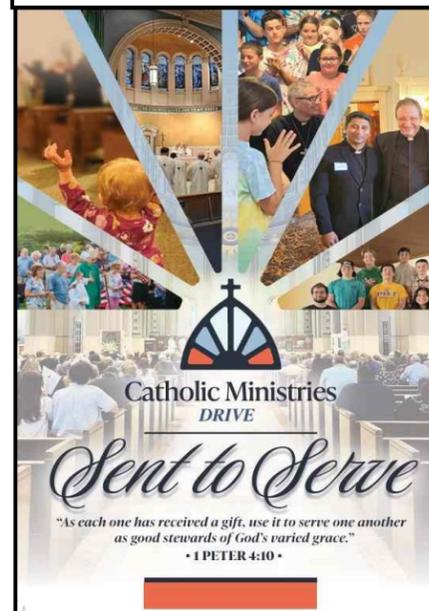
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Call 814-317-2681 or  
[vocations@dioceseaj.org](mailto:vocations@dioceseaj.org)



**Fr. Brian Norris**  
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Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown  
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**Bishop Bartchak would like to remind us to prayerfully consider participating  
in our diocese's Vocation Appeal.**



**This is Commitment Weekend for the 2026 Catholic Ministries Drive!**  
Your sacrificial gift of prayer and treasure will make an immediate and lasting impact on our ministries that focus on evangelization, serving those in need and formation of our priests and deacons.

During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties - and one of those holy duties is to support our Church. This year's theme, Sent to Serve, reminds us that, by virtue of our baptism, each of us has been Sent to Serve, entrusted with gifts that are meant to be shared for the good of others. Saint Peter teaches us, "As each one has received a gift, use it to serve one another as good stewards of God's varied grace" (1 Peter 4:10).

If you did not already send in your pledge card, you can scan the QR code to make your gift or pick up an envelope at the church entrance. Please prayerfully consider making a gift today or this coming week. Our diocese's ministries need your support. All contributions received beyond our parish goal will be returned to the parish.

Thank you for supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive and our diocese's vital ministries.



LITTLE LAMB'S LITURGY WINTER/SPRING SCHEDULE LEARN, GROW, SHARE IN THE LOVE OF GOD	
Date	Theme
Mar. 15th	Moses and the 10 Commandments
Mar. 29th	Palm Sunday!
Apr. 12th	David and Goliath: Wearing the Armor of God
Apr. 26th	Daniel and the Lion's Den
May 10th	Honoring Our Mother Mary
May 24th	Learning About Our Baptism
Sept. 13th	Fall Schedule Starts
<b>Contact: Andrea Wilk at</b> <a href="mailto:andreawilk12@gmail.com">andreawilk12@gmail.com</a> 412-480-0940	

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That Support Our Bulletin!**

Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule

	READER * 3 Needed	EMHC * 3 or 4 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO/VIDEO 3 Needed
<b>Saturday, March 7th</b>						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	John Heslop (1) Bruno Felus (2) Joseph Hurd (3)	Meagan James (H) Julia Burke (C) Richard Books (C) Rich Holzer (Choir)	Shari Figurelli	Shirley Books Chris Johnston <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Shari Figurelli	
<b>Sunday, March 8th</b>						
St. Mary 7:30 AM	John McKeegan (1) Becky Stevens (2) Connie Curfman (3)	Kate Diaz (H) Jeff Boley (C) Shawn Sullivan (C) Ramona Shrift (Choir)	Ella Diaz	Roy Leister Dave Shrift Jim Zimmerman	Cate Burger-Leister	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Mass1 Children (1) Mass2 Children (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	John McIntyre (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Sharon King (C) Beverly Buterbaugh (Choir)	Shealyn Riley	Mass1 Children Mass2 Children Mark King	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Mike Metzgar (1) Annette Lewis (2) Paul Dennis (3)	Mark Krepich (Main) Marcia Riley (C) Brian Sweeney (C) Rebecca Culp (Choirloft)	Aiden Wilk	Debbi Chapman Daniel Moringiello	Jo Delozier	Emilee Elder John Elder
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) Debbie Sault (2) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (3)	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Main) Donna Sipes (C) Talena Swander (C) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Choirloft)	Terry Wilt	Susan Wells <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Mel & Patty Link	<b>NOT FILLED</b> Greyson Swander
St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (March 8th - March 14th): Gina Zabinsky						

\*The Deacon will be the ordinary minister of communion and read the Universal prayers, if he is present.

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<b>Saturday, March 14th</b>						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Debbie Sault (1) JoAnn Propcheck (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Lawrence Savino (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Michael Mollish (C) Lisa Michelone (Choir)	Grace Muriceak	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> Rick Pulcino	Michael Mollish	
<b>Sunday, March 15th</b>						
St. Mary 7:30 AM	Craig Mauk (1) Claudia Montero (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Kay Benton (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Jeff Boley (C) Jodie Feath (Choir)	Travis Mauk	Ray Gregorchik Susan Henry Jim Zimmerman	Connie Curfman	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	David Madden (1) Beverly Buterbaugh (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	James Popp (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Diane Stephens (C) Sharon King (Choir)	Shealyn Riley	Kevin Corl Rodney Feather Diane Madden	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Mass1 Children (1) Mass2 Children (2) Dave Lanzel (3)	Mary Jo Lanzel (Main) Brianna Iachini (C) Mark Krepich (C) Alicia Lombardo-Jordan (Choirloft)	Carter Jordan	Mass1 Children Gregory Olsavick	Marty Culp	Barry Craig Leigh Ann Craig
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (2) Kimberly Merritts (3)	Ginny Harrington (Main) Kimberly Merritts (C) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (C) Bill Farnan (Choirloft)	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	Susan Wells <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Andy Weyant	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (March 15th - March 21st): Ramona Shrift						

**Bereavement Support**  
Regular gatherings are held in the St. Michael convent building twice monthly: 2nd Wed. 9:30 to 11:00 AM 4th Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM  
**Next meeting March 11th.**

Our gatherings are Christian based. All denominations are welcome!  
For more information call/text Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412

**The Legion of Mary** meets at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays in the Library of the Adoration Chapel building (Convent) at St. Mary.

The Legion of Mary is a worldwide Catholic organization glorifying God through Mary. You are welcome to come see if the Legion of Mary is for you. We welcome active and auxiliary members.

Please stop by or call Ginny for information 814-935-1820



**FREE SOUP SATURDAYS**  
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
March 14th & March 21st  
Holidaysburg Church of the Brethren  
Penn & Hawthorne Streets

All meals will include hot soup, bread, butter, beverage & dessert.  
Donations Accepted.

**CRS Rice Bowl** is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

Cardboard Rice Bowls, for our Lenten almsgiving, are available at church entrances.



**Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop**  
by Patty Romano  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
St. Michael Activity Building  
2:00-4:00 PM

- Learn to decorate your Easter Eggs using the **Pysanky Method**
- All supplies will be provided
- Open to parishioners 18 and older
- To register email: [Steske@dioceseaj.org](mailto:Steske@dioceseaj.org)

**Lenten Service Project**  
Saint Mary & Saint Michael Faith Formation Classes are collecting supplies for Easter Buckets to be distributed at the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

**HAPPY EASTER**



Donations are being collected at both Churches. Children are allowed to bring up candy as part of the Offertory Procession during the 10:00 AM. Mass.

**Collection Dates:**  
March, 7-8,  
14-15 & 21-22

**Knights of Columbus**



**Saturday April 11, 2026**  
*East Freedom Fire Hall*  
139 Municipal Street  
East Freedom, PA 16637

Doors open at 5:30 PM  
Small Games/Basket Raffles start at 5:30 PM  
Dinner at 6:00 PM

Last Ticket Pulled Wins \$600!!

**\$50 Per Ticket**

Includes 2 Dinners, Beverages and 1 Entry in the Drawing  
MUST BE 21 OR OLDER TO ATTEND



**Pork & Sauerkraut Dinner**  
Also, featuring: Hot Dogs, Kielbasa, Mashed Potatoes, Applesauce & Roll  
Sunday, March 15, 2026  
Time: 12:00 PM  
Eat In or Take Out Meals are \$15 per person  
Children 12 & under are \$5 per child

St. Catherine of Siena Church  
308 Old Rte. 22  
Duncansville, PA 16635  
814-696-4126  
[www.DuncansvilleCatholic.org](http://www.DuncansvilleCatholic.org)

**Soda Cub Social Dance**

**Youth Group Activity**  
7th-12th graders  
This Sunday, March 8th

Continues to April 19th  
Sundays 5:00 to 6:30 PM  
St. Mary's Social Hall / Gym

**Note: Sunday, March 29th we will meet in St. Michael Activity Building 5:30 to 7:00 PM**

Put your screen down and be the start of something!  
Come and learn the basics of country & pop line dance.

Questions?  
Stacy Pollock 202-486-0129



MINISTRY 2 PARENTS INVITES YOU TO...

**FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT**

LOCATION: ACTIVITY BUILDING @ ST. MICHAELS

**Sun., Mar. 22nd 5 to 7 PM**

Come enjoy fellowship and family time with other parents and their children in the surrounding parishes! Just bring drinks, dessert, or a side dish to share and we will supply the pizza as well as fun, family friendly activities. Families with children of all ages invited!

FOR MORE INFO OR RSVP CONTACT:  
Andrew Wilt @ 212-486-0980 or andrewwilt12@gmail.com



**WAY OF THE CROSS**  
FOR LOVED ONES  
WHO HAVE LEFT THE FAITH  
On Friday, March 20th at 6:30 PM  
St. Michael Church.  
FR. JEFFREY KIRBY, STD

**Stations of the Cross**  
At St. Mary and St. Michael



Each Friday of Lent, we follow Jesus in his final footsteps by praying the Stations of the Cross.

**St. Mary at 12:00 - Noon**  
**St. Michael at 6:30 PM**

On March 13th we will pray *Mary's Way of the Cross* at both locations. Women of the parish are needed to lead each station. If interested please contact the parish office. 814-695-0912



**HOLLIDAYSBURG KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**  
IN SERVICE TO ONE. IN SERVICE TO ALL.  
Council #4348 Star of the Sea

**CHICKEN BBQ**  
March 14, 2026  
11 AM - 1 PM  
\$12

**Benefits:**



For tickets Contact [dweaver@breezeline.net](mailto:dweaver@breezeline.net)

**Christian Outreach Committee**

**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**

To Support the Hollidaysburg American Rescue Workers  
Next Week's Requested Donations:

**Sugar Egg Noodles**

Collection bins are at the church entrances  
\$20.00 Donation Received

We are deeply thankful to our volunteers, donors, and prayer supporters whose generosity and dedication bring comfort, dignity, and hope to those in need.

**PLEASE SUPPORT OUR GIRLS!**



**girl scouts**

**Girl Scout Cookies will be sold this weekend at:**  
St. Mary - March 7th after the 4:00 PM Mass.  
St. Michael - March 8th after each Mass.

THANK YOU!



**The Gabriel Project**

This is a Catholic Pro-Life Ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies in the Altoona area with supplies of diapers, wipes, and other baby items, as needed. The current needs are:

- ★ High Chairs
- ★ Diapers Size 4 & 5
- ★ Strollers
- ★ Pack & Plays
- ★ Bassinets

Donations to purchase these larger items are appreciated.  
Any mom needing assistance should call 814-440-1021.

THE 61<sup>st</sup> ANNUAL  
**NOVENA IN HONOR OF  
THE MOST SACRED HEART  
OF JESUS**



**MONDAY, March 16**  
to **TUESDAY,**  
**March 24, 2026**

Sacred Heart Church  
6th Avenue and 20th Street  
Altoona, PA

Opening Mass on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.  
Bishop Mark L. Bartchak, Celebrant and Homilist

A complete schedule will be available  
on the first night of the Novena.

Catholic Christian speaker, singer, songwriter and recording artist, Paul Koleske, will be offering a parish mission, 'IGNITING THE LIGHT OF CHRIST WITHIN YOU' March 22<sup>nd</sup>-March 24<sup>th</sup> at 4:00 p.m. each day at St. John the Evangelist Church in Altoona. He will give you inspirational direction to experience an increased presence of the Holy Spirit in your life! Paul has been on EWTN and is known throughout the nation for his music and speaking presentations. This mission will empower you to live a more successful spiritual life! For additional information on Paul's ministry go to [www.paulkoleske.com](http://www.paulkoleske.com).

Contact St. John's Parish Office at 814-942-5503 for questions. All are invited and this Mission is free to attend. Please join us!

**REVEAL  
your  
LOVE**

SUPPORT THE CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES COLLECTION  
**March 15th**

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Next week our parish will take up *The Catholic Relief Services Collection*. Funds from this collection provide food to the hungry, support displaced refugees, and bring Christ's love and mercy to vulnerable people here and abroad. Please give generously to the collection and **reveal Christ's love** to those most in need.

Learn more about the collection at [www.usccb.org/catholic-relief](http://www.usccb.org/catholic-relief). Thank you!



**Fourth Tues. of the Month**  
**Tuesday, March 24th**  
1:30-3:30 PM at  
St. Michael's Church  
Basement.

**Newly Baptized  
Child of God**

Congratulations Michael and Patrice (Wolfe) Boyek. We welcome your newly baptized infant daughter, Cecilia Mae Boyek, into our faith community.

Your child is a gift to all of us.

With you we celebrate the beginning of your child's faith journey.

**Please pray for the  
Candidates and Catechumens  
in our OCIA Program as they  
prepare for full initiation into the Church**

**Candidates:**  
Emily Glatt  
Sherri Kenny  
Aden Leonard  
Stacy Weyant

**Catechumens:**  
Joel DelBiondo  
John Evans  
Brandi Weikel

**FEBRUARY - EZ MONEY WINNERS**

John Ruggery  
Michael Moran  
Shirley Zitzlsperger  
Bob Anthony  
Ernie Ayers  
Tony Drass  
Ralph DeStefano  
Joe Janosko  
Donna Sipes  
Kayla Johnston  
Edgar Dunning

Dottie Lafferty  
Jeff Ollinger  
Michael Giansante  
Nancy Waibel  
Cynthia Young  
Craig Replogle  
Jonathan Despot  
Susan Lamertina  
Judy Crawford  
Ann Corle  
Rich Mattson

**BG ACADEMY**

**Congratulations!**  
BG Girls Win  
District 6 Class 1A  
Basketball  
Championship  
Bishop Gullioyle-63  
Bishop Carroll-46

**Congratulations!**  
BG Boys Win  
District 6 Class 3A  
Basketball  
Championship  
Bishop Gullioyle-74  
Forest Hills-84

**FOOD FOR THE SOUL  
MINISTRY**

provides a catered meal for funerals - which is no easy task for our parishes. We also prepare and serve food for the Valentine's Social, the St. Andrew's Social and the Nativity Festival as well as preparing breakfast for the Confirmation class and the meal for priests following our Penance Services.

We are looking for volunteers to assist with dinner preparation and serving. Please call the church office: 814-695-0912.

Meetings are held  
**Wednesdays at 7:15 PM**  
**in St. Mary Meeting Room**

**Upcoming Meeting Dates:**  
**April 1 & May 6**

**LENT MESSAGE  
SERIES "HEAL"**

Sunday @ 8:45 AM St. Michael Convent	
Date	Topic
Mar. 8	Entering the Wound
Mar. 15	Doing Our Part March
Mar. 22	Releasing the Bonds

Tuesday @ 1:30 PM St. Mary Meeting Room	
Date	Topic
Mar. 10	Entering the Wound
Mar. 17	Doing Our Part March
Mar. 24	Releasing the Bonds

**GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS**  
Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary  
grace of his forgiveness!

**AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES**

Mar. 11th	7:00 PM	Wed.	St. Rose of Lima, Altoona
Mar. 14th	10:00 AM	Sat.	Saint Therese, Altoona
Mar. 15th	4:00 PM	Sun.	St. John the Evangelist
Mar. 23rd	7:00 PM	Mon.	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Mar. 25th	6:00 PM	Wed.	The Cathedral, Altoona
Mar. 26th	5:30 PM	Thur.	Our Lady of Lourdes
Mar. 29th	4:00 PM	Sun.	St. Mary, Hollidaysburg
Mar. 30th	6:30 PM	Mon.	St Mary, Altoona

**Building a Monastery**

**to Last a Thousand Years**

Parents of High School Junior and Senior students who are interested in participating in the Faith Formation Mission Trip to Gettysburg, to assist the Fairfield Carmelite Community in the efforts to build and maintain a beautiful monastery designed to last 1,000 years, are asked to attend an important information meeting on:  
**Sunday March 22nd at 1:00 PM in the St. Michael Activity Building.**  
**Junior and Senior High School students are encouraged to attend this meeting as well.** Important details about the overnight Mission Trip (June 5th - 6th) will be provided and questions will be answered at this meeting.



**Lenten Message  
from  
Father Alan**

Those who grew up during the arms race of the Cold War are probably familiar with the acronym DEFCON. It refers to Defense Readiness Condition, and it ranges from 5, the least severe situation, to 1, the most severe situation. When used colloquially, handling things according to DEFCON 1 means blowing up everything in some sort of nuclear retaliation.

Sometimes when things change in our lives, we can be tempted to use a DEFCON 1 approach to the change. (continued - next column)

**LENTEN MESSAGE FROM FATHER ALAN  
- CONTINUED -**

Perhaps an important relationship veers on to new and unfamiliar ground. Perhaps a diagnosis comes for which we had no warning. Perhaps a ministry or service to others suddenly changes. Perhaps we have to give up on a cherished dream. Perhaps we are gravely scandalized and harmed by someone whom we had formerly held in high esteem. DEFCON 1 is one way of dealing with change. It's a way of approaching detachment. However, I'm not sure it's always the best way.

Let me give you an example. Years ago, I was on the staff of St. Vincent Seminary in Latrobe. When we prepare for any sacrament, including the holy order of presbyter (priesthood), we are challenged to take our commitment to the Lord more seriously and develop habits which allow the sacrament to be effective in our lives. If a person is serious about this preparation, the growth can be measured from the outside. It was my job at St. Vincent's to help evaluate that growth in men preparing for the priesthood.

Some of these men had been at seminary for more than six years. I found that they were often very laudatory about their seminary experience. They saw St. Vincent's as a second home and fellow seminarians as brothers. They often viewed faculty members as wise older brothers and sisters and fathers.

Then they would reach their last year at seminary, and it would all change. The seminary would go from a second home to a den of iniquity. Any love for brother seminarians seemed a distant memory and respect for the faculty evaporated. This didn't happen in every case, but it happened enough times to worry me.

So, I asked the rector, the head of the seminary, about this. He told me that what I was witnessing was a way in which some people let go. Especially when it comes to something that's been near and dear to them, there are folks who can separate only by demonizing what they once held sacred and good. It is a way of surviving the pain and heartbreak that can come from detachment.

Have you ever resorted to a DEFCON 1 approach to detachment? I think I have, at least once or twice. I've threatened this approach many times. It usually means that we walk away from what we once thought was vital—a person, a parish, a ministry, perhaps even our faith. We do this because the fear we have of detachment is more overwhelming than any fallout from the DEFCON 1 approach.

My suggestion is that we reflect on our own approach to detachment and change. In particular, I think we should at least offer a challenge to our accepted conclusion that the pain caused by detachment is greater than that accompanying the DEFCON 1 approach. I for one am not at all sure that this is true. Because of the DEFCON 1 approach to detachment, I find that sometimes people, including myself, needlessly separate themselves from relationships, ministries, and situations that could continue to bring both life and peace into their lives. Detachment can be painful and fearful, but I'm not sure that this merits a DEFCON 1 approach.

ALTOONA AREA YOUNG ADULT CATHOLICS PRESENT

# CATHEDRAL CANDLELIGHT CONCERT

A NIGHT OF LENTEN HYMNS, CHORALES, AND FELLOWSHIP

PETER SWEENEY  
AVA ADAMS  
IAN BRANNAN  
CLAUDE FABINYI  
BRANDIS AJAY  
JJ COLOMBO

**FRIDAY, 13 MARCH • 7PM**  
FREE & OPEN TO THE PUBLIC | SOCIAL TO FOLLOW  
THE CATHEDRAL OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT  
1 CATHEDRAL SQUARE, ALTOONA

**Lenten Penance Service**  
Our annual Lenten penance service is scheduled for Sun., Mar. 29th at 4:00 PM. Please use this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be several visiting Priests assisting, in this important preparation for Easter.

**Prayer Shawl Ministry**  
Meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month (following the first full week of the month) at 5:00 PM and the second and fourth Wed. of each month (following the first full week) at 11:30 AM in the Convent building at St. Michael.

**Next meeting Mon., Mar. 9th**  
If you or someone you know would benefit from the gift of a shawl or, if you want more info about the group, please contact: Kathy 814-312-7048

**The Basilica** of St. Michael the Archangel, Loretto will hold their 64th Annual Men's Turkey Dinner on Sun., March 15 11AM – 3PM or until sold out.

Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings. Dine in for \$14 or take-out for \$15. Two lines this year for faster takeout service! Please stop by for a dinner!

**Mass Intentions Needed**  
Having a Mass said for the needs of a special person, for a special request, or in thanksgiving has a long history in the Catholic Church. We are honored to pray with you for your intention. Mass intention forms are available in the parish office and at the church entrances.

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE	
Mar. 22	Jr. High Youth Day 11 AM - 4 PM Bishop Carroll High School
Mar. 29	<b>NO Sessions</b> Palm Sunday
Apr. 5	<b>NO Sessions</b> Easter Sunday
Apr. 12	Right of Sending Gr.11 10 AM Mass - St. Michael
April 15	First Communion Practice 5 PM - St. Mary
April 17	First Communion Practice 5 PM - St. Michael
April 18	First Communion - 10 AM St. Michael
April 19	First Communion - 10 AM St. Mary
April 20	Confirmation Practice 6 PM - Cathedral
April 21	Confirmation Celebration 7 PM - Cathedral
May 3	Outdoor Rosary May Crowning 10 AM - both churches

**Pray the Rosary**  
Thursday 6:00 PM  
St. Michael Church. All are welcome!

Saint Mary Parish Stewardship of Treasure	
Mar. 1st	Source
9129.00	Adult Collection
505.00	Loose
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2345.00	Online Giving
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68.00	Candles
105.00	Catholic Relief
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107.00	Ash Wednesday
150.00	Perquisites
500.00	Food for the Soul
160.00	Easter Memorials
200.00	Prayer Shawl
<b>Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship</b>	

Week at a Glance: Mon., March 9 to Sunday, March 15	
Pray the rosary after the 7:45 AM week day Mass	
MON	Prayer Shawl St. Michael School 5:00 PM
TUES	Lent Message Series "Heal" St. Mary Meeting RM. 1:30 PM
	Women's Club Diane Madden's home 504 Hickory St. 2:00 PM
WED	Bereavement Support Group St. Michael Convent Bldg. 9:30 AM
	Legion of Mary Adoration Chapel Library 1:00 PM
THUR	Rosary at St. Michael 6:00 PM
FRI	Stations of the Cross St. Mary at 12:00 - Noon St. Michael at 6:30 PM
	Lenten Service Project Candy for Easter Buckets
SAT and Sun	Catholic Relief Services Collection
	Gabriel Project Collection
	American Rescue Workers Collection
SUN	Lent Message Series "Heal" St. Michael Convent 8:45 AM
	Little Lambs Ministry St. Michael Church 10:00 AM
	Ukrainian Easter Egg Workshop St. Michael Activity Bldg. 2:00 PM
	Soda Club Social Dance St. Mary Social Hall 5:00 - 6:30 PM

**Women's Club Meetings**  
are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM.  
**Next meeting Tuesday, Mar. 10th**

All meetings are at Diane Madden's home, 504 Hickory St., Hollidaysburg. 814-502-8052

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