



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

Pastor
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Deacon Allan F. Duman
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20th Sunday
In Ordinary Time
August 16, 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

Parish Business Manager: Lisa Julian LJulian@dioceseaj.org

Parish Administrative Assistant: Melissa Ringkamp mringkamp@dioceseaj.org

Bereavement Facilitator: Debbi Chapman 912-713-5412

Director of Faith Formation: Sue Teske 814-695-0912 or 814-934-2180

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 (Bulletins are available on the website)

Bulletin Announcements - email to parish or mringkamp@dioceseaj.org (deadline Noon Tuesday)

Parish Office Phone Number & Hours
814-695-0912 (St. Michael)
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.



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

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Greenlawn Cemetery:
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MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES Saturday, August 15th to Sunday, August 23rd				
DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION	
SOLEMNITY OF THE ASSUMPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY				
SAT	8:30 AM	St. Michael	✠	Fritz and Hana Baker
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠	Howard E. Estep, Jr.
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠	Dr. Cesar Montero
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠	Cory DelBiondo
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠	Terry Claycomb
	11:30 AM	St. Michael		People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠	Kathleen Schmittle
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠	Helen Tomassetti
WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary		Special intention - John Andrews
THUR	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠	Carolyn Ward
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	✠	Earl Hite
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠	Donna Riley
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠	Kim Nguyen
	10:00 AM	St. Mary		Seminarians
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠	Arthur J. Ollinger
	11:30 AM	St. Michael		People of the Parish

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

All Pre-K (3-4 year olds) through Post Confirmation students should **register on FlockNote for Faith Formation Sessions**. *Students attending Catholic school who will be receiving their First Holy Communion this year or will be Confirmed this year should also register.* **The fee is \$30 per student** (no fee for Pre-K). **Youth Faith Formation sessions begin Sept. 13th at 8:45 am.**

Class locations and additional details are listed on the 'Faith Formation' page of the website.

ADDITIONAL HELP IS NEEDED

Our Youth Faith Formation program is in need of a 5th grade teacher for the 2026-2027 school year. We also need aides for grades 1, 4 & 5. For more information, contact Sue Teske at 814-934-2180.

TEACHER MEETING

There is a **meeting for Faith Formation teachers of grades PreK - 6th grade** on Monday, **August 17 at 6:30 p.m.** in **St. Michael Activity Building**.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Adult Faith Formation classes being offered this Fall:

- **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass** (5 sessions - Begins Sept. 13)
- **Sunday Connection - Mass Notes** (Begins Sept. 15)
- **Catholic Social Justice Teachings** (8 sessions - Begins Oct. 20)

Information for dates, class times and locations of classes is available on the parish website home page ("Upcoming Events").

DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE -- The diocesan family conference will be held on Saturday, September 19th at Bishop Carroll Catholic High School, Ebensburg. This conference has been designed for every generation, from young children and teens to parents, grandparents, clergy and parish leaders. This day includes the annual Men's and Women's Conferences, Shycon (**also a discipleship event for Senior High Confirmation candidates**) and Junior High Youth Day. This day-long event will offer inspiring keynote presentations, engaging break-out sessions, opportunities for prayer and fellowship, food and the Vigil Mass for Sunday. You may register at: dioceseaj.org or use the registration booklet in the church. **Please prayerfully consider being a Sponsor for this day.** Sponsor information is available in the registration booklet or by contacting Francine Swope at (814) 317 - 2646 or fswope@dioceseaj.org.



Live TV Mass From St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Johnstown, PA.
is broadcast each Sunday at 11:00 AM on WATM ABC TV 23, Johnstown,
and on Cornerstone TV Faith and Family Channel of Pittsburgh.

The Mass is then rebroadcast on Faith and Family TV at 6:00 PM each Wednesday and 4:00 PM each Thursday.



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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
Saturday, Aug. 22nd						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Jeff Muriceak (1) Mike Sosnowski (2) Alicia Sosnowski (3)	Michael Mollish (H) Paula Kustenbauder (C) Rich Holzer (C) Richard Books (Choir)	Grace Muriceak	Shirley Books Chris Johnston Michael Johnston	Michael Mollish	
Sunday, Aug. 23rd						
St. Mary 7:30 AM	Bob Anthony (1) Connie Curfman (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Terry Curfman (H) Kate Diaz (C) Kathy Balconi (C) Ramona Shrft (Choir)	Avery Diaz	Dave Shrft Tim Balconi Susan Henry	Jo Delozier	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Mike Metzgar (1) Dottie Gonsman (2) Dcn. Chuck Ahearn (3)	Jim Popp (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Sharon King (C) Dave Madden (Choir)	Shealyn Riley	Mark King Kathy Moran Mike Moran	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Vernon Litzinger (1) Maryanne Litzinger (2) Dave Lanzel (3)	Mary Jo Lanzel (Host) (Main) Brianna Iachini (C) Mark Krepich (C) Brian Sweeney (Choirloft)	Aiden Wilk	Greg Olsavick Roy Leister	Roy Leister	NOT FILLED John Elder
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Francine Boland (1) Kimberly Merritts (2) Debbie Sault (3)	Ginny Harrington (Host) (Main) Talena Swander (C) Donna Sipes (C) NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	Terry Wilt	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Andy Weyant	NOT FILLED Greyson Swander
St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (Aug.23rd - Aug. 29th): Lee Farnan						

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Our readings today remind us that God is ever-faithful, even when we are not. They challenge us as Christian stewards to show our love for this faithful God through actions, and to lean in to our trust in Him even when it seems He is not answering our prayers.

Jesus certainly challenged the Canaanite woman in today’s Gospel passage from Matthew. She called out to Him on behalf of her daughter, who was being tormented by a demon. What did Jesus do in reply to this mother’s desperate plea? Nothing. He “did not say a word in answer to her.” But she was undeterred and continued to call out to Him. Jesus did not give her what she asked for right away. Instead, He continued to challenge the woman’s faith. And she rises to the challenge to such an impressive degree that Jesus exclaims, “O woman, great is your faith! Let it be done for you as you wish.”

Imagine hearing those words proclaimed over us by God. Truly, there could be no higher honor than hearing our Lord say that to us. So we must accept the difficulties that come with the stewardship way of life. Some days will be a true challenge, but those are the days when God is making saints of us. Let’s embrace the hard days. The deep joy that eventually comes will be so worth it.

CHRISTMAS IN JULY
Thank you to all who donated to Christmas in July for the Veterans.
Cash amounts totaling \$2,346.20 were donated along with 15 gift cards totaling \$500.
THANK YOU!

VOCATIONS

FISHERS OF MEN APPEAL

Please Support our Future Priests

To support our new seminarians - and our efforts to reach young men - the diocese truly needs your financial support. Bishop Bartchak has asked all Catholics to consider a generous gift. ***Please make your donation online at ajvocations.org/give or use the special appeal envelopes available in the church. Thank you!***

Saint Mary Parish Stewardship of Treasure	
Aug 9	Source
\$6442	Adult Collection
214.77	Loose
137	Candles
100	Ordinary Donation
187	Assumption
450	Rent - School room
28	Holy Spirit Ministry
Thank You For Your Generosity and Faithful Stewardship	

EVENTS

Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy - Bishop Mark and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 15, 20, 25, 30, 35, 40, 45, 50, 55, 60+ years of marriage in 2026 (and their families) to attend the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy on Sun., Sept. 13 in Altoona at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament** or Sun., Sept. 20 in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both liturgies will begin at **2:00 pm**. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. **Reservations no later than Friday, Sept. 11.** Contact the parish office to register (814) 695 - 0912.

SCOUTS AND FAMILIES -- If you are interested in earning your Catholic Religious Emblem, or if you have turned in the paperwork to receive one since last summer, please contact Stacey Burns, Committee Chair, at staceyjburns@gmail.com no later than September 1. This year, the Scout Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament will be October 3.

BG Class of 1986 is planning its **40th class reunion**. The date is set for November 13 & 14, 2026. All classmates and spouses are welcome. Please contact Reneé Francis-Luciano at (814) 329-0858 for further information.

THE LEGION OF MARY: *Accepting donations of religious items - small statues, crosses, medals, pictures, etc.* for use at the Birth of Mary Day, September 8, 2026 at St. Catherine of Siena Church/Shrine. Containers are in both churches during August for your donations. Thank you!
PLEASE BE SURE TO USE THE CLEARLY MARKED “**LEGION OF MARY**” CONTAINER.

MINISTRY LIST

BEREAVEMENT SUPPORT -- Regular gatherings are held in St. Michael convent building twice monthly: 2nd Wed. 9:30 to 11:00 AM and the 4th Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM. Our gatherings are Christian based. All denominations are welcome! For more information call/text Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412.

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 at 11:30 AM in St. Michael Convent building. If you want more info about the group, please contact: Kathy 814-312-7048.

WOMEN’S MINISTRY MEETINGS are held the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM at Diane Madden’s home, 504 Hickory Street, Hollidaysburg. 814-502-8052.

THE LEGION OF MARY meets at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays in the Library of the Adoration Chapel (Convent) at St. Mary. The Legion of Mary is a world-wide 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.

GAME TIME - FUN TUESDAY! Bring a friend for some free fun, fellowship and prizes. Fun Tuesdays are held on the 4th Tuesday of each Month from 1:30 - 3:30 PM in St. Michael church cafeteria. We play Bingo and Pinochle, but have other games and puzzles available. You can even bring your favorite to share!

FOOD FOR THE SOUL -- A friendly group of Catholic parishioners committed to sharing our time, treasure, and talent with our Parish. Our group plans and makes meals for funerals, Valentine’s Social, Penance Service meals for priests and deacons, Over 80’s Celebration, St. Andrew’s Social and Faith Formation breakfasts, among other events. Some members like to make a side dish or a dessert, others help in the kitchen (to prepare dishes and/or clean up), help by serving or decorating. It is all in what you want to do! We would love to have you join us! Please call the rectory office -- 814.695.0912 -- and leave your name and number. Thank you!

EZ MONEY LOTTERY WINNERS
JUNE

Richard Centar	Tim Wilk
Pat Waring	Martha Watters
Barb Fiore	David Lanzel
Sandra Crissman	Timothy Surkovich
Dan Bradley	Anita Manning
Alan Curtis	David Madden
Sue Teske	Aaron Thomas
Annette Lehman	Helen Liebal
Brian McCord	Lennon Rine
Patty Yost	Michele Diehl
Eileen Koeck	Dani Felty
Tim Link	Janet Cassidy
Carolyn Brenner	Mary Ann Claar

EZ MONEY LOTTERY WINNERS
JULY

Carolyn Brenner	Cheryl Despot
John Prugar	John Cavrich
Ernie Ayers	Gloria Cassidy
Tony Drass	Rita Haluska
Rita Thomas	Catherine Hines
Charles Lynn	Anna Brenner
Stephen Pramuk	Stuart Sibold
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Karen Dietze	Marie Cunningham
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Michelle Day	Diane Moritz

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Register via QR code, online at St. Michael's website, or paper register and return to the office.



DATE: Tues. evenings, Sept. 8 - Nov. 17, 2026

TIME: 6:00 - 8:15pm, Dinner included!

LOCATION: St. John Catholic Church Social Hall, Lakemont

Email: ajourneywithalpha@gmail.com
DEBBIE SAULT, 814-329-6653

Space is limited!

Register by August 31, 2026

WEEK AT A GLANCE Monday, Aug. 17th to Sunday, Aug. 23rd		
Pray the rosary after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass		
MON	6:30 PM	Faith Formation Teacher Meeting Pre-K thru 6 St. Michael Activity Bldg.
TUES	7 PM	Holy Spirit Ministry - Healing Mass - St. Michael church; 6:30 PM Praise & Worship
WED	1:00 PM	Legion of Mary Adoration Chapel Library
THUR	6:00 PM	Rosary at St. Michael
SAT & SUN		American Rescue Workers
SAT & SUN		Gabriel Project

TRIVIA ANSWERS

1. Solemnities are the highest celebration and have their own complete set of readings and prayers. Feasts are the next rank. Feasts celebrate significant events or important saints (apostles). Feasts have their own readings and prayers but are less elaborate than Solemnities. Memorials are ranked third and honor individual saints. Memorials may be obligatory or optional (leaving the choice to the priest - to celebrate the memorial or use the weekday prayers). Higher-ranked celebrations take precedence over lower ones in determining the Mass readings and prayers.

2. Some Solemnities are holy days of obligation.

The Gabriel Project

Any mom needing assistance with baby supplies, call: (814) 440 - 1021

Christian Outreach Committee
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
To Support the Hollidaysburg
American Rescue Workers
Next Week's
Requested Donations:
Oatmeal
Toothpaste
Collection bins are in
the churches

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Catholic Ministries
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St. Mary	
Goal	\$42,500
Y.T.D.	\$35,485 / 79%
donors	13% of Households
St. Michael	
Goal	\$47,900
Y.T.D.	\$51,635 / 102%
donors	18% of Households

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712 Allegheny St. Hollidaysburg, PA.



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Monday thru Thursday 7:00 AM - Midnight
and Friday 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM



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August 18th, 2026

7:00 PM

Praise & Worship • 6:30 PM

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Hollidaysburg, PA

"The Spirit of the Lord
is upon me"

— Luke 4:18

Encounter the healing presence of Jesus
through the Eucharist, worship, and prayer.
Come Expectant. Leave Transformed.



Celebrant & Homilist
Fr. David Dodd, TOR



Saint Michael Parish Stewardship of Treasure

Aug 9	Source
\$5314	Adult Collection
27	Loose
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10	Initial Envelope
80	Assumption
227	Maintenance
135	Twin Parish
80	Gabriel Project
90	Holy Spirit Ministry

Thank You For Your
Generosity and Faithful
Stewardship

Sun., Aug. 23rd
DURING 10 AM Mass at
St. Michael

