

4th Sunday of Advent - December 21, 2025

O COME, O COME EMMANUEL



Pastor, Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG

Deacon Charles R. Ahearn - Deacon Allan F. Duman

St. Mary Parish
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Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Parish Email:
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Director of Music:
Ms. Anna Podoletz

Facility Managers:
Greg & Shari Figurelli

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814-695-0622
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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

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Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith?
Contact Deacon Allan F. Duman aduman@diocesaj.org

Joint Parish Website: www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org

Parish Office Phone Number & Hours:

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.

St. Mary



VIRTUAL TOUR

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

Parish Email:
stmichaelhburg@diocesaj.org

Music Coordinator:
Lisa Surkovich - Contemporary Choir
Sandy Harteis - Traditional Choir

Building Supervisors:
J. Terry Wilt & Mel Link

Facility Manager:
Tyke Dodson

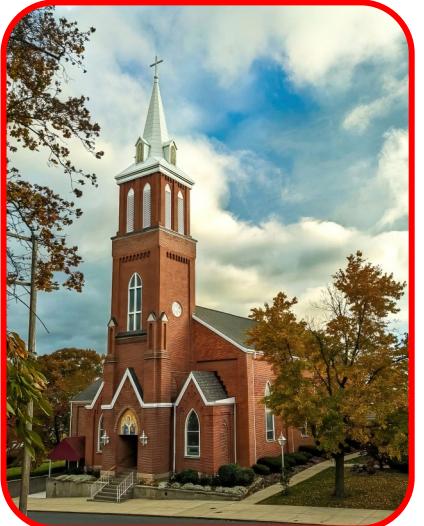
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St. Michael



VIRTUAL TOUR

Love



St. Mary and St. Michael
One Body in Christ
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A Merry Christmas

The Nativity of the Lord
Christmas - December 25, 2025

A BLESSED AND
MERRY CHRISTMAS
TO ALL

Father Alan
Msgr. Lockard
Father Voytek
Deacon Allan
Deacon Chuck



MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES Saturday, Dec. 20th to Sunday, Dec. 28th			
DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	† Paul & Helen Curran
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	† Amerigo Pulsino
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	† Vince Frank & Millie Frank
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	† Sharle Kirkham
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	† Lori Kozlowski
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	† Lois Mielnik
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Eve			
	4:00 PM	St. Mary	People of the Parish
WED	4:00 PM	St. Michael	People of the Parish
	10:00 PM	St. Michael	People of the Parish
Solemnity of the Nativity of the Lord – Christmas Day			
THUR	8:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish
	10:30 AM	St. Mary	People of the Parish
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	† Denise Baranik
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	† Joseph Fagnani
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	† Joseph Gregorchik
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	† Roberta Alderisio
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	† Adam Woomer
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish



PRIESTS FOR THE FUTURE ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN VOCATION APPEAL

Bishop Bartchak would like to remind us to prayerfully consider participating in our diocese's Vocation Appeal.



Over the last few years, our diocese has had too few seminarians to replace our retiring priests, which poses an urgent need for our prayer and action. To ensure our parishes have priests for the future, our diocese's Vocation Office has developed a robust plan to reach young men and invite them to consider the priesthood. To learn more about this new plan, and to support financially, visit ajvocations.org/give.

Jubilee 2025 Pilgrims of Hope

The official closing Mass for the Jubilee will be celebrated at all cathedrals worldwide on Sunday, December 28, 2025 on the Feast of the Holy Family. In the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown at the 11:00 AM televised Mass at St. John Gualbert Cathedral, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak is the main celebrant.

Also at the 10:00 AM Mass at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona, Msgr. Stanley C. Carson will be the Main Celebrant leading the Closing Jubilee Year Eucharistic celebration.

All the faithful are encouraged to participate in prayer and if coming in-person to please bring to Mass, an offering of a non-perishable food item, paper or cleaning products for those in need in the spirit of charity as envisioned by Pope Francis for the Jubilee Year. We can all be Ambassadors of Hope.

JANUARY CLASS -- The following class is open to all! **HISTORY OF THE CATHOLIC CHURCH IN THE US** taught by Fr. Aron Maghsoudi at All Saints Parish in Boswell, Mondays with (2) Tuesday classes from 6:00 to 8:30 PM (8 weeks) beginning January 5. The cost of the class is \$35.00 and MUST be turned in with the Registration Form. To register please visit the diocese website at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or, see your parish secretary for a registration form or, contact Jessica, Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or via email: jgramling@dioceseaj.org. Please note - **REGISTRATION DEADLINE IS FRI., DEC. 26. No registrations will be accepted after this date.**

Adult Faith Formation



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Group Session will be held this
Sunday Morning at 8:45 AM
in St. Michael Convent
Meeting Room

Sunday Morning Session

December 21st Four

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
December 20th						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Mike Sosnowski (1) Alicia Sosnowski (2) Debbi Chapman (3)	Richard Books (H) Debbie Chapman (C) Daniel Klingbeil (C) Maryanne Litzinger (Choir)	Michael Mollish	Shirley Books Chris Johnston NOT FILLED	Shari Figurelli	
December 21st						
St. Mary 7:30 AM	Connie Curfman (1) JoAnn Propcheck (2) Becky Stevens (3)	Jeff Boley (H) Shawn Sullivan (C) Julia Burke (C) Kay Benton (Choir)	Avery Diaz	Ray Gregorchik Jim Zimmerman NOT FILLED	Vinnie Pietrolungo	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Jeff Muriceak (1) Beverly Buterbaugh (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	James Popp (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Beverly Buterbaugh (C) Sharon King (Choir)	Shealyn Riley	Kevin Corl Kathy Moran Michael Moran	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Bethany Helsel (1) Anna McClain (2) John McKeegan (3)	Donna Sipes (Main) Mary Jo Lanzel (C) Alicia Lombardo-Jordan (C) Greg Sweeney (Choirloft)	Carter Jordan	Roy Leister Gregory Olsavick	Cate Burger-Leister	Emilee Elder John Elder
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) Kimberly Merritts (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Bill Farnan (Main) Ginny Harrington (C) Andy Weyant (C) NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	Jacob Pochak	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Mel & Patty Link	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil) Wednesday, December 24th - Come Celebrate His Birth

St. Mary 4:00 PM	Mass1 Children (1) Mass2 Children (2) Mike Metzgar (3)	Debbi Chapman (H) Jodie Feath (C) Barb Aubrey (C) Diane Stephens (Choir)	Greg Figurelli Shari Figurelli	Mass2 Children Dottie Gonsman Chris Johnston	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 4:00 PM	Mass1 Children (1) Mass2 Children (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Ramona Shrift (Main) Donna Sipes (C) Sue Teske (C) Rich Holzer (Choirloft)	Liam Wilk Aiden Wilk	Mass2 Children NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	Barry Craig Leigh Ann Craig
St. Michael 10:00 PM	Michael Schlechter (1) NOT FILLED (3)	Alicia Lombardo-Jordan (Main) Marty Culp (C) NOT FILLED NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	Carter Jordan Dean Pochak	Roy Leister Gregory Olsavick	Roy Leister	Barry Craig Leigh Ann Craig

Solemnity of The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Day) Thursday, December 25th - Come Celebrate His Birth

St. Michael 8:30 AM	Lisa Michelone (1) Becky Stevens (2) Jeff Johnson (3)	Lisa Michelone (Main) Marty Culp (C) NOT FILLED NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	Terry Wilt NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Lisa Michelone	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
St. Mary 10:30 AM	Mike Metzgar (1) Claudia Montero (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Connie Curfman (H) Michael Mollish (C) Lisa Georgiana (C) Beverly Buterbaugh (Choir)	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Connie Curfman	

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

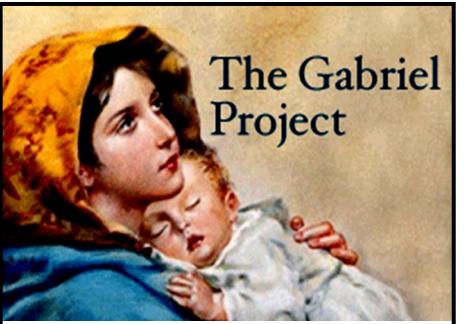
St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (December 21st - December 27th): Lee Farnan

Many Liturgical Ministers are needed for the Christmas Vigil Masses and the Christmas Day Masses. Please log on to Ministry Scheduler Pro to volunteer. Thank You!



Fr. Peter Crowe
Vocations Director
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
Call 814-317-2681 or
ajvocations.org





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.

Donations to purchase larger items are appreciated.

Any mom needing assistance should call 814-440-1021.

Holy Spirit Ministry

Winter 2026 Schedule

Tuesday, January 6th
Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration
Fr. Brian Norris - Praying for Vocations

Tuesday, January 20th
Night of Worship - witness talk - Michele Lepore

Tuesday, February 3rd HEALING MASS
Fr. Jeremy Mohler, main celebrant

Tuesday, February 17th
Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration
Fr. Alan Thomas

All gatherings and Mass are held at 7PM
St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg - All are welcome!

Holy Spirit Ministry is a renewal movement within the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese that serves the local Church by helping to form Intentional Disciples of Jesus Christ and seeks to evangelize in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Night of Worship for Vocations

Holy Spirit Ministry and Fr. Brian Norris invite you to a very special Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration for Vocations.

It will be held on Tuesday, January 6th, 7-8 PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg. The evening will include a special talk from Fr. Norris on how all the faithful can help promote and pray for vocations.

The evening of prayer will also include Eucharistic Adoration with beautiful praise & worship music, followed by prayer ministry. All are most welcome!

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

Saint Mary, Altoona
Monday, December 22 at 6:00 PM

Saint Catherine of Siena, Duncansville
Tuesday, December 23 from 5:00 - 6:15

The Proclaim!

TV Christmas special *Joy to the World: Christmas in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown* will air on Sunday, Dec. 21st at 6:00 PM on WWCP FOX 8. The one-hour show will highlight the spirit of Christmas throughout the diocese and include beautiful music from parish and Catholic school choirs, as well as the *Proclaim!* priests' choir.

The Proclaim!

TV Christmas Mass will air live from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown on Christmas Eve, December 24th, at 4:00 PM on WATM ABC 23 with Bishop Mark as celebrant and homilist.

No 6:00 PM Rosary at St. Michael Church Christmas Day or New Year's Day

Newly Baptized Child of God

Congratulations Matthew and Marissa (Stickles) Miller.



We welcome your newly baptized infant son, James Matthew Miller, 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.

Deacon Michael L. Russo
Director of the Permanent Diaconate



Johnstown Office Phone:
814-288-3036
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Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Tuesday, December 23rd
1:30-3:30 PM in
St. Michael's Church Basement.
Call Emilee 814-215-2869

Saint Michael Parish Stewardship of Treasure	
Dec.14th	Source
\$16,042.00	Adult Collection
56.65	Loose Collection
5.00	Candles
65.00	Maintenance
25.00	Christmas
125.00	Twin Parish
145.00	Solemnity of Mary
255.00	Immaculate Conception
320.00	Religious Retirement
1,500.00	School - rent
510.00	Christmas Memorials

Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship

Christian Outreach Committee WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

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

Tea Bags Hot Chocolate Instant Coffee

Collection bins are at the church entrances

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



Soup Saturdays are Coming!

The dates for our 2026 Soup Saturdays are as follows:
January 10 and 17 - St. Michael
February 14 and 21 - St. Mary

We need your help to make these days warm and welcoming! Volunteers are needed to help set up and clean up; make soup; make desserts; serve soup; and greet guests.

If you can volunteer, know that your time and kindness make a real difference.

Please contact one of the following with what you can help with, making sure to identify the type of soup you plan to make.

Let's share God's love - one bowl of soup at a time!

Lisa Michelone - 814-935-1141
Terri Clingerman - 814-931-8131
Mary Dennis - 814-934-5174

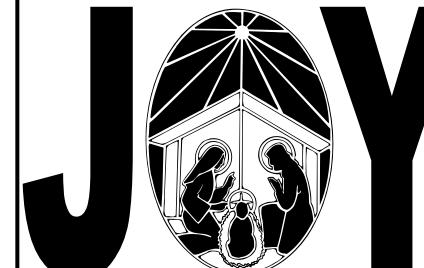


	St. Mary	St. Michael
Goal	\$46,000	\$49,800
Pledges	\$43,860	\$57,865
Receipts	\$42,810	\$56,615

All 2025 pledges must be completed by the end of December

Thank you to all who supported the 2025 Catholic Ministries Drive. Your generosity is greatly appreciated.

Christmas Masses



Christmas Eve
4:00 PM St. Mary
4:00 PM St. Michael
10:00 PM St. Michael
Christmas Day - 8:30 AM St. Michael
Christmas Day - 10:30 AM St. Mary

Week at a Glance: Monday, Dec.22nd to Sunday, Dec. 28th.

Pray the rosary after the 7:45 AM week day Mass

MON	Prayer Shawl St. Michael Convent 5:00 PM
TUES	Faith Formation Practice Actors & Readers St. Mary Church 1:00 PM St. Michael Church 2:30 PM
	Game Time St. Michael Basement 1:30 PM
	Women's Club Diane Madden's home 504 Hickory St. 2:00 PM
	Bereavement Support St. Michael Convent 6:30 PM
WED	Legion of Mary Adoration Chapel Library 1:00 PM
	Christmas Vigil Masses please see schedule
THUR	Christmas Day Masses please see schedule
SAT and Sun	Gabriel Project Collection
SUN	American Rescue Workers Collection
	Waiting Well Group Session St. Michael Convent 8:45 AM

Mass Requests Welcome

Mail requests to:
Fr. Bonaventure OSB,
St. Vincent Archabbey
300 Fraser Purchase Road
Latrobe, PA 15650

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 world-wide Catholic organization glorifying God through Mary. The priority of the Legion is to help with the spiritual and social welfare of individuals. 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

2026 E-Z MONEY CALENDAR

PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKETS
Benefits St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes
January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026
Winner based on the 7:00 pm Pick 3 PA Lottery
Match Straight - 1st Draw Only
Donation \$25.00 per ticket
NP License #2024-193

Volunteers Needed
to decorate St. Michael church
for Christmas on Sunday, Dec. 21st
after 11:30 AM Mass.

Religious Art 2026 Catholic Family Calendars are available now. Please take one per family.

The Men's Club
Seminarian Spaghetti Dinner
All proceeds support our Diocesan Seminarian Fund.

 Jan 21, 2026 4-7PM
St. Mary's Social Hall

Dine in or Takeout
Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Drink and Dessert

Donation: Adults \$10
10 and under \$5

Advance ticket purchase required by contacting:
Parish Office at (814) 695-0912
John Elder at (814) 270-1051
John Kowalski (814) 695-6415

Dinner will also feature
Basket Raffle!

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 Tues., Dec. 23rd.

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



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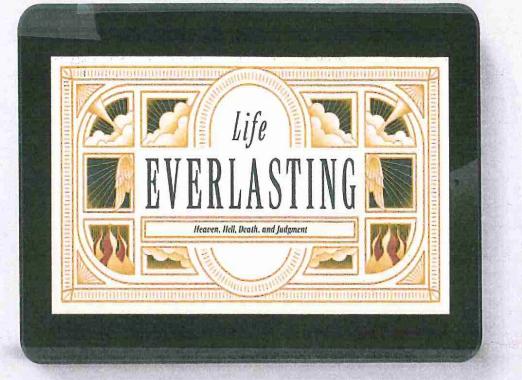
LOCATION: ACTIVITY BUILDING @ ST. MICHAELS *

Dates (all Sunday evenings): January 11th;
February 22nd; March 22nd
Time: 5-7pm

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:
Andrea Wilk @ 412.480.0940 or
andrewilk12@gmail.com

Saint Mary ~ Saint Michael Adult Faith Formation



Sunday @ 8:45 a.m.
St. Michael Meeting Room in Convent

Date	Topic
Jan. 4	Intro...4 Last Things
Jan. 11	Death & Judgement
Jan. 18	Hell
Jan. 25	Purgatory & Heaven
Feb. 1	The Second Coming

Tuesday @ 1:30 p.m.
St. Mary Meeting Room

Date	Topic
Jan. 6	Intro... 4 Last Things
Jan. 13	Death & Judgement
Jan. 20	Hell
Jan. 27	Purgatory & Heaven
Feb. 3	The Second Coming

Life Everlasting is a five-session study that explores what the Catholic Church teaches about death, judgment, heaven, and hell—the Four Last Things. Through Scripture, the Catechism, and engaging video sessions, Dr. Edward Sri and Dr. Jeff Morrow reflect on life's ultimate realities and dive into why it is important to live each day in light of eternity. Rooted in hope, it offers a clear and faith-filled understanding of what awaits us beyond this life and how those truths give meaning to the present.

For more information call or text Sue @ 814-934-2180

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Greenlawn Cemetery:
greenlawnccemeteryhburg@gmail.com

St. Mary & St. Michael Adoration Chapel
712 Allegheny St. Hollidaysburg, PA.



The chapel is currently open
Monday thru Thursday 7:00 AM - Midnight
and Friday 7:00 AM - 5:00 PM

All are invited to spend time in the presence of Our Lord

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