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

Pastor
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**23rd Sunday
In Ordinary Time
September 6, 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



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

Parish Email:
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Greenlawn Cemetery:
greenlawncemeteryhburg@gmail.com

Parish Business Manager:

Parish Administrative Assistant:

Bereavement Facilitator:

Director of Faith Formation:

Christian Initiation (OCIA): Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith?

Lisa Julian LJulian@dioceseaj.org

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Debbi Chapman 912-713-5412

Sue Teske 814-695-0912 or 814-934-2180

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.



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 MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES Saturday, Sept. 5th to Sunday, Sept. 13th 				
DAY	TIME	PARISH		INTENTION
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠	Tom & Audrey Blodgett & Family
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠	Denise Baranik
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠	Joseph Veller (Birthday remembrance)
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠	Francis (Bear) McCloskey
	11:30 AM	St. Michael		People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠	G. William Ward
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠	Patricia Gildea
WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	✠	Earl Hite
THUR	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠	Barbara Zanker
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	✠	In remembrance on this 25th anniversary of those who lost their lives on 9/11
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠	Janella Corl
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠	Robert J. Allen
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠	Frances Graupensperger
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠	Duane F. Misiura
	11:30 AM	St. Michael		People of the Parish



PROCLAIM!

THE GOOD NEWS OF ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN



**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.

FAITH FORMATION

YOUTH FAITH FORMATION

- Classes start **Sunday, September 13 at 8:45 a.m. - 9:45 a.m.**
 - Grades **PreK, K, and 1** will meet in BG Academy first floor classrooms
 - Grade **2** will meet in the St. Michael Convent Building, 2nd floor
 - Grades **3 & 4** will meet in St. Michael Activity Building
 - Grade **5** will meet on the second floor of BG Academy
 - Grade **6** will meet in basement classroom of St. Mary School
 - Grade **7** will meet in St. Mary Meeting Room
 - Grades **8, 9, 10, 11 & 12** will meet in St. Mary Social Hall
- 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.

CONFIRMATION PREPARATION

Please bring the following items to class on September 13:

- ★ **Personal Faith Inventory Form**
- ★ **A brief letter of introduction** expressing your intentions to seek the sacrament of Confirmation and why you feel you are ready to be confirmed.
- ★ **Service Project Proposal**

All forms can be found in the *red* folder or on the parish website.

HELP IS NEEDED for our Youth Faith Formation program. We are in need of aides for grades 4 & 5. For more information and to volunteer, contact Sue Teske at 814-934-2180.

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
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Saturday, Sept. 12th

St. Mary 4:00 PM	Mike Sosnowski (1) Alicia Sosnowski (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Meagan James (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Rich Holzer (C) NOT FILLED (Choir)	Michael Mollish	NOT FILLED Chris Johnston Michael Johnston	Michael Mollish	
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Sunday, Sept. 13

St. Mary 7:30 AM	John Heslop (1) Becky Stevens (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Terry Curfman (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Jeff Boley (C) NOT FILLED (Choir)	Joey Lehman	NOT FILLED Roy Leister Susan Henry	Cate Burger-Leister	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Beverly Buterbaugh (1) Claudia Montero (2) Dcn. Chuck Ahearn (3)	Jodie Feath (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) John McIntyre (C) NOT FILLED (Choir)	Gabe Bueno	Mark King Dottie Gonsman Lisa Julian	Sharon King	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Anna McClain (1) Carole Swope (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Julia Burke (Host) (Main) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Mark Krepich (C) Alicia Lombardo-Jordan (Choir)	Carter Jordan	Daniel Moringiello Rocky DelBiondo	Jo Delozier	Emilee Elder John Elder
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Debbie Sault (1) Lisa Georgiana (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Ginny Harrington (Host) (Main) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Andy Weyant (C) NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	Dean Pochak	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Andy Weyant	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (Sept. 6th - Sept. 12th): Ramona Shrift

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

Saint Mary Parish Stewardship of Treasure	
Aug 30	Source
\$4,409	Adult Collection
536	Loose
150	Candles
185	Maintenance
35	The Catholic Univ. of America Collection
100	Mission Co-Op
85	Retired Priests Medical
100	Perquisites
1,500	Ordinary Donations
30	Assumption
200	Food for the Soul Ministry
Thank You For Your Generosity and Faithful Stewardship	

EMPLOYMENT ANNOUNCEMENTS: St. Mary and St. Michael the Archangel parishes are currently seeking an Assistant Director of Religious Education. Please submit resumes to Melony Porada at mporada@dioceseaj.org. For more information on available positions within the Diocese, visit the careers page: <https://humanresources.dioceseaj.org>.

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!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Today's readings are all about relationships. Among the many lessons we have learned as a result of the global pandemic is the deep importance of the relationships and communities in our lives. Our families, our neighbors, our friends, and our parish family need us and we need them – not just for survival, but to be our best selves, and to help each other on the path to heaven.

Our readings today show us how we can be good stewards of these vital relationships, beginning with the first reading from the prophet Ezekiel. God says to Ezekiel, "I have appointed watchmen for the house of Israel; when you hear me say anything, you shall warn them for me." Because of our Baptism, we are all "watchmen" for one another. We have been given the gift of our Catholic faith and we have a responsibility to lovingly and generously share that gift. As Christian stewards, God has designed us in such a way that we must help each other on the journey towards heaven. Let us take care to steward our relationships well.

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 must be made by Sept. 10.** Contact the parish office to register (814) 695 - 0912.

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION: Sept. 8th at St. Catherine Siena Church/Shrine, Duncansville.

Mass times: 7:00 am, 12:05 pm and 5:30 pm. Evening Mass & rosary procession at the Shrine; Bishop Bartchak, celebrant. Please bring a lawn chair. Outdoor mass will be in the church in the event of rain.

Rosary times: 7:30 am, 11:15 am, 1:00 pm and 4:30 pm. Food, exhibits and crafts in church hall. Conclude the day with birthday cake in the church hall for everyone.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS: The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions on **Sunday, September 13th** at 6:30pm in the Gardens at Mount Assisi (in case of inclement weather it will be at Immaculate Conception Chapel on the campus of St. Francis University). Fr. William Shee, TOR will be the homilist. We encourage you to bring a friend!

The **HOLLIDAYSBURG KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS - chicken BBQ** to benefit the St. Vincent de Paul Needs Department - **Sunday, October 11th** - 11AM until 1 PM - drive thru at Star Council Hall, 324 Bedford Street, Hollidaysburg. Tickets are \$12/each. **For tickets contact Matthew Gromiller (203) 450-1961 or see any Knight.**

THE MEN'S CLUB OF ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL parishes will meet Sunday, **September 20 at 7:00 PM** in St. Michael Cafeteria. All men of the parishes are invited to attend, as we plan for upcoming service projects and Pancake and Sausage Breakfasts.

THE MEN'S CLUB is happy to announce its first Pancake and Sausage Breakfast for the Fall will be held October 4th in the St. Michael Cafeteria. More details will be shared in upcoming bulletins. Mark your Calendar!!

OCIA - The first meeting for OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation of Adults) will be **Sunday, Sept. 13th at 11:00 AM** in St. Michael convent building.

ROSARY MAKING CLASSES: Classes will be available **Tuesday** afternoons from **3:00 - 4:00 PM** starting **September 15th** and will be held in **St. Mary School**.

Confirmation Candidates are welcome to learn the art of making mission rosary beads for several mission countries.

SUNDAY CONNECTION: A study of the Sunday readings for the coming week will be held **Tuesday mornings at 10:30 AM** in St. Mary School. The first session will be held on **Tuesday, September 15.**

HOLY NAME PARISH, EBENSBURG: Mon., Sept. 21 at 7:00 PM in collaboration with the **Catholic Speakers organization, the Independent Catholic Foundation, and St. Benedict Parish, Carrolltown**, Holy Name Parish is sponsoring from the **Archdiocese of Miami, Fr. Rafael Capo**. He is known as the "bodybuilding priest." Ordained in 1996, he has served as a teacher, high school president, campus minister, vocations director, and outreach leader for street children and immigrant youth. He currently serves as vice president of Mission at St. Thomas University in Miami Gardens.

BISHOP'S NIGHT OF VOCATIONS - AS A PERMANENT DEACON: Bishop Mark and Deacon Michael Russo invite you and your wife (if married) to the "Bishop's Night of Vocations" being held on **Thursday, October 8th at 7:00 PM** at the US Hotel & Tavern, Hollidaysburg. The deadline for reservations is **Sept. 8th**. For more information on the Permanent Diaconate please visit: www.dioceseaj.org/Diaconate/ or contact Deacon Michael Russo, Director, (814) 288 - 3036. **All are welcome!**

2026 GALLITZIN CROSS AWARDS: Our parishioner, Terry Wilt, is one of the 13 awardees selected by Bishop Mark to receive the prestigious Gallitzin Cross Award this year. Awardees will be presented with the Gallitzin Cross at an award ceremony on Friday, October 9 at Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg, preceded by a social at 5:00 PM and dinner at 6:00 PM. All parishioners are welcome to attend the event. If you are interested in attending, please contact the parish office (814) 695 - 0912 *no later than Monday, September 21st.*

CONFIRMATION CANDIDATE MEETING - Sept. 13th at 1:00 PM in St. Michael Activity Building - **is for BG STUDENTS ONLY.**

MINISTRY LIST

ALPHA (adults) - the next session of ALPHA begins Sept. 8.

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 8:00 PM. Our gatherings are Christian based. All denominations are welcome! For more information call/text Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412.

FAMILY LIFE MINISTRIES --- LITTLE LAMBS MINISTRY and MINISTRY2PARENTS (M2P)

September Family Life Ministry Theme: "Surrendering Our Will for HIS!" Helping to Connect Heart to Home. Surrendering our will is knowing that "...not my will, but yours, be done" (Luke 22:42).

Cultivating a safe sanctuary where a family-centric community can passionately learn to follow Jesus, grow in His love, and share His light with the world. Questions? Contact Andrea Wilk: (412) 480 - 0940 or andreaawilk12@gmail.com.

Please see the schedules on the enclosed flyer.

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!

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: Size 5 Pampers; Fall and winter clothing NB - 5T. Donations to purchase these items are also appreciated. Any mom needing assistance should call 814-440-1021.

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! **Next Game Time Tuesday - Sept. 22.**

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.

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 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. **Next meetings: Sept. 8 and Sept. 10.**

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. **Next meeting Sept. 8.**

CODE OF BEHAVIOR
Participation in the Diocesan Senior High Youth Day 2026, is a privilege and not a right. I understand and agree that my behavior must reflect Christian values and that I will abide by all rules and regulations for the day. I agree to stay with my designated group and to participate in all activities. I understand that if I fail to do so, I will be subject to the guidelines of the Diocesan Senior High Youth Day. The staff reserves the right to ask me to leave at my parent/guardian's expense. I also agree that I will not leave until the event is over unless I have written permission from my parent and guardian that I am permitted to leave.

Signature of student _____

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION
In the event of any injury or illness to my/our child during his/her participation in the Diocesan Senior High Youth Day 2026, I/WE hereby give my/our permission for the necessary medical treatment to be given to my/our child. I/WE, for my/our child, our respective heirs, and my/our respective legal representative, do hereby irrevocably and hold harmless any representative of the Youth Ministry Office, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, St. Francis University, and any parishes from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind and nature for their actions taken pursuant to this authority.

I/WE agree that in case of injury to my/our child, I/WE will apply our hospitalization and/or accident insurance toward payment of the expense incurred and will not seek to the Youth Ministry Office, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Bishop Carroll High School, and any parishes within the Diocese, or their agents for the payment of any medical costs or injury related costs.

Does your child have any allergies? _____

Does your child need any medications while present at the Diocesan Family Conference? _____

Does your child have any special dietary needs? Y ___ N ___ (please specify) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

The Following Information Must Be Completed

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

IMPORTANT NOTE:

I/WE BE present that day for the conference? YES ___ NO ___

**YOU
LIVING CHRIST'S
LOVE**

THROUGH
WORDS
ACTIONS
RELATIONSHIPS

Your words matter.
Your actions matter.
Your relationships matter.

Christ calls you to make His love
visible in the way you speak,
serve, include, forgive,
encourage, and care for others.

**DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH...
BE THE CHURCH**

Attendance at Mass with Bishop
Mark at the end of this day fulfills
the Sunday Mass obligation.

**SENIOR HIGH
YOUTH
CONFERENCE
2026**

**BE THE
BODY
OF CHRIST**

FOR GRADES 9-12

at the
DIOCESAN FAMILY
CONFERENCE

SATURDAY
SEPTEMBER 19, 2026

**DON'T JUST GO TO CHURCH.
BE THE CHURCH!**

CONTACT YOUR PARISH FOR MORE INFORMATION

CODE OF BEHAVIOR
Participation in the Diocesan Junior High Youth Day 2026, is a privilege and not a right. I understand and agree that my behavior must reflect Christian values and that I will abide by all rules and regulations for the day. I agree to stay with my designated group and to participate in all activities. I understand that if I fail to do so, I will be subject to the guidelines of the Diocesan Junior High Youth Day. The staff reserves the right to ask me to leave at my parent/guardian's expense. I also agree that I will not leave until the event is over unless I have written permission from my parent and guardian that I am permitted to leave.

Signature of student _____

MEDICAL AUTHORIZATION
In the event of any injury or illness to my/our child during his/her participation in the Diocesan Junior High Youth Day 2026, I/WE hereby give my/our permission for the necessary medical treatment to be given to my/our child. I/WE, for my/our child, our respective heirs, and my/our respective legal representative, do hereby irrevocably and hold harmless any representative of the Youth Ministry Office, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Bishop Carroll High School, and any parishes from any and all claims, demands, and causes of action of whatever kind and nature for their actions taken pursuant to this authority.

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Does your child need any medications while present at the Diocesan Family Conference? _____

Does your child have any special dietary needs? Y ___ N ___ (please specify) _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

The Following Information Must Be Completed

Insurance Company _____

Policy Number _____

**YOUR PLACE.
YOUR PURPOSE.
YOUR MISSION.**

Come ready to
learn, connect, have
fun, and discover
how God is calling
you to make
a difference.

*"We are the Body of Christ, and each
of us has a place, a purpose, and a
mission." (1 Corinthians 12)*

Sponsored by the Office of Faith, Family and Youth
Ministry and supported by the Catholic Ministries Office.

**JR. HIGH
YOUTH DAY
2026**

**BELONG.
BELIEVE.
BECOME.**

THE BELONG HERE YOU ARE LOVED. THE BELIEVE HERE YOU ARE
PART OF THE
DIOCESAN FAMILY CONFERENCE
ON SEPTEMBER 19TH!

**FOR YOUTH
IN GRADES 5-8**

FAITH. FRIENDS. FUN. ALL IN CHRIST!

FOR MORE INFORMATION, CONTACT YOUR PARISH OFFICE.

Saint Michael Parish Stewardship of Treasure		WEEK AT A GLANCE Monday, Sept. 7th to Sunday, Sept. 13th		
Aug 30	Source	Pray the rosary after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass		
\$10,861	Adult Collection			
21	Loose	MON	5 PM	Prayer Shawl - St. Michael Convent
65	Candles	TUES	All Day	Birth of Mary Celebration - St. Catherine Church/Shrine
15	Assumption	TUES	2 PM	Women's Ministry Diane Madden's Home
130	Maintenance	WED	9:30 AM	Bereavement Ministry St. Michael Convent
100	Twin Parish	WED	11:30 AM	Prayer Shawl - St. Michael Convent
5	Cemetery Bench donation	WED	1:00 PM	Legion of Mary Adoration Chapel Library
50	Greenlawn Cemetery	THUR	6:00 PM	Rosary at St. Michael
711	Holy Spirit Ministry	SAT and Sun		American Rescue Workers and Gabriel Project collections
50	All Souls	SUN	8:45 AM	FAITH FORMATION CLASSES BEGIN
50	All Saints	SUN	2:00 PM	Wedding Anniversary Liturgy Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament
50	Retired Priests Medical			
(131.25)	Online Giving Fee			
Thank You For Your Generosity and Faithful Stewardship				
BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN - PRECIOUS LIFE St. Mary and St. Michael collected a total of \$3,666.29 for this year's Baby Bottle Campaign. Thank you!				

BG CLASS OF 1978 ENDOWMENT

If your child transferred into the BG school system this year (Pre-K through 12), he or she may be eligible to receive an \$880 award from the BG Class of 1978 Scholarship Endowment. Please download an application from the Independent Catholic Foundation's "Grants & Scholarships" webpage at www.icfoundation.us. Please give your pastor or parish administrator ample time to sign it. The Foundation will accept completed applications until 4:00 PM, Thursday, October 1st.

Christian Outreach Committee

WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To Support the Hollidaysburg
American Rescue Workers
Next Week's

Requested Donations:

Spaghetti Cereal

Collection bins are in the churches

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

Newly Baptized Child of God

Congratulations to Tyler and Abigail (Bettwy) Groff. We welcome your newly baptized infant daughter, Quincy Elizabeth, 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.

Newly Baptized Children of God

Congratulations to Nicholas and Lauren (Abbott) Fiore. We welcome your newly baptized children, Lincoln Freemont Parker Jane Hadley Fern into our faith community.



Your children are a gift to all of us. With you we celebrate the beginning of your children's faith journey.

Newly Baptized Children of God

Congratulations to Maurio and Lauren (Horne) Fiore. We welcome your newly baptized daughters, Marlo Adele Vera Hazel Noa Eve Alma Violet into our faith community.



Your children are a gift to all of us. With you we celebrate the beginning of your children's faith journey.

CHURCH FALL FESTIVAL
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18th | 11:00 AM - 2:00 PM
ALL ARE WELCOME!

\$5 SOUP FLIGHTS:
WARM & DELICIOUS SOUP SAMPLES!

MINISTRY 2 PARENTS SPONSORED TRUNK OR TREAT:
SAFE & FUN HALLOWEEN FUN!

M2P
MUSIC MINISTRIES

CRAFTS AND GAMES:
CREATIVE ACTIVITIES & PRIZES FOR ALL AGES!

WE ARE LOOKING FOR TRUNK OR TREAT TABLE SPONSORS!
Sign up to decorate your car and share treats with our community.

FOR QUESTIONS OR TO BECOME A SPONSOR, CONTACT:
Andrea Wilk at andrewilk12@gmail.com
or call 412.480.0940

JUBILEE YEAR

Pope Leo XIV has decreed a **Jubilee Year of St. Francis of Assisi** to be observed from January 10, 2026 to January 10, 2027. Pope Leo invites us as pilgrims to transform hope into action by following the example of St. Francis of Assisi so that we become models of holiness of life and constant witnesses of peace. A plenary indulgence is attached to this Jubilee Year in honor of St. Francis. Information concerning indulgences during this time may be found at: <https://myfranciscan.org/how-to-obtain-a-plenary-indulgence/>

The Feast of the Stigmata of St. Francis of Assisi is September 17th

Two years before the death of St Francis in 1226, while deep in prayer and fasting, a seraph angel carrying the figure of a crucified man appeared before him and imprinted in his flesh, the Nail Marks of Christ Jesus' Crucifixion, forming on his hands and feet, and an open wound appeared in his side.

In January, Pope Leo XIV established 2026 a special Jubilee Year commemorating 800 yrs since the death of St. Francis. A Plenary Indulgence has been granted (*usual conditions*) to those who participate devoutly in this extraordinary Jubilee.



Conditions for receiving the Indulgence (*for oneself or for the deceased*):

- Visitation: Pilgrimage to a Franciscan church / place of worship anywhere in the world, where one renews one's profession of faith
- Sacramental Confession (in the eight days before or after the pilgrimage)
- Participation in Mass and Eucharistic Communion.
- Recitation of the Lord's Prayer
- Prayer for the intentions of the Holy Father

Bishop Mark has designated as one of the pilgrimage sites where a person can receive this indulgence:

St. John Vianney Church, 3513 William Penn Avenue, Johnstown

On Thursday, September 17, 2026, S.J.V. Church will have a special event open to all who wish to gain this Plenary Indulgence. Beginning at 6:00 PM, Fr Timothy will present a talk on St Francis and the gift of the Stigmata in the parish hall. We will include the required prayers for the indulgence.

At about 6:30 PM, we will then celebrate the Mass for the Feast, offering the opportunity to receive the Eucharist. Following Mass, several Franciscan Friars will be available to hear Confessions completing the steps to receive the indulgence. If you are interested in attending, please email or call Fr Timothy so we have enough chairs set up. (814) 322-4789 or THarris@dioceseaj.org We hope to see you there!

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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)

The date, time and location for each class is available on the parish website home page under "Upcoming Events."

GREENLAWN CEMETERY

Greenlawn Cemetery has received requests from several parishioners to establish seating areas where visitors may rest while visiting the graves of loved ones. It is our hope that these benches will also encourage others to visit regularly and offer prayers for the deceased.

The Greenlawn Cemetery Association is seeking donations to help defray the cost of four (4) benches. To contribute, please mark your donation "Cemetery Benches" and place it in the collection basket. Donation envelopes will also be available at the church entrances. All donations are greatly appreciated. Those wishing to sponsor the full cost of a bench may have a commemorative plaque installed on it. The cost to sponsor a bench is \$6,000.

Questions may be directed to Matt Gromiller or emailed to GreenlawnCemeteryHburg@gmail.com.

ERIC CROWLEY, a parishioner of St. Michael parish, has recently begun his Novitiate year with the religious order Society of Our Lady of the Most Holy Trinity (SOLT) in Corpus Christi, TX.

Please pray for Eric in this year of formation as he prepares to enter Seminary next year.



Cresson Catholic Community Festival

7911 Admiral Peary Hwy, Cresson

September 12, 2026

11 AM - 8 PM

Felix and the Hurricanes 1:00-4:00 PM

Strings Radio 4:30-7:30 PM

September 13, 2026

11 AM - 6 PM

9/11 Ceremony 12:30 PM

Lynn Dalby Designs Bubble Show 1:00 PM

Rosie and The Jammers 2:00-5:00 PM

Our Deepest Sympathy

To the family and friends of Pauline Herbert.

May God grant her eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn her loss.

May Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, console the hearts of all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



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Family Life Ministries

Little Lambs Liturgy & Ministry 2 Parents

[Learn, Grow, Share, In the Love of Christ]

Cultivating a safe sanctuary where a family-centric community can passionately learn to follow Jesus, grow in His love, and share His light with the world.

Calendar of
Ministry Events

Little Lambs Liturgy

Ministry 2 Parents (M2P)

Sept 13	The Lost Sheep: God is Faithful!
Sept 27	Jesus Feeds the Hungry: God is Gracious!
Oct 11	The Good Samaritan: God is a Healer!
Oct 25	The Little Children and Jesus: God is a Best Friend!
Nov 8	The Parable of the Sower: God is Love!
Nov 22	Preparing for Advent!
Dec 6	Jesus Birthday party! **All @ 10am mass at St. Michael the Archangel in Hollidaysburg

Oct 18	Fall Festival 11-2pm at St Michael the Archangel Parish (Trunk or Treat and \$5 Soup Flights)
Dec 12	Meet St Nick and Nativity Festival 6-7pm at St. Marys
Jan-May	Faith and Family Nights! Jan 17: Stay and Play Feb 7: Couple's Date Night! March 7: Family Stations of the Cross and Church Scavenger Hunt! May: Cookout, S'mores, and Movie Night **All at St Michael the Archangel Activity Building
June	Great North VBS *At St Michael the Archangel Parish

The sacred bond

between family and church stands as one of God's most beautiful designs for spiritual growth and community building.

Like two pillars supporting a magnificent temple, family and church work in harmonious partnership to nurture faith, foster discipleship, and create lasting spiritual legacies.

In Scripture, we see this powerful relationship exemplified when Joshua declares, "As for me and my house, we will serve the Lord" (Joshua 24:15), establishing a timeless model of family devotion intertwined with corporate worship.

September Family Life Ministry Theme

"Surrendering Our Will for HIS!"

Helping to Connect Heart to Home 

Surrendering our will is knowing that "not my will, but
yours, be done" (Luke 22:42)



hello my sweet mom and dad 
Take a moment. A breath....

"For when I am
weak, then I am
strong"

My sweet child,

Come here. Sit with me a moment. You know when I was creating you, forming every one of your perfect features, I could not help but sing sweetly over you. My breath, as I sang, carried with each molecule all of the grace you would need for your earthly journey and each tiny atom embedded itself into your deepest tabernacle...your soul. I recognized, even in that divine moment, you would sojourn along pathways that would challenge you to your core, perhaps even questioning my love for you. You were given grace so that even in that darkest, messiest, chaotic hour you could simply turn the key and unleash a force most powerful. Have you forgotten that "my grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness" (2 Corinthians 12:9)? Do you think that if you appear to the world to not be weak, to not show the cracks of anxiety or depression, that makes you less human and somehow... stronger? Paul came to the realization that this is a falsehood and instead decided to "boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ's power may rest on me... I delight in weaknesses, in insults, in hardships, in persecutions, in difficulties. For when I am weak, then I am strong" (2 Corinthians 12:9-11). Surrender these battles over to my divine wisdom as you are trying to make decisions looking through a mere pin hole. Living in surrender means living in your true human weakness... not bowing to the world's facade of strength. Melt back into that beautiful clay, surrendering yourself into my loving hands, allowing me to sing over you once more, and let me finish what I had begun so many years ago. I have been plans for you! Just wait.

-God

October's Theme: Living In An Attitude of Gratitude



Sacred Space

Take a moment. Write five words you want to
tell God...



Let's connect!
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Acts of Surrender

Surrender of Self Brings
Freedom of Heart

(Taken from Imitation of Christ Book II
Chapter 37 from Kempis)

1. "Give all, look for nothing,
ask nothing in return, rest
purely and trustingly in Me
and you shall possess ME"
2. Treat surrender not as a
single past choice, but as a
daily sacrifice of your own
ego and desires
3. Do not hold back parts of
your life or try to secretly
provide for yourself out of
a lack of trust; give "all for
all"
4. Yield yourself to God at all
times, "always and at every
hour, in small matters as
well as great," making no
exceptions for your own
personal agenda
Keep an open dialogue with
God throughout your day!

Biblical Connection

"Look at the birds of the air;
they neither sow nor reap nor
gather into barns, and yet
your heavenly Father feeds
them. Are you not more
valuable than they?
...Therefore do not be anxious
about tomorrow" (Matthew 6:
26-34)

You trust the chair placed
behind you has not fallen
before you sit...yet you
struggle to surrender to the
creator of the universe? Can
you keep it in your heart that
your Father has already
provided for you before you
even ask?

What do you need to
surrender today?

Name it. Release it. 

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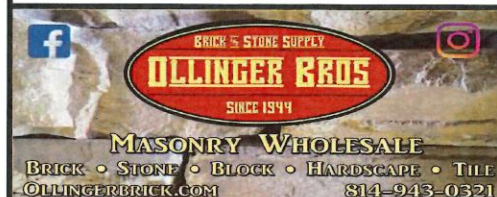
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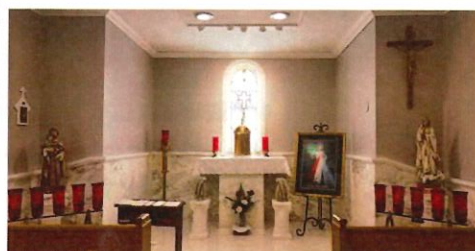
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