



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

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**Sunday of
Divine Mercy**
April 12, 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

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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
Parish Office Phone Number & Hours

814-695-0912
Mon. through 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

Parish Email:
stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org

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

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Greenlawn Cemetery:
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St. Mary




VIRTUAL TOUR

St. Michael



VIRTUAL TOUR

**"Have you come to believe because you have seen me?
Blessed are those who have not seen and have believed."**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISH Saturday, April 11th to Sunday, April 19th.			
DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Robert J. Allen
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	Kim Nguyen
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Donna Riley
 Little Lamb's Ministry St. Michael Church 10:00 AM Mass			
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Mary Drass and Benjamin T. Drass, Sr.
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Gordon DeLozier
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Kathleen Schmittle
WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	✠ Denise Baranik
THUR	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Holy Family, bless, heal & help all families
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	✠ John "Mike" Spidle
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ Barbara Salvatore
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠ Earl Hite
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Millie Frank
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Jerome Lanzel, Jr.
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish



LITTLE LAMB'S LITURGY
LEARN, GROW, SHARE
IN THE LOVE OF GOD

Date	Theme
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

Contact: Andrea Wilk at
andreawilk12@gmail.com
412-480-0940

CRS Rice Bowls
Please return your rice bowl by Sunday, April 26th. Please place your rice bowl in the box provided.

Camp Zacchaeus - July 19-24, 2026
What are you doing this summer? Why not come and be a part of the Faith Experience of a Lifetime.

Camp "Z" is a week-long summer camp for youth, grades 4-9. Campers experience a week of lively Liturgies, inspirational music, prayer experiences, evangelization sessions, campfires, games, skits, a live concert and lots more. Scholarship money is available to eligible applicants.

For more information or to receive a brochure, contact Francine Swope in the Youth Ministry Office at 814-695-5579. Come and experience a wonderful week of Faith, Fun and Friendship in the great outdoors.



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.

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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, April 11th						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Jeff Muriceak (1) JoAnn Propcheck (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Daniel Klingbeil (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Michael Mollish (C) Rich Holzer (Choir)	Grace Muriceak	Debbi Chapman Chris Johnston Michael Johnston	Michael Mollish	
Sunday, April 12th						
St. Mary 7:30 AM	Layna Henry (1) Claudia Montero (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Kay Benton (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Ramona Shrift (C) Jodie Feath (Choir)	Vinnie Pietrolungo	Ray Gregorchik Susan Henry Dave Shrift	Roy Leister	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Dottie Gonsman (1) Mark Krepich (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	James Popp (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Beverly Buterbaugh (C) Sharon King (Choir)	Gabe Bueno	Lisa Julian Rodney Feather Mark King	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Mass1 Children (1) Mass2 Children (2) Mass3 Children (3)	Julia Burke (Main) Rebecca Culp (C) Barry Craig (C) Marcia Riley (Choirloft)	Sawyer Gibney	Mass1 Children Mary Jo Lanzel	Jo Delozier	Emilee Elder John Elder
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) Elizabeth Kalista (2) Kimberly Merritts (3)	Bill Faman (Main) Ginny Harrington (C) Andy Weyant (C) Kimberly Merritts (Choirloft)	Jacob Pochak	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Susan Wells	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (April 12th - April 18th): Gina Zabinsky						

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

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, April 18th						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Bruno Felus (1) Joseph Hurd (2) Alicia Sosnowski (3)	Lawrence Savino (H) Richard Books (C) Jodie Feath (C) Deborah Hipp (Choir)	Shari Figurelli	Shirley Books Chris Johnston Rick Pulcino	Shari Figurelli	
Sunday, April 19th						
St. Mary 7:30 AM	Craig Mauk (1) Shawn Sullivan (2) Michael Schlechter (3)	Terry Curfman (H) Kathy Balconi (C) Jeff Boley (C) Bob Anthony (Choir)	Travis Mauk	Tim Balconi Ray Gregorchik Jim Zimmerman	Connie Curfman	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	David Madden (1) Dottie Gonsman (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	Sharon King (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) John McIntyre (C) Beverly Buterbaugh (Choir)	Avery Diaz	Matt Clapper Beth Clapper Rodney Feather	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Mass1 Children (1) Mass2 Children (2) Mass3 Children (3)	Annette Lewis (Main) Alicia Lombardo-Jordan (C) Greg Sweeney (C) Marty Culp (Choirloft)	Carter Jordan	Mary Jo Lanzel Daniel Moringiello	Jo Delozier	NOT FILLED Leigh Ann Craig
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Debbie Sault (1) Lisa Georgiana (2) Kimberly Merritts (3)	Kimberly Merritts (Main) Talena Swander (C) Andy Weyant (C) Lisa Georgiana (Choirloft)	Dean Pochak	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Susan Wells	NOT FILLED Greyson Swander
St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (April 19th - April 25th): Ramona Shrift						

Bereavement Support
Regular gatherings are held in the St. Michael convent building twice monthly:
2nd Wed. 9:30-11 AM
4th Tuesday 6:30-8 PM
Next meeting April 28
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 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



Fourth Tuesday of the Month
1:30-3:30 PM at St. Michael's Church Basement
Next meeting - April 28th
Call Emilee 814-215-2869

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., April 13th
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

Women's Club Meetings
are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM. All meetings are at Diane Madden's home, 504 Hickory St. Hollidaysburg 814-502-8052
Next meeting Tuesday, April 14th

Thank you!


Special thanks to all who made our Holy Week and the Paschal Triduum celebrations so beautiful - especially:
Deacon Allan and the OCIA Team
Deacon Chuck
Msgr. Lockard and Father Voytek
Masters of Ceremonies, servers, lectors, extraordinary ministers of holy communion and ministers of hospitality.
All musicians: choir members, cantors, psalmists, organists and keyboardists, flutist, brass, and especially the leaders of these groups.
All church decorators and cleaners.
Parish staff, leadership team, liturgical scheduler, and all who work behind the scenes.
Families, friends, and sponsors of our neophytes.
Our neophytes, our newest members!
Thank you all!
Fr. Alan

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
St. Andrew's Social
Nativity Festival
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

Meeting dates are as follows:
First Wed., May 6 at 7:15 PM
in St. Mary Meeting Room

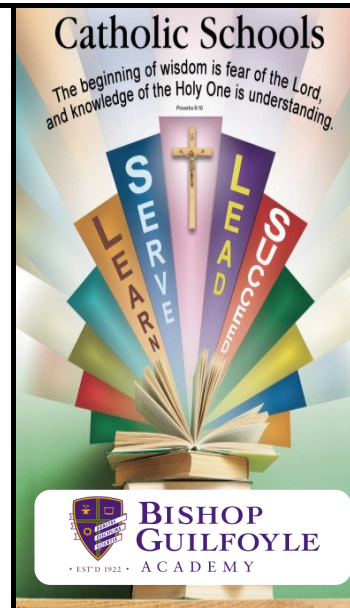
Holy Communion for the Homebound




If your homebound loved one would like to receive Holy Communion, please call the Parish Office 814-695-0912 Monday-Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

Holy Rosary and St. Mark Churches
are sponsoring a bus trip to the shrines at Emmitsburg, MD on Wednesday, May 13. On your own at the national Grotto of Our Lady of Lourdes, Lunch at the Mountain Gate Family Restaurant (Buffet), 90-minute Group Tour of the National Shrine of St. Elizabeth Ann Seton.

Price per person - \$80.
Checks made out to "St. Mark's Catholic Church."
To reserve a seat, call Robyn Murphy at 814-931-5683 or Kathleen Winter 814-591-0248. Limited number of seats available.



Holy Father's April Prayer Intention



For priests in crisis
Let us pray for priests going through moments of crisis in their vocation, that they may find the accompaniment they need and that communities may support them with understanding and prayer.

Sportsman's Raffle
join us for St. Patrick School's Sportsman Raffle on Saturday, May 9, 2026, at the Bavarian Aid Society in Altoona!

Doors open at 4:30 PM, dinner served at 5:00 PM. Tickets are \$25 and include admission for one, along with dinner and drinks. Come enjoy an evening of great food, fellowship, and exciting raffles.

Must be 21 to attend. For tickets or more information, please call the school office at 814-695-3819.

Sunday April 19, 2026 - 8AM until noon
The Men's Club of St. Mary and St. Michael Parish's famous...

Pancake & Sausage Breakfast

Adults \$6 Kids \$3

St. Michael Church Hall
301 Spruce Street, Hollidaysburg

Christian Outreach Committee
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS
To Support the Hollidaysburg American Rescue Workers
Next Week's Requested Donations:
Conditioner Shampoo
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.

CONGRATULATIONS!
During the Easter Vigil Mass, the following individuals were welcomed into the church:

**Joel DeIBiondo
Aden Leonard
Brandi Weikel
Sherri Kenny
Stacy Weyant
Emily Glatt
Lexi Maxfield**

Thank you to their sponsors and to Deacon Allan Duman and Joanna Duman.

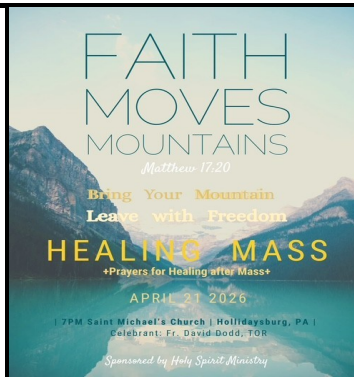
The Gabriel Project



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:
★ **Summer Clothes** Size 0-3 Months to 4T
★ **Boy & Girl**
★ **Diapers Size 4 & 5**
★ **Strollers need not be new**
★ **Yard Sale finds okay**
★ **Pack & Plays**
Donations to purchase these larger items are appreciated.

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

Tastes of Tanzania
 Friday, April 17 from 4 –7 pm at Bishop Guilfoyle Academy, Pleasant Valley campus. Hosted by the BG Academy National Honor Society (NHS). The evening will feature African cuisine, art and jewelry, student-led presentations, basket raffles and Silent Auction. The event aims to raise \$15,000 to benefit the Selfless Solution's in Arusha, Tanzania. The non-profit was founded in 2019 by BG NHS alum, Patrick Irwin, to support education and economic opportunity for children and youth in Arusha. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$15 for students, and can be purchased at: www.selflessolutions.org or by scanning the QR code. Questions? Call Patrick Irwin 814.207.8490 All welcome!



Healing Mass
 Holy Spirit Ministry will hold a special Healing Mass on Tuesday, April 21, 2026, at 7:00 PM, at St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg.

This powerful night of hope and healing is for all who are suffering physically, emotionally and spiritually.

- ★ Fr. David Dodd TOR will be the main celebrant.
- ★ Praise and worship will precede the Mass at 6:30 PM and
- ★ Prayer Ministry,
- ★ Sacramental anointing of the sick,
- ★ Confessions, will follow the Mass.

If you are suffering physically, or from an addiction, or hurting or struggling in any way, come and experience the healing power of Jesus and be set free!

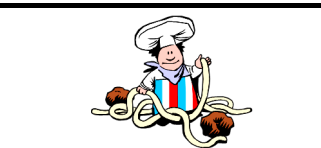
All are welcome!



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Cub Scout Pack 331 Spaghetti Dinner Fundraiser April 23rd St. Mary Social Hall 312 Clark St. Hollidaysburg 4:00 to 7:00 PM Adults \$10.00 10 and Under \$5.00 3 and under Free Dine in or Take Out Spaghetti, Meatballs, Salad, Bread, Drinks and Dessert Contact Jeanette Keefer for Tickets 814-937-8048 **Tickets on sale after each Mass April 11 & 12**

May Money Madness

Month of May 2026 Winner based on the 7:00 PM Pick 3 PA Lottery Match Straight 1st Draw Only \$2300.00 in prizes

Donation \$20.00 per ticket

Benefits St. Mary Parish and St. Michael Parish

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St. Mary

Goal \$ 42,500

Y.T.D. \$ 23,860

Number of donors 59

St. Michael

Goal \$ 47,900

Y.T.D. \$ 33,395

Number of donors 75

- MARCH - EZ Money Lottery Winners

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| Kate Bettwy | Theresa Zurilla |
| Carol Maloney | Pat Waring |
| Mary Smith | Adam Thomas |
| Susan Redline | Tony Drass |
| Richard Centar | John Keller |
| Mary Noonan | Valerie Mauk |
| Michael Metzgar | Randy Acker |
| Ginny Harrington | Rodney Feather |
| Hatsue Stanek | George Letcher |
| Lauren Glinsky | Steve Kline |
| Russ Holtz | Mike Smith |
| Charles Diller | |
| Robin Blair | |
| Jeffrey Boley | |
| Ruth Keller | |

Saint Mary Parish Stewardship of Treasure

April 5	Source
4695	Adult Collection
656	Loose
497.50	Maintenance
43.50	Catholic Relief Services
20	Black & Native Americans
20	Ash Wednesday
155	Catholic Home Mission
868	Holy Land/Good Friday
9170	Easter
620	Holy Thursday
10	Gabriel Project

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8:00 AM & 11:00 AM Mass on Sunday Donuts/refreshments available in morning 12:00 Noon until 5:00 PM Food Available 1:30 to 2:45 PM Confessions 3:00 to 4:00 PM Divine Mercy Holy Hour Basket raffle available all day with drawing at 4:30 PM

Please keep the St. Mary and St. Michael Confirmation Candidates in your prayers as they receive the gifts of the Holy Spirit on April 21st at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament at 6:00 PM.

A Prayer for our Confirmation Candidates **May you have the strength of the SPIRIT, the power of PRAYER, and the force of Faith to live in SERVICE, to LOVE with all your heart and to let GOD lead you, always. Amen!**

Pray the Rosary Every Thursday 6:00 PM at St. Michael Church



MARY QUEEN OF THE MOST HOLY ROSARY

Adult Faith Formation



What We Believe: The Beauty of the Catholic Faith explores the beliefs and practices of the Catholic Church—who we are, what we believe, how we live, and God's amazing plan for our lives.

Sunday Mornings: 8:45 AM at St. Michael Convent Meeting Room

Date	Topic
4/12	<i>The Catholic Faith: The Fulness of Christian Life</i>
4/19	<i>The Journey of Faith</i>
4/26	<i>God the father, Creation and the Fall</i>
5/3	<i>Jesus Christ: Our Savior</i>
5/10	<i>The Holy Spirit, the Breath of God</i>
5/17	<i>The Church</i>
5/31	<i>The Sacramental Life</i>
6/7	<i>Union with God: The Life of Prayer</i>
6/14	<i>Fasting: Becoming Christlike</i>
6/21	<i>Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy</i>

Tuesday: 1:30 PM at St. Mary Meeting Room

Date	Topic
4/14	<i>The Journey of Faith</i>
4/21	<i>God the father, Creation and the Fall</i>
4/28	<i>Jesus Christ: Our Savior</i>
5/5	<i>The Holy Spirit, the Breath of God</i>
5/12	<i>The Church</i>
5/19	<i>The Sacramental Life</i>
5/26	<i>Union with God: The Life of Prayer</i>
6/2	<i>Fasting: Becoming Christlike</i>
6/9	<i>Almsgiving: Our Mission of Mercy</i>

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Visit bishopguilfoyle.org for more information, including our household income chart to help you estimate tuition cost. BG is committed to meeting every family's financial need. Catholic families receive a special scholarship up to Grade 8.

Space is filling up fast and is limited in some grades at certain campuses. Schedule a tour today. Call 814-944-4015 or visit: www.bishopguilfoyle.org



FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Apr. 12	Regular Sessions Youth Mass - Gr. 5 - St. Michael - 10 AM
Apr. 15	First Communion Practice - 5 PM - St. Mary
Apr. 17	First Communion Practice - 5 PM - St. Michael
Apr. 18	First Communion Celebration - 10 AM - St. Michael
Apr. 19	First Communion Celebration - 10 AM - St. Mary
Apr. 19	Regular Sessions <i>Right of Sending Gr. 11</i> - 10 AM Mass - St. Michael Youth Mass - Gr. 11 - 10 AM - St. Michael Confirmation Candidates & Sponsor Gathering - following 10 AM Mass - St. Michael Activity Bldg.
Apr. 20	Confirmation Practice - 6 PM - Cathedral
Apr. 21	Confirmation Celebration - 6 PM - Cathedral
Apr. 26	Regular Sessions Meeting for future Confirmation Candidates and Parents - 12:30 PM - St. Michael Activity Bldg.
May 3	Last regular Sessions Outdoor Rosary - 9 AM - both churches Youth Mass - Gr. 7 & 8 - 10 AM - St. Mary Youth Mass - Gr. 2 - 10 AM - St. Michael May Crowning - 10 AM - both churches

WEEK AT A GLANCE Monday, April 13th to Sun., April 19th	
Pray the rosary after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass	
MON	Prayer Shawl St. Michael Convent 5:00 PM
TUES	Adult Faith Formation St. Mary Meeting Room 1:30 PM
	Women's Club 2:00 PM at Diane Madden's home 504 Hickory Street
WED	First Communion Practice St. Mary 5:00 PM
	Legion of Mary Adoration Chapel Library 1:00 PM
THUR	Rosary at St. Michael 6:00 PM
FRI	First Communion Practice St. Michael 5:00 PM
SAT	First Communion Celebration St. Michael 10:00 AM
SAT and Sun	Spaghetti Dinner Tickets Being Sold After Each Mass
	Gabriel Project Collection
	American Rescue Workers Collection
SUN	First Communion Celebration St. Mary 10:00 AM
	Adult Faith Formation St. Michael Convent Meeting Room 8:45 AM
	Pancake and Sausage Breakfast St. Michael Church Hall 8:00 AM to Noon

Hear the Call
God calls us to reform our lives; we are all called to be holy children of God and to respond to God's loving invitation to follow Him.

Is Jesus calling someone you know: your son, grandson, nephew, or a good friend to become a priest? Is God inviting you to consider the priesthood?

Answer the call of the Lord call: **Fr. Peter Crowe**
Vocations Director
Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown
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Men's Club
will meet this Sunday, April 12th at 7:00 PM in the St. Mary Meeting Room.

Agenda items will be the upcoming pancake breakfast and service projects.

Saint Michael Parish Stewardship of Treasure	
April 5th	Source
	Adult Collection
	Loose
Offering numbers will be included in the April 19 bulletin.	Candles
	Easter
	Holy Thursday
	Good Friday
	Maintenance
	Perquisites
	Memorial
	Easter Memorials
	Twin Parish
	Catholic Relief Services
Holy Spirit Ministry	
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The Permanent Deacon



The Permanent Diaconate
has been a restored Office of the Church since 1968.

Who and What's a Deacon?
A Deacon is an ordained minister of the Catholic Church. There are three groups, or Orders of ordained ministers in the Church: Bishops, Priests (presbyters) and Deacons. Deacons are ordained as a sacramental sign to the Church and to the world of Christ, who came "to serve and not to be served." The entire Church is called by Christ to serve, and the Deacon, in virtue of his sacramental ordination and through his various ministries, is to be a servant in a servant-Church.

What are these "various ministries" of the Deacon?
All ordained ministers in the Church are called to functions of Word, Sacrament, Prayer and Charity; but Bishops, Priests and Deacons exercise these functions in various ways.

As ministers of Word, Deacons:

- Proclaim the Gospel
- Preach and teach in the name of the Church
- Provide spiritual direction and counsel

As ministers of Sacrament and Prayer, Deacons:

- Baptize
- Witness marriages
- Function as ORDINARY ministers of the Eucharist
- Assist Priests and Bishops at Mass
- Lead the faithful in prayer and Eucharistic Devotions
- Assist with Christian Burial by conducting Vigils, Services without a Mass, and Committals

As ministers of Charity, Deacons:

- Are leaders in identifying the needs of others,
- then marshalling the Church's resources to meet those needs.

Deacons however, are not able to:

- Offer Mass
- Hear Confessions
- Anoint the sick

These ministries remain those reserved to Priests.

The extent that the Deacon does these various things depends of course on their schedule and availability.

It is important to note that these roles and ministries of the Deacon are the norm, not the exception. In other words, these are not things the Deacon does "if the Priest is not available," etc., but rather, things that he can and normally should do by virtue of his office. In this way, although his Office is different from that of the Priest, it is also one that is shared with the Priest. Together, the Pastor and Deacon share the total pastoral, sacramental, and teaching ministry of the Church.

The Attire and Title of the Permanent Deacon:
Although very similar, the vestments of the Deacon and those of the Priest are different. Both wear a white alb. However, the colored stole of the Deacon is worn diagonally while that of the Priest is worn vertically. The outer garment of the Deacon is called a dalmatic and it has sleeves. That of the Priest is called a chasuble and does not have sleeves.

The proper formal non-liturgical attire for a Priest is of course the clerical collar. That of the Deacon is normally a tie and jacket. Sometimes the Deacon wears a lapel pin, which is a cross with a diagonal stole on top of it. This is the symbol of the office of the Permanent Diaconate.

Just as a Priest is normally addressed as "Father...", the Deacon is addressed as "Deacon..." Also, the title "Reverend" is not used for Deacons.

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