

Fourth Sunday of Easter

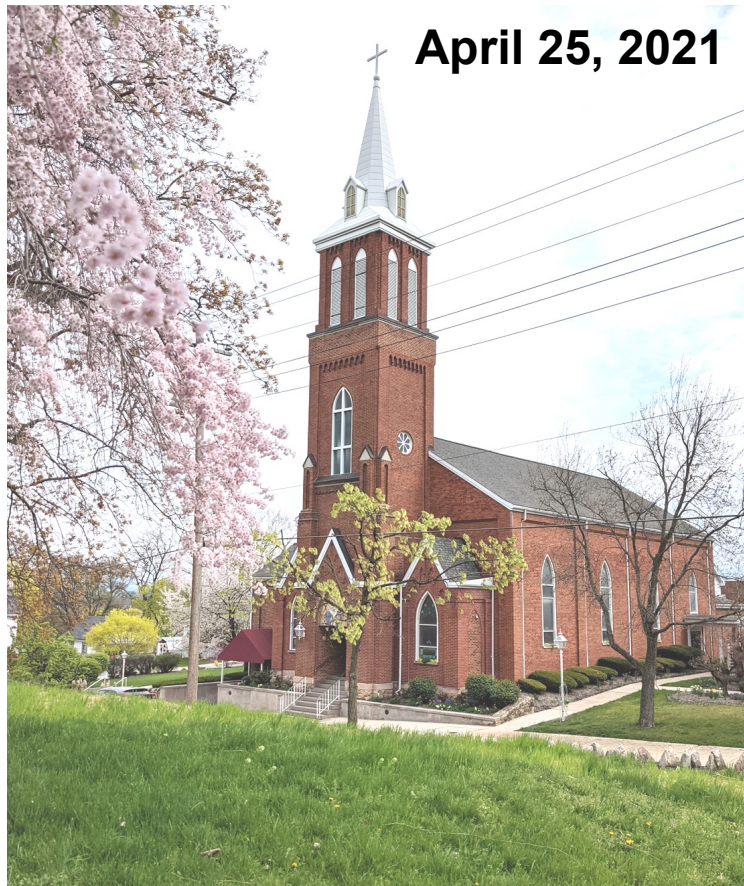
WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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## MISSION STATEMENT OF THE

### ST. MICHAEL FAITH COMMUNITY

Extending a rich parish heritage built upon the pioneering traditions of the first settlers of the Southern Allegheny mountains, St. Michael the Archangel Parish embraces as its mission the use of all available resources, both spiritual and temporal, to minister to the needs of the people of Hollidaysburg and its surrounding areas. We do this in a fashion which reflects the teachings and example of Jesus Christ, while promoting a tradition of liturgical excellence, strong support for Catholic education in all its varieties, and enlightened social outreach to the community at large, in union with both the Diocesan and Universal Church.

## JOIN WITH OTHERS PRAYING THE ROSARY



**Every Thursday  
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in the church**

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Come join in this wonderful devotion that takes you through the Gospel and allows you to enter into the life of Our Savior, Jesus Christ, and His Most Blessed Mother. Pray with us and witness for yourself the beauty and power of the Most Holy Rosary.

## MASSES

Saturday Evening: 5:00 p.m.

Sunday: 8:30 a.m. – 10:00 a.m. – 11:30 a.m.

Daily & Holy Days: *See inside the Bulletin*

## CONFESSIONS

Saturdays at 1 p.m. & Sundays at 7:30 a.m.

*Inside the church hall; please use Montgomery stairwell entrance*

## PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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## MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Call the church office to schedule an appointment.

Nine month advance notice is normally required for marriage.

## BULLETIN DEADLINE

The deadline to have information considered for publication in the bulletin is 4:00 p.m. Tuesday prior to the weekend of the announcement. Mail or email the information to the church office.

## PARISHIONER REGISTRATION

If you would like to join the parish, please contact the rectory/ church office. Please remember to notify us if you move or will be moving out of the parish. Registration, the practice of stewardship, and regular participation in the Sacraments indicate that a person is an active member of the parish and is eligible to act as a godparent or sponsor. As a Church community seeking to be faith-filled disciples and good stewards, the sacrifice of our time, talent and treasure is essential for the common good.

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith?

Contact the parish office. Classes normally begin in the Fall.

# MASSES THIS WEEK FOR ST. MICHAEL & ST. MARY PARISHES

**April 24 - May 2**

For your convenience we have, and will continue, to list the Masses for both St. Michael & St. Mary Parishes. Please feel free to attend either church for Mass and events. If you use church envelopes for your offertory, you may place it in the St. Mary collection and they will send your offertory gift to us.

DATE	DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
04/24	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ Diane Long	Ray & Debbie Hipp
		5:00 PM	St. Michael	Intentions of Georgette Ayers	Ann Corle & Margie Jeffreys
04/25	SUN	8:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ William D. Rossman	Kathleen & John O'Shea
		8:30 AM	St. Michael	✠ William Drass (Anniv. Remembrance)	Elda Brown
		10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Nita Blazewicz	Blazewicz Family
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Barbara Wilt	Her husband, Terry
		11:30 AM	St. Michael	The People of the Parishes	Pastor
04/26	MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Guy Luciano	His daughter, Anita Carvalho
04/27	TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Ernie Tomassetti	His wife, Helen & family
04/28	WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	✠ Ron Schlecht	Don & Cindy Langguth
04/29	THURS	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Robert "Jim" Gildea, Jr.	Donna & Joe Panek
04/30	FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	✠ Ralph Mehall (Birthday Remembrance)	His children & grandchildren
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Funeral Mass for Susan Claar	
05/01	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ Andrew Edelblute	Mom & dad
		5:00 PM	St. Michael	✠ Joseph Saad, Sr	Larry & Barb Savino
05/02	SUN	8:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Ron Schlecht	Rick & Maria Mitchell
		8:30 AM	St. Michael	✠ Bobbi Murray (Birthday Rem.)	Joan Luciano
		10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ John Ruscitto, Sr.	Rick and Tammy Pulcino
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Catherine Starr	Dr. Donald & Jeanette Betar
		11:30 AM	St. Michael	The People of the Parishes	Pastor

## NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

May 1 & 2 - Fifth Sunday of Easter  
Weekday Sacristan for 4/25 - 5/1: **P. Gildea**

Date	Reader	E.M.H.C.	Sacristan	Hospitality	Tech	Server
Sat. 5:00 PM 5/1	B. Stevens (1) L. Michelone (2)	L. Savino (P) S. Teske (S)	A. Curtis	D. Klingbeil <i>available</i>	J. Klingbeil <i>available</i>	<i>available</i> <i>available</i>
Sun. 8:30 AM 5/2	M. Litzinger (1) V. Litzinger (2)	C. Feathers (P) K. Balconi (S)	R/C Leister	B. Pfeffer T. Baker R. Stellabotte	<i>available</i> <i>available</i>	<i>available</i> <i>available</i>
Sun. 10 AM 5/2	D. Lanzel (1) A. McClain (2)	B. Farnan (P) A. Lewis (S)	R. Pompa	G. Olsavick J. Hateis J. Dodson	<i>available</i> <i>available</i>	M. Swope <i>available</i>
Sun. 11:30 AM 5/2	D. Stoehr(1) D. Sault (2)	G. Harrington (P) E. Pope(S)	M/P Link	P. Claycomb <i>available</i>	<i>available</i> <i>available</i>	<i>available</i> <i>available</i>

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## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

The Catholic Ministries Drive will provide 100% of the revenue for 14 vital ministries. The ministries are entirely dependent upon contributions received through the Catholic Ministries Drive.

**Our 2021 Target is: \$48,839.00**  
Rec'd to Date: \$6,485.00  
(as of March 15, 2021)

## INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

### Fourth Sunday of Easter

**Acts 4: 8-12** Early in the Acts of the Apostles, Peter and John healed a lame man who used to sit begging each day at the gate of the temple. This miracle led to their arrest, and they were brought before the Sanhedrin. In today's passage, we hear Peter speaking boldly about Jesus to these Jewish leaders. In these few sentences, Peter presents the very heart of the Christian message.

**1 John 3: 1-2** During this Easter season, we are reading from the letter of John. Today's reading reminds us about something both John and Paul emphasized: Jesus has made it possible for us to be God's sons and daughters, not just in some future life, but here and now.

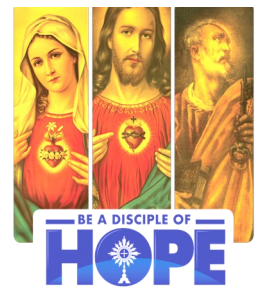
### NEXT WEEKS READINGS:

Acts 9:26-31 and 1 John 3:18-24, Gospel: John 15:1-8

## WITH OUR SYMPATHY

Our deepest condolences to the family and friends of parishioner **Susan (Keech) Claar** who died recently. Susan was very active in our parish and deeply loved by the students she taught at school and those in our religious education program. Her funeral Mass will be celebrated **THIS Friday, April 30 at 10 AM.**

Please keep her husband; Richard, children; Megan & Evan, her parents Ray & Lorraine Keech, her sister; Jennifer (Gary) Zimmerman, her niece and nephews and all who knew and loved her in your prayers. May God grant Susan eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn.



## YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH CELEBRATIONS

### Local Pilgrimage Liturgies and Schedules: May 1 and May 2

Saint Joseph the Worker Church, 628 West 1st Street, Williamsburg is Hosting a Special Day of Prayer on **May 1**, the Feast Day of Saint Joseph the Worker.

Schedule: 9:00 AM Morning Prayer;

9:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary: Joyful Mysteries;

11:30 AM Recitation of the Rosary: Sorrowful Mysteries;

1:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary: Luminous Mysteries;

3:30 PM Recitation of the Rosary: Glorious Mysteries;

4:00 PM Confessions

5:00 PM Vigil Mass of the 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday of Easter.

For directions: <https://discovermass.com/church/st-joseph-williamsburg-pa/>

### Saint Joseph Mission Church, Hart's Sleeping Place

The historic Church in Carroltown PA, blessed by Servant of God, Demetrius Gallitzin himself on October 10, 1830, will be opening once a month for visitation and self-guided tours beginning after May 1, the Feast of St. Joseph the Worker.

Schedule: The Church will be open from **Noon – 3:00 PM** on **Saturday, May 1**, then on **Sundays: May 2, June 6<sup>th</sup>, July 4, August 1 and Sept. 5**. Visit their website: <http://www.sjmc1830.com>

### Special Outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark

Save-the-Date: Sunday August 1 at 4:00 PM A Special outdoor Mass with Bishop Mark as Main Celebrant, will be held on the grounds of St. Joseph Mission Church. The church will be open from Noon - 3:30 PM, with Confessions from 1:00 PM – 3:00 PM

## POPE FRANCIS' DEVOTION TO SLEEPING ST. JOSEPH



"After eight days had passed, it was time to circumcise the child; and he was named Jesus, the name given by the angel before he was conceived in the womb. When the time came for purification according to the law of Moses, they brought him to Jerusalem to present him to the Lord...When they had finished everything required by the law of the Lord, they returned to Galilee, to their own town of Nazareth. The child grew and became strong, filled with wisdom; and the favor of God was upon him." (Lk 2:21-22; 39-40)

In his apostolic letter *Patris Corde*, the Pope describes many of St Joseph's qualities as "a true husband and father, the fiancé who accepted Mary unconditionally and the man in whom Jesus saw the tender love of God." Pope Francis has a practice of placing his concerns under a statue of Sleeping St. Joseph. He speaks of the saint saying, "Joseph is a man who goes unnoticed, who welcomes the mystery and puts himself at its service, never putting himself at the center, but who resolves things that are impossible."

This devotion to the Sleeping Joseph was made public by Pope Francis while on a Papal visit in 2015 to the Philippines at a meeting with families in Manila. "Even when he is asleep, he is taking care of the Church! Yes!" June 12, 2015, Valerie Schmalz, CSF, Catholic San Francisco; <https://catholic-sf.org/news/pope-francis-popularizes-devotion-to-sleeping-st-joseph>. 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

## HOLY WATER FOR HOME USE

There are small containers filled with Holy Water at the main entrance and the front of the Church. You are welcome to take a bottle home with you.

## QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

**ROSARY:** Every day after the **7:45 AM** weekday Mass and every Thursday afternoon at 4:30 PM (HERE)

**May 2** May Crowning (Church) **at the 10 AM Mass**

**May 3** Open House planning Meeting (Rectory Meeting Room) **7 PM**

**May 9** Mother's Day

**May 11** Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory Meeting Room) **6:30 PM**

**May 12/13** Ascension of the Lord Masses

Wednesday, Vigil Mass - **6:30 PM** (at St. Mary)

Thursday - **7:00 AM** (at St. Michael)

**8:30 AM** (HTCS Mass)

**Noon** (St. Mary)

**May 13** Parish Office Closed

**May 15** Flower planting around church grounds **10:00 AM**

**May 16** Baccalaureate (at Hick's United Methodist Ch) **7:00 PM**

**May 20** Cemetery Committee Meeting (Rectory Meeting Room) **1:00 PM**

**May 23** Pentecost

## MAY DEVOTIONS

In honor of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, recitation of the rosary will be held in the Church, **every Saturday & Sunday in May twenty minutes before the 5 PM and 8:30 AM Masses**. You are also invited to join in praying the rosary Monday and Tuesday after the 7:45 AM Masses, and Thursday afternoons at 4:30 PM.

## MAY CROWNING

Children who received their First Communion this year will be participating in the crowning of Mary on **Sunday, May 2nd at the 10 AM Mass**.

## WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Today the Holy Father has asked all Catholic to intercede for vocations. Will you make a special effort to ask the Lord for more vocations to the priesthood and religious life?

- ✚ Pray for the priests who have ministered to you throughout your life, both living and dead.
- ✚ Keep our parish priests and deacons in prayer throughout the week.
- ✚ Encourage your children or grandchildren to consider a vocation as a priest or religious brother or sister.
- ✚ Pray a rosary for more young men and women in our diocese to respond to God's call.

The purpose of this day is to publicly fulfill the Lord's instruction to, "Pray the Lord of the harvest to send laborers into his harvest" (Mt 9:38; Lk 10:2). Please pray that young men and women hear and respond generously to the Lord's call to the priesthood, diaconate, religious life, societies of apostolic life or secular institutes.

## PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Lord Jesus Christ, Shepherd of souls, who called the Apostles to be fishers of men, raise up new Apostles in your holy Church.

Teach them that to serve you is to reign: to possess you is to possess all things.

Kindle in the hearts of our young people the fire of zeal for souls.

Make them eager to spread your kingdom upon earth.

Grant them courage to follow you, who are the Way, the Truth, and the Life; who live and reign forever and ever. Amen.

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**PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL**

*St Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle.  
 Be our protection against the wickedness  
 and snares of the devil.*

*May God rebuke him we humbly pray,  
 and do Thou O Prince of the  
 Heavenly Host, by the power of God,  
 cast into hell, Satan and all the  
 evil spirits, who prowl through the  
 world, seeking the ruin of souls.  
 Amen.*



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