

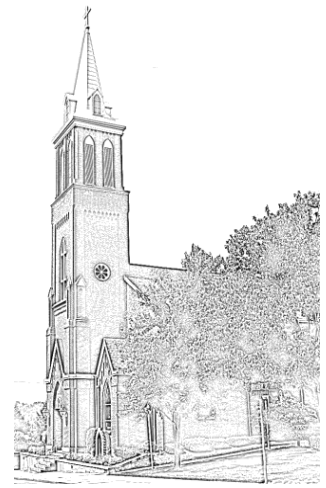
December 13, 2020

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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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.

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.
Closed: Weekends, Holy Days and Holidays

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? Come to the RCIA Inquiry Dec. 13 & 20 at St. Mary Parish social hall.

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

THIRD SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: Isaiah 61:1-2, 10-11 The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who preached after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. In today's reading, the prophet describes how God called him to encourage the people in this desperate time.

Second Reading: 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24 Our second reading comes at the end of Paul's first letter to the Thessalonians. Just as a parent might give last-minute instructions as their child head out the door, so Paul has a list of last-minute instructions for these people whom he loves.

Next Sunday's Readings: 2Samuel 7:1-5,8b-12,14a,16 and Romans 16:25-27; Gospel: Luke 1:26-38

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

December 12 - 20

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.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday, 12/12	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Gabe Pipetti, Sr.	<i>by Connie & Terry Curfman</i>
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Ruth & Andy Swope	<i>by Dan, Vicki & Maeve Lawruk</i>
Sunday, 12/13	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Charles Lafferty	<i>by Ed & Karen Malone</i>
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Raymond Brown	<i>by Elda Brown</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Vance Bolan	<i>by Margie Jeffreys</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Irene Schlecht	<i>by Donald & Jeanette Betar</i>
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Monday, 12/14	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Ralph Conroy (Anniversary Remembrance)	<i>by wife Joan & family</i>
Tuesday, 12/15	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Jim Mulhollem	<i>by Denise Madden</i>
Wed., 12/16	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ John Davis	<i>by K of C #4245</i>
Thursday, 12/17	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Robert "Jim" Gildea	<i>by his brother, Bill & sisters, Pat & Donna</i>
Friday, 12/18	7:45 AM	St. Michael	Tom Baker - for his health	<i>by Ann Corle & Margie Jeffreys</i>
Saturday, 12/19	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Nicholas & Susan Mollish	<i>by George & Sally Mollish & Family</i>
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	Stephen Swope	<i>by Dan, Vicki & Maeve Lawruk</i>
Sunday, 12/20	<i>(Anniversary of the Dedication of St. Michael the Archangel Parish)</i>			
	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Ron Schlecht	<i>by Heather, Archie, Holden & Noelle</i>
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ William & Elda Drass family	<i>by the family</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Cathy Westley	<i>by the Westley Family</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Joe Boland	<i>by wife Carol & family</i>
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

TODAY!

R.C.I.A. PERIOD OF INQUIRY

Are you, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?

Thinking about joining the Catholic Church, and feeling a little lost?

Learn some detailed, Christ-centered guidance on faith development during the RCIA inquiry stage. This phase mimics the first experience of hearing the Word of God, of becoming aware of God's presence, love, and work in our lives. In this first awareness, one is getting to know who God is. It is the phase in which the first stirrings of faith in Jesus Christ begin. ALL ARE WELCOME! Led by Deacon Alan, his wife Joanna and the St. Mary & St. Michael RCIA team, they will help you discern if this is the path for you.

Are you Catholic and interested in helping people join the faith through the RCIA program? New members to the RCIA team are welcome!

**TODAY, Sunday, December 13 and December 20
at 1:00 PM in the St. Mary Social Hall.**

WITH OUR SYMPHAY

Our condolences to the family and friends of parishioner **Margaret Crawford** who died and was buried this past week (12/7/20). Please keep the family in your prayers as they mourn, in particular her brothers George, Raymond, and sister, Carol.



CHRISTMAS MASS HELP!

If you know what Mass you will be attending on Christmas eve, or Christmas day and would be able to help with any of the ministries, please contact the parish office this week. We need volunteers for all our usual ministries: Readers, Ministers of Hospitality, Extraordinary Ministers of Communion, and Sacristans, and we also need volunteers who can commit to staying a few minutes after Mass to help wipe down pews, clear the pews of items etc... before we close the church to spray it with disinfectant. We would also like to be able to broadcast each Mass live on Facebook and could use someone with a smartphone and a Facebook account to be able to do that. *(The latter includes a reserved front row seat for you and your family!!)*

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

Dec. 19 & 20 The Fourth Sunday of Advent

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (12/19)	B. Stevens L. Michelone	L. Savino (primary) S. Teske (secondary)	L. Michelone	L. Michelone R. Stellabotte B. Pfeffer
8:30 AM (12/20)	P. Gildea <i>available</i>	M. Litzinger (primary) V. Litzinger (secondary)	J. DeLozier	A. Carvalho M. Icenroad S. Frank
10 AM (12/20)	D. Lanzel <i>available</i>	C. Brown (primary) A. Jordan (secondary)	MJ Lanzel	J. Harteis L. Georgiana J. Dodson
11:30 AM (12/20)	D. Sault <i>available</i>	B. Codd (primary) <i>available</i> (secondary)	A. Weyant	<i>available</i> <i>available</i>

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Sunday Offering (12/6/20): **\$9,448.00**

Envelope: \$9,373.00 Loose Collection: \$75.50

Twin Parish in Jamaica (12/6/20): **\$177.00**

Maintenance (12/6/20): **\$435.00**

Catholic Charities (12/6/20): **\$30.00**

Share in the Care (12/6/20): **\$220**

Giving Tree (12/6/20): **\$860.00**

Solemnity of Mary (12/6/20): **\$43.00**

Christmas Memorials (12/6/20): **\$600.00**

Christmas (12/6/20): **\$400.00**

Immac. Conception (12/6/20): **\$150.00**

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Today's gospel reports "there is one among you whom you do not recognize." It is hard to believe Christ is present in a family with crazy schedules, suppers that start too late and end too early, cars that don't start, misunderstandings, frustrations, piles of laundry, unmatched socks and stretched food budgets. The list is endless. The words spoken at mass, "The Lord is with you," are not a hope, they are a fact.

ST. MICHAEL MEN'S CLUB

The St. Michael Men's Club will be meeting in the church hall, **THIS SUNDAY, December 13 at 7 PM.** All men of the parish are invited to attend.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

How do we respond to St. Paul's challenge to give thanks to God in all circumstances? We respond with an "attitude of gratitude!" Good stewards know they didn't earn their time, talents or treasure. Good stewards have good memories, recalling where they came from, the struggles of their parents, the struggles of their own lives, those peaks and those valleys that shaped them and brought them to this very moment. And they find themselves very grateful. These are truly gifts from a generous God; miraculously and randomly scattered over the human race, who asks only that we be generous in response.

(Seven Secrets of Successful Stewards, Paul Wilke, 2005 Catholic Update, St. Anthony Messenger Press, Cincinnati, Ohio)

Like the rose candle of the Advent Wreath may we "shine on" as we share our blessings in cheerfulness and joy.

EIGHT WEEK SACRAMENTS COURSE

Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching Sacraments at St. Michael Church Hall, in St. Michael PA, beginning **Tuesday, January 5, from 6:30-8:30 PM**. The cost for this class is \$65, which includes registration and books. These classes may be taken for continuing education credit and Master Catechist requirements. For registration, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. Registration forms are also available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ All are welcome!

CHURCH DECORATING



All are invited to help us decorate the Church for the Christmas season **NEXT Sunday, Dec. 20 after the 11:30 AM Mass.**

Please consider helping, thank you!

Volunteers of all ages are needed to help! Please note that due to the church painting project this year, we will be undecorating and preparing the church for the painting on Sunday Dec. 27 after the 11:30 AM Mass. Please come and give even just an hour of your time. With many hands, the work should go quickly.

CURRENT JOB OPENINGS

There are several job openings available throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. To apply or to learn more visit: www.dioceseaj.org/employment

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Once again we will be remembering the deceased of our families with our Christmas flowers and decorations. If you wish to have a loved one remembered in this special way this Christmas Season then please use the "Christmas Flower/Decoration Memorials" envelope in your Nov. - Dec. envelope packet. **Please remember to fill in the back of the envelope with the memorial intention and by whom it is requested.** Each memorial is a suggested \$10 donation which will be used to help offset the cost of the Christmas decorations, vestments, candles, music etc... that all add so much to the celebration of Christmas. We ask that all envelopes be turned in by **Dec. 14**. If you are currently not receiving envelopes, and would like to, please contact the rectory at 695-0912. **If you do not receive envelopes you may use the form below and bring it to the Parish Office before 4 PM TOMORROW.**

Memorial for: _____
(Please print)

Given by: _____
(Please print)



QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

- WEEKDAYS** Church open for private prayer **7 AM - 4 PM**
- ROSARY:** Every day after the **7:45 AM** Mass, and on Thursdays at **4:30 PM**
- TODAY** RCIA Inquiry (at St. Mary social hall) **1 PM**
- TODAY** Men's Club Meeting (Church hall) **7 PM**
- Dec. 14** Christmas Memorial Flower requests due..... **by 4 PM**
- Dec. 20** Christmas Decorating the church..... **12:30 PM**
- Dec. 20** RCIA Inquiry (at St. Mary social hall) **1 PM**
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Eve Masses** (at St. Michael)
2 PM - 4 PM - 7 PM
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4 PM - 7 PM - 10 PM
- Dec. 24** **Christmas Day Mass** (at St. Mary) **8:30 AM**
(at St. Michael) **10 AM**
- Dec. 27** Christmas Un-Decorating the church **12:30 PM**
- Dec. 31** **Solemnity of Mary** (vigil)
(at St. Mary)..... **4:00 PM**
(at St. Michael) **5:30 PM**
- Jan. 1** **Solemnity of Mary** (New Year's Day)
(at St. Michael) **8:30 AM**
(at St. Mary)..... **10 AM**

SHARE IN THE CARE

Retirement Fund for Religious. Many senior Catholic sisters, brothers, and religious order priests served for little or no pay. Today, religious communities often do not have enough savings to meet retirement needs. Your gift helps provide medications, nursing care, and more for tens of thousands of elderly religious. It also helps ensure younger members can continue the good works of their elders. Please be generous. You may donate to this collection by using the marked envelopes in your packet.

STARTS TODAY!!!

Advent
Confession
Schedule



**24+ HOURS OF
CONFESSION**

JOYFULLY CELEBRATE THE
FORGIVENESS OF GOD

Regularly scheduled Confessions will be heard here
at St. Michael Parish, in the Church Hall, every
Saturday in December at **1:00 PM**,
and every Sunday at **7:30 AM**

And at St. Mary Parish, in the Social Hall, every
Saturday in December at **3:00 PM**

**FR. ALAN WILL ALSO BE HEARING CONFESSIONS
EVERY DAY FROM DEC. 13 - 23.**

Sun.	13th	St. Mary	4:00-6:00 PM	
Mon.	14th	St. Michael	5:45-7:45 AM	
Tues.	15th	St. Michael	6:00-8:00 PM	
Wed.	16th	St. Mary	7:00-9:00 AM	4:00-6:00 PM
Thurs.	17th	St. Michael	12:00-2:00 PM	
Fri.	18th	St. Mary	4:00-6:00 PM	
Sat.	19th	St. Mary	9:00-11:00 AM	
Sun.	20th	St. Michael	4:00-6:00 PM	
Mon.	21st	St. Michael	5:45-7:45 AM	
Tues.	22nd	St. Michael	8:00-10:00 PM	
Wed.	23rd	St. Mary	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	7:00-9:00 PM

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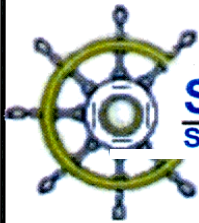


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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

*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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