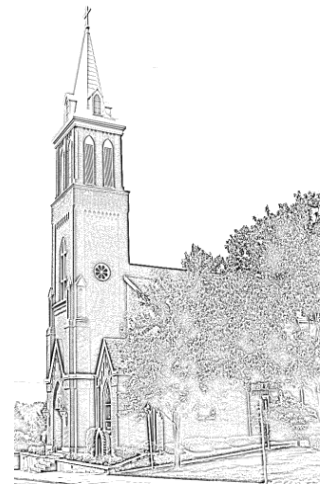


December 27, 2020
THE HOLY FAMILY
ST. MICHAEL
THE ARCHANGEL
PARISH

301 SPRUCE STREET, HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA 16648

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H.T.C.S. Website.....www.holytrinitycatholic.school
Greenlawn Cemetery.....call Tom at (814) 695-2546

**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.

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

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS
FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

First Reading: 2 Samuel 7: 1-5, 8-12, 14, 16 Today's passage refers to the "Ark of God" which was a wooden chest overlaid by gold, where the stone tablets of the 10 Commandments were kept. King David, rich and comfortable in his palace, felt the Ark deserved to be housed in similar splendor. God will tell David that a physical building is not as important as the "house" (that is, the dynasty) of David. Christians have seen this prophecy fulfilled in Christ, who was born of the House of David.

Second Reading: Romans 16: 25-27 Our second Scripture reading is the conclusion of Paul's long letter to the Romans. It is one sentence, and it is very much like a toast offered to God. In effect, Paul is saying that it all comes down to this: We should give thanks to God that salvation is available to all people through faith in Jesus Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 15:1-6;21:1-3 and Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19 Gospel: Luke 2:22-40

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

December 19 - 27

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, 12/19	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	
Monday, 12/21	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Leta Wilt (Anniversary Remembrance)	<i>by the Family</i>
Tuesday, 12/22	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Lori Irwin-Kozlowski	<i>by her parents; Bob & Louise Irwin</i>
	10:00AM	St. Michael	+ FUNERAL MASS FOR PHILIP BAKER	
Wed., 12/23	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Fr. Tony Legarski	<i>by K of C #4245</i>
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Thursday, 12/24	<u>CHRISTMAS EVE</u>			
	2:00 PM	St. Michael	For the Sick & Elderly	
	4:00 PM	St. Mary	For the People of St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes	
	4:00 PM	St. Michael	For Our Children & Teenagers	
	7:00 PM	St. Mary	For the People of St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes	
	7:00 PM	St. Michael	+ For Our Deceased Relatives & Friends	
	10:00 PM	St. Mary	For the Intentions of the Celebrant	
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Friday, 12/25	<u>CHRISTMAS DAY</u>			
	8:00 AM	St. Mary	For the People of St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes	
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	For Friends & Benefactors of St. Michael and St. Mary Parishes	
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Saturday, 12/26	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Raymond Boslett	<i>by Ann Ference & Eric</i>
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Carol Jeffreys-Scott	<i>by the Family</i>
Sunday, 12/27	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Adam Lawruk	<i>by Ron Putorek</i>
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Lois Mielnik (Birthday Remembrance)	<i>by her husband Ray</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Vance Bolan	<i>by Andrea Bolan</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Vincent & Emma Nedzinski	<i>by Dave & Mary Jo Lanzel and 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.

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

WITH OUR DEEPEST SYMPATHY

Our condolences to the family and friends of parishioner **Phil Baker** who died recently (12/17/20). Phil was a life-long member of St. Michael Parish and will be greatly missed. Please keep his family in your prayers as they mourn, in particular his sisters: Patty & Terry and his brothers: Fritz, Joe, Tim, Charlie, Tom & Ray.

Our condolences also to the friends and family of **Sister Celeste Ciesielka** and **Jim Norris** who also died this past week.

May God grant Phil, Sr. Celeste and Jim eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn their loss.



LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

Dec. 26 & 27 The Holy Family

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (12/26)	C. Swope	J. Klingbeil (primary)	L. Michelone	D. Bonetti
	L. Michelone	D. Straub (secondary)		P. Chapin
8:30 AM (12/27)	B. Stevens	C. Feathers (primary)	J. DeLozier	R. Baker
	<i>available</i>	M. Fiore (secondary)		T. Baker S. Frank
10 AM (12/27)	D. Culp	G. Sweeney (primary)	R. Pompa	T. Wilt
	<i>available</i>	M. DeRose (secondary)		G. Olsavick J. Dodson
11:30 AM (12/27)	D. Stoehr	<i>available</i> (primary)	M. & P. Link	P. Claycomb
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i> (secondary)		<i>available</i>

~~~ OUR GIFTS TO GOD ~~~

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (12/13/20): **\$10,279.77**

Envelope: \$7,362.77 Loose Collection: \$114.00

Online Giving (9/1 - 9/30/20): **\$2,803.00**

Twin Parish in Jamaica (12/13/20): **\$234.00** **Maintenance** (12/13/20): **\$284.00**

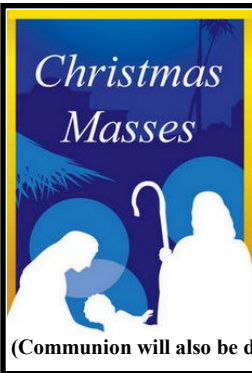
Catholic Charities (12/13/20): **\$2.00** **Share in the Care** (12/13/20): **\$465.00**

Giving Tree (12/13/20): **\$200.00** **Solemnity of Mary** (12/13/20): **\$3.00**

Christmas Memorials (12/13/20): **\$500.00** **Christmas** (12/13/20): **\$162.00**

Immac. Conception (12/13/20): **\$439.00** **All Saints** (12/13/20): **\$23.00**

Immac. Conception Loose Coll (12/13/20): **\$39.00** **Assumption** (12/13/20): **\$20.00**



Christmas Eve - Thursday, Dec. 24

- 2:00 PM at St. Michael Church
- 4:00 PM at St. Michael & St. Mary Church
- 7:00 PM at St. Michael & St. Mary Church
- 10:00 PM at St. Mary Church

Christmas Day - Friday, Dec. 25

- 8:00 AM at St. Mary Church
- 10:00 AM at St. Michael Church

(Communion will also be distributed outside at both parishes after all Christmas Day Masses)

Christmas Masses at St. Michael Parish

COVID safety measures have required us to limit the available seating in our church. We will use the church hall to make room for overflow. Unfortunately, the choir loft will not be available for extra seating. We encourage you to attend the same Mass with your family, because families can sit together without distancing and allows more space to be available for others. Please allow Ministers of Hospitality to seat you so that we can best utilize the space we have.

Please remember that we need to wear masks at all times during Mass. Also, we should try to keep at least six feet between persons who are not of the same household. Those coming to Holy Communion should observe proper procedure in sanitizing their hands as well.

The church will be closed and cleaned and sanitized between all Masses. For that reason, at the Christmas Eve Masses, we will have the final blessing before Communion and ask you to leave after receiving Communion. This will also allow for an easier and less crowded dismissal.

If you are unable to attend Mass but would still like to receive Holy Communion on Christmas, we have two options for you: *We understand if you don't feel comfortable attending Mass inside the church, but we strongly encourage you to receive Holy Communion for Christmas.*

1. All Christmas Eve Masses will be streamed live on our Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelHolidaysburg/> (You do not need a Facebook Account to watch this.) You may watch the live stream on your smart phone or tablet from your car and then come to the main entrance of the church (or the Church hall) to receive Holy Communion.
2. You may watch a recording of our 2:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass (on our parish website and Facebook) or another recorded Mass and then come to the side door of the church, between the Church and the Rectory, after the 10:00 AM Christmas Day Mass.

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS: Dec. 24 & 25 Christmas

MASS	READER	EXTRA ORDINARY MINISTER	SACRISTAN	MINISTER OF HOSPITALITY	SOUND TECHNICIAN	FACEBOOK LIVE
2:00 PM	B. Stevens	M. Icenroad	R. Dehaven	available	J. Klingbeil	A. Wilk
12/24	A. McClain	available		available	M. Icenroad	
		available		available		
				available		
4:00 PM	L. Michelone	available	L. Michelone	available	T. Surkovich	M. Leap
12/24	available	available		available		
		available		available		
				available		
7:00 PM	D. Sault	R. Pompa	J. DeLozier	G. Olsavick	B. Craig	E. Elder
12/24	available	available		available		
		available		available		
				available		
10 AM	P. Gildea	E. Pope	available	T. Baker	B. Gervinski	n/a
12/25	available	R. Stellabotte		R. Baker		
		available		available		
				available		

CHRISTMAS MASS OPTION

OUTDOOR MASS - Father Aron will offer the Holy Mass on Christmas Eve OUTDOORS at Holy Cross Cemetery in Jerome, PA beginning at 2:00PM. Fr. Aron will use a radio transmitter, so those praying the Mass can do so while remaining in their vehicles. Fr. Aron will bring Holy Communion to your car. Any envelopes will be sent to their respective parish of origin. Holy Cross Cemetery is located right off of Rt. 219 (when exiting Rt. 219 drive several hundred feet toward Jerome and make a right onto Maple Springs Road (right across from Dollar General), go around the sharp corner to the right and the cemetery will be a few hundred feet on your left directly past Maple Springs Church of the Brethren). All are welcome.

DIOCESE TO AIR CHRISTMAS MASSES & TV SPECIAL

As part of its continuing efforts to keep local Catholics connected during the coronavirus pandemic, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is pleased to offer expanded television opportunities through its *Proclaim! TV Ministry this Christmas*.

Bishop Mark Barchak will celebrate Mass on Christmas Eve at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown, which will air live at 7:00 p.m. on WWCP FOX 8. The Christmas Day Mass at Saint John Gualbert will air at Noon on WATM ABC 23 with the Very Reverend James Crookston, Rector, as the celebrant.

This year, the diocese is also presenting a television special **“Joy to the World: Christmas in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.”** The show will highlight beloved Christmas traditions, the overwhelming spirit of giving, and beautiful music from parish and school musicians. It will air TODAY, December 20 at 1:00 p.m. on WATM ABC 23 and on Christmas morning at 7:00 a.m. on WWCP FOX 8.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR MASSES

We currently still have several ministry spots that need filled for the Christmas Eve, and Christmas Day Masses. If you know which Mass you will be attending and can help, please log on to Ministry Scheduler Pro and volunteer for an open spot, or call the parish office (695-0912) by Tuesday.



ST. MICHAEL MASS ONLINE

You can watch a recording of the 2:00 PM Christmas Eve Mass on our parish website and the parish Facebook page:

www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org

<https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelHolidaysburg/>

We are very grateful to parishioner **Harold DeLozier** who has been volunteering his time and equipment to provide the Mass recordings.

GOD SAVES

A Christmas Message from Bishop Mark

Christmas just won't be the same this year. How many of us have heard those words lately? As a result of an invisible virus, people will not be getting together with extended family and friends to celebrate Christmas. Who would have thought that shoppers would be more concerned about finding toilet paper and basic food items, than finding the "perfect Christmas gift" for someone who is special to them? How many more can't even think about Christmas shopping because they are currently out of work? And dare I ask if some people only want the long-awaited vaccine, while for others the word vaccine represents all types of suspicion about certain groups or organizations who are trying to take over the world?

So many elements of the difficult circumstances of today's world were evident in the time when the Blessed Virgin Mary received, with humility and joy, the awesome news that she would conceive a child through the power of the Holy Spirit. That this child was to be known as Emmanuel, which means "God is with us." Mary had little opportunity to rejoice, even though that was her first reaction. Her life was soon upended when just at the time she was to have this baby, she and Joseph had to travel to Bethlehem for the census. So much for government making life difficult!

The rest of the story of the birth of the Lord Jesus, as you know, is a mixture of hardship and rejoicing: no room at the inn; baby is born in a stable; dirty shepherds are the first to visit; astrologers come with gifts that were not on the shopping list; Joseph had to literally grab Mary and the baby and run for their lives into Egypt to escape the jealous King Herod; their experience of the first Christmas resulted in them becoming homeless refugees. Yet the Gospel tells us that "Mary treasured all these things and reflected on them in her heart" (Lk 2:1).

One of my favorite Christmas stories is about a family that decorated their house. It was an all-day activity, both inside and outside. When they were finally finished and sat down for supper that evening, one of the children noticed that there was no Baby Jesus in their manger scene. An elder sibling reported that it was not in the box. No one could find it.

Later that evening, the 8 year old son in that family came down the stairs and went over to the family manger. His parents thought he was saying a prayer. He quietly left. As the parents went to turn off the lights, they noticed that the boy had placed a small Crucifix in the crib. The next morning at breakfast a family discussion ensued about the missing baby Jesus and how it seemed so out of place to see the adult crucified Jesus there. The 8 year old who had put it there simply said, "Isn't that why Jesus came?"

In the confusion, antagonism, alienation, fear, anxiety and distress that so many are experiencing these days, we need the joy and the hope that was born into the world in a manger in Bethlehem. Even more so, we need the power of the redemption that the Lord Jesus brought through his suffering, death, and resurrection. If you are trying to grasp how that can happen in the circumstances of our world today, ask the Blessed Virgin Mary how she could find anything to treasure in the midst of her family's hardship. Her answer would be one word: Jesus; which means "God saves."

With prayers and best wishes for a Blessed Christmas and a Better New Year,

- *Bishop Mark*



2020 Christmas Memorials

In memory of those we love.

Thank you to all made a donation to our Christmas Memorials.
Donations will be used to help defray the cost of our Advent and Christmas decorations, flowers, music, candles etc.



*All loved ones listed below will be remembered at our Christmas Masses.
Please keep them, their family and friends, and all who grieve, in your prayers.*

FR. ANTHONY LEGARSKI

**DECEASED MEMBERS
OF THE
MORINGIELLO-MINERD
FAMILIES**

*by Dan & Cynthia
Moringiello*

BARBARA WILT
by Terry Wilt

DRUCILLA WILT
by Terry Wilt

STEVE & EDNA KOSTICK
Bob & Darlene Low

JOHN & LOUISE LOW
Bob & Darlene Low

MARIAN WOJCIC
Bob & Darlene Low

WILLIAM & MARIE BAKER
by Patty Baker

**JOE & DELLA ,
AND SISTER KATHLEEN
LEAP**
by Patty Baker

**CATHERINE, ED, JOHN,
HANA,
AND LINDA BAKER**
by Patty Baker

**GRANDPARENTS, AUNTS,
AND UNCLES**
by Patty Baker

**DANNY, PEGGY,
and ELEANOR HART**
by Patty Baker

RICHARD McCOY
by the family

RAY RILEY
by Nancy & family

FR. RAYMOND CROSSER
by a friend

FERD & MARY HITE
by Carl & Karen Dietze

CARL & SHIRLEY DIETZE
by Carl & Karen Dietze

**MOM & DAD:
JUNE & JOHN JOHNSTON**
by Pat Tarlton & Family

**MY HUSBAND:
BUD TARLTON**
by Pat

JOHN LUDDY
by wife Patricia

CLARENCE MURIHEAD
by Pat

THOMAS J. SAULT
by Donna Pielmeier-Sipes

THE LOZINAK FAMILY
by David & Annie Lozinak

THE RAKACZKY FAMILY
by David & Annie Lozinak

THE BETTWY FAMILY
by David & Annie Lozinak

BERNIE FREDERICK
by Shirley

PAT CUMMINGS
by Shirley

MARLENE BERKEY
by Shirley

JOSEPH VELLER
by Connie Veller

TIMOTHY VELLER
by Connie Veller

ARTHUR & OLGA HOLZER
by Rich & Lynn Holzer

**EDWARD & ELIZABETH
PETRONIE**
by Rich & Lynn Holzer

PATRICIA CLAAR
by Scott & Deb Claar

**DECEASED FAMILY
AND FRIENDS**
by Scott & Deb Claar

WILLIAM BAKER
by Raymond Baker

MARIE BAKER
by Raymond Baker

**THE ROBERT J. GILDEA,
BRINT BLACK and
ERNIE AYERS FAMILIES**
by Donna & Patricia Gildea

**MRS. GRACE MIELNIK
and FAMILY**
by Charlotte Claar, niece

RUTH WALTER
*by her daughter, Jacki
Mowery*

**THE GIBNEY and BALLOS
FAMILIES**
*by their grandchildren,
Tom & Elsie Gibney*

**THE ZENGEL AND PENN
FAMILIES**
*by their grandchildren,
Elsie & Tom Gibney*

CATHERINE C. BAKER
by Charles A. Baker

MARGARET BAKER-HART
by Philip Baker

**RAYMOND &
MARGARETTA WILKER**
by Tom Baker

JOHN F. BURNS
by Patti Raybuck

BEATRICE A. BURNS
by Patti Raybuck

FRANK & MINNIE McClain
by Frank & Anna McClain

BOB & JANE ROSEBERRY
by Frank & Anna McClain

ELEANOR OLLINGER
by Susan Lamertina

ARTHUR OLLINGER
by Susan Lamertina

**VINCENT & EMMA
NEDZINSKI**
*by Dave & Mary Jo
Lanzel & family*

JEROME LANZEL, JR.
*by Dave & Mary Jo
Lanzel & family*

RELATIVES & FRIENDS
*by Dave & Mary Jo
Lanzel & family*

SALVATORE BUCCERI
by Cora Jones

ROSA BUCCERI
by Cora Jones

KEN JONES
by Cora Jones

ANDREW & HELEN WASIL
by Paul & Genny Raymond

**ADOLPH & VIRGINIA
RAYMOND**
by Paul & Genny Raymond

MARK WASIL
by Paul & Genny Raymond

EDWARD BAKER
by Karen Baker -Sowers

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE MASON FAMILY**
by Greg & Lisa Michelone

**DECEASED MEMBERS OF
THE MICHELONE FAMILY**
by Greg & Lisa Michelone

DECEASED FRIENDS
by Greg & Lisa Michelone

**FRANCES & GEORGE
FREGONE**
by Roseann Fregone

ROSEMARY CALLIVAS
by Roseann Fregone

**MARIA & SALVATORE
ANZALONE**
by Roseann Fregone

**MY PARENTS,
ANGELINE & HENRY
MANGIACARNE**
by Joan Conroy

**MY BROTHER,
JOSEPH MANGIACARNE**
by Joan Conroy

**MY HUSBAND,
RALPH CONROY**
by Joan Conroy

CECILIA T. KLINE
by Steve & Janice Kline

FRANCIS BAILEY
by Steve & Janice Kline

ROGER BAILEY
by Steve & Janice Kline

THE CURTIS FAMILY
by Alan & Kim Curtis

THE SHEFTALL FAMILY
by Alan & Kim Curtis

ABORTED CHILDREN AND THEIR FAMILIES
by Alan & Kim Curtis

JOE & RITA BURGER
by Jeannie Burger

MARK JOSEPH BURGER
by Jeannie Burger

JOHN & LOIS BISHOP
by Frank & Gina Zabinsky

MARY ZABINSKY
by Frank & Gina Zabinsky

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE KROL FAMILY
by Tedd & Beckie Krol

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE WHITE FAMILY
by Tedd & Beckie Krol

MY MOTHER, MARY DELOZIER
by Lucie Dodson

MY BROTHER, RICHARD DELOZIER
by Lucie Dodson

MY STEPFATHER AND MOTHER, RAY & DORA DODSON - BERKHEIMER
by Joe Dodson

DON IMLER
by Pauline Imler

THE STETTER FAMILY
by Pauline Imler

CHIC & MARIE RAISER
by Susan Ragusa

FRAN RAISER
by Susan Ragusa

LORI IRWIN - KOZLOWSKI
by her parents, Robert & Louise Irwin

JENNIFER ROLES
by Clete & Helen Illig

GEORGE & ELEANOR FITCH
by the Fitch & Levine Families

JAMES & MARTHA SHOEMAKER
by the Fitch & Levine Families

WALLACE & MARY ALICE POTTER
by the Fitch & Levine Families

WILLIAM & LUCY KETTL
by the Fitch & Levine Families

ED & DIANE WITMYER
by the Fitch & Levine Families

DENNIS FITCH
by the Fitch & Levine Families

PETER & GLADYS AMIS
by the Fitch & Levine Families

CARL SNYDER
by Allen & Nancy Levine

JONATHAN LEVINE
by Allen & Nancy Levine

PARENTS: JOE & RITA BURGER
by Mark & Jo DeLozier

BROTHER: MARK BURGER
by Mark & Jo DeLozier

FATHER: GORDON DeLOZIER
by Mark & Jo DeLozier

GRANDPARENTS: CHARLES & MARY BURGER
by Mark & Jo DeLozier

GRANDPARENTS: NICHOLAS AND MARY HORVATH
by Mark & Jo DeLozier

GRANDPARENTS: VICTOR & PLACEDÉ LITTLE
by Mark & Jo DeLozier

GRANDPARENTS: LEVI & MARGUERITE DeLOZIER
by Mark & Jo DeLozier

CHARLES & ETHEL DURBIN
by John & Mary Leap

JOHN & ANGELINE LEAP
by John & Mary Leap

JUNE JOHNSON
by the Smithmyer Family

SHELIA BARTON
by the Smithmyer Family

PATTY DUVAL
by the Smithmyer Family

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUVAL/SMITHMYER FAMILY
by the Smithmyer Family

GUY LUCIANO
by the Family

BOB DAVIDSON
by the Family

BOBBI MURRAY
by the Family

DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE GEORGIANNA & LUCIANO FAMILIES
by the Family

RALPH & MARY FRANK
by John & Jennie Frank

DUANE V. FRANK
by John & Jennie Frank

MABEL & GRAHAM LINDSEY
by John & Jennie Frank

DAVID & DONALD BRUMBAUGH
by John & Carole Swope

RUTH & ANDY SWOPE
by John & Carole Swope

STEVE SWOPE
by John & Carole Swope

WILLIAM & ELDA DRASS & FAMILY
by Elda Brown & Family

RAYMOND R. BROWN
by Elda Brown & Family

FOR OUR COUNTRY
by Phil & Maureen Aquadro

VINCE WOLF
by Ambrose Aquadro

BOB KORHAN
by his wife & sons

THE DECEASED MEMBERS OF THE DUFFY & KORHAN FAMILIES
by Rosemary Duffy- Korhan

ERNEST TOMASSETTI
by Richard & Marcia Smith

WILSON & HELEN SMITH
by Richard & Marcia Smith

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THE SOLEMNITY OF MARY

NEW YEARS DAY

January 1st, is the Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. As the early ecumenical councils of the church defined, Mary is more than just the mother of the human Jesus of Nazareth. She is much more; she is the Mother of God. Mary bore in her womb the Eternal Word of God.



New Year's Eve - Thursday Vigil Mass

4:00 PM - at St. Mary

5:30 PM - at St. Michael

New Year's Day - Friday Mass

8:30 AM - at St. Michael

10:00 AM - at St. Mary

We all know the Christmas story: Mary and Joseph journey to Bethlehem to complete the Roman census; humbly, Jesus is born in a stable; angels sing Glory to God in the highest, proclaiming Christ's birth to shepherds, who then hurry from their fields to the stable to adore the newborn King.

Perhaps not as familiar is the prophet Isaiah's joyous prophecy about the Savior Who will come to be the Light of the World and lead the people out of darkness. Christ's light guides us on our stewardship journey to be His disciples.

This is the day when the Church holds most sacred the memorial of Christ's birth. The Prince of Peace has appeared on the earth. Lights are strung on pine trees and around the inside and outside of our homes these winter days. Darkness is shattered and the newborn Child brings light into our lives. The Incarnate Word dwells among us and now begins the great revelation of our salvation in the Son of God, Jesus, our Savior and Lord.

On this beautiful celebration of Jesus' birth, let us keep in prayer our family members who are alone or neighbors in need of our support. May they find peace in the birth of the Incarnated Word with our gifts of food, clothing, and a listening ear.

*A holy, blessed, peace-filled
Christmas to all!*

*Merry
Christmas*

Thank you to all of our parishioners for your generous help during this unprecedented time. Whether you have signed up for online giving, made an extra donation, mailed your envelopes in, or most importantly prayed for the St. Michael Parish Family, we offer our deepest gratitude.

Thank you for your continued support! One thing this year has shown us more than anything is the strength of faith and the unwavering care and compassion of our parishioners.

*All of you and your loved ones
are in our prayers!*

* Please note that as of Jan. 2 all weekend Masses at St. Michael will be said in the parish Activity Building (next to the school). Weekday Mass will be said at St. Mary Church

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

QUESTION: What do you call a family which began with an unmarried pregnant teen and had a twelve year old son who ran away from home and was eventually executed as a criminal?

ANSWER: HOLY!

Two lessons in today's gospel: (1) No matter what is happening in your family, "The Lord is with you." (2) "Do not be afraid" for "nothing is impossible with God." *"A Family Perspective" - by Bud Ozar*

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LAST TIME BEFORE CHRISTMAS

*Advent
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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	at St. Mary	11:00 AM-1:00 PM 7:00-9:00 PM

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

For students from St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes!

All 7th-12th graders from both St. Michael's and St. Mary's parishes are encouraged to get involved with our parish youth group. We have some upcoming service projects that we could really use your help. So invite a friend or guest and come volunteer while having some fun. Upcoming service projects which would qualify for service hours for school or confirmation process include:

Sunday, December 20th, 12:30pm-Help move decorations to St. Michael's Church and decorate the church

Tuesday, December 22nd, 7:00pm, Activity Building next to St. Michael's Church-Sign greeting cards, and assemble care packages for residents of Garvey Manor and St. Leonard's Nursing Homes. Students must wear a mask and will be spread out in the Activity Building at different stations. We will practice social distancing. Help is needed to bring our senior residents some joy and hope, especially after being in lockdown for almost 9 months now. If any parishioner would like our Youth Group to have a card sent to their loved one, who may be in a different care facility, please contact Tim Baranik at 814-207-7008 to provide their information.

Sunday, December 27th, 12:30pm-As St. Michael's prepares for painters to paint the church after January 1, help is needed to take decorations down, and/or be transported to Activity Building next door

WITH OUR THANKS

- Many thanks to **Ben Gervinski** and **Gabe Hayes** for joining the sound board crew. We also welcome **Marco Swope**, who recently volunteered to be trained and work the board. We could still use a few additional volunteers for each of the Masses. Especially in the new year. If you think you would be interested, contact the parish office or email: johnpelder@aol.com
- Thank you to **Gerry Pontzer** for organizing to have flowers delivered to our parishioners who are shut-in, or bereaved. **Thanks also to the parishioners who picked up and delivered the flowers** and to **Joan Ballash** for sending our parishioners in nursing homes a card. These visits and acts of kindness are greatly appreciated.

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKDAYS Church open for private prayer7 AM - 4 PM

ROSARY: Every day after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass

TODAY Decorating the Church 12:30 PM

TODAY RCIA Inquiry (at St. Mary social hall) 1 PM

Dec. 22 Youth Group Meeting (Activity Bldg) 7:00 PM

Dec. 23 - 25 Parish Office Closed

Dec. 24 **Christmas Eve Masses** at St. Michael

2 PM - 4 PM - 7 PM

Christmas Eve Masses at St. Mary

4 PM - 7 PM - 10 PM

Dec. 24 **Christmas Day Mass** at St. Mary.....8:00 AM
at St. Michael..... 10 AM

Dec. 27 Christmas Un-Decorating the church 12:30 PM

Dec. 31 - Jan 1 Parish Office Closed

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

DECORATING & UNDECORATING

TODAY, Dec. 20 after the 11:30 AM Mass. 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.

REASON FOR THE SEASON ROAD TRIP



December 23rd
6:30-8:00pm



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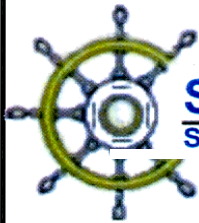


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 and snares of the devil.
 May God rebuke him we humbly pray;
 and do Thou O Prince of the
 Heavenly Host, by the power of God,
 cast into hell, Satan and all the
 evil spirits, who prowl through the
 world, seeking the ruin of souls.
 Amen.*



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