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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.  
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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.

**INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS**

**THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY AND JOSEPH**

**Genesis 15:1-6; 21:1-3** In ancient Near Eastern culture, it was thought it essential to have a male descendent to carry on the family line and inherit all that his parents had worked for. But the elderly Abraham and Sarah were still childless, which seemed to contradict God's earlier promises to them. Today's passage will tell us how this problem is resolved.

**Hebrews 11:8, 11-12, 17-19** The author of the letter to the Hebrews frequently held up Old Testament heroes as models of faith. He did this because he was writing to a community whose faith was wavering. Today he presents, as examples, Abraham and Sarah whose faith had survived severe testing.

**Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 60:1-6, Ephesians 3:2-3a, 5-6; Gospel: Matthew 2:1-12**

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

**December 26 - January 3**

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>
<b>Saturday, 12/26</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	St. Mary	+ Raymond Boslett	<i>by Ann Ference &amp; Eric</i>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Carol Jeffreys-Scott</b>	<i>by the Family</i>
<b>Sunday, 12/27</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	+ Adam Lawruk	<i>by Ron Putorek</i>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Lois Mielnik</b> (Birthday Remembrance)	<i>by her husband Ray</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	+ Vance Boland	<i>by Andrea Bolan</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Vincent &amp; Emma Nedzinski</b>	<i>by Dave &amp; Mary Jo Lanzel and Family</i>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>	
<b>Monday, 12/28</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Guy Luciano</b>	<i>by his daughter Anita</i>
<b>Tuesday, 12/29</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Ann Fanelli</b> (Birthday Remembrance)	<i>by her daughter Patti Geesey</i>
<b>Wed., 12/30</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	St. Mary	+ Leonard, Dorotheann & Don Simendinger	<i>by the Family</i>
<b><u>Solemnity of Mary, the Holy Mother of God</u></b>				
<b>Thursday, 12/31</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	St. Mary	Phillip Daus	<i>by his wife &amp; family</i>
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>For Blessings in the New Year</b>	
<b>Friday, 1/1</b>	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>	
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	John R. Hite	<i>by Alfreda, Karen, John, Len &amp; Carrie</i>
<b>Saturday, 1/2</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	St. Mary	+ Jack Hallberg	<i>by his wife, Carol</i>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Joe Boland</b> (Anniversary Remembrance)	<i>by Carol &amp; Family</i>
<b>Sunday, 1/3</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	+ Mary Healy	<i>by Joseph &amp; Jennifer Kimble</i>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Dorothy Sagaities</b>	<i>by the Lady Tigers Girl Softball Team</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	♡ Carol & Bud McCoy - 57th Wedding Anniversary	
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ Jerome Lanzel Jr.	<i>by Dave &amp; Mary Jo Lanzel and Family</i>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>	

## 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**

## PARISH PAINTING PROJECT

When was the last time you looked up at the ceiling of our church? Well, we have. The ceiling has been in need of repair and painting for quite some time. The parish Pastoral, Finance and Maintenance Committee have been busy working together with our Painting Committee the past few months and the repair work and painting of the church is set to begin January 2, 2021.

**As of Jan. 2, 2021 all daily Masses at St. Michael will be said at St. Mary's church at the normal scheduled time.**

**All weekend Masses at St. Michael will be said at the normal scheduled time in the parish activity building (large building attached to the school).**

*Handicap access is on Pine St.*

## LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

Jan. 2 & 3 The Epiphany of the Lord

<u>Mass</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>Extraordinary Min.</u>	<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Min. of Hospitality</u>
<b>5 PM (1/2)</b>	C. Swope	L. Savino (primary)	A. Curtis	<i>available</i>
	B. Stevens	S. Teske (secondary)		<i>available</i>
<b>8:30 AM (1/3)</b>	B. Anthony	B. Pfeffer (primary)	A. Carvalho	R. Baker
	M. Schlechter	R. Stellabotte (secondary)		T. Baker <i>available</i>
<b>10 AM (1/3)</b>	G. Sweeney	C. Brown (primary)	M. Culp	J. Dodson
	A. Lewis	A. Jordan (secondary)		G. Olsavick J. Harteis
<b>11:30 AM (1/3)</b>	D. Sault	E. Pope (primary)	M. & P. Link	P. Claycomb
	<i>available</i>	G. Harrington (secondary)		<i>available</i>

## ≈≈≈ OUR GIFTS TO GOD ≈≈≈

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Sunday Offering** (12/20/20): **\$14,544.00\***

*Envelope: \$14,461.00\* Loose Collection: \$83.00*

*\* The collection includes a generous gift of \$10,000.00 from the Allegheny Club.*

<b>Twin Parish in Jamaica</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$140.00</b>	<b>Maintenance</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$225.00</b>
<b>Catholic Charities</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$45.00</b>	<b>Share in the Care</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$275.00</b>
<b>Solemnity of Mary</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$186.00</b>	<b>Christmas Memorials</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$285.00</b>
<b>Christmas</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$915.00</b>	<b>Immac. Conception</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$87.00</b>
<b>Proclaim!</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$8.00</b>	<b>Parish Painting Project</b> (12/20/20): <b>\$10,100.00</b>

## CONGRATULATIONS!

We are happy to welcome into our parish **June and Cooper Carbaugh**, the children of Ryan & McKayla. June and Cooper were baptized here last weekend. Please keep them in your prayers as they continue to grow in their faith.

## WITH OUR THANKS

- Thank you to all who helped with our Christmas celebration. From the great turnout of volunteers who helped decorate, those who helped pay for the poinsettias, the volunteers who streamed the Masses live on Facebook, Harold Delozier for video recording, the parishioners who served in our ministries, to the choirs and musicians, organists and cantors, to those who stayed and helped clean and sanitize the church, we thank you all! Thanks also to Deacon Allen and Deacon Chuck and to Seminarians, Brian and Justin and of course to Fr. Bonaventure. Thank you, thank you, thank you!!!
- Thanks to our Parish Council and to the Hollidaysburg Ministerium for hosting the *Reason for the Season Road Trip*. It was a great way to share Christmas joy.
- Thank you to the two parishioners for their recent generous donations towards the parish painting project including one donation for \$10,000!

## FAMILY RITUAL

Does your New Year's Resolution include coming closer to God? As we continue through the uncertainty of our times, it is our priority as Christians to encounter Him more deeply. Consider doing spiritual reading, alone or as a family, to learn more about your faith. Schedule in daily prayer times and consider ways you can love and serve others better this year.

*From Andre McCarville - Director of Family Life - Diocese of Altoona Johnstown*

## THE FEAST OF THE EPIPHANY

*When is the Feast of the Epiphany?*

January 6... if it falls on a Sunday, In the U.S. and most other countries, it is celebrated on Sunday, January 6; or the Sunday that falls between January 2 - 8. Traditionalists celebrate it on the 6th.

**This Year it is January 3rd!**

Caspar, Melchior and Balthasar were the three kings from the Orient. They are also known as the Three Wise Men or the Three Magi. The word "Epiphany" comes from the Greek word "to reveal". This day is known as "Theophany" - the revelation of God to Man.


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## QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

**WEEKDAYS** Church open for private prayer .....7 AM - 4 PM

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

**TODAY** 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

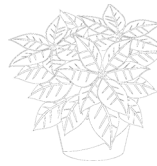
at St. Michael..... 8:30 AM

at St. Mary ..... 10 AM

## DECORATING & UNDECORATING

Due to the painting project beginning next Saturday, we will be undecorating the church **TODAY, 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.

## TAKE HOME A FLOWER TODAY



Since the painting of the church will begin next weekend, we need to remove all the Christmas decorations including the poinsettias. If you would like to take one home with you please feel free to do so.

**JOIN WITH OTHERS  
PRAYING THE ROSARY**

Every Thursday afternoon  
4:30 PM  
at St. Mary Church

**All are invited!**




## CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE

PARISH GOAL: **\$48,361.00**

TOTAL AMOUNT RECEIVED: **\$32,435.00**

REMAING AMOUNT TO REACH GOAL: **\$15,926.00**

Thank you to those who have supported of the Catholic Ministries Drive during this trying time. The Catholic Ministries Drive provides each of us the opportunity to show the impact our Catholic faith has in making the world a better place. Your donation will directly fund 14 ministries that are the face of Christ in our Diocese.

If you are able to donate to the Catholic Ministry Drive, please note that all donations **must be postmarked by Dec. 31, 2020** to receive a tax deduction for 2020. The diocese can accept appreciated stock and mutual funds and qualified charitable distributions from IRAs. For help with these two opportunities, donors may contact the Office of Stewardship and Development at 814.695.5577 or go to [www.dioceseaj.org/ways-to-give](http://www.dioceseaj.org/ways-to-give). Transfer instructions are available on this webpage. If you have any questions, please contact Pam Seasoltz at 814-695-5577 or [pseasoltz@dioceseaj.org](mailto:pseasoltz@dioceseaj.org).

## FAMILY PRAYER

*Today we celebrate the lives of the Holy Family, Jesus, Mary and Joseph. We are thankful for our own moms and dads, sisters, brothers, grandparents, cousins, aunts and uncles. How lucky we are to have so many people in our lives that care about us. Help us to grow strong in the ties that bring us together and our love for one another. - Amen*

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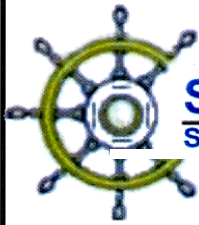
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*St Michael the Archangel, Defend us in battle.  
 Be our protection against the wickedness  
 and snares of the devil.  
 May God rebuke him we humbly pray;  
 and do Thou O Prince of the  
 Heavenly Host, by the power of God,  
 cast into hell, Satan and all the  
 evil spirits, who prowl through the  
 world, seeking the ruin of souls.  
 Amen.*

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