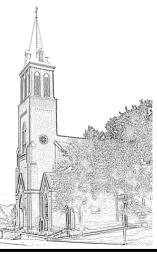


February 16, 2020 Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH



301 SPRUCE STREET, HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA 16648

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H.T.C.S. Website	www.holytrinitycatholic.school
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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.

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

Regularly on Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. and Sundays: 7:30 a.m.

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? Please contact the parish office. Classes generally begin each Fall.

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Sirach 15: 15-20 The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's passage, he urges his students to make the right choices in life.

1 Corinthians 2: 6-10 Paul continues to address the Corinthian community who criticized him because, according to Greek standards, he lacked wisdom. To the Greeks wisdom meant a certain pattern of logical reasoning that followed fixed forms. We will hear Paul speak of a wisdom that is greater than this.

Next Sunday's Readings: Leviticus 19: 1-2, 17-18 and 1 Corinthians 3: 16-23; Gospel: Matthew 5:17-37

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS for Feb. 15 - 23

DATE	TIME	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
Saturday, Feb. 15	5:00 p.m.	 Deceased Members of the Walter Kocoloski Family 	by Helen Tomasetti and family
Sunday, Feb. 16	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	 + Genevieve Sharbaugh + Chris Weyant + Louis Lanzendorfer (Birthday Rem.) 	by Dee Barkley and family by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gonsman by his family
Monday, Feb. 17	7:45 a.m.	+ Alicia Knab	by her co-workers from Ambulatory Care
Tuesday, Feb. 18	7:45 a.m.	+ Howard M. Wilt (Anniversary Rem.)	by the family
Wednesday, Feb. 19	7:45 a.m.	+ Barbara Zanker	by the Zanker Fund
Thursday, Feb. 20	8:30 a.m.	Holy Trinity School Mass	
Friday, Feb. 21	7:45 a.m.	+ Joe Nedimyer (Anniversary Rem.) and Mary Ellen Nedimyer	by the St. Michael Parish Ushers and Men's Club
Saturday, Feb. 22	5:00 p.m.	+ Annie Gehret	by Tom and JoAnne Lipple
Sunday, Feb. 23	8:30 a.m. 10:00 a.m. 11:30 a.m.	 Robert James "Jim" Gildea Gertrude "Trudy" Keller For the People of the Parish 	by his brother Bill and his sisters: Pat and Donna by Joe and Lucie Dodson

ARISE! SEASON 4 BEGINS SOON



Create a new heart and a generous spirit this Lent by joining one of our ARISE Together in Christ small groups. This is a fantastic Together in Christ

opportunity for you to make new friends, strengthen your faith, and form a deeper relationship with Christ. Join us by signing up TODAY! Small groups will begin meeting the first week of March. There are a variety of groups, times, locations, and leaders. To join a group or if you have any questions, contact Kathy Balconi (Parish Arise Coordinator) by calling/texting 585-730-0757 or email: kathybalconi1@gmail.com All materials and supplies for ARISE will be provided.

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	<u>Group 1</u>	Meets on Sundays at 7 PM - 8:30 PM Starts: March 1 <i>Leader: Doug Stoehr</i> Location: 144 Deer Track Rd - Duncansville
N	<u>Group 2</u>	Meets on Tuesdays 10 AM - 11:30 AM Starts: March 3 <i>Leader: Pat Gildea</i> Location: 1200 N. Juniata St– Hollidaysburg
	<u>Group 3</u>	Meets on Tuesdays 7 PM - 8:30 PM Starts: March 3 <i>Leader: Kathy Balconi</i> Location: Parish Rectory Meeting Room
С С	<u>Group 4</u>	Meets on Wednesdays 10 AM - 11:30 AM Starts: March 4 Leader: Kathy Balconi Location: Parish Rectory Meeting Room
С С	<u>Group 5</u>	Meets on Wednesdays 7 PM - 8:30 PM Starts: March 4 Leader: Kathy Balconi Location: Parish Rectory Meeting Room

PLEASE NOTE: If you were in a group for Season 3 and wish to remain in that group, you may pick up your "ARISE! Season 4" book at the church entrance. (Large print books are available if needed.)

\$395.00

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Thank you for your generosity!		
Sunday Offering (2/9/2020):	\$7,689.00	
Sunday Envelopes:	\$7294.00	

PLEASE NOTE: The Parish and Diocese Offices will be closed tomorrow, Monday, Feb. 17.

Sunday Loose Collection:

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS
by Joe and Lucie Dodson
by his brother Bill and his sisters: Pat and Donna
by Tom and JoAnne Lipple
by the St. Michael Parish Ushers and Men's Club
by the Zanker Fund
by the family
by her co-workers from Ambulatory Care
by Dee Barkley and family by Dr. and Mrs. Richard Gonsman by his family
by Helen Tomasetti and family

WEEKLYSACRISTAN (2/16 - 2/22/20): A. Musser SCRIP (2/23/20): J. Hartkorn COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL (2/23/20): The Collins family

ASSIGNMENTS FOR MASSES: Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time			
February 22 - 5:00 PM			
rs:	M. Dodson (1) & L. Gehret (2)		

	Readers:	M. Dodson (1) & L. Gehret (2
	Altar Servers:	R. Edwards & A. Edwards
	E. Min.:	J. Burke
	Gift Bearers:	The Byrne Family
Weekend Sacristan: R. Dehaven		

Sunday, February 23 - 8:30 AM

Saturday,

Readers:	P. Yakymac (1) & B. Stevens (2)	
Altar Servers:	S. Blescia & N. Tyndall	
E. Min.:	R. Stellabotte	
Gift Bearer:	The Blescia family	
Weekend Sacristan: A. Carvalho		

Sunday, February 23 - 10:00 AM

Readers:	C. Swope (1) & A. McClain (2)
Altar Servers:	G. Long & M. Swope
E. Min.:	C. Brown
Gift Bearers:	The K. Olsavick
Weekend Sacristan: R. Pompa	

Sunday, February 23 - 11:30 AM

D. Sault (1) & J. Amgott (2)	
G. Georgiana & J. Georgiana	
L. Georgiana	
The Hayer family	
Weekend Sacristans: M. & P. Link	

Wed, February 26 - 6:30 PM - Ash Wednesday hle

Readers:	avallable & avallable	
Altar Servers:	available & available	
E. Min.:	available	
Gift Bearers:	available	
Weekend Sacristan: available		

MINISTRY NEEDS: We are still in need of volunteers to serve as Readers, Altar Servers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Gift Bearers and Weekend Sacristans for Ash Wednesday, Holy Week and on Easter Sunday. To volunteer please log on to Ministry Scheduler Pro or contact the parish office. Please sign-up soon so that schedules may be completed.

SEMINARY DISCERNMENT RETREAT

St. Mark College Seminary, Erie, PA April 4 - 5, 2020

Who is invited? Any young man who is seriously considering applying to seminary, who is a junior or senior in high school, college student, or older. He needs to be known and recommended by his Vocation Director of his respective diocese (Altoona-Johnstown, Buffalo, Erie, Greensburg, Rochester). The weekend is designed to assist young men to discern whether they might be called to diocesan priesthood, to familiarize them with the basic goals of seminary formation, and to help each individual determine whether he is ready to move forward with the application process. (A young man who is not yet 18 years old may attend, but his parents need to sign a release form provided by St. Mark's.)

<u>What will be included</u>? Presentations by seminary faculty and seminarians, informal interaction with seminarians, tour of Gannon University, Liturgy of the Hours, Eucharistic Adoration, Confession, and Sunday Mass. Accommodations and all meals will be at the Seminary.

What is the registration process? A young man interested in attending the Discernment Retreat should speak with his Vocation Director, who will determine whether this opportunity is appropriate for his stage of discernment. The Vocation Director will then make arrangements with St. Mark College Seminary. There is no charge to attend. For more information about St. Mark College Seminary, go to www.erievocations.org and click on St. Mark College Seminary.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

To experience the peace which Christ promises we must shed our grudges, jealousy and feelings of being misunderstood, unappreciated or ignored. Peace and anger don't mix. Today's gospel warns that if you want peace in your heart and home, get rid of your anger. Anger is too costly.

"OVER 80" MASS & BRUNCH

St. Michael Parish cordially invites all of our parishioners who are 80 years of age or older, and their family, to a special brunch after Mass on:

Sunday, March 15

Mass will be at 11:30 AM in the church, followed by brunch at 12:30 PM in the church hall.

Please complete the form below and place it in the collection basket, or **call 695-2546 or 695-1253.**



St. Michael Parish Over 80 Brunch

Name of Honoree:

Number Attending the Brunch:

Please complete and place in the collection basket, or return to the rectory office by March 8.

QUEEN ESTHER - LIVE ON STAGE

Saint Catherine of Siena Parish in Duncansville is sponsoring a bus trip to the Sight and Sound Theatres to see: Queen Esther - live on stage. **Tuesday, June 9, 2020** the cost is \$125.00 and includes: transportation, the performance, and a family style meal at Hershey Farm Restaurant. First come first serve until sold out. The bus will depart Martin's Food Plaza, Duncansville at 6:30 AM. Call Ron 935-4804 or Darlene 934-1759 to reserve your spot.

UNLOCKING THE MYSTERY OF THE BIBLE

Deacon Rick Golden will offer a scripture class "Unlocking The Mystery Of The Bible." It will be held at St. Michael's school cafeteria in Loretto. The 8 week course will start Monday, February 24 at 6:00 PM. Workbooks and materials are \$25.00 (not mandatory) but material alone is \$10.00 (suggested) and couples may share. Please call the Basilica rectory to register at 472-8551 or the Deacon's home at 495-9673. The facility is handicap accessible.



HOLLIDAYSBURG CHURCHES HOSTING LENTEN LUNCHES

The Hollidaysburg Ministerium, comprised of many Blair County clergy and leaders, alongside their congregations and local churches, are hosting Lenten Lunches beginning noon on Thursday, February 27 and continuing through April 10 on each successive Thursday. Lunches for Feb. 27, March 5 and March 12 will be held at First United Methodist Church located at 801 Allegheny Street in Hollidaysburg, PA. Lunches held on March 19, March 26, and April 2 will be held at Zion Lutheran Church located at 500 Allegheny Street in Hollidaysburg, PA. Lunches promptly begin at noon and continue typically until 1:00 PM. A light lunch and inspiring message is included. A freewill donation is accepted to defray the costs and generate financial support for the American Rescue Workers food pantry. The public is always invited. The Lunches culminate with a Good Friday service held at Zion Lutheran Church on Friday, April 10. The public is cordially invited to attend.

Fr. Alan Thomas will be the guest speaker on March 12 and our church will be serving the meal. If you are able to help serve the meal, please call the rectory office or let Rita Pompa (693-1819) know as soon as possible.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship is not an effort through our time talent and money to create a relationship with God. It is our response to God with our time, talent, and money. It is our relationship with him that already exists through his Son, Jesus Christ. Christian stewards strive to be people of integrity. They practice their God-given gift of free will to choose right over wrong, good over evil.



Family Faith Day 2020 at Delgrosso's Park in Tipton, PA on **Sunday, June 28.** Mass with Bishop Mark, Free Parking, Discounted All Day Fun Passes, and Community & Faith Building Opportunities. Come join us!



Dear Friend in Christ,

Lent is often called the "tithe of the year," being approximately one-tenth of the year when Catholics give to God. During these next forty days, believers are challenged to renew their spiritual devotions and duties—and one of those holy duties is to support the Church.

It is also the time when the Diocese begins its annual Catholic Ministries Drive, a diocesan-wide community appeal to raise funds to support 14 vital ministries. The campaign focuses on three significant areas: *Forming Clergy and Laity, Nurturing Our Youth, and Caring for the Poor and Strengthening Families.*

Announcement/Education Sunday is **TODAY**, **February 15-16**, and Commitment Sunday is February 22-23. The 2020 goal is \$2,294,584. Each parish is assigned a target, and dollars raised over the goal will be returned to the parish for needs at their discretion.

The CMD supports the ministries that provide programs and services beyond the resources of any single parish. The programs of our local parishes are essential because much of the work of the Church takes place at the local level.

It would be impossible for any individual parish to duplicate the scope of these ministries. By having the diocese coordinate programs such as religious education, seminarian education, and vocations, deacon and lay ministry formation, and youth and campus ministries, we eliminate the duplication of services and save both time and money. It's important to know that the 14 ministries rely solely on parishioner support, and 100 percent of donations are restricted to these ministries. If funding decreases, the ministries will face the threat of reduced services. We must all share the responsibility to sustain them.

Catholic Charities is just one example of a ministry that cannot be done in any parish. Its scope of helping our neighbors in need is enormous.

In your contribution letter from Bishop Mark and the Winter/Lent issue of **PROCLAIM** *Christ in your Life* magazine, you will meet Debbie, a recipient of emergency financial assistance, who was both brave and proud to share her Catholic Charities experience. You will also meet lifelong CMD donors, Peter and Denise Kreckel, who were gracious to share why they support the ministries.

The question for all of us is, "What can I do to serve the many missions of my Church?" Please **Ignite Your Faith** and support the ministries of our Diocese. Consider a gift today.

You can mail your gift directly to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; place in your parish offertory; or make online at <u>www.dioceseaj.org/giving</u> (Online is an easy way to give, and you are receipted immediately. It also saves the Diocese administrative costs.)

For more information about the ministries go to <u>www.dioceseaj.org/ministries</u> or contact Pam Seasoltz, Director of Stewardship and Development at 814.695.5577 or <u>pseasoltz@dioceseaj.org</u> **Thank you for your continued support!**

Yours in Christ,

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Very Rev. Alan E. Thomas Vicar General

LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION

The Passion Accounts in the Gospels



Father Alan will be leading an adult education class giving a brief overview of the passion accounts in the synoptic gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) and in the gospel of John. These classes will be held **each Tuesday during Lent beginning at 6:30 PM.** The location will be announced shortly. Classes will

run for approximately 1 ½ to 2 hours. There is no cost, but you should bring a bible with you. The New American Bible, New American Bible Revised Edition, the Revised Standard Version (Catholic), or the New Revised Standard Version (Catholic) are recommended translations.

FREE SOUP SATURDAYS at ST. MICHAEL PARISH



Starts THIS Saturday!

St. Michael parish will once again host the Free Soup Saturdays. Our dates to host this year are: **THIS Saturday, Feb. 22, 29 & March 7** from **11 AM - 1 PM**. MANY volunteers are needed to make and donate soup, provide desserts, set up, and serve each week. If you can help in any way, please **call Rita and leave a message at 693-1819**. This is a wonderful outreach to our community, and much appreciated, especially in the cold winter months. Everyone is welcome to help, especially confirmation students.

MANY THANKS!

Thank you to all who attended the Valentine's Day Mass for Married Couples. An extra thank you to **Kim Olsavick** (cantor), **Elda Brown** (organist), **Joe & Rita Pompa** (altar servers), **Dave & Mary Jo Lanzel** and **Greg & Lisa Michelone** (readers), and **John & Michelle Smithmeyer** (gift bearers). It was a beautiful evening to give thanks for love and for the Sacrament of Matrimony. There were over 27 couples who attended including **Tom & Judy Sutch** who have been married the longest (66 years) and **Allen & Chantal Lill** who have been married for the shortest amount of time (5 years). Many thanks also to **Fr. Alan** and **Rita Pompa** who organized the event, Black Dog Café who catered the reception, and to all who helped set-up and clean-up, especially: **Sue & Ed Eger, Jim & Lisa Gehret,** and **Dan & Janet Klingbeil.**

ASH WEDNESDAY, FEB. 26



Masses with Distribution of Ashes

7:00 AM, 8:30 AM (H. T. C. School Mass), and 6:30 PM

There will also be a Prayer Service with Ash distribution at **Noon** and **3:00 PM**

THE CATHOLIC REGISTER

This month's copy of the Catholic Register, the official publication of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, is available at the church entrances. All are invited to take a copy home with them today.

LITTLE BLACK BOOKS

Every family is invited to pick-up a "Little Back Book" at the entrances to the church this weekend. You are encouraged to use this book through Lent. The book provides quick daily seven minute readings and reflections, and can be a great aid to your Lenten prayer time.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

"Stay with Us"

Any questions call our D.R.E., Sue Teske at 695-0912 or 934-2180 email: Steske@dioceseaj.org

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

PRE K - 9TH GRADE

TODAY	No Class - President's Day weekend	
Feb. 23	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
March 1	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
March 8	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
March 15	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
March 22	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM
March 29	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM

2nd Grade RECONCILIATION RETREAT FOR 2nd GRADE STUDENTS



Students in the 2nd grade, who are preparing to receive their First Sacrament of Reconciliation on Feb. 29 are reminded that they are to attend the Reconciliation Retreat in the church hall, **THIS FRIDAY, February 21 at 6:00 PM** (At least one parent should attend as well.)

10:00 AM

Feb. 29 First Reconciliation (Church)

"YEAR OF INVITATION" (9th Grade)

Feb. 26 Service hours due

"YEAR OF FORMATION" (10th Grade)

- Feb. 26 Service hours due
- Mar. 8 Religious Ed. (for ALL but BGHS students; Activ. Bldg) 12:30 PM

"YEAR OF REFLECTION" (11th Grade)

Feb. 26	Service hours due			
Mar. 1	Session: "Morality"	(Activity Bu	ilding)	12:30 PM
Mar. 8	Religious Ed. (for ALL b	ut BGHS stu	dents; Ac	tiv. Bldg) 12:30 PM



"Building Up the Kingdom of God: GOD's work, OUR hands!"

All students in grades 6-8: you won't want to miss **Junior High Youth Day 2020. Sunday, March 15,** at Bishop Carroll High School, Ebensburg, The day will consist of uplifting messages, challenging games, and Liturgy with Bishop Mark. There will be lots of faith, fun, and friendship for all. To register, contact our parish Director of Religious Education: Sue Teske. *Deadline to register is March 6.*

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Monday: Prayer Group (in the Church) 1:00 PM SCRIP: sold after the 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday Masses in the Church Hall

- Feb. 17 Parish Office Closed
- Feb. 19 Pastoral Council & Finance Council Meeting
 - (Parish Activity Building) 6:30 PM
- Feb. 21
 Reconciliation Retreat for 2nd Gr. (Church hall)
 6:00 PM
- Feb. 22 Free Soup Saturday at St Michael Parish 11 AM 1 PM
- Feb. 26 Ash Wednesday

Mass Schedule: 7:00 AM, 8:30 AM and 6:30 PM

Prayer Service (with ash distribution): Noon and 3:00

Feb 26 - Mar. 4 Parish Office closed

Feb. 27	Ministerium Lenten Lunch (1st United Methodist Ch)	Noon
Feb. 28	Stations of the Cross (Church)	6:30 PM

