



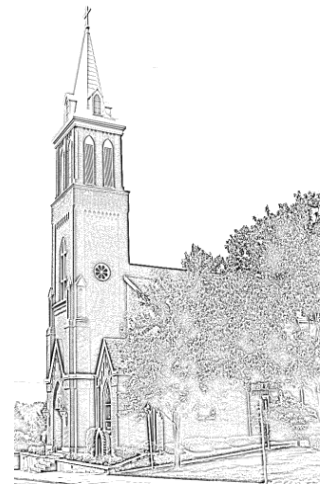
February 21, 2021

First Sunday of Lent

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.

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

FIRST SUNDAY IN LENT

Genesis 9:8-15 Today's reading from Genesis takes place after the story of Noah and the great flood. Israelite people of long ago saw the rainbow as a symbol of a Warrior-God hanging up his hunting bow as a peaceful gesture. The rainbow symbolizes the solemn promise that God made to Noah.

1 Peter 3:18-22 This reading reminds us that just as Noah was saved through the ark, we are saved through Baptism. Early Christians believed that those who died before the coming of Jesus awaited redemption in a shadowy existence described here as a prison. When we say in the Apostles Creed that "Jesus descended into hell," we are saying that Jesus went to announce to those waiting in that "prison" that they had been saved.

Next Sunday's Readings: Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18 and Romans 8:31-34; Gospel: Mark 9:2-10

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

February 20 - 28

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.

* **PLEASE NOTE:** As of Jan. 2, 2021 ALL weekend Masses at St. Michael will be said in the parish Activity Building.
ALL weekday Masses at St. Michael will be said at St. Mary Church (312 Clark St. - Hollidaysburg)

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, 2/20	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Roberta Burley	by Jackie, Cassie, Mary & family
	5:00 PM	St. Michael *	+ Barry Michelone	by the Michelone family
Sunday, 2/21	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Daniel Bimle	by Mr. & Mrs. Robert Long
	8:30 AM	St. Michael *	+ Louis Lanzendorfer	by his family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Tom Gaetano Catalano	by Tom & Peggy Catalano
	10:00 AM	St. Michael *	+ Joseph Nocek	by Gary & Vikki Nocek
	11:30 AM	St. Michael *	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Monday, 2/22	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Guy Luciano	by his daughter Anita Carvalho
Tuesday, 2/23	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Ron McCleary	by Todd Oppel
Wed., 2/24	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Shelia T. Buterbaugh	by Mom & Dad
Thursday, 2/25	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Pat Madden	by C.A. Sheehan
Friday, 2/26	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Donald Simendinger	by Mr. & Mrs. Donald Hale
Saturday, 2/27	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Living & Deceased Members	by Holy Name Society
	5:00 PM	St. Michael *	+ Ernest Tomassetti	by Walter & Connie Tomassetti
Sunday, 2/28	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Barbara Catina	by Genevieve Catina
	8:30 AM	St. Michael *	+ Anne Marie Koestler	by brother Bob, Connie & the Magdelinic Family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Bill Kirsch	by Merle & Paulette Kirsch
	10:00 AM	St. Michael *	+ Joe Burger	by the McNelis family
	11:30 AM	St. Michael *	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

Second Sunday of Lent

FEB. 27/28	Reader	E.M.H.C.	Sacristan	Hospitality	Tech
Sat. 5 PM	L. Michelone (1) C. Swope (2)	D. Straub (P) L. Savino (S)	R. DeHaven	D. Klingbeil J. Klingbeil	available
Sun. 8:30 AM	M. Schlechter (1) B. Stevens (2)	R. Holzer (P) available (S)	A. Carvalho	R. Baker T. Baker available	B. Gervinski
Sun. 10 AM	D. Culp (1) G. Sweeney (2)	M. Culp (P) T. Wilt (S)	R. Pompa	J. Dodson J. Harteis G. Olsavick	available
Sun. 11:30 AM	D. Sault (1) D. Stoehr (2)	G. Harrington (P) E. Pope (S)	M/P Link	P. Claycomb available	G. Hayes

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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Weekly Offering for 2/14/21

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Envelope: \$5,311.00

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Maintenance ^(2/14/21) **\$110.00**

Initial Envelope Collection ^(2/14/21) **\$5.00**

Votive Candles ^(2/14/21) **\$69.00**

Twin Parish ^(2/14/21) **\$130.00**

Ash Wednesday ^(2/14/21) **\$170.00**

Minority Groups ^(2/14/21) **\$71.00**

Solemnity of Mary ^(2/14/21) **\$5.00**

PARISH PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE

This week the ceiling was trimmed with a gold accent band. The walls of the church were prepped and prepared for priming. Unfortunately more areas of weak plaster were discovered on the walls and the plasters will be called back in to fix those areas. Several samples of the border have been painted for the painting committee to review, and the scaffolding that has filled the church has been removed. Light fixtures have been repainted as well. Detail work on the area surrounding the Sanctuary work is just about complete.

This week the church will be cleaned (lots of dust from the plasters) and the pews and carpet recovered before work continues.

RELAY FOR LIFE SUB & PIZZA SALE



NEXT weekend Feb. 27 - 28, Our combined parish Youth Group will be taking orders for Marianna's Hoagies and Pizza after all weekend masses. Proceeds go directly to our Diocese's Relay for Life Team. Relay for Life is a community based fundraising event for the American Cancer Society. Your pizza and sub orders will be available for **pickup on Saturday, March 13th**. A reminder with the exact time and location will be handed out during the pre-sale order. We greatly appreciate your support of this very worthy cause!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are encouraged to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross at **6:30 PM** on Fridays of Lent at St. Mary's Church. The half-hour devotional service is based on the passion and death of Jesus and is a great individual and family event.

JOIN WITH OTHERS PRAYING THE ROSARY

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

All are invited!

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

First Sunday of Lent (Mark 1:12-15) Jesus went into the desert to put his life in perspective. This Lent, take a fresh look at a difficult relationship in your life. Concentrate on the positive things that person does, not just the negatives. Try to understand why their behaviors "bug" you. Can you honestly share your feelings with them without attacking them? Make Lent a time to MEND and FORGIVE!

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's readings remind us that "baptism is God's most beautiful and magnificent gift" (*Catechism of the Catholic Church; 1216*). In your Lenten Journey, May you re-commit yourself to living as Jesus' disciple and a passionate steward of all God's gifts in the kingdom of God. We should strive to fully participate in this Lenten season by mirroring Jesus, the model steward by whom we are called to imitate. Through our time in the desert, we will confront evil by weeding out the roots of sin in our lives through fasting. May we be sustained and nourished in the desert by prayer. (*Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, January 25, 2021*)

May we also model ourselves after Saint Joseph who was a creative hardworking and courageous child of God. We must strive to be the caretakers of all the sons and daughters who are in need of food, clothing, shelter, security and safety. It is in the Spirit of the Living God that we may build up the Church in the earthly Kingdom of God that is here and now.

VALENTINES FOR THOSE IN OUR CARE FACILITIES

Thank you to our Youth Group for a fantastic turnout in making Valentines for residents in our local care facilities. Twenty 7-12th graders made 185 Valentines for residents of Garvey Manor and St. Leonard's Nursing Homes, with 70 of the Valentines (those with permission) having treats attached to them! It was a great event and wonderful to see students of both St. Michael's and St. Mary's parishes working together. Thank you to the students and parents on our advisory committee for their efforts in making this a wonderful community service event!

YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH



On December 8, 2020, the 150th Anniversary of the proclamation of Saint Joseph as Patron Saint of the Universal Church, Pope Francis issued the Apostolic Letter *Patris Corde* (With a Father's Heart) as an extended reflection of the holy foster father of Jesus and spouse of Mary. Written in the backdrop of the Covid-19 Pandemic he shares, "Saint Joseph devoted himself as a father in varied ways: beloved, tender and loving, obedient, accepting, creatively courageous, working, and "in the shadows."

Because of Pope Francis' deep devotion to Saint Joseph, he also announced on December 8 that the Church would be celebrating a Year of Saint Joseph, "which would take place for one year up to December 8, 2021. This is to be a special year with a special focus of the Church's prayers and activities devoted to Saint Joseph. This year can also be a special year for those in need of Saint Joseph's healing intercession in their relationship with their own father. It will be a year of discovery and growth for all. See: "*The Church Grants Plenary Indulgence for the Year of Saint Joseph*":

<https://www.vaticannews.va/en/pope/news/2020-12>

There will be prayer experiences, liturgies, special activities and local pilgrimage sites named throughout the eight counties in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. There will be many opportunities to gain Plenary Indulgences during the year according to the norms of the Church. 2021, *Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.*

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

ROSARY: Every day after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass and every Thursday afternoon at 4:30 PM (at St. Mary's Church)

Feb. 23 Parish Finance Council Meeting **6:30 PM**

Feb. 26 Stations of the Cross (at St. Mary's) **6:30 PM**

Feb. 27-28 Marianna Hoagie/Pizza sale (at all Masses)

CONGRATULATIONS!

On Saturday, Feb 20th our students in the second grade sacramental preparation program received the Sacrament of Reconciliation for the first time. Much gratitude is extended to their Religious Education teachers and to their parents for helping them to prepare for the sacrament. Please keep the students in your prayers as they continue their preparation to receive the Holy Eucharist in a few months.

LISTENING TO GOD

"Prayer without listening, without meditation, is like picking up the telephone, dialing God, and saying, 'Hey God, I have this problem' and then hanging up...without even waiting for an answer," says Susan Dobson, an entertainment producer and business manager.

"Now I slow down and sit still and go to my house of prayer within." God speaks to us in many ways. We have to slow down to listen.

Trappist monk Father Thomas Keating says, "God's first language is silence and everything else is translation." And so "when one allows oneself to be really still, beyond thinking," he says that allows us to grasp "an intuitive sense of a deeper presence than ourselves."

It's possible to listen to God with our heart; to listen in the sights, sounds and beauty of the natural world.

In the "Way of Perfection" (xvii), St. Teresa refers to the habit of conversing often with God, something which she says we shouldn't be embarrassed to do. "Be confident that He will suggest to your heart what to say." "Be still, and know that I am God. (*Ps. 6:10*)

-*Christopher News Notes 12 East 48th St. New York, NY 10017*

CHURCH HISTORY ZOOM CLASS

Church History: The story of diversity, multiple developments, and pluralism. In this 8-week Zoom online class, Deacon Don Giboney gives an overview of Church history focusing upon Christianity in Europe from apostolic times to the present. Classes are Wednesdays from 6:00-8:30 PM beginning **February 24th**. Registration fee is \$45. To register please contact the Office of Lay Ecclesial Ministry at (814) 361-2000 or mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome!

MINORITY GROUPS

By virtue of our baptism into Christ Jesus, we are all missionaries, beginning with our own families and parishes. Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must continue to build God's Kingdom in our world. Thank you for your prayerful support of the Minority Groups Collection.

HELP WANTED

A parishioner is looking for someone to stay with them from 8 PM - 8 AM for a few nights a week as they recover from a recent illness. Minimal care will be required, you will only need to be able to give aid if needed. (adjust oxygen lines, assist with mobility etc...) Medical experience not necessary. If interested please contact the parish office.

FISH FRY LUNCHES

The Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament parish will provide a drive thru Fish Fry Lunch on the Fridays of Lent, except Good Friday, from 11:00 AM until 1:30 PM. The cost is \$9.00 for a meal of beer battered fried fish, mac and cheese, cole slaw, and a sandwich roll. Take out only. Orders of 10 or more meals will be delivered if you call ahead at 944-4603.

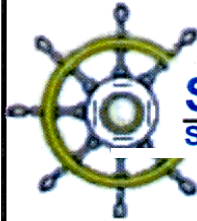
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PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

*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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 EVERY SUNDAY on our parish website and the parish face-
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