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February 28, 2021  
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**PRAYER TO  
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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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 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.

**INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS**

**SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT**

**Genesis 22:1-2, 9-13, 15-18** Events in today's reading took place approximately 1800 years before Christ. In that pagan culture, child sacrifice was common. That's why Abraham believed God wanted him to sacrifice his only son, Isaac. Later generations constantly looked back to this event as Abraham's great faith.

**Romans 8:31-34** Today's reading is part of a hymn that celebrates God's love and which concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. In our first reading, we heard how God spared Abraham's only son; in this passage we will hear how, out of love for us, God did not spare His only son.

**Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 20:1-17 and 1 Corinthians 1:22-25; Gospel: John 2:13-25**

**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.

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

**February 27 - March 7**

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)

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday, 2/27	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Living & Deceased Members of the Holy Name Society	by members
	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 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	
Monday, 3/1	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Anita Jubas	by her husband John & daughter Maren Jubas
Tuesday, 3/2	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Ron McCleary	by Helen Hines & Chris Carlington
Wed., 3/3	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Lola McSurdy	by George & Sally Mollish & family
Thursday, 3/4	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Veronica Evey	by Pete & Gerry Pontzer
Friday, 3/5	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Dr. Francis J. Aigner	by Dan & Beth Norris
Saturday, 3/6	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Mary Ellen Leamer	by Mr. & Mrs. Joseph P. Leamer & Family
	5:00 PM	St. Michael *	+ Amelia Britz	by Bill & Judy Ward
Sunday, 3/7	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ William P. Walcutt	by Blazewicz Family
	8:30 AM	St. Michael *	+ Joe Veller (Anniv. Rem.)	by his wife, Connie
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Dolores Carnell, Dorotheanne & Donald Simendinger	by the Family
	10:00 AM	St. Michael *	For the intentions of Jack & Jennie Frank (In honor of their 68th Wedding Anniv.) by their children & grandchildren	
	11:30 AM	St. Michael *	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

### NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

*Second Sunday in Lent*

March 6/7	Reader	E.M.H.C.	Sacristan	Hospitality	Tech
Sat. 5 PM	B. Stevens (1) L. Michelone (2)	S. Teske (P) L. Michelone (S)	A. Curtis	D. Bonetti P. Chapman	available
Sun. 8:30 AM	P. Gildea (1) available (2)	R. Holzer (P) M. Fiore (S)	R/C Leister B. Pfeffer R. Stellabotte	M. Icenroad	J. Elder
Sun. 10 AM	C. Swope (1) D. Culp (2)	A. Lewis (P) R. Pompa (S)	M/D Culp	R. Culp T. Wilt G. Olsavick	M. Swope
Sun. 11:30 AM	D. Stoehr(1) D. Sault (2)	B. Codd (P) D. Stoehr (S)	available	P. Claycomb available	available

### PARISH PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE

This week the plaster work on the northern wall was completed and the choir loft and the southern wall have been primed and painted with two coats of paint called "Snow Drop". The painting, finance and pastoral council members finalized some minor detail changes. Carpet for the new sound and video tech area has been purchased and will be installed soon. Thank you once again to all who have donated to the project. When the project is complete we could use some volunteers to help clean and polish the wood on the pews and other wood surfaces. If you are available to help, (especially during the day) please contact the parish office.



### PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Grant, we pray, almighty God, that by Saint Joseph's intercession your Church may constantly watch over the unfolding of the mysteries of human salvation, whose beginnings you entrusted to his faithful care. Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

### OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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**Weekly Offering for 2/21/21**

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**Maintenance** (2/21/21): **\$115.00**  
**Twin Parish** (2/21/21): **\$189.00**  
**Ash Wednesday** (2/21/21): **\$254.00**  
**Minority Groups** (2/21/21): **\$275.00**  
**Initial Env. Coll.** (2/21/21): **\$10.00**

### 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 based on the passion and death of Jesus and is a great individual and family event.



### FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

*Second Sunday of Lent (Mark 9:2-10)* The apostles thought they knew Jesus, but when he changed in front of them at the Transfiguration, they were "afraid." In families, we cannot freeze relationships because change and growth are inevitable. Children grow up, parents grow old and spouses change. Transfigurations are all around us and within us. Relationships can only grow when we embrace the new and let go of the old.

### STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Abraham's trust in God earned him a reward that was beyond his expectations. The transfigured Jesus is evidence to everyone who is fully obedient to God's will that all disciples will have everything to gain when they place their trust in God. "If God is for us, who can be against us?" (Romans 8:31)

God desires to have this intimate relationship with us too. As we entrust our lives to God, He will fully reveal Himself to us as He did to Saint Joseph, in his dreams. We will be able to see Christ in our lives more clearly as He truly is.

Let us strive to journey up the mountain and bring others with us to share and reflect on His profound love. And let us pray for total surrender to His providence of all the gifts that we have been given and must share with others.

(Stewardship Reflections, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, January 31, 2021)

### PRAYER AND PLENARY INDULGENCE OPTIONS FOR THE YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

The first way to get to know Saint Joseph is through reading and praying with the Gospels of Jesus Christ according to Saint Matthew and Saint Luke. We learn the history of Saint Joseph in an indirect way through the story of the life and teachings of Jesus of Nazareth. The actions and facts of Saint Joseph's life are revealed through his relationships and roles as the foster father of Jesus and the spouse of Mary.

During this special year in the Catholic Church, the Faithful will have the opportunity to commit themselves "with prayer and good works, to obtain, with the help of St. Joseph, head of the Heavenly Family of Nazareth, comfort and relief from the serious human and social tribulations that besiege the contemporary world today." They will be granted what is called a "Plenary Indulgence," a time to repair the sinful relationship that we entered into because of personal sin, even though we have been forgiven. "It is in offering actions and prayers that allow for "a way to reduce the amount of punishment one has to undergo for sins." (#1471, Catechism of the Catholic Church).

There is a lengthy list of options named by Pope Francis and the Vatican Committee on Indulgences in addition to the standard obligations. A growing list of pilgrimage opportunities will be offered by the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601

### TURKEY DINNER

The Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel in Loretto, PA are hosting their Annual Men's Turkey Dinner on **Sunday, March 21<sup>st</sup>** as a drive-thru dinner. Simply stay in your vehicle ~ multiple lines for faster service! **11AM-3PM** or sold out. Turkey dinner with all of the trimmings - **\$12.00**

### BASKET RAFFLE

St. Mary Parish - Hollidaysburg is hosting a Basket Raffle. A \$5.00 ticket includes 25 chances for the basket/baskets of your choice and 1 chance for the Door Prize. You may purchase tickets in their Social Hall on the following dates: **Sat., March 13th & 20th** - 10:00 AM to 6:00 PM, and **Sun., March 14th & 21st** - 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM. Drawing will be held without, people in attendance. Winners will be notified. Winners may pick-up their baskets on Saturday, March 27th 3:00 to 4:30 PM or Sunday, March 28th 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

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

**March 5** Stations of the Cross (at St. Mary's) **6:30 PM**

**March 9** Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory Mtg. Rm) **6:30 PM**

**March 12** Stations of the Cross (at St. Mary's) **6:30 PM**

**March 13** Marianna Hoagie Pick-up **time & location tba**

**March 14** Daylight Saving Time Begins

**March 19** Stations of the Cross (at St. Mary's) **6:30 PM**

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

**March 28** Palm Sunday

### HELP US CELEBRATE THE HOLY YEAR OF SAINT JOSEPH!

*December 8, 2020 - December 8, 2021*

**Year of Saint Joseph Art Contest and Student Activity Booklet.**

Pope Francis announced a Holy Year dedicated to Saint Joseph on December 8, 2020 to highlight the 150th Anniversary of naming Saint Joseph as the Patron of the Universal Church.

Parish Religious Education, Catholic School, Home School Students and all Families are invited to submit an illustration for judging: **Theme: "Saint Joseph through the eyes of a child."** It must be drawn on an 8 1/2 x 11 sheet of WHITE PAPER. The winning art pieces will be used as a part of The Year of Saint Joseph advertising and the front and back covers of an activity booklet that will be printed and distributed in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown. All artwork will be highlighted on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown website and Proclaim Facebook.

**ALSO**, we invite Students and Families to submit Word Puzzles: Fill-in-the-Blank, Matching, Seek and Find, and simple Crosswords, all with the theme of Saint Joseph to help build an activity booklet. All submissions will be included in the activity booklet. The puzzles can be of symbols, titles and roles, geography, bible verses referring to Saint Joseph and the Holy Family and Catholic Church traditions. This is education for all ages made in a creative way! Everyone in the Family can help!

All entries must be submitted **before March 5**. Entry forms are available in the parish office and online on our parish website: <https://stmichael-hldg-pa.org/religious-education>

### JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY



**JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY 2021**  
**SUNDAY, MARCH 21**  
For Diocesan Youth in Grades 6-8  
**ON ZOOM FROM THE DIOCESAN PASTORAL CENTER**  
Registration Forms due by Monday, March 15<sup>th</sup>

**Building Up the Kingdom of God: God's Work, Our Hands!"**

**Sunday, March 21, 2021**  
Virtually via Zoom at 11:30 AM. The keynote speaker is Will Smith from the Diocese of Greensburg. Will has a genuine love for meeting young people, sharing his faith with them,

and helping them understand their relationship with Jesus in a deeper way. He will engage, inspire and entertain our youth with his talks, humor, games and piano. **PRE-REGISTRATION** is required and is **due by Monday, March 15**. This event is **FREE!** Contact our DRE, Sue Teske if you have any questions.