

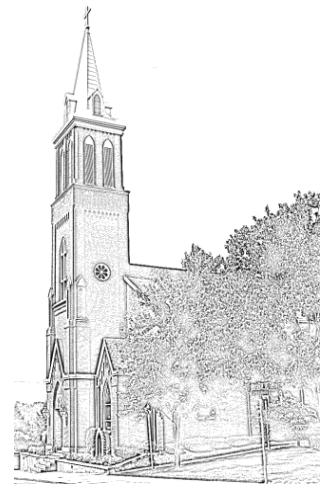
January 10, 2021

The Baptism of the Lord

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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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.
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

The Baptism of the Lord

First Reading: Isaiah 55:1-11 Today's reading is from a part of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon, which is in modern-day Iraq. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is the finale to this "book of comfort" and uses the image of poor people being invited by God to a joyful banquet.

Second Reading: 1John 5:1-9 In this passage, the author of the first letter of John emphasizes belief in Jesus Christ as Son of God. He uses phrases and symbols which describe Christ's baptism, death and resurrection. The Spirit, present at these events, testifies to Christ as Son of God. Such testimony is far superior to any human witness.

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Samuel 3:3b-10,19 and 1 Cor. 6:13c –15a, 17-20; Gospel: John 1:35-42

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

January 9 - 17

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, 1/9	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Jaclyn Marie Locktosh	by Mom & Dad
	5:00 PM	St. Michael *	In honor of Larry & Barb Savino	by Ann & Perry Corle
Sunday, 1/10	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Daniel Bimle	by Mr. & Mrs. Merle Kirsch
	8:30 AM	St. Michael *	+ Rita Burger (Anniversary Remembrance)	by her family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Donald Figurelli	by Nancy & Laura
	10:00 AM	St. Michael *	+ Marie Thalhauser (Anniv. Remembrance)	by the Thalhauser family
	11:30 AM	St. Michael *	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Monday, 1/11	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	In honor of Helen Hamberger's 99th Birthday	by the Baker family
Tuesday, 1/12	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Anita Jubas	by her husband John & daughter Maren Jubas
Wed., 1/13	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Roy Hetrick	by George & Sally Mollish & family
Thursday, 1/14	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Jim Madden (Anniv. Remembrance)	by Denise & family
Friday, 1/15	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Jim Norris	by the Fochler family
Saturday, 1/16	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Lori Ann Anneski	by Robert & Roseanne Moore
	5:00 PM	St. Michael *	In honor of Margie Jeffreys	by Ann & Perry Corle
Sunday, 1/17	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Charles Lafferty	by Patty, Charlie, Ray & Tom Baker
	8:30 AM	St. Michael *	+ Agnes Denning & Bernadette Melville	by the family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Joann Reese	by Richard & Dottie Gonsman
	10:00 AM	St. Michael *	+ Steve Mamula	by Dave and Mary Jo Lanzel & family
	11:30 AM	St. Michael *	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

<u>JAN. 16 -17</u>	<u>Reader</u>	<u>E.M.H.C.</u>	<u>Sacristan</u>	<u>Hospitality</u>	<u>Tech</u>
Sat. 5 PM	L. Michelone (1) available (2)	L. Michelone (P) L. Savino (S)	A. Curtis	available available	J. Klingbeil
Sun. 8:30 AM	B. Stevens (1) B. Anthony (2)	C. Feathers (P) R. Holzer (S)	J. DeLozier	R. Baker T. Baker M. Icenroad	<i>as scheduled</i>
Sun. 10 AM	D. Culp (1) M. Culp (2)	R. Culp (P) G. Olsavick (S)	R. Pompa	J. Dodson M. Culp J. Harteis	<i>as scheduled</i>
Sun. 11:30 AM	D. Sault (1) D. Stoehr (2)	E. Pope (P) D. Stoehr (S)	M/P Link	P. Claycomb available	<i>as scheduled</i>

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Christmas Env. (12/31 - 1/3): **\$1715.00**
Immac. Conception (12/31 - 1/3): **\$14.00**

Painting Project (12/25 & 12/27/20): **\$2,700.00**

PARISH PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE

The parking lot was filled with lots of trucks and vehicles this week as the church beautification kicked into gear. Scaffolding now fills the church and repair to the ceiling has begun. The painters have given the stairwell, the main entrance and the sacristies a fresh coat of paint, and Lightner Electronics has been in every day running miles of wires for the new audio/visual system. Just a few reminders:

Confessions will still be heard in the church hall at the normally scheduled times and location. 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.

All daily Masses at St. Michael will be said at St. Mary's church at the normal scheduled time.

Communion Outside of Mass

Communion will continued to be offered here after the 10 AM Sunday Mass (parking lot door of the building) and every week day at St. Mary's Church after the daily Mass (8:15 AM on Wednesday's). Please wait at the parking lot side door.

Church Basement Hall Use

We are working on streaming the weekend Masses Live via Facebook. If you feel more comfortable watching Mass from you car or from the church hall you may use that option. Communion will be brought outside to you.



As Christmastime comes to an end on this Baptism of the Lord, the Church at liturgy proclaims that Jesus is the beloved Son of the Father. He is the light of the nations. To Him belong all glory and praise! When the fullness of time had come, God sent his only Son, the Word made flesh. Anointed by the Holy Spirit, Christ preached the Gospel to the poor and healed the contrite of heart. We, too, have been baptized and are sent forth to care for the poor and receive those contrite of heart. The great Christmas feast concludes. We rejoice that the Word dwells among us.

BAPTISMS

Since we normally do not have baptisms during Lent, we are reminding parents that if you want to have your child baptized before the Lenten season begins, to please call the church office soon to schedule a date.

ONLINE BIBLE STUDY

St. Benedict Church Bible Study Continues on Saturday Mornings (9:30-11:30 AM). The St. Benedict Church weekly Bible Study continues on Zoom. The new study is titled, "Understand in the Word of God Written in the Words of Man." This will be an in-depth look at the Bible through the lens of Salvation History as God reveals himself and his plan to us. Please contact Deacon Michael if you would like to join the group (Michael.russo@atlantibb.net).

Your email address will be needed to send the Zoom link to you. Zoom is easy to use on your computer or mobile device and detailed instructions and assistance will be provided. Don't worry if you have missed a session or are unable to join us on Saturday mornings. Each Bible Study class will be recorded and offered on **YouTube** not only for our diocese but to anyone who would like to hear the study, including our Christian brothers and sisters in other parts of the world. Handouts can be downloaded from the St. Benedict Church website (stbenedictchurch.org) website. **All are welcome!**

ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S CLUB

The regular monthly meeting of the St. Michael Men's Club will be held **TONIGHT, Sunday, January 10, at 7:00 PM** in the church hall. All men of the parish are encouraged and invited to attend. New Year - New Faces - New Ideas: Come join us!

FAMILIES & THE GOSPEL

(Mark 1:7-11) The gospel today points to Jesus' humanity; like us He needed **RECOGNITION** ("You are my Son"), **AFFECTION** ("My Beloved Son") and **AFFIRMATION** ("With you I am well pleased."). In our families it is easy to focus on irritating behaviors and take for granted all the positives. This New Year take a lesson from God the Father, be an **AFFIRMER** and not a **BLAMER**.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Feast of the Baptism of the Lord (January 10, 2021)

Today we celebrate the Baptism of the Lord. The U.S. bishops' stewardship pastoral letter reminds us about "a fundamental obligation arising from the sacrament of baptism: that the people place their gifts, their resources, and themselves at God's service in and through the Church...by proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying." (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*, USCCB, 1992)

Can you say that you are fulfilling the obligation to be a servant king in your baptismal role as Jesus did?

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"It is to those who have the most need of us that we ought to show our love more especially"
-Saint Francis de Sales

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)

TONIGHT Men's Club meeting 7:00 PM
Jan. 12 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (rectory) 6:30 PM
Jan. 19 Finance Council Meeting (rectory)..... 6:30 PM



**JOIN WITH OTHERS
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at St. Mary Church

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WHAT IS MEDITATION?

Meditation is a Christian practice of prayer dating back to the early Church. As the Catechism states: "Meditation is above all a quest. The mind seeks to understand the why and how of the Christian life, in order to adhere and respond to what the Lord is asking." By meditating on the Gospels, holy icons, liturgical texts, spiritual writings, or "the great book of creation," we come to make our own that which is God's. "To the extent that we are humble and faithful, we discover in meditation the movements that stir the heart and we are able to discern them. It is a question of acting truthfully in order to come into the light: "Lord, what do you want me to do?" (CCC 2705-2706). Meditation is above all a quest.

Meditation is an essential form of Christian prayer, especially for those who are seeking to answer the vocational question, "Lord, what do you want me to do?"

THANKS FROM THE BAKER FAMILY

We received the following this week:

The Baker Family wishes to thank all who remembered our brother Phil in a special way through prayers, donation of food and other kind gestures. We received many donations for the Barbra Zanker Fund in Phil's memory. (*The Zanker Fund was established to ensure and assist Catholic Education at St. Michael parish.*)

The family extends their gratitude to all who attended or assisted with the funeral Mass especially Fr. Alan, Msgr. Carson, Steve Hess (cantor), Sandy Harteis (organist) and Terry & Mike Icenroad (servers). You are all greatly appreciated.

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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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 Gospel and his daily Homily.

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