

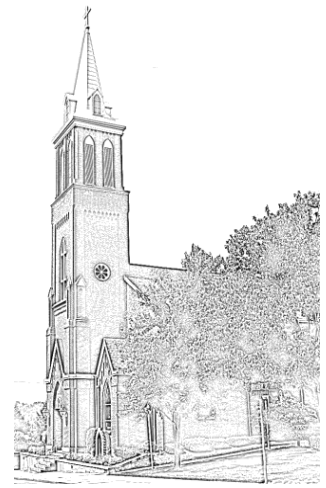
January 3, 2021

The Epiphany 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 EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6 The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and the city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6 The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish converts to Christianity lived side-by-side with Gentile converts. The author of this letter confirms that God's saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their background.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-11, 1John 5:1-9; Gospel: Mark 1:7-11

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

January 2 – 10

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, 1/2	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Jack Hallberg	by his wife, Carol
	5:00 PM	* St. Michael	+ Joe Boland (Anniversary Remembrance)	by Carol & family
Sunday, 1/3	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Mary Healy	by Joseph & Jennifer Kimble
	8:30 AM	* St. Michael	+ Dorothy Sagaities	by the Lady Tigers Girl Softball Team
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Carol & Bud McCoy - 57th Wedding Anniversary	
	10:00 AM	* St. Michael	+ Jerome Lanzel Jr.	by Dave & Mary Jo Lanzel and family
	11:30 AM	* St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Monday, 1/4	7:45 AM	* St. Mary	+ Florence Foltin (Birthday Remembrance)	by her daughter; Connie
Tuesday, 1/5	7:45 AM	* St. Mary	+ Leona George	by her family
Wed., 1/6	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ P. Francis Madden	by the K of C #4245
Thursday, 1/7	7:45 AM	* St. Mary	+ Dean Rossi	by Paul Yakymac
Friday, 1/8	7:45 AM	* St. Mary	+ Nancy Blake	by the Burger family
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	

<u>NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS</u>					
<i>The Baptism of the Lord</i>					
JAN. 9 & 10	Reader	E.M.H.C.	Sacristan	Hospitality	Tech
Sat. 5 PM	C. Swope (1) B. Stevens (2)	S. Teske (P) D. Straub (S)	L. Michelone	D. Klingbeil <i>available</i>	J. Klingbeil
Sun. 8:30 AM	B. Anthony (1) <i>available</i> (2)	K. Balconi (P) B. Codd (S)	R. & C. Leister	R. Baker T. Baker	<i>as scheduled</i>
Sun. 10 AM	A. Lewis (1) L. Georgiana (2)	C. Brown (P) A. Jordan (S)	R. Pompa	J. Dodson T. Wilt	<i>as scheduled</i>
Sun. 11:30 AM	D. Stoehr (1) D. Sault (2)	G. Harrington (P) E. Pope (S)	A. Weyant	P. Claycomb <i>available</i>	<i>as scheduled</i>

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Christmas Env. (12/25 & 12/27/20): **\$12,147.00**
Christmas Loose (12/25): **\$255.00**
Immac. Conception (12/25 & 12/27/20): \$70.00
Painting Project (12/25 & 12/27/20): **\$100.00**

Come let us *Adore* Him + Today is the Epiphany of the Lord and the last Sunday of Christmas time. Next Sunday, January 10th, is the feast of the Baptism of the Lord and the formal ending of the Christmas season. Today the Church celebrates with the wise visitors from the east that the Word Made Flesh has arrived for all peoples and all nations. Jesus, born in Bethlehem, raised in Nazareth, and crucified in Jerusalem, is Lord of all races and nations. May the Christian Gospel be proclaimed throughout the world to all inhabitants.



PARISH PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE

The painters have moved into the church and the area is now a "hardhat only" zone. For safety reasons, no parishioner is permitted in the church while the work is being done. We will keep you updated on the project as it progresses, here in the bulletin and on our parish website. Thank you for being flexible with our temporary church location. Thanks also to all who have already given donations to our painting project. To date we have received \$10,200. If you would like to contribute to help offset the expenses just mark your donation envelope for "Restricted - Painting Project".

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

**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 10:00 AM Sunday Mass (please wait on the rectory porch near the church side door) 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.

MAY HE REST IN PEACE

Parishioner **Ronald McCleary** died last week (12/26). Our deepest condolences to Ron's family, friends and all who knew and loved him. He will all be sadly missed from our St. Michael family. May God grant Ron eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn.

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An opportunity to discern your vocation is being made available via the convenience of Zoom. Every Friday evening at 8:30 PM join others in an organized discussion about different aspects of prayer and vocational discernment. We will use the book "To Save a Thousand Souls" which can be ordered for FREE by going to GoPriest.com and selecting "free resources." If you are interested, please contact Fr. Peter Crowe at vocations@dioceseaj.org to receive the zoom link. There is no commitment or pressure, just an opportunity to be with others, at least digitally, to gather in prayer, and have a good discussion that could be very helpful. If we don't know about a vocation, it is not possible to properly discern it. We need good men to say yes to our Lord. Could that man be you? Come and see!

THE ROSARY

The Rosary is a Scripture-based prayer. It begins with the *Apostles' Creed*, which summarizes the great mysteries of the Catholic faith. The *Our Father*, which introduces each mystery, is from the Gospels. The first part of the *Hail Mary* is the angel's words announcing Christ's birth and Elizabeth's greeting to Mary. St. Pius V officially added the second part of the *Hail Mary*. The Mysteries of the Rosary center on the events of Christ's life. There are four sets of Mysteries: Joyful, Sorrowful, Glorious and—added by Saint John Paul II in 2002—the Luminous. The repetition in the Rosary is meant to lead one into restful and contemplative prayer related to each Mystery. The gentle repetition of the words helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells. The Rosary can be said privately or with a group.

PRAYER TO ST. JOSEPH

The Year of St. Joseph - December 8, 2020 to December 8, 2021

To you, O blessed Joseph,
do we come in our tribulation,
and having implored the help of your most holy Spouse,
we confidently invoke your patronage also.

Through that charity which bound you
to the Immaculate Virgin Mother of God
and through the paternal love
with which you embraced the Child Jesus,
we humbly beg you graciously to regard the inheritance
which Jesus Christ has purchased by his Blood,
and with your power and strength to aid us in our necessities.

O most watchful guardian of the Holy Family,
defend the chosen children of Jesus Christ;

O most loving father, ward off from us
every contagion of error and corrupting influence;

O our most mighty protector, be kind to us
and from heaven assist us in our struggle
with the power of darkness.

As once you rescued the Child Jesus from deadly peril,
so now protect God's Holy Church
from the snares of the enemy and from all adversity;
shield, too, each one of us by your constant protection,
so that, supported by your example and your aid,
we may be able to live piously, to die in holiness,
and to obtain eternal happiness in heaven. Amen.

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)
- Jan. 10** 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
PRAYING THE ROSARY**
Every Thursday afternoon
4:30 PM *
at St. Mary Church
* beginning Jan. 7, 2021
All are invited!

TO START THE NEW YEAR

"A new year is unfolding-like a blossom
with petals curled tightly concealing the beauty within.
Lord, let this year be filled with the things that are truly good
with the comfort and warmth in our relationships,
with the strength to help those who need our help
and the humility and openness to accept help from others.
As we make our resolutions for the year ahead, let us go forward
with great hope that all things can be possible
with Your help & guidance. - Amen"



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ST. MICHAEL'S MEN'S CLUB

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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTIONS

Saint Paul spoke to the Ephesians of the "stewardship of God's grace." God has entrusted us with so many gifts and talents, the breath of life, and the very means by which we can sustain our existence. As disciples of Jesus we are called to use these things to build the kingdom of God; to make the Body of Christ strong; to change the world. (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response - Response in a Nutshell, Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS, www.4LPi.com*)

The three magi from the east paid homage to the Infant Jesus with their "first fruits and gifts" of gold, frankincense and myrrh. What gifts have I presented to the newborn Savior that reveal who I am as a steward of God's kingdom?

FAMILIES & THE GOSPEL

The Magi in today's gospel were led to Jesus by a star. Who are the stars your children follow? Do not let it be the tabloid stars. Resolve in this New Year to be the guiding star in the life of your children.

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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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