

St. Mary 312 Clark St. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Mass Schedule at St. Mary: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 PM Sunday: 7:30 and 10:00 AM. Daily and Holy Days: See inside

Confessions:

Saturday: 2:30 to 3:30 PM Wednesday: 5:30 PM Thursday: 4:00 PM before the First Friday of the month

Office Phone Number and Hours: Office: 814-695-0622 Mon. to Thurs. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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Fifth Sunday of Lent Cycle B March 17, 2024

Baptism & Marriage:

Call the church office to schedule an appointment. 2 weeks notice requested for Baptism. 9 months notice required for Marriage.

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St. Michael The Archangel Parish 301 Spruce St. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Mass Schedule at St. Michael: Saturday Vigil: 5:00 PM Sunday: 7:30, 10:00 and 11:30 AM. Daily and Holy Days: See inside

Confessions: Saturdays at 1:00 to 2:00 PM

Office Phone Number and Hours: Office: 814-695-0912 Mon. to Friday 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM

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Greenlawn Cemetery: greenlawncemeteryhburg@gmail.com

St. Michael's Pastoral Council: saintmichaelppc@gmail.com

Parishioner Registration: If you would like to join the parish, please contact either 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.

Bulletin Deadline: The deadline to have information considered for publication in the bulletin is noon Tuesday prior to the weekend of the announcement. Send the information to gmollish@volunteerdaj.org. or either church office

| PALM SUNDAY | HOLY THURSDAY | GOOD FRIDAY | HOLY SATURDAY | EASTER SUNDAY |
|---|---|--------------------------------------|------------------------------------|---|
| The Passion of the Lord | Mass of the Lord's Supper | Celebration of the Lord's Passion | The Easter Vigil in the Holy Night | Easter Sunday of the Resurrection of the Lord |
| <u>March 23 & 24</u> | <u>Thursday, March 28</u> | <u>Friday, March 29</u> | Saturday, March 30 | <u>Sunday, March 31</u> |
| <u>SATURDAY</u> | 7:00 PM - at St. Mary | 3:00 PM - at St. Mary | EASTER EGG HUNT | 7:30 AM - St. Mary |
| 4:00 PM - St. Mary 5:00 PM - St. Michael | | | 10:00 AM - at St. Mary | 7:30 AM - St. Michael |
| SUNDAY | ADORATION | | BLESSING OF EASTER BASKETS | 10:00 AM - St. Michael |
| 7:30 AM - St. Mary 7:30 AM - St. Michael | After Mass you are encouraged to spend | | 11:00 AM - at St. Mary | 10:00 AM - St. Mary |
| 10:00 AM - St. Mary 10:00 AM - St. Michael | time with our Lord at the St. Mary | | ······ | 11:30 AM - St. Michael |
| 11:30 AM - St. Michael | Adoration Chapel, concluding with night | | EASTER VIGIL MASS | |
| PENANCE SERVICE 4:00 PM - St. Mary | time prayers at 10:00 PM. | | 8:30 PM - at St. Michael | |

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Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies,

it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. John 12:24

MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES

| DATE | DAY | TIME | PARISH | | INTENTION | REQUESTED BY |
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| 3/16 SAT | 4:00 PM | St. Mary | ዮ | Victoria Myers Ellis | Family | |
| 5/10 SAT 5:00 PM | | St. Michael | ዮ | George Dangerfield | His wife | |
| | | 7:30 AM | St. Mary | ዮ | Sherry Ahearn | Richard & Dottie Gonsman |
| | | 7:30 AM | St. Michael | ተ | Honorary Mayor Ed McClain | Mayor Joe & the Hollidaysburg Police Dept. |
| 3/17 | SUN | 10:00 AM | St. Mary | ዮ | Dorothy Stephens | Jeff & Diane |
| | | 10:00 AM | St. Michael | ዮ | Sharle Kirkham | Nettie & James Calley |
| | | 11:30 AM | St. Michael | | The People of the Parishes | Pastor |
| 3/18 | MON | 7:45 AM | St. Michael | ዮ | Helen Teno | Harold & Kathy Delozier |
| 3/19 | TUES | 7:45 AM | St. Michael | ዮ | Lois Mielnik | Her husband Ray |
| 3/20 | WED | 6:30 PM | St. Mary | ዮ | Nathan | Family |
| 3/21 | THURS | 7:45 AM | St. Michael | ዮ | Edward Vaniel | Ron & Pat Hurd |
| 3/22 | FRI | 7:45 AM | St. Mary | ዮ | Donna Helfrich | Family |
| 3/23 SAT | 4:00 PM | St. Mary | ዮ | Roseanne Moore | Bob Moore | |
| 3/23 | 3/23 SAT | 5:00 PM | St. Michael | ዮ | Barb Michelone | Her children |
| | | 7:30 AM | St. Mary | ዮ | Matthew Clingerman | Family |
| | | 7:30 AM | St. Michael | ዮ | Rita Burger | Her Family |
| 3/24 | SUN | 10:00 AM | St. Mary | ዮ | Roberta Alderisio | Carla & Pat Firment |
| 1 | | | | | Little Lamb's Ministry St. Michael Church 10:00 AM Mass | |
| | | 10:00 AM | St. Michael | ዮ | Adam Woomer | His parents |
| | | 11:30 AM | St. Michael | | The People of the Parishes | Pastor |

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| Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule | | | | | | |
| | READER * 2 Needed | | | HOSPITALITY 3 needed | SACRISTAN 1 Needed | AUDIO/VIDEO 3 Needed |
| Saturday, March 16th | | | | | | |
| St. Mary 4:00 PM | Joseph Hurd (1) Jo Ann Propcheck (2) | Meagan James (H) Shawn Sullivan (C) Rachel Sleeth (C) | Shari Figurelli | Meagan James Chris Johnston Rick Pulcino | | |
| St. Michael 5:00 PM | Carole Swope (1) Lisa Michelone (2) | Lisa Michelone (Main) Julia Burke Daniel Klingbeil Larry Savino (Choirloft) | Marco Swope | Daniel Klingbeil NOT FILLED | Lisa Michelone | NOT FILLED NOT FILLED |
| | | Su | unday, March 17th | | | |
| St. Mary 7:30 AM | Claudia Montero (1) Craig Mauk (2) | Terry Curfman (H) Connie Curfman (C) Greg Figurelli (C) | Adam Musselman | Greg Figurelli Ray Gregorchik Jim Zimmerman | | |
| St. Michael 7:30 AM | Sue Painter (1) Michael Schlechter (2) | Ramona Shrift (H) Bob Anthony (C) Rich Holzer (C) Michael Schlechter (Choirloft) | NOT FILLED | Anita Carvalho NOT FILLED | Scott Claar | Emilee Elder Ben Gervinski |
| St. Mary 10:00 AM | Mike Metzgar (1) David Madden (2) | NOT FILLED (H) Sharon King (C) David Madden (C) Beverly Buterbaugh (Choir) | Avalyn Plowman | Dottie Gonsman Michael Moran Kathy Moran | | |
| St. Michael 10:00 AM | Mass1 Children (1) Mass2 Children (2) | Debbie Chapman (H) NOT FILLED (Choirloft) Marty Culp (C) Deacon Allan (C) | Rylee Swander NOT FILLED | Mass1 Children Mass2 Children | Marty Culp | Greyson Swander NOT FILLED |
| St. Michael 11:30 AM | Jeff Johnson (1) Debbie Sault (2) | Eva Pope (Main) Ginny Harrington (C) Kim Merritts (Choirloft) NOT FILLED (C) | NOT FILLED | NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Mel & Patty Link | NOT FILLED NOT FILLED |

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (March 17th - March 23rd): Ginny Harrington

*The Deacon will be the ordinary minister of communion and read the Universal prayers, if he is present.

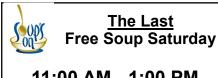
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| | | Sa | turday, March 23r | d | | | | |
| St. Mary 4:00 PM | Jo Ann Propcheck (1) Carol Hallberg (2) NOT FILLED (3) NOT FILLED (4) | Carol Hallberg (H) Richard Books (C) Shawn Sullivan (C) | Grace Muriceak | Shari Figurelli Michael Johnston Chris Johnston | | | | |
| St. Michael 5:00 PM | Lisa Michelone (1) Julia Burke (2) NOT FILLED (3) NOT FILLED (4) | Julia Burke (Main) Lisa Michelone (Choirloft) Daniel Klingbeil Paula Kustenbauder | Rylee Swander | Daniel Klingbeil NOT FILLED | Alan Curtis | NOT FILLED Michael Waibel | | |
| | Sunday, March 24th | | | | | | | |
| St. Mary 7:30 AM | John Heslop (1) Craig Mauk (2) NOT FILLED (3) NOT FILLED (4) | Greg Figurelli (H) Barb Aubrey (C) Rachel Sleeth (C) | Vinnie Pietrolungo | Jodie Feath Greg Figurelli Ray Gregorchik | | | | |
| St. Michael 7:30 AM | Bob Anthony (1) John McKeegan (2) NOT FILLED (3) NOT FILLED (4) | Michael Fiore (Main) Anita Carvalho (Choirloft) Bob Anthony (C) Rich Holzer (C) | NOT FILLED | Anita Carvalho NOT FILLED | Jo Delozier | Emilee Elder Barru Craig | | |
| St. Mary 10:00 AM | David Madden (1) Keila Whittington (2) | NOT FILLED (H) Sharon King (Choir) David Madden (C) NOT FILLED (C) | Avalyn Plowman | John McIntyre Kathy Moran Michael Moran | | | | |
| St. Michael 10:00 AM | Marty Culp (1) Greg Sweeney (2) | Alicia Lombardo-Jordan (Main) Greg Sweeney (Choirloft) Marty Culp (C) Talena Swander (C) | Carter Jordan NOT FILLED | Debbie Chapman Gregory Olsavick | Rita Pompa | Greyson Swander NOT FILLED | | |
| St. Michael 11:30 AM | | | Dean Pochak Jacob Pochak | NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | Andy Weyant | NOT FILLED NOT FILLED | | |

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (March 24th - March 30th): Ginny Harrington

| Saint Mary Parish Stewardship of Treasure | | | | |
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| March 10th | Source | | | |
| \$4193.00 | Adult Collection | | | |
| 256.00 | Loose Collection | | | |
| 230.00 | Maintenance Fund | | | |
| 3660.78 | Online Giving | | | |
| 133.00 | Votive Candles | | | |
| 485.00 | Catholic Relief | | | |
| 125.00 | Holy Land | | | |
| 10.00 | Ash Wednesday | | | |
| 365.00 | Easter Offering | | | |
| 125.00 | Holy Thursday | | | |
| 370.00 | Easter Memorials | | | |
| 45.00 | Easter Flowers | | | |
| 20.00 | American Rescue | | | |
| Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship | | | | |

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To pray for the protection and safety of all serving in the Armed Forces.



11:00 AM - 1:00 PM March 23rd - St. Michael

Come join us, and bring your friends! You will be amazed by the delicious variety of all you can eat soup and desserts. Sorry no takeouts.

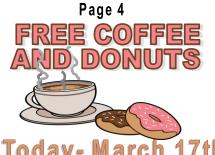


Saturday, April 6, 2024 Holy Trinity-Eldorado Gym Doors open at 5:30pm Dinner is at 6:00pm Horse Races start at 7:00pm

Tickets are \$40.00 per person and include: food, drinks and ownership of one horse, jockey or trainer. Receive \$15.00 in family fundraising credit for each ticket sold under the student's name. Stay after the races for an "after hours" get-together!

We HIGHLY ENCOURAGE Kentucky Derby dress attire! So grab your fascinators and derby hats! For more information, and to purchase tickets, scan the OR code.





After the 7:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses.

St. Michael Church Hall. Come join us!

arvey Manor Confraternity of the Brown Scapular. This faith-filled group meets on the first Saturday of each month in the Chapel at Garvey Manor. We begin the rosary at 9:30 AM and attend the 10:00 AM Mass, followed by spiritual reflection led by Sister Jacinta under the loving protection of Our Lady of Mount Carmel in the Hall. Membership is open to any Catholic who would find it spiritually beneficial to be united with others in pursuit of holiness. If interested call Sister Jacinta (814) 695-5571.

Note: Note: Note: BBQ on Saturday, March 23rd to benefit the American Cancer Society Central Blair Relay for Life. We are asking members to sell tickets and they are available now for \$12 each. Contact Dan Weaver at: dweaver@breezeline.net. Please help our council raise funds for this worthy cause.

•ongratulations! We are happy to welcome the newly baptized into our parish family. Arthur Paul Sprouse, son of Mark & Heather Sprouse and Oliver Brett Koelle, son of Brett and Jenna (Abram) Koelle.

Dray for the Mission Trip March 16-22

Early Saturday morning Fr. Alan and nine parishioners left on a medical mission to Maggoty, Jamaica.

Please remember to keep them in your prayers this week: Fr. Alan, Dr. Bill Hanlon, Dr. Alyssa Arnold, Dr. Martha Klingbeil, Dr. Joan Bartolotta, Dr. Rick Centar, Dr. Andrea Wilk, Lee Farnam, Betsy Lehman and Lisa Georgiana.

Updates of their trip will be posted on our parishes website & Facebook pages.



Hollidaysburg Catholic Youth Group is sponsoring an Easter Egg Hunt for children 10 and younger.

Sat. March 30th at 10 AM

Meet at 10 AM outside at the St. Marv Adoration Chapel (Allegheny St.)

Bring your basket & friends!

Students in grades 7 - 12 are need to help with the egg hunt!

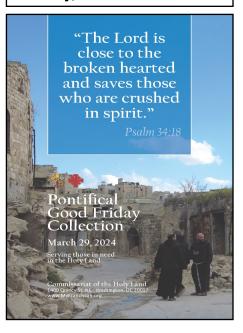
COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICES

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, 806 11th Street, Altoona Mon., March 18th at 7:00 PM

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, One Cathedral Square, Altoona Wed., March 20th at 6:00 PM (Diocesan Service with Bishop Mark Bartchak presiding)

Our Lady of Lourdes, 2716 Broad Avenue, Altoona Thursday, March 21st at 5:30 PM

Saint Mary, 312 Clark Street, Hollidaysburg Sunday, March 24th at 4:00 PM



Why Are the Statues Covered?

Something looks different in church. You may have noticed that the statues and images are covered in the sanctuary today, the 5th Sunday of Lent. If you are not used to seeing this done, it may strike you as odd or even a bit unsettling. It is unsettling to see our beautiful statues and sacred images draped with shrouds like ghosts. The point is to unsettle us, as part of our Lenten preparation for Easter.

Covering sacred images during the latter part of Lent is an ancient tradition, but still a part of the modern Roman Rite. In the *Roman Missal* it says:

"In the Dioceses of the United States, the practice of covering crosses and images throughout the church from [the fifth] Sunday [of Lent] may be observed. Crosses remain covered until the end of the Celebration of the Lord's Passion on Good Friday, but images remain covered until the beginning of the Easter Vigil." *Roman Missal, 3rd ed., pg* 256

Some suggest that the modern practice of covering images derives from the old German custom of hiding the entire altar from view with a cloth during Lent called the "Hunger Cloth." This custom dates back at least to the ninth century as a way of doing penance by removing the sacred altar from our sight until the cloth was lowered during the reading of the Passion at the words "and the veil of the Temple was torn in two."

Christ's Passion makes our intimate union with God possible. During Lent, practices like the Hunger Cloth helped to remind the faithful of the great gift of this union by participating in a "fasting of the eyes" by hiding the sacred things of the church.

The custom of veiling sacred images during Lent spread. Some in the Church saw the practice as symbolic of the way Christ veiled his divinity for our sake during his Passion. In the 17th century the practice was restricted only to Passiontide, or the final part of Lent. Today, as indicated in the *Roman Missal*, it is optional from the 5th Sunday of Lent onward.

We continue the practice of veiling the statues and images as a way not only of participating in an ancient tradition, but also as a visual reminder to us all that there is something different about this time of year. When you enter a church and see the images covered, it is immediately striking. Something out of the ordinary is happening. It gets our attention. These last two weeks of Lent are meant to be a time of intense spiritual preparation for the celebration of the Easter season. Seeing the covered images reminds us of that. The veils also add to our sense of anticipation and longing for Easter. We don't want the images to be covered. Sacred images are beautiful and are meant to be seen. The coverings obscure their function. But it's only temporary. The veils won't be there forever. This is a metaphor for our life on earth. We are living under a veil. Our true home is in heaven. Only there will the veil of mortality be removed and our true glory be revealed. This will only happen by our own participating in Christ's passion, death and resurrection. We must make the Paschal Mystery our own. (by Deac. Matthew Newsome; Western Carolina Univ. Campus Ministry)





Families are invited to bring a basket of foods to be blessed that will be shared and eaten among your family and friends on Easter. The types of food found in the baskets vary according to the custom of what is served at the family Easter Meal. No matter what culture, everyone is invited to bring a basket with food to be blessed.

GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE SUNDAY, MARCH 24TH - 4:00 PM AT ST. MARY All are welcome!



Men's Club Meeting RESCHEDULED The Men's club meeting for this Sunday has been rescheduled for March 24 at 7PM. All men of St. Mary and St. Michael are welcome to join, and we are particularly interested in having more members from St. Mary Parish. We will be discussing details for the next Pancake and Sausage breakfast, as well as upcoming projects for both St. Mary's and St. Michael's. If you would like to help the men's club, but cannot make the meeting, please email John Elder at johnpelder@aol.com to be added to our mailing list.

2024 Lenten Small Group Study St. Mary Church Meeting Room Thurs. @ 1 p.m. Living the Eucharist

March 21, Meeting 6: What Changes?: Preparing for the 6th Sunday of Lent If you missed the other meetings, you can still attend call Sue Teske: 814-934-2180



The Carmelite Community

of the Word is offering a Five Week Spring Series on April 1, 8, 15, 22 & 29th at the CCW Incarnation Center from 10:00 AM—12:00 PM and at the Basilica of St. Michael in Loretto from 6:00—8:00 PM.

This series will take a new and fresh look at Jesus: who he is, what he is really like, what he taught, and what he did for our salvation. This encounter with Christ will inspire and empower you to center your entire life around him as you come to know and love him in an ever deeper and more intimate way.

Pre-registration for either location is required by March 27th. To register for either program, contact: 814-886-4098 or email: CommunityofficeCCW@gmail.com or srmarilynw@CCWCommunity.org.

Please provide your name, address, phone and email and include the name of the location you wish to attend. You may also register by mailing your information to: Incarnation Center Retreats, 394 Bem Road, Gallitzin, PA 16641.

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

Fifth Sunday of Lent (Cycle B)

First Reading: Jeremiah 31 :31-34 The prophet Jeremiah ministered at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capitol, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon. In this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their homeland.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9 The Letter to the Hebrews was written to a Christian community that had become dispirited and whose faith was faltering. Jesus is presented in today's passage as a model of suffering and a source of strength in time of need. (This passage is also part of the second reading on Good Friday.)

<u>Next Sunday's Readings</u> Isaiah 50:4-7 (38ABC) Philippians 2:6-11 Gospel: The Passion of the Lord

Saint Michael Parish Stewardship of Treasure

Totals for 3/10 were not available before publication. They will be listed in next week's bulletin.



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Stewardship Reflection As we are nearing the end of our Lenten journey, our readings today remind us of the goodness that our God has to offer us.

Jesus states in the Gospel, "whoever loves his life loses it, and whoever hates his life in this world will preserve it for eternal life." God should have our entire heart, not just a portion of it. When we regularly practice the discipline of detachment by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord, we are also better preparing our hearts for the ultimate happiness in eternal life.

As our Lenten journey soon concludes, let us strive to more faithfully live out our covenant with God by actively living as disciples of Christ. And may we consider the ways in which we might continue the practice of self-denial by offering small, daily sacrifices to the Lord.

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Each Friday of Lent, we follow Jesus in his final footsteps by praying the Stations of the Cross. All are welcome!

St. Mary at 12:00 - Noon

St. Michael at 6:30 PM



Bereavement Gatherings

Our parishes are offering support to anyone

dealing with a loss. The program is designed to acknowledge the pain and the loss, while offering positive ideas for coping. Consider joining us. The gatherings are held twice monthly in the St. Michael convent building (the house between the church and the school).

Upcoming scheduled Bereavement Gathering will be: Tues. March 26: 6:30 PM - 8 PM

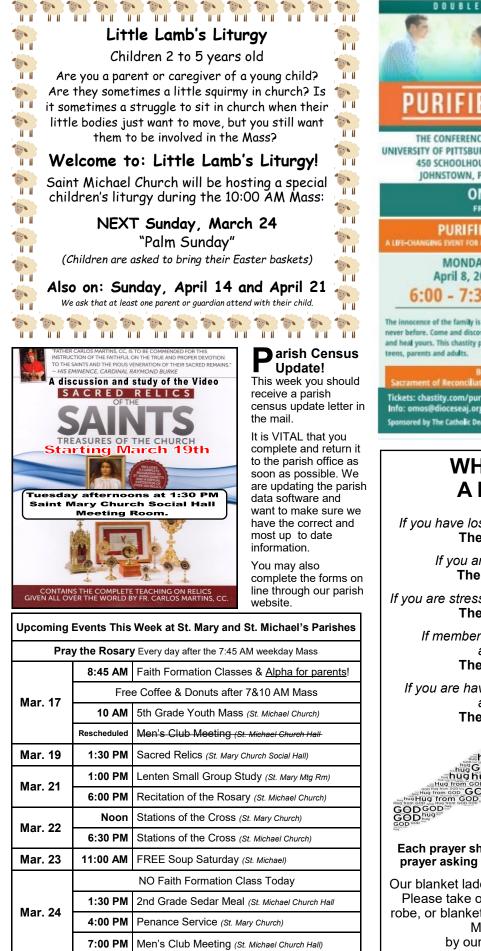
Our gatherings are Christian based. All denominations are welcome!

For more information call/text Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412



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If you have lost a love one and need a hug from God, Then you need a prayer shawl.

> If you are sick and need a hug from God, Then you need a prayer shawl.

If you are stressed or worried and need a hug from God, Then you need a prayer shawl.

If members of your family have left the church and need a hug from God, **Then you need a prayer shawl.**

If you are having problems with your spouse or kids and need a hug from God, **Then you need a prayer shawl.**



Each prayer shawl, lap robe, or blanket is started with a prayer asking God to comfort those who will receive it.

Our blanket ladder is located in the back of each church. Please take one of our homemade prayer shawl, lap robe, or blanket for yourself or give to someone in need. Made with love and in prayer by our Prayer Shawl/Sewing Ministry.

