

St. Mary 312 Clark St. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 814-695-0622

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 Fax: 814-696-9609 Mon. to Thurs. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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Director of Music: .... Ms: Anna Podoletz

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# St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

Pastor/Administrator Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG 814-695-0912 or Email athomas@dioceseaj.org

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# Sixth Sunday of Easter

May 22, 2022

#### Baptism & Marriage:

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

**Christian Initiation:** 

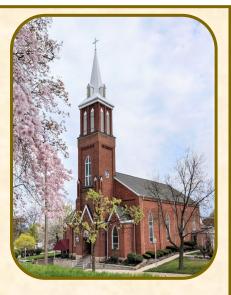
Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? Contact the parish office. Classes normally begin in the Fall

Director of Religious Education for both parishes: Sue Teske 814-695-0912 or 814-934-2180

Hollidaysburg Catholic Youth Group Director: Tim Baranik 814-207-7008

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Holy Trinity Catholic School Website: www.holytrinitycatholic school



St. Michael the Archangel Parish 301 Spruce St. Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 814-695-0912

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

**Director of Parish Administration:** Janet Klingbeil 814-695-0912 or 814-207-1479

Parish website: www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org

Parish Email: stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org

Music Coordinator: Julie Hanlon - Contemporary.... Sandy Harteis - Traditional

Greenlawn Cemetery: Call Tøm 814-695-2546

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 the 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.

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#### Peace I leave with you; my peace I give to you. JOHN 14:27

### loly Day of Obligation

This Thursday, May 26th, is the Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord. It is a holy day of obligation in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Forty days have passed since the glorious resurrection of the crucified Lord from the dead. Today the Church remembers the return of the Son of God to the Father's right hand.

Jesus has ascended into heaven and, although his presence through the Holy Spirit still guides us, we have been placed as stewards to look after his treasures here.

These treasures include the church and sacraments, as well as the bodily gifts needed to sustain our lives. As we use the time, talents, and treasures entrusted to us, we fulfill the parables of Jesus.

When all things are made new and Christ comes in all his glory, all will be united in the kingdom of God.

Please see the Mass schedule below.

# Fr. Brian Norris

Congratulations and many blessings are extended to Rev. Mr. Brian Norris who will be ordained a priest for the Diocese of Altoona Johnstown on Saturday the 28th of May at 10 AM in the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament. All are invited to attend the ordination. Fr Norris's ordination will also be live streamed: https://vimeo.com/702377512

At 5:30 PM that evening (May 28) Fr. Norris will celebrate his first Mass at St Mary Church. If you are unable to attend you can



again watch the live stream on St. Mary's Facebook Page: www.facebook.comStMaryRoman CatholicChurchHollidaysburgPA

On June 12th at 10:00 AM at St Mary Church, Fr. Norris will offer a Mass of Thanksgiving. All are invited to the mass and the reception in the parish Social Hall immediately following that Mass.

# ass for Widows

And Widowers to be Televised. Remember your loved ones on Sunday, May 29, 2022 with a televised Mass Celebrated by Bishop Mark Bartchak at 11:00 AM on WATM ABC 23.

Mass will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 PM on the Breezeline channel 9.

All spouses will be acknowledged and remembered at Mass. All persons throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese, who have lost a spouse through death, are invited to register by contacting the Family Life Office 814-317-2643 or email familylife@dioceseaj.org.

When registering, please give your name, address, phone number and the name of your spouse who has passed away.

Deadline to register is May 24th. Sponsored by the Diocesan Family Life Office and the Catholic Ministries Drive.

#### MASS SCHEDULE FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES

| DATE  | DAY   | TIME     | PARISH      |   | INTENTION  | REQUESTED BY  |  |  |
|-------|---|----------|-------------|---|--|---|--|--|
| 05/21 | SAT   | 4:00 PM  | St. Mary    | ዮ | Fr. John J. Palko                                      | Beverly & John Buterbaugh                                       |  |  |
| 05/21 | JAI   | 5:00 PM  | St. Michael | ዮ | Robert Dravis  | Rick & Diane Bunn   |  |  |
|       |   | 7:30 AM  | St. Mary    | ዮ | Victoria Craig   | Madden & Becker Families  |  |  |
|       |   | 7:30 AM  | St. Michael | ዮ | Tim Veller (Anniv. Remembrance)                        | His mother, Connie  |  |  |
| 05/22 | SUN   | 10:00 AM | St. Mary    | ዮ | Carole Colabrese                                       | Pat Emery   |  |  |
|       |   | 10:00 AM | St. Michael | ዮ | Jerome Lanzel, JR                                      | Dave & Mary Jo Lanzel   |  |  |
|       |   | 11:30 AM | St. Michael |   | The people of the parishes                             | Pastor  |  |  |
| 05/23 | MON   | 7:45 AM  | St. Michael | ዮ | Mark DeLozier (Birthday Remembrance)                   | His family  |  |  |
| 05/24 | TUES  | 7:45 AM  | St. Michael | ዮ | Andy & Ruth Swope                                      | Dan, Vicki and Maeve Lawruk                                     |  |  |
|       | Solemnity of the Ascension of the Lord—Holy Day of Obligation |          |             |   |  |   |  |  |
| 05/25 | WED   | 6:30 PM  | St. Mary    | ዮ | Mary Healy   | Jamie & Joyce Jenkins   |  |  |
|       | TUUDO   | 7:45 AM  | St. Michael | ዮ | Deceased members of the<br>Harry & Sarah Dodson Family | Joe & Paul  |  |  |
| 05/26 | THURS   | 8:30 AM  | St. Michael |   | HTCS Children's Mass                                   |   |  |  |
|       |   | NOON     | St. Mary    | ዮ | Fr. John J. Palko                                      | George and Sally Mollish & Family                               |  |  |
| 05/27 | FRI   | 7:45 AM  | St. Mary    | ዮ | Jack Hallberg  | Wife, Carol   |  |  |
|       |   | 4:00 PM  | St. Mary    | Ŷ | Dr. George Biesinger                                   | Altoona Catholic High School 1952                               |  |  |
| 05/28 | SAT   | 5:00 PM  | St. Michael | ዮ | Anna Fanelli (Anniv. Remembrance)                      | Her daughter Patti Geesey                                       |  |  |
|       |   | 5:30 PM  | St. Mary    |   | Mass of Thanksgiving, Fr. Brian P                      | . Norris' First Mass  |  |  |
|       |   | 7:30 AM  | St. Mary    | ዮ | Jim Destefano  | Pietrolungo Family  |  |  |
|       |   | 7:30 AM  | St. Michael | ቴ | Guy Luciano (Anniv. Remembrance)                       | His wife Joan & daughter, Anita Carvalho<br>& by his wife, Joan |  |  |
| 05/29 | SUN   | 10:00 AM | St. Mary    | ዮ | Douglas Oswald   | Brandy Lubert & Debra Oswald                                    |  |  |
|       |   | 10:00 AM | St. Michael | ዮ | Rev. Fr. John Palko                                    | St. Michael's Men's Club  |  |  |
|       |   | 11:30 AM | St. Michael |   | The people of the parishes                             | Pastor  |  |  |

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|                        | Stewardship of                                    | Time and Talent -                              | Liturgical Ap                    | pointment Sche                     | edule - May 21                                   | st & May 22n          | d  |
|------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|
|                        | JR. READER *<br>1 or 2 Needed                     | READER *<br>2 Needed                           | EMHC *<br>2 Needed               | ALTAR SERVER<br>2 Needed           | HOSPITALITY<br>3 needed                          | SACRISTAN<br>1 Needed | AUDIO TECH<br>3 Needed                             |
| Saturday, May 21st     |   |  |                                  |                                    |  |                       |  |
| St. Mary<br>4:00 PM    |   | Dave McGarvey - 1st<br>Carol Hallberg - 2nd    | Richard Books<br>Michael Mollish | Grace Muriceak<br>Claire Muriceak  | Jodie Feath<br>Shari Figurelli<br>Meagan James   |                       |  |
| St. Michael<br>5:00 PM | Dean Pochak (Intro)<br>Dean Pochak (Univ. Prayer) | Julia Burke (1)<br>Lisa Michelone (2)          | Lisa Michelone<br>Alicia Jordan  | Jacob Pochak<br>Carter Jordan      | Lisa Michelone<br>NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED       | Lisa Michelone        | Tim Surkovich<br>Michael Waibel<br>Janet Klingbeil |
| Sunday, May 22nd       |   |  |                                  |                                    |  |                       |  |
| St. Mary<br>7:30 AM    |   | Shawn Sullivan - 1st<br>Jo Ann Propcheck - 2nd | Greg Figurelli<br>Robert Moore   | Rachel Musselman<br>Adam Musselman | Ray Gregorchik<br>Daniel Norris<br>Jim Zimmerman |                       |  |

| St. Michael<br>7:30 AM  | NOT FILLED (Intro)<br>NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer) | Vernon Litzinger (1)<br>Mary Ann Litzinger (2) | Chris Feathers<br>Rich Holzer  | Mike Icenroad<br>NOT FILLED      | Tom Baker<br>Ray Baker<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>      | Roy & Cate<br>Burger-Leister | John Elder<br>Steve Frank<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>     |
|-------------------------|---|--|--------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|--|
| St. Mary<br>10:00 AM    |   | Dottie Gonsman - 1st.<br><b>NOT FILLED</b>     | David Madden<br>Mary Smith     | Joshua Bueno<br>Matthew McMullen | Dottie Gonsman<br>John McIntyre<br>Michael Moran |                              |  |
| St. Michael<br>10:00 AM | NOT FILLED (Intro)<br>NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer) | Lisa Georgiana (1)<br>Carole Swope (2)         | Rita Pompa<br>Lisa Georgiana   | Marco Swope<br>NOT FILLED        | Joe Dodson<br>Joe Harteis<br>Greg Olsavick       | Dale & Marty<br>Culp         | LeighAnn Craig<br>Barry Craig<br><b>NOT FILLED</b> |
| St. Michael<br>11:30 AM | NOT FILLED (Intro)<br>NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer) | Doug Stoehr (1)<br>NOT FILLED (2)              | Ginny Harrington<br>NOT FILLED | Rylee Swander<br>Greyson Swander | NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED           | NOT FILLED                   | Tim Surkovich<br>NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED          |

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (May 22nd to May 28th): Jacki Mowery

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

|                         | Stewardship of                                  | Time and Talent -                              | Liturgical Ap                    | pointment Sche                   | edule - May 28   | 8th & May 29th        |  |  |
|-------------------------|---|--|----------------------------------|----------------------------------|--|-----------------------|--|--|
|                         | JR. READER *<br>1 or 2 Needed                   | READER *<br>2 Needed                           | EMHC *<br>2 Needed               | ALTAR SERVER<br>2 Needed         | HOSPITALITY<br>3 needed  | SACRISTAN<br>1 Needed | AUDIO TECH<br>3 Needed                             |  |
|                         | Saturday, May 28th                              |  |                                  |                                  |  |                       |  |  |
| St. Mary<br>4:00 PM     |   | Alicia Sosnowski - 1st<br>Mike Sosnowski - 2nd | Richard Books<br>Michael Mollish | Benjamin Sosnowski               | Chris Johnston<br>Michael Johnston<br>Rick Pulcino               |                       |  |  |
| St. Michael<br>5:00 PM  | NOT FILLED (Intro)<br>NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer) | Carole Swope (1)<br>Lisa Michelone (2)         | Don Straub<br>NOT FILLED         | Marco Swope<br>NOT FILLED        | NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED                           | Alan Curtis           | NOT FILLED<br>Michael Waibel<br>NOT FILLED         |  |
| St. Mary<br>5:30 PM     | Fr. Brian Norris' First Public Mass             |  |                                  |                                  |  |                       |  |  |
|                         | Sunday, May 29th                                |  |                                  |                                  |  |                       |  |  |
| St. Mary<br>7:30 AM     |   | Susan Painter - 1st<br>Rachel Sleeth - 2nd     | Kay Benton<br>Greg Figurelli     | Layna Henry                      | Jodie Feath<br>Ray Gregorchik<br>Daniel Norris                   |                       |  |  |
| St. Michael<br>7:30 AM  | NOT FILLED (Intro)<br>NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer) | Michael Schlechter (1)<br>Bob Anthony (2)      | Anita Carvalho<br>Kathy Balconi  | NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED         | Tom Baker<br>Ray Baker<br>Steve Frank                            | NOT FILLED            | John Elder<br>NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED             |  |
| St. Mary<br>10:00 AM    |   | Beverly Buterbaugh - 1st<br>Kathy Bartel - 2nd | Sharon King<br>Diane Stephens    | NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED         | Dottie Gonsman<br>Meagan James<br>John McIntyre<br>Michael Moran |                       |  |  |
| St. Michael<br>10:00 AM | NOT FILLED (Intro)<br>NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer) | Marty Culp (1)<br>Dale Culp (2)                | Pat Gildea<br>Rita Pompa         | Rylee Swander<br>Greyson Swander | Joe Dodson<br>Joe Harteis<br>Greg Olsavick                       | Rita Pompa            | LeighAnn Craig<br>Barry Craig<br><b>NOT FILLED</b> |  |
| St. Michael<br>11:30 AM | NOT FILLED (Intro)<br>NOT FILLED (Univ. Prayer) | Francine Boland (1)<br>Debbie Sault (2)        | Eva Pope<br>Ginny Harrington     | Rylee Swander<br>Greyson Swander | NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED                           | Mel & Patty Link      | Tim Surkovich<br>NOT FILLED<br>NOT FILLED          |  |

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (May 29th to June 4th): Ramona Shrift



**Holy Day Masses** 

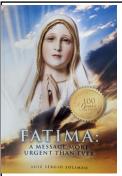
Wednesday Vigil 6:30 PM St. Mary

Thursday 7:45 AM St. Michael

Thursday 8:30 AM HTCS Children's Mass St. Michael

Thursday Noon St. Mary

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# **FREE Books**

Thanks to generous donors, there are free books, one about Fatima and one with daily inspirations, for you to take home to read.

Feel free to take either or both books for your family today.

The books are available at both parishes.

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# east of St. Anthony of Padua Celebration

Please join us for a celebration honoring the Feast of St. Anthony of Padua on Tuesday, June 13<sup>th</sup> at St. Bernardine Monastery, Hollidaysburg.

The event will include an outdoor Mass, Blessing of St. Anthony's Bread, and Blessing with First Class Relic of St. Anthony.

Mass will begin at 10:00 AM, followed by bread distribution. The celebration will be rain or shine as it will be under a tent and please bring a chair!

#### Congratulations 2022 Graduates

We extend sincere congratulations to all our young men and women who have or will be graduating from any high school, college, technical, or professional training this year.

The faith communities of Saint Michael the Archangel and Saint Mary would like to recognize all our high school graduates by putting together a graduation poster for each parish.

Please send a recent picture of yourself to <u>jklingbeil@dioceseaj.org</u> or <u>stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org</u> before May 31, 2022.

#### **College Junior & Senior Scholarships** are available to students registered at Blair County Parishes who will be college juniors or seniors this Fall. They may apply to receive one of the four \$500.00 grants from the Adelaide Welge Scholarship Endowment. Please visit the "Grants & Scholarships" page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website (www.icfoundation.us) to download an application, which should be returned to the Foundation no later than 4:00 PM, Wednesday, June 8th. Award recipients will be notified in July and announced on the Foundation's Facebook page.





| Saint Mary's Parish<br>Stewardship of Treasure |                         |  |  |  |  |
|--|-------------------------|--|--|--|--|
| \$4307.00                                      | Adult Envelopes         |  |  |  |  |
| 5.00   | Children's Envelopes    |  |  |  |  |
| 316.00   | Loose Cash              |  |  |  |  |
| 6328.28  | Online Giving           |  |  |  |  |
| 84.00  | Candles                 |  |  |  |  |
| 123.50   | Catholic Communications |  |  |  |  |
| 123.31   | Met Life                |  |  |  |  |
| 13.50  | Ascension               |  |  |  |  |
| 200.00   | Father's Day            |  |  |  |  |
| 10.00  | Cemetery Fund           |  |  |  |  |
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Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship

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# St. Mary Ladies Guild







#### THANK YOU! For all that you do.

- Provides Funeral Meals
- Provides Alpha Meal
- Provides Prayer Pal Meal
- Provides Penance Service Meals
- Conducts Bake Sales
- Conducts Soup Sales
- Supports Free Soup and Sandwiches Saturdays
- Provides the Church Flowers

New members (and ideas) are always welcome. Please contact the parish office to learn more.



Deacon Michael L. Russo Director of the Permanent Diaconate Johnstown Office Phone: (814) 288-3036 Deacon Michael's E-mail: Michael.Russo@atlanticbb.net

#### INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Acts 15: 1-2, 22-29 It is about 20 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. The Church is already experiencing questions about its doctrines and practices. In today's reading, the Church is dealing with the major problem of whether to impose circumcision and observance of the Jewish law on its Gentile converts.

**Revelation 21: 10-14, 22-23** Revelation is an Easter book because it focuses on the Risen Jesus and our final victory over sin and death. In this passage, the author uses such phrases as "heavenly Jerusalem" or "new Jerusalem" to describe the Church in its glory at the end of time.

#### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts 7:55-60 and Revelation 22:12-14. 16-17, 20 Gospel: John 17:20-26

## Congratulations Fr. Alan

Both parishes extend special congratulations to you, our pastor, on the occasion of your **30th Anniversary of Ordination to the priesthood**!

We consider ourselves blessed by your presence and are grateful to you for the guidance and leadership you so lovingly provide at our parishes and in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

We pray that God grant you many happy, healthy years in your priestly ministry.

I am grateful to him who has strengthened me, Christ Jesus our Lord, because he considered me trustworthy in appointing me to the ministry. - 1 Timothy 1:12



# **H**elp

is needed to maintain the beauty of our cemeteries. Please call the church office if you are interested in helping or serving on the cemetery committee.



#### CONGRATULATIONS TO MADELINE WAIBEL



Madeline Waibel, a member of Saint Michael is a senior at Hollidaysburg Area Senior High School, and one of this year's two recipients of the Altoona -Johnstown Catholic Charities 2022 Matthew 25 Youth Humanitarian Award.

Maddie has served as a teacher and as an aide for our Religious Education Program for three years, and has helped with many outside organizations including the American Red Cross, The Father's House and the Special Olympics as well as numerous school activities. Maddie certainly embodies the mission of Catholic Charities.

Catholic Charities

| Upcoming Events at St. Mary and St. Michael's Parishes  |            |   |  |  |  |  |
|---|------------|---|--|--|--|--|
| <b>Pray the Rosary</b><br>Every day after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass.<br>Every Thursday at 6:00 PM at St. Michael Church. |            |   |  |  |  |  |
| May 25  | 6:30 PM    | Ascension Thursday Vigil Mass (St. Mary Church)   |  |  |  |  |
| May 26 7:45 AM  |            | Ascension Thursday Mass (St. Michael Church)  |  |  |  |  |
| May 26 8:30 AM  |            | Ascension Thursday HTCS Mass (St. Michael Church)   |  |  |  |  |
| May 26  | 12:00 Noon | Ascension Thursday Mass (St. Mary Church)   |  |  |  |  |
| May 26  | 6:30 PM    | St. Michael Finance Committee Meeting (Rectory Meeting Rm)                                |  |  |  |  |
| May 26 - 3  | 31         | Parish Offices Closed<br>(St. Mary's until Tues. May 31 and St. Michael until Wed. June 1 |  |  |  |  |
| May 27 6:00 PM  |            | Holy Hour for Vocations (St. Michael Church)  |  |  |  |  |
| May 28 10:00 AM   |            | Ordination Mass for Fr. Brian Norris (at the Cathedral)                                   |  |  |  |  |
| May 28  | 5:30 PM    | Fr. Brian Norris' First Mass (St. Mary Church)  |  |  |  |  |
| May 28 - 2  | 29         | Blessing of Religious items<br>(at all weekend Masses at both churches)                   |  |  |  |  |
| May 30 9:00 AM  |            | Memorial Day Mass (at New St. Mary Cemetery)  |  |  |  |  |
| May 31  | 6:30 PM    | St. Mary & St. Michael Christian Outreach Meeting<br>(St. Michael Rectory Meeting Room)   |  |  |  |  |
| June 1 7:15 AM  |            | Men's Fellowship Meeting (St. Michael Church hall)  |  |  |  |  |

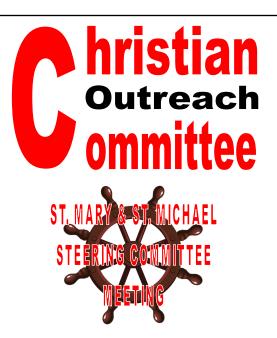
#### Saint Michael's Parish Stewardship of Treasure Offertory for May 15th\*

\* Not available before publication. Totals will be published next week.



Your child is a gift to all of us. With you we celebrate the beginning of your child's faith journey.

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# You are invited and welcome to plan our parishes' Fall/Winter Projects and Activites

At St. Michael's rectory meeting room Tuesday, May 31st at 6:30 PM

Kathy Balconi 585-730-0757 Shari Figurelli 814-330-9421

#### Blessing of Religious Items

during all Masses on Saturday, May 28th and Sunday, May 29th.



Please bring your medals, crucifixes, statues, nativity sets, pictures, scapulars, rosaries, and other articles used for religious devotions.



Cemetery located on Cemetery Lane, turn at Penn Dot offices on N. Juniata St. (Cemetery Chapel if inclement weather)

A time to remember those dear to our heart and those who have fallen in service to our country.

\* PLEASE NOTE: THERE WILL NOT BE A 7:45 AM MASS AT ST. MICHAEL'S THAT MORNING

#### Holy Hour Planned on Eve of Priestly Ordination

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is joyfully anticipating the Sacrament of Holy Orders for four men. Bishop Mark will ordain Deacon Brian Norris to the priesthood during a Mass on May 28th at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona.

On June 4th, the Bishop will ordain three men to the Sacred Order of the Diaconate during a Mass at 10:00 AM at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament.

Diocesan seminarian Justin Treon will be ordained a transitional deacon, and Bishop Mark will ordain Daniel Heiser and Brian Yurky as permanent deacons.

There will be a Eucharistic Holy Hour to offer prayers for the four men on Friday, May 27th at 6:00 PM at Saint Michael the Archangel Parish, 301 Spruce Street, Hollidaysburg.

Prayers will also be offered for our current priests and seminarians, and for future seminarians. The Sacrament of Reconciliation will also be available.

All are welcome!



Saturday, May 28th is truly a special day not only for the universal Church and our Diocese, but especially for St. Mary and St. Michael Parishes.

We extend to Brian and to his family and loved ones our most sincere congratulations and the assurance of our prayers for them in the months and years ahead as he answers the call to minister in Word and Sacrament.

Our parishes are proud of you and we give you our total support in your blessed endeavors.

