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March 14, 2021
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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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**MISSION STATEMENT OF THE
 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
 FOURTH SUNDAY IN LENT

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23 The second book of Chronicles is part of a series which traces Jewish history from its beginning down to the end of the exile in Babylon, five centuries before Christ. Today's reading is the conclusion of the book. It summarizes the reasons for the exile and tells how it ended after 70 years. Second Chronicles was placed last in the Jewish bible. When we hear the final words of this reading, we hear how the Jewish Scriptures conclude on a positive note.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10 Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The author of this letter to the Christians in Ephesus writes about the saving power of God that is available to both Jews and non-Jews. Today's passage reminds us that salvation is God's gift alone. "Gift" is the root meaning of the word "grace".

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 31:31-34 and Hebrews 5:7-9; Gospel: John 12:20-33

ASSES
 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.

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

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With much gratitude to Fr. Alan and parishioner Harold DeLozier,
**we will continue to have video recordings of the Sunday Mass
 EVERY SUNDAY on our parish website and the parish
 Facebook page.** Fr. Alan will also continue to record the daily
 Reading/Gospel and his daily Homily.

www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org

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

March 13 - 21

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)

Date	Time	Location	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, 3/13	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Mary Ann Gregorchik	by Dan & Beth Norris
	5:00 PM	St. Michael *	+ Anita Jubas	by her husband John, and daughter Maren
Sunday, 3/14	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Daniel Bimle	by Mr. & Mrs. Wayne Kirsch
	8:30 AM	St. Michael *	+ William C. Drass, Jr.	by Elda, Elda Jean & Ray
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Rose Heininger	by Bob & Cathy Allen
	10:00 AM	St. Michael *	+ Robert Osborne	by Paul & Stacy Yakymac & the Foot of Ten family
11:30 AM	St. Michael *	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes		
Monday, 3/15	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Edgar "Pork" and Esther Burkhardt	by the Burkhardt Family
Tuesday, 3/16	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Margaret Crawford	by Mary Ann Donnelly
Wed., 3/17	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Nathan Stehle	by Mom & Brad
Thursday, 3/18	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Walter Christian Baronner	by his sister; Patricia Baronner-Yeatts
Friday, 3/19	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Leona George	by her family
Saturday, 3/20	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ L. & D. Blodgett/Papciak Families	by their children
	5:00 PM	St. Michael *	+ Vince Wolf	by Ambrose Aquadro
Sunday, 3/21	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ William D. Rossman	by Kathleen & John O'Shea
	8:30 AM	St. Michael *	+ Rita Burger (Birthday Remembrance)	by her family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	In Honor of Tom & Peggy Catalano	35th Wedding Anniversary
	10:00 AM	St. Michael *	+ Adam Woomer	by his mother & father
11:30 AM	St. Michael *	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes		

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

Fifth Sunday in Lent

March 20/21	Reader	E.M.H.C.	Sacristan	Hospitality	Tech
Sat. 5 PM	C. Swope (1) B. Stevens (2)	L. Savino (P) S. Teske (S)	R. DeHaven	D. Bonetti P. Chapin	available
Sun. 8:30 AM	available (1) M. Schelecter (2)	B. Codd (P) M Fiore (S)	R. & C. Leister	T. Baker R. Baker M. Icenroad	B. Gervinski
Sun. 10 AM	D. Culp (1) M. Culp (2)	L. Georgiana (P) R. Pompa (S)	R. Pompa	M. Culp J. Dodson T. Wilt	available
Sun. 11:30 AM	D. Sault (1) D. Stoehr (2)	D. Stoehr (P) E. Pope (S)	M./P. Link	P. Claycomb available	available

PARISH PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE

This week the audio/visual platform in the choir loft was carpeted. Connecting the new audio and visual system has started as well, and more detail painting and cleaning is still occurring. We are still on schedule to be open for the Holy Triduum starting on April 1 with the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7 PM.

HAPPY 50th

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY

Congratulations to parishioners, **Norm & Janet Kazinski** as they celebrated their 50th Wedding Anniversary on March 13. May God bless them with many more years of health and happiness!

GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS		
Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness.		
LENTEN RECONCILIATION OPPORTUNITIES		
Now thru April 1st		
EVERY SATURDAY	St. Michael	1:00 PM
	St. Mary	3:00 PM
EVERY SUN	St. Michael	7:30 AM
Fri 26th	St. Mary	7:30-9:00 PM
Sat 27th	St. Michael	9:00-11:00 AM
Sun. 28th	St. Michael	12:30-2:00 PM
Mon. 29th	St. Mary	7:00-9:00 PM
Tues. 30th	St. Mary	6:00-7:45 AM
Tues. 30th	St. Michael	5:00-7:00 PM
Wed. 31st	St. Mary	11:30 AM-1:30 PM
Thur. 1st	St. Michael	8:00-10:00 AM NOON-2:00 PM

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

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Weekly Offering for 3/7/21

\$9,257.00

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Loose Collection: \$81.00

Maintenance (3/7/21): **\$739.00**
Twin Parish (3/7/21): **\$294.00**
Easter (3/7/21): **\$210.00**
Ash Wednesday (3/7/21): **\$40.00**
Holy Thursday (3/7/21): **\$135.00**
Easter Memorial (3/7/21): **\$715.00**
Catholic Relief (3/7/21): **\$33.00**
Initial Envelope (3/7/21): **\$15.00**
Good Friday (3/7/21): **\$95.00**
Painting Project (3/7/21): **\$1,073.00**

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

John 3:14-21 Today's gospel speaks of light and darkness. Often a parent is deliberately "left in the dark." Darkness can be comforting for it makes no demands on us. Light can be disturbing for it forces us to take action. Parents walk a delicate balance of when to "sit in the dark" and when to "turn on the lights."

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

4th Sunday of Lent (March 14) The Lord's words to Samuel about who should become the next king of Israel cut right to the heart of what matters in God's eyes, "man sees the appearance, but the Lord looks into the heart." We often embrace the misconception that status and appearance are what is most important in life. Yet, God clearly states that it is our hearts that matter most.

Jesus tells us that if we live our lives as faithful stewards our deeds will shine out and be clearly seen as we reflect God's dream. What can we do so our deeds will bring light to the world in those around us? And how do we cultivate hearts worthy of God?

It starts in prayer, giving God undivided attention each day. Through this week set time aside for our Lord, He will work on our hearts so that they will become more like him.

(Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, February 15, 2021)

THE SOLEMNITY OF ST. JOSEPH, SPOUSE OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

March 19, 2021

According to the gospels, Joseph was a skilled craftsman and a descendant of King David. Joseph, learning of Mary's pregnancy with a child that was not his, and under penalty of the law she would be put to death, deciding to quietly dissolve the marriage "as he was a righteous man. Told in his dreams by an angel of God that he was to take Mary as his wife and make her child as his own. "Joseph did as the angel commanded him, he took her as his wife." (Matthew 1:19-25)

On this special day of the Church year many parishes will offer a banquet of blessings called the Saint Joseph Table. If your parish does not celebrate this tradition, or is not celebrating this year, consider making an offering of food donation to your local food bank or parish collection. 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

BE A DISCIPLE OF HOPE

Today is Commitment Sunday for Our Catholic Ministries Drive. Your sacrificial gifts of prayer and treasure will make an immediate impact on ministries that care for the poor, strengthen family life, nurture our youth, and provide leadership development for clergy and laity. During Lent, and throughout the year, we are challenged to renew our spiritual devotions and duties - and one of those holy duties is to support the Church. We are challenged to open our eyes and see those in our midst that bring hope to life through their time and talent in serving the community through the 14 ministries supported by the Catholic Ministries Drive. If you didn't bring your Commitment Card to mass this weekend, please bring it next weekend or you may make an online gift at www.dioceseaj.org/giving. 100% of your gift goes directly to these ministries!

2021 Catholic Ministry Drive

Providing 100% of the revenue for 14 vital ministries!

Our parish goal is \$48,839.00



JOB OPPORTUNITIES

There are various openings available throughout the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese. Log on to <https://www.dioceseaj.org/employment/> to apply.

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)

March 14	Men's Club meeting (Church hall)	7:00 PM
March 19	Stations of the Cross (at St. Mary's)	6:30 PM
March 24	Easter Flower Memorials DUE	before 4 PM
March 26	Stations of the Cross (at St. Mary's)	6:30 PM
March 26	Confessions heard at St. Mary's	7:30 PM - 9 PM
March 27	Cemetery Clean-up (Greenlawn Cemetery)	10 AM
March 27	Confessions heard at St. Michael	9 AM - 11 AM
March 28	Palm Sunday	
March 28	Confessions heard at St. Michael	12:30 PM - 2 PM

JUNIOR HIGH YOUTH DAY

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.

BASKET RAFFLE - TODAY!

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.

MEN'S CLUB

The St. Michael Men's Club will be meeting this evening (3/14) at 7 PM. In the Church hall. Terry Wilt will be giving the members an update on the church painting project.

GREENLAWN CEMETERY CLEANUP

The Greenlawn Cemetery Committee will hold a Spring Cleanup on March 27 at 10 AM. All able hands are encouraged to come and help! If you have any flowers/decorations you are asked to please remove them before the 27th so they won't be discarded.

EASTER MEMORIALS

Flowers are an important feature of the Church environment for the Easter season, because they help to establish an atmosphere of the celebration of new life in the Risen Lord. You are invited to have those who have died remembered through our Easter flowers and decorations by returning the "Easter Flower & Decoration Memorials" envelope in your envelope packet. **Please remember to fill-in the back of the envelope with the memorial intention and by whom it is requested.** Each memorial is a suggested \$10 donation.

If you are currently not receiving envelopes, and would like them, please contact the rectory. If you do not use envelopes you may use the form below and place it with your donation in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office.

We ask that all memorials be turned in by **Wednesday, March 24 before 4 PM** so that we may print the memorials in the Easter bulletin. *Memorial donations to the Easter Memorials will be used to pay for the cost of the Easter Flowers, candles, music etc...*

Please print

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