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*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.

MASSSES
 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

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 Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.
 Closed: Weekends, Holy Days and Holidays

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 Call the church office to schedule an appointment.
 Nine month advance notice is normally required for marriage.

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 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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 Facebook page.** Fr. Alan will also continue to record the daily
 Reading/Gospel and his daily Homily.

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INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS
 FIFTH SUNDAY IN LENT

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.)

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

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

March 20 - 28

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, 3/20	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	
Monday, 3/22	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Donald Simendinger	by Gordon & Cyndy Simendinger
Tuesday, 3/23	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Arkie Tromm	by Pete & Gerry Pontzer
Wed., 3/24	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Rose Mary Heininger	by Paulette & Merle Kirsch
Thursday, 3/25	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	For the Physical & Spiritual needs of James DeStefano by Tim & Kathy Balconi	
Friday, 3/26	7:45 AM	St. Mary *	+ Louis Fanelli, Jr. (Birthday Remembrance)	by his daughter, Patty Geesey
Saturday, 3/27	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Adam Lawruk	by Marie Lawruk
	5:00 PM	St. Michael *	+ Michael Lardieri	by Joe Kawtoski
Sunday, 3/28 PALM SUNDAY	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Alicia Herron	by Meagan James
	8:30 AM	St. Michael *	+ Phil Baker	by Dee Barkley
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Betty Ann Catalano	by Tom & Peggy Catalano
	10:00 AM	St. Michael *	+ Lucy Crawford	by Kim & Gregg Olsavick
	11:30 AM	St. Michael *	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

NEXT WEEK'S LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

Palm Sunday of the Lord's Passion

March 27/28	Reader	E.M.H.C.	Sacristan	Hospitality	Tech
Sat. 5 PM	L. Michelone (1) <i>available</i> (2)	D. Klingbeil (P) D. Straub (S)	A. Curtis	J. Klingbeil <i>available</i>	<i>available</i>
Sun. 8:30 AM	M. Schelecter (1) B. Stevens (2)	A. Carvalho (P) P. Gildea (S)	S. & D. Claar	R. Stellabotte B. Pfeffer T. Baker	R. Frank
Sun. 10 AM	G. Sweeney (1) C. Swope (2)	M. Icenroad (P) T. Wilt (S)	M./D. Culp	R. Culp J. Dodson J. Harteis	M. Swope
Sun. 11:30 AM	D. Sault (1) D. Stoehr (2)	E. Pope (P) B. Codd (S)	A. Weyant	P. Claycomb <i>available</i>	G. Hayes

PARISH PAINTING PROJECT UPDATE

This week the stations of the cross and all statues have been cleaned and detailed and are waiting to be hung as the stenciling work around the church and windows continues. The tech work has also continued without any issues. We have run into some problems with the painting adhering to the north west wall and are looking into solutions to this problem. This may cause some delays in reopening, but it is too early to know for sure. We are hoping to clean the church woodwork and carpet this week.

Thanks again for all who have financially donated to the project. Your generosity is deeply appreciated.

HEALTH UPDATE OF FR. BONAVENTURE

Fr. Bonaventure is recovering well from his second knee surgery, still retraining his sense of humor, and anxious to come back to us! If you would like to send him a card or letter, his address is:

Fr. Bonaventure Curtis
300 Fraser Purchase Rd
Latrobe, PA 15650

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.

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Thank you for your generosity!

Weekly Offering for 3/14/21

\$9,515.00

Envelope: \$9450.00

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Maintenance (3/14/21): **\$162.00**

Twin Parish (3/14/21): **\$333.00**

Easter (3/14/21): **\$290.00**

Ash Wednesday (3/14/21): **\$10.00**

Holy Thursday (3/14/21): **\$77.00**

Easter Memorial (3/14/21): **\$490.00**

Catholic Relief (3/14/21): **\$382.00**

Catholic Home Mission (3/14/21): **\$5.00**

Good Friday (3/14/21): **\$77.00**

Painting Project (3/14/21): **\$200.00**

THANK YOU

Thank you to all who helped with the Stations of the Cross on Friday, March 12. Especially the woman of the parishes who led each station: **Anita Carvalho, Mary Jo Lanzel, Jo DeLozier, Jeannie Burger, Diane Madden, Sandy Harteis, Valerie Mauk, and Kim Olsavick.**

A BIG thank you to the mysterious & generous benefactor who recently paid for the church oven vent cleaning. What a nice surprise to receive the bill marked "Paid."

A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

(John 12:20-33) Relationships come with a price tag. We must be willing to entrust ourselves to another, to let go of our autonomy and die to our independence. It is in dying to our independence that we find interdependence with others. - by Bud Ozar.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

5th Sunday of Lent (March 21) - You are like a grain of wheat. Keeping your time, talent, and treasure to yourself yields no harvest. With God's grace we can die to ourselves and bear fruit for His kingdom. When you live for others, the evangelizing mission of Jesus Christ is revealed. Is God calling you to be charitable in a specific way this week?

We are called to detach from our own desires and entrust our lives to all that God has in store for us. As this Lenten season comes to a close, let us strive to partake in the richness God has offered to us through his covenant by more faithfully living out our call to be disciples of Christ, with frequent reception of the sacraments, and heartfelt service to our families and neighbors.

(Stewardship Bulletin Reflection, Catholic Stewardship Consultants, February 22, 2021)

CONSECRATION TO ST. JOSEPH: THE WONDERS OF OUR SPIRITUAL FATHER

During this Special Year of Saint Joseph you may want to enter into the 33 day prayer to consecrate yourself to Saint Joseph. What does it mean for a person? It is basically you acknowledging that he is your spiritual father, and you want to be like him. To show it, you entrust yourself entirely into his paternal care so that he can help you acquire his virtues and become holy, you make a formal act of entrustment in prayer to you spiritual father. Saint Joseph in turn, will give those consecrated to him his undivided attention, protection, and guidance. Father Donald Calloway, MIC has written a book, *Consecration to St. Joseph: The Wonders of our Spiritual Father*, to assist you. The prayer can be made in a group or by a single person. Based on the Litany to Saint Joseph and his 24 different titles, a series of special prayers and quotes of holy man and women is followed by a reflection on a wonder of St. Joseph. You are bound to be enlightened by your broadened sense and appreciation of the "silent St. Joseph" and find a trusting companion and protector in him and the entire Holy Family. 2021, Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Liturgy Committee, Liturgy Office, Mary, Mother of the Church Pastoral Center, 2713 W. Chestnut Avenue, Altoona, PA 16601.

CATHOLIC RELIEF SERVICES

The Catholic Relief Services Collection supports six Catholic agencies that touch more than 100 million lives around the world. The funds from this collection help provide food to the hungry, support to displaced refugees, and Christ's love and respect to all people. Please give generously to the Catholic Relief Services Collection (envelopes are available in your newest envelope packet) and help Jesus in disguise.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

You are encouraged to join us in praying the Stations of the Cross at **6:30 PM THIS FRIDAY** 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.

CONGRATULATIONS

We are happy to announce that parishioner, **Nick Iachini** has recently accepted the position of Facilities Manager for Diocesan Pastoral Center. We wish him all the best.

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 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**
March 30 Youth Group Egg Filling Meeting (Church hall) **7 PM**

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 **TODAY: Sun., March 21st - 7:30 AM to 6:00 PM**. Winners will be notified. Winners may pick-up their baskets on March 27th 3:00 to 4:30 PM or March 28th 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM.

HELP NEEDED

We are finalizing the schedule for Holy Week and for the Easter Masses. ALL ministry volunteers are needed. Please sign-up online through Ministry Scheduler Pro or contact the parish office this week.

If your child would like to serve as an altar server again, we are now inviting them to serve. Parents are always welcome to serve with their children!

We are excited to have a new sound and video system installed in the church and will definitely need more volunteers to help. If you have an interest in this please contact the parish office or John Elder so we can arrange to train you. High school students are strongly encouraged to help!

DRIVE-BY SPAGHETTI DINNER - TODAY!

The Church of the Transfiguration will be having a Spaghetti Drive-By on TODAY, March 21st from 10am to 1:30pm at the church hall parking lot. Meal includes spaghetti, meatballs, salad, roll & dessert all for only \$8.00

EASTER MEMORIALS DUE THIS WEDNESDAY

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.

We ask that all memorials be turned in by **THIS 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

Memorial for: _____

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PALM SUNDAY	HOLY THURSDAY	GOOD FRIDAY	EASTER VIGIL	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
SATURDAY	MASS	SERVICE	BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD	MASS
4:00 PM - St. Mary	7:00 PM - at St. Mary	Noon at St. Michael	Noon - at St. Michael	8:00 AM - St. Mary
5:00 PM - St. Michael	7:00 PM - at St. Michael	3:00 PM at St. Mary		8:30 AM - St. Michael
SUNDAY	ADORATION After Mass at both churches. You are encouraged to spend time with our Lord making a pilgrimage to both locations. Until 9:30 PM at St. Michael, concluding with night time prayers at 10 PM at St. Mary	STATIONS OF THE CROSS		10:00 AM - St. Mary
8:00 AM - St. Mary		5:30 PM - St. Michael	MASS	10:00 AM - St. Michael
8:30 AM - St. Michael		6:30 PM - St. Mary	4:00 PM - at St. Mary	11:30 AM - St. Michael
10:00 AM - St. Mary			8:00 PM - at St. Michael	
10:00 AM - St. Michael				
11:30 AM - St. Michael				

Easter Egg Hunt

for St. Mary's and St. Michael's Children

10:00 AM Saturday, April 3rd St. Mary Parish Grounds with a Special Visit from the Easter Bunny

- Special Prizes
- Hosted by Combined Parish Youth Group
- Bring a Basket & Your Friends
- Ages 3 & Under Front of Convent
- Ages 4 to 7 Front of School
- Ages 8 to 10 Front of Church

egg hunt, all parents and students are invited back to the front of the Convent Building on Allegheny Street for the awarding of special prizes and a visit with The Easter Bunny!!

This Special Event is being hosted by our Combined Parish Youth Group-Don't miss the FUN!!

7th—12th Graders: We have some fun for you too!

Attention 7th-12th graders from both St. Michael's and St. Mary's parishes All are invited to join us on **Tuesday, March 30th at 7 PM** to help fill eggs with candy and treats for the upcoming Easter Egg Hunt. This will occur in the St. Michael church hall (basement of the church), at Spruce and Montgomery Streets. Please come have some fun and join your peers. This should only take about 1 hour. **We're also looking for student volunteers to assist with the actual egg hunt that will take place on Saturday, April 3rd at from 10am-11am. (Please be there at 9am).** Parents, if your student can participate in either of these projects, please text Youth Group Director Tim Baranik at 814-207-7008.

THE HUNT IS ON!

Saturday, April 3rd at 10 AM
All kids thru age 10 from
St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

All children, age 10 and under, of both St. Mary's and St. Michael's parishes, are invited to a fabulous Easter Egg Hunt on the grounds of St. Mary's Parish in Hollidaysburg... **With A Special Visit from The EASTER Bunny!!** Children will be separated into 3 age groups...Parents with children under age 4 should meet in front of St. Mary's Convent on Allegheny St., children ages 4-7 should meet in front of St. Mary's school, and children ages 8-10 should meet in the front of St. Mary's Church on Mulberry St. At the conclusion of the

To reconcile with God is the reason for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Our regularly scheduled Confessions will continue every Saturday at 1 PM and on Sundays at 7:30 AM, and at St. Mary Church every Saturday at 3 :00 PM. There also extra days to receive reconciliation **TODAY thru April 1**, here and at St. Mary's:

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Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness.		
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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

Please note that at St. Michael parish, confessions will be heard in the church hall (enter via the lower doors on Montgomery St.). At St. Mary parish, confessions will be heard in the church social hall (large building behind the church, enter thru doors off the ally behind the church).

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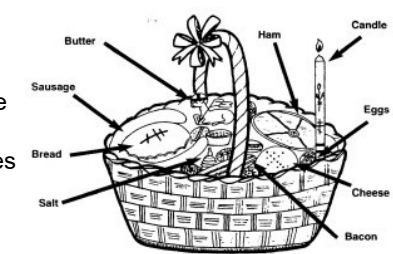


THE BLESSING OF EASTER FOOD BASKETS

Easter Food Baskets will be blessed here at St. Michael Church on Holy Saturday at Noon.

People with Eastern European backgrounds: Poland, Russia, Serbia, Slovenia, Hungary, Ukraine, the Balkans and other countries with Slavic tradition-might be familiar with the blessing of Easter foods. What's in the baskets depends on the region one is from and the family's preferences. The food in the Easter baskets, like the food served during the Jewish Passover, would also carry significant religious symbolism.

- **Bread:** symbolizes Christ the Bread of Life. Easter bread is sometimes sweetened, braided, or even decorated with a dough cross.
- **Butter:** a symbol of God's goodness and the richness of salvation. Sometimes it is molded into the shape of a lamb. Cheese would have similar symbolism.
- **Eggs:** a symbol of life, hope, rebirth, and resurrection.
- **Horseradish:** symbolic of the bitterness and harshness of Christ's passion. It is sometimes mixed with grated beets.
- **Meat (ham, lamb, smoked sausage):** symbolize God's favor and generosity. Since pork was forbidden in the Old Testament, eating it now symbolizes that all things are made new in Christ. Linked sausage can remind us that Christ broke the chains of death and rose triumphant.
- **Salt:** to symbolize preservation and purification. It also reminds us the we are to be "the salt of the earth."
- **Wine:** to gladden the heart.
- **Candy and baked sweets:** symbolize God's providential sustenance, life's sweetness, eternal life, and the good things to come in the heavenly banquet.
- **Candle:** reminds us that Christ is our light. It may also be used at the Easter table.
- **White cloth-used either under or over the food:** symbolizes the burial cloth of Jesus that was found left in the tomb.



ST. JOSEPH THE WORKER

O God, Creator of all things,
who laid down for the human race the law of work,
graciously grant that by the example of Saint Joseph
and under his patronage,
we may complete the works you set us to do
and attain the rewards you promise.
Through Christ our Lord. Amen.

JOIN WITH OTHERS PRAYING THE ROSARY

Every Thursday afternoon
4:30 PM
at St. Mary Church

All are invited!