May 12, 2019

Fourth Sunday of Easter

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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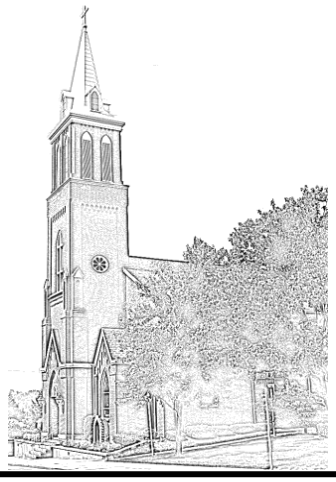

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Extending a rich parish heritage built upon the pioneering traditions of the first settlers of the Southern Allegheny mountains, St. Michael the Archangel Parish embraces as its mission the use of all available resources, both spiritual and temporal, 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

Regularly on Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. and Sundays: 7:30 a.m.

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

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

Anyone interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith should contact the parish office. New classes begin each Fall.

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

Sunday, May 12, 2019

"Loving God, **Is it I, Lord?** Are you calling me to a vocation of ministry in the Church as Priest, Sister, Brother or Deacon? Or if I am already living out a life's vocation, are you asking me to help call others to the ministry of leadership in the Church? We do need men and women to help lead us, Lord. We are your people of the valley, prairie, and pines, the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown. Speak to us Lord. Open the minds and hearts of many men and women to live your Word and build your Kingdom. **Speak to me Lord.** Plant your Word within me so that whatever you call me to be or do I may say **Yes, Here I Am Lord. Lord here I am**! What would you like me to do with my life? *(Pause to listen to God for a moment)* Teach me to do your will, Lord. And let your Holy Spirit guide me!"

DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS
for May 12 - May 13

TODAY - SUNDAY, May 12 - *Fourth Sunday of Easter; Mother's Day; World Day of Prayer for Vocations*

8:30 a.m. For All Mothers Living & Deceased
10:00 a.m. For All Mothers Living & Deceased
11:30 a.m. For All Mothers Living & Deceased

MONDAY, May 13 - *Our Lady of Fatima*

7:45 a.m. + Patrick Farrell & Ellen DelBaggio *- by Bill & Judy Ward*

TUESDAY, May 14 - *St. Matthias, Apostle*

7:45 a.m. For Special Intention *- by Jane & Larry Barton*

WEDNESDAY, May 15 - *St. Isidore*

7:45 a.m. + Louise, Evelyn, Ellie & Olga *-by Steve & Janice Frank*

THURSDAY, May 16

7:45 a.m. For the Physical & Spiritual Wellness of Audrey Sheftall *- by Kim & Alan Curtis*

FRIDAY, May 17

7:45 a.m. + Jean McDonnell (Anniv. Rem.) *- by her family*

SATURDAY, May 18 - *St. John I, Pope & Martyr*

NO MORNING MASS

5:00 p.m. + John Owens *- by his wife, Martha*

SUNDAY, May 19 - *Fifth Sunday of Easter;*

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish
10:00 a.m. + Ed Prostko, Sr *- by his children*
11:30 a.m. + Mark Burger (Birthday Rem.) *- by his family*

MASS SCHEDULE THIS WEEK

Please note that **THIS Thursday, May 16**, the morning Mass will be said at 7:45 AM. The students of Holy Trinity will be celebrating Mass at an "All School Mass" at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona on **Friday, May 17 at 10 AM.**

PRECIOUS LIFE, INC.'S ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN!

Today, there are baby bottles at the church entrances. Parishioners are invited to take a baby bottle home with them after Mass, and fill it with change for the next six weeks and then return the baby bottle on Father's Day. This fun fundraiser helps support Precious Life's primary mission, to extend the love of Christ, in tangible ways, to pregnant women in crisis. Precious Life is a Christian ministry dedicated to providing positive alternatives to abortion. They provide free pregnancy testing, confidential counseling, material support and housing to young women in need. - *Sponsored by our Peace & Justice Committee.*

HOLY WATER FOR HOME USE

There are small containers for Holy Water at the front of the Church near the baptismal font. You are welcome to take a filled Holy Water bottle home with you.

MAY DEVOTIONS

In honor of Mary, Our Blessed Mother, recitation of the rosary will be held in the Church, **every Saturday & Sunday in May twenty minutes before the 5 PM and 8:30 AM Masses.** You are also invited to join in praying the rosary every weekday after the 7:45 AM Masses.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

John 10:27-30 "The works that I do testify to me." Jesus walked the talk. He was a shepherd who "knew his sheep and they followed him." Mother's Day gives us the opportunity to celebrate the unconditional love of mothers. Whether living or dead, a mother's love always invites us to follow her example by loving generously and selflessly.

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS
Fourth Sunday of Easter

First Reading: Acts 13:14, 43-52 None of the readings at liturgy during the seven-week Easter Season is from the Old Testament. In its place, we read from the Acts of the Apostles to show how the Easter message spread far and wide, to all parts of the Mediterranean world. Today, Paul and Barnabas are preaching in what is now central Turkey.

Second Reading: Revelation 7:9, 14-17 The book of Revelation was not intended to predict actual people and events in future times. The author was concerned only about people and events in his own time and was given no privileged information about the future. In this passage, the author encourages people of that time by presenting a vision of God's people enjoying heavenly life.

NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

Acts of the Apostles 14:21-27 and Revelation 21:1-5a
Gospel: John 13:31-33a, 34-35

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS FOR 5/13 - 5/19

SACRISTAN (5/12 - 5/18/19): K. Balconi
SCRIP (5/19/19): M. Eash
COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL (5/19/19): The Sorbera Family

Saturday, May 18 - 5:00 PM - *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Readers: M. Dodson (1) & L. Michelone (2)
Altar Servers: R. Edwards & A. Edwards
E. Min.: S. Teske, L. Savino & D. Straub
Gift Bearers: The D. Boland Family

Sunday, May 19 - 8:30 AM - *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Readers: P. Yakymac (1) & M. Schlechter (2)
Altar Servers: S. Blescia & A. Elder
E. Min.: M. Fiore, P. Gildea & R. Stellabotte
Gift Bearers: The R. Baronner Family

Sunday, May 19 - 10:00 AM - *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Readers: A. Baranik (1) & D. Garrity (2)
Altar Servers: I. Long & C. Reachard
E. Min.: M. DeRose, B. Farnan & R. Pompa
Gift Bearers: The K. Olsavick Family

Sunday, May 19 - 11:30 AM - *Fifth Sunday of Easter*
Readers: R. Wagner (1) & D. Sault (2)
Altar Servers: J. Georgiana & J. Roberts
E. Min.: G. Harrington, E. Pope & R. Walter
Gift Bearers: The Pope Family

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Sunday Offering *(5/5/19):* **$10,487.00**
Sunday Envelopes: $10,090.00*
** Total includes Collection from the 11:30 AM Mass on 4/28*
Sunday Loose Collection: $397.00

2019 Catholic Ministries Drive (C.M.D.) Goal: **$51,858.00**
Received to date: (*as of 3/30/19*) $4,330.00
Under Goal: ($47,528.00)

Signs of new life are everywhere!
Rejoice with all mothers, grandmothers, and soon to be mothers for they are the bearers of life.
Take the time to thank them for choosing life.
"Life is a precious gift— Handle it with care."

WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS

The theme that Pope Francis would like us to focus on is, "The courage to take a risk for God's promise."

Pope Francis, in his message for the World Day of Prayer for Vocations, says, "The Lord's call is not an intrusion of God in our freedom; it is not a 'cage' or a burden to be borne. On the contrary, it is the loving initiative whereby God encounters us and invites us to be part of a great undertaking."

The world in which we live would like us to believe that to follow God is to limit our freedoms, but the true restriction is living a life without a complete, open, loving relationship with our God which sometimes can only be lived by answering a call to draw closer to him more intimately by entering into a religious vocation of priesthood or religious order. Some people who may want to draw closer to God may be asking about how to do so.

Pope Francis continues in his message, "I think primarily of the call to the Christian life which all of us received at Baptism. It teaches us that our life is not a fluke but rather a great gift: the gift of being God's beloved children, gathered in the great family of the Church."

To understand our calling in life can only be done when we understand our call to Christian living through our Baptism which, as Pope Francis says, teaches us that life is a great gift of being God's children in the family of the Church. Every family member has a role to fulfill. So also every member of the Church has a role to fulfill. YOU have a role to fulfill in the great family of the Church!

Who are your future priests? They may be your sons, your brothers, your cousins, your grandsons. They may be your classmates, your employee, your friend. The future priests of this Diocese and the universal Church live in your midst now! They are discerning and listening for the voice God speaking to them in their hearts. They are praying, and they are asking questions. Will YOU be there to help them and encourage them?

On this WORLD DAY OF PRAYER FOR VOCATIONS remember the Pope's theme, "The courage to take a risk for God's promise." Our Church, our Diocese, NEEDS men and women who are strong enough to have the courage necessary to take a risk by answering yes to God's call to priesthood and religious life in order for God's promise for all people to be fulfilled.

For more information about a vocation to the Diocesan Priesthood and for references to Religious Orders, please contact the Diocesan Vocation Office at: Father Matthew Reese, Director - Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Vocation Office - 925 S. Logan Blvd. - Hollidaysburg, PA 16648 - (814) 695-5579 ext. 2681

OUTDOOR SUMMER MASSES

Father John D. Byrnes, Rector, and the Parish Family of Saint Michael the Archangel Basilica, Loretto, invite the faithful to join them each Sunday evening at **7:00 PM** for the outdoor Sunday Mass at the beautiful garden Shrine of Our Lady of the Alleghenies in Loretto. The first Mass of the season will be celebrated on **Sunday, May 26**, and will continue through Labor Day Weekend, **September 1**. Please bring a lawn chair. In the event of inclement weather, the Mass will be celebrated in the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel.

DIOCESAN RETREAT

Love in an Age of Loneliness: A Day Retreat on the Family. Don't miss this opportunity to reflect on marriage and family life with well-known speakers and authors Kimberly Hahn and Mike Aquilina. Includes Mass with Bishop Mark, Confession, Adoration, and lunch. **Saturday, June 22, starting at 9 AM** at St. Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg, PA. The first 100 to register will receive a free copy of *The First Society* by Scott Hahn. Spaces are limited. Register at: https://stjoeacad.org/love-in-an-age-of-loneliness/

YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Students of the parish in grades 7-12, gather your friends for a totally awesome event:

Youth Group Field Day Activities!

NEXT Sunday, May 19th 4:00 PM
on the Church Grounds

Our Field Day Activities will include FUN teambuilding games including: Cupside Down, Ping Pong Noodle Race, Running Tic Tac Toe Race, Hula Hoop Game, Dodge Ball, Human Caterpillar Game Cornhole and More!

Guests are welcome!
Snacks, Drinks, and Prizes!

Hope to see you there!

In case of rain, the event will be held in the Activity Building.

DAY TIME CLASSES

Are you interested in daytime classes? The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry is looking into the possibility of offering daytime classes. Although nothing has been decided at this time, we are looking to gauge interest in this possibility. If you would be interested please, email mheinze@dioceseaj.org.

FATIMA DEVOTIONS

The Franciscan Friars, T.O.R., from Loretto, invite you to participate with them in celebrating the Fatima Devotions **TOMORROW, Monday, May 13, at 6:30 PM** at the Basilica of St. Michael the Archangel. The singing will be led by the choir from the Basilica and the sermon will be delivered by Fr. Peter Lyons, T.O.R. All are invited.

CATHOLIC COMMUNICATIONS

Your support helps the Catholic Communication Campaign (CCC) connect people to Christ, in the United States and around the world, through the Internet, television, radio, and print media. Half the funds we collect remain here in our diocese to support local efforts. Be a part of this campaign to spread the Gospel message. Support the collection today! To learn more, visit www.usccb.org/ccc. Please use the marked envelopes in your envelope packets.

FAMILIES UNITED FOR CHANGE

Is your family suffering from drug addiction? We are a group of family members affected by addiction. We are starting a grass roots effort to bring about change in recovery. All are welcome! Next Meeting: May 14th, 2019 at 7 PM. Place: Hope Community Church 1520 11th Street, Lower Level - Altoona, PA. Phone: 814-934-8067.

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Monday:	Prayer Group *(in the Church)*	**2 PM**
SCRIP:	sold after the 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday Masses in the Church Hall	
TODAY	Men's Club Meeting *(Church Hall)*	**7 PM**
May 14	ARISE Small Group Leaders Meeting *(Rectory)*	**7 PM**
May 15	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting *(Rectory)*	**7 PM**
May 16	B.G.H.S. Baccalaureate *(Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament)*	**7 PM**
May 17	B.G.H.S. Graduation *(Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament)*	**7 PM**
May 19	Youth Group - Field Day *(on the Church grounds)*	**4 PM**
May 19	Hollidaysburg Baccalaureate *(HAHS Senior High Auditorium)*	**7 PM**
May 20 - 27	Parish Office closed	
May 21	Peace & Justice Meeting *(Rectory)*	**7 PM**
May 30	**Ascension of the Lord** *(Holy Day of Obligation)* Vigil Mass - May 29 at	**6:30 PM**

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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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