

1st Sunday of Advent - November 27, 2022

O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

# St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

Pastor/Administrator Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG

Deacon Charles R. Ahearn - Deacon Allan F. Duman

**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  
Mon. to Thurs. 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

**Administrative Assistant:**

Ethel Cunningham 814-695-0622

**Parish website:**

[www.webparish.com/aj/saintmarys](http://www.webparish.com/aj/saintmarys)

**Parish Email:**

[stmaryhburg@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stmaryhburg@dioceseaj.org)

**Director of Music:**

Ms. Anna Podoletz

**Cemetery:**

Carol 814-695-9798

**Facility Managers:**

Greg & Shari Figurelli

**Bulletin Publisher:**

George Mollish

**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

**Parish Office:**

Janet Klingbeil 814-695-0912  
or 814-207-1479

**Building Supervisor:**

J. Terry Wilt, F.C.E.T.G.W.

**Parish website:**

[www.stmichael-hdg-pa.org](http://www.stmichael-hdg-pa.org)

**Parish Email:**

[stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org](mailto:stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org)

**Music Coordinator:**

Julie Hanlon - Contemporary  
Sandy Harteis - Traditional

**Greenlawn Cemetery:**

[greenlawncemeteryhburg@gmail.com](mailto:greenlawncemeteryhburg@gmail.com)

**St. Michael's Pastoral Council:**

[saintmichaelpcc@gmail.com](mailto:saintmichaelpcc@gmail.com)

**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

**Holy Trinity Catholic School:**

Hollidaysburg 814-695-6112  
Altoona 814-381-7011  
Middle School 814-942-7835

**Holy Trinity Catholic School**

**Website:**

[www.holytrinitycatholic.school](http://www.holytrinitycatholic.school)

**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@volunteeraj.org](mailto:gmollish@volunteeraj.org) or either church office.

**GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS**

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

**COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE**  
**SUNDAY, DEC. 11th - 4:00 PM**  
**AT ST. MARY**

Let them turn to the Lord  
to find mercy; to our God,  
who is generous in forgiving  
*Isaiah 55:7b*



**All are welcome!**

**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Friday, December 2nd at St. Mary**  
**8:30 AM to 6:00 PM**



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*

**"So you could not keep watch with me for one hour?" MT 26:40**

**Schedule your time below on Flocknote**

<https://stmarystmichael.flocknote.com/signup/106505>

**"You also must be prepared, for at an hour you do not expect,  
the Son of Man will come"**

**Luke 24:44**

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

DATE	DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION	REQUESTED BY
11/26	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ L. & D. Blodgett/Papciak Families	Family
		5:00 PM	St. Michael	✠ Christine Liebal	Cathy Walls
11/27	SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠ R. Marie Lawruk	Dave & Diane Madden
		7:30 AM	St. Michael	✠ Richard, Janet & Laura White	Ted & Beckie Krol
		10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Carles & Shelly Families	Katherine McKenna
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Dean L. Rhodes, Jr. ( <i>Anniv. Remem.</i> )	His family
		11:30 AM	St. Michael	The People of the Parishes	Pastor
11/28	MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Guy Luciano	His daughter, Anita Carvalho
11/29	TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Gladys Farnan	Her family
11/30	WED	7:45 AM	St. Mary	Special Intention	Blodgett & Papciak Families
12/01	THURS	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Andy & Ruth Swope	Dan, Vicki & Maeve Lawruk
		8:30 AM	St. Michael	<b>HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MASS</b>	
12/02	FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	✠ Ruth Kelley	Anna Farrell & Family
12/03	SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ All the Souls in Purgatory	Blodgett & Papciak Families
		5:00 PM	St. Michael	✠ Joe Boland	Carol and children
12/04	SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	♥ Mike & Mary Jean Walls 60th Anniversary	Family
		7:30 AM	St. Michael	✠ Deceased members of the Liebal Family	Helen Liebal
		10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Americo Pulcino	Rick & Cammy Pulcino
		10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Terry Claycomb	His wife, Peggy
		11:30 AM	St. Michael	The People of the Parishes	Pastor

**Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule**

	JR. READER * 1 or 2 Needed	READER * 2 Needed	EMHC * 2 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO TECH 3 Needed
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**Saturday, November 26th**

St. Mary 4:00 PM		Claudia Montero - 1st John Heslop - 2nd	Richard Books <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Shari Figurelli <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Michael Johnston Chris Johnston Rick Pulcino		
St. Michael 5:00 PM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Intro) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Univ. Prayer)	Becky Stevens (1) Lisa Michelone (2)	Lisa Michelone <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Lisa Michelone <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Lisa Michelone	Michael Waibel Janet Klingbeil

**Sunday, November 27th**

St. Mary 7:30 AM		Shawn Sullivan - 1st Jeff Muriceak - 2nd	Kay Benton Rachel Sleeth	Claire Muriceak Grace Muriceak	Greg Figurelli Ray Gregorchik Jim Zimmerman		
St. Michael 7:30 AM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Intro) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Univ. Prayer)	Bob Anthony (1) Sue Painter (2)	Maryanne Burger Chris Feathers	Terry Wilt <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	John Elder <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
St. Mary 10:00 AM		David Madden - 1st Mike Metzgar - 2nd	Dee Popp James Popp	<b>NOT FILLED</b> Sheylyn Riley	Dottie Gonsman Meagan James <b>NOT FILLED</b>		
St. Michael 10:00 AM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Intro) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Univ. Prayer)	Greg Sweeney (1) Anna McClain (2)	Pat Gildea Greg Olsavick	Marco Swope <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Joe Harteis Joe Dodson <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Dale & Marty Culp	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
St. Michael 11:30 AM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Intro) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Univ. Prayer)	Jeff Johnson (1) Debbie Sault (2)	Ginny Harrington Andy Weyant	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Andy Weyant	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (November 27th to December 3rd): Ginny Harrington

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

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	JR. READER * 1 or 2 Needed	READER * 2 Needed	EMHC * 2 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO TECH 3 Needed
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**Saturday, December 3rd**

St. Mary 4:00 PM		Alicia Sosnowski - 1st Jeff Muriceak - 2nd	Bruno Felus Mary Smith	Claire Muriceak Grace Muriceak	Shari Figurelli Meagan James Rick Pulcino		
St. Michael 5:00 PM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Intro) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Univ. Prayer)	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (1) Lisa Michelone (2)	Lisa Michelone <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Lisa Michelone	Michael Waibel <b>NOT FILLED</b>

**Sunday, December 4th**

St. Mary 7:30 AM		Connie Curfman - 1st Jo Ann Propcheck - 2nd	Kay Benton Greg Figurelli	Isabella Pietrolungo <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Jodie Feath Ray Gregorchik Jim Zimmerman		
St. Michael 7:30 AM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Intro) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Univ. Prayer)	Bob Anthony (1) Rich Holzer (2)	Rich Holzer	Terry Wilt <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b>	John Elder <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
St. Mary 10:00 AM		Keila Whittington - 1st Craig Mauk - 2nd	Sharon King Diane Stephens	Joshua Bueno Julia Wesner	Dottie Gonsman John McIntyre Michael Moran		
St. Michael 10:00 AM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Intro) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Univ. Prayer)	Debbie Chapman (1) Pat Gildea (2)	Alicia Jordan Debbie Chapman	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Joe Harteis Joe Dodson Greg Olsavick	Dale & Marty Culp	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>
St. Michael 11:30 AM	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (Intro) <b>NOT FILLED</b> (Univ. Prayer)	<b>NOT FILLED</b> (1) Debbie Sault (2)	Ginny Harrington Andy Weyant	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>	Mel & Patty Link	<b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b> <b>NOT FILLED</b>

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (December 4th to December 10th): Anita Carvalho

Recent changes to the schedules may not be shown.  
Volunteers are encouraged to login to the Ministry Scheduler Pro Program for the most updated schedule.

If you are having problems logging in, contact the parish office.



## St. Mary & St. Michael NATIVITY FESTIVAL

**HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA.** The first ever St. Mary & St. Michael Nativity Festival is being offered as a gift to the parish communities including all in the surrounding community area. This festival encourages attendees to reflect on the humble birth and life of Jesus Christ, our Savior, and is a two day, self-guided, free public event. It will feature magnificently crafted nativity sets, including the historic nativity sets from both parishes. Loaned by parishioners and friends, these works reflect the culture and perspective of artists around the world. This amazing event for the whole family includes a free Christmas Concert by the Altoona Community Band.



Please help by sharing your Nativity Scene(s)! We are honored to have your help spreading Christ's message of life. All sorts of Nativity sets are welcome, antique, heirloom, traditional, contemporary, homemade. The bigger the variety the better!

**Each donor will be invited to set-up and take down their own scenes, ideally just like you would display in your own home complete with special cloths, lights etc... Set-up will be on Thursday - Friday (Dec. 15 & 16). Take down will be on Sunday after the festival or Monday. Your scenes will be displayed so that no one can touch them!**

**HELP IS NEEDED ALSO!** Can you help set-up, serve as a greeter, donate cookies, take down and help decorate the churches afterwards. Please let us know! Families are encouraged to get involved. Great opportunity for service hours too! **To volunteer or for questions contact St. Michael parish office 814-695-0912 or 814-931-1398.**

**Fr. Alan will bless everyone's nativities!**

Please complete an entry form which can be found at each entrance or,  
online at [WWW.STMICHAEL-HLDG-PA.org](http://WWW.STMICHAEL-HLDG-PA.org)

### St. Mary Social Hall

312 Clark Street- Hollidaysburg PA

**Saturday, December 17th  
3 PM - 7 PM**

**Sunday, December 18th  
8:30 AM - 6:00 PM**

**FREE Christmas Concert by the Altoona Community Band  
at 3:00 PM on Sunday in St. Mary Church**

### Adoration Chapel

St. Mary's Convent Adoration Chapel will be opening soon! You are encouraged to sign up for an hour, become a substitute or BOTH! If that is not an option just stop in and "make a visit." The chapel will open as each day is filled with adorers. Monday thru Friday- 7AM - midnight! Sign up by using Adoration Pro; scan the QR code here or call:



- ★ **Beth Britz 814-935-7290**
- ★ **Vicky Nocek 814-656-2534**
- ★ **Katie Foster 814-502-8436**

You will be notified when your day is opening. Thank you.

### Handel's Messiah

Concert and Sing Along.  
Sunday, November 27th at the First Presbyterian Church, 601 Walnut St. at 3:00 PM All are welcome to attend this sacred music experience.

Featuring: Julia Hanlon and James White. Robert Long, conductor and Asa Carns, organist

A free will offering will be taken. Bring your copies of Handel's Messiah. Some copies will be available to borrow at the door. Sponsored by the Academy of Sacred Music.

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2022**  
**HOLY TRINITY MIDDLE SCHOOL GYMNASIUM**  
11am-5pm  
5516 Roselawn Avenue Altoona, PA

**Shop, Sip & Sip with St. Nick**

OVER 30 LOCAL CRAFT VENDORS-FOOD TRUCKS  
BISHOP GUILFOYLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND  
SECRET SANTA SHOP  
FACE PAINTING-CRAFTS FOR THE KIDS  
CHRISTMAS-THEMED PAINT PARTY  
AND A PHOTO OP WITH ST. NICK HIMSELF!

ADMISSION IS FREE

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**TICKETS:  
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COUNCIL 4245  
HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA

**WINTER  
BBQ  
TICKETS  
\$10**

**IT'S THE SEASON TO EAT CHICKEN!**

**JOIN US FOR OUR WINTER BBQ!**

**SUNDAY DECEMBER 11**

**11 AM TO 1 PM**

**TICKETS ONLY \$10**

**TAKE OUT ONLY**

**MEAL INCLUDES: OUR FAMOUS BBQ CHICKEN, BAKED BEANS, APPLESAUCE, AND ROLL.**

For Tickets Call: Bob Hazenstab (696-4206), Ed Zang (207-9684), Ray Gregorchik (232-4557), Jerry Kovach (696-0198), Tim Surkovich (696-1209), Dan Tarcovsky (414-9636), or call the Knights Hall (695-4752)

**BENEFITS:**

St. Vincent de Paul

Saint Mary's Parish	
\$6,200.00	Adult Collection
12.00	Children
176.00	Loose Cash
143.00	Candles
\$95.00	Utilities
361.00	Catholic Charities
10.00	All Souls Day
477.00	Christmas Memorials



# Children's Christmas Eve Mass



Plans are in the making for a children's 4 PM Mass at both parishes on Christmas Eve. First Grade children are invited to participate in the opening procession and to act out the Gospel reading. If your child(ren) is interested in taking part of this tradition, please call Sue at 814-695-0912 by December 11th. If you have older children we could use their help with the First, Second Readings and Universal prayers. (Seating for you and your children will be reserved.)

Rehearsal for the 4:00 PM Christmas Mass:  
**Wednesday, Dec. 21 at 6:00 PM at St. Michael**  
**Thursday, Dec 22 at 6:00 PM at St. Mary**

## Christian Outreach Committee BLESSING TREE THANK YOU!

Thank you to the parishioners of St. Mary and St. Michael for all the Blessing Tree gifts and monetary donations we received for our Blessing Tree Program. Our families and children are grateful for your thoughtfulness and kindness during this Christmas season.

We know it takes time to coordinate, shop and travel to drop off your Blessing Tree gifts. With your hard work and effort, we were able to provide 68 households with Christmas gifts for approx. 462 children plus 42 from the American Rescue Workers (ARW). Over 1000 gifts were collected and distributed.

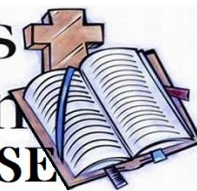
To the "Religious Education Elves" who helped with wrapping boxes of toiletries for the ARW and to the adult "elves" who setup, shopped, collected gifts, wrapped, and cleaned up, we are very grateful.

Everyone's commitment to helping the Blessing Tree is sincerely appreciated. We wish you and your families a...  
**THANK YOU AND VERY MERRY CHRISTMAS!**

### With Much Gratitude

The family of Charlie Baker extend their grateful thanks to all who reached out to them recently. The cards, calls, visits, prayers, the funeral Mass, Mass cards, and donations to the Barbra Zanker Fund on behalf of their brother Charlie was so very kind and deeply appreciated. God bless you all.

## Religious Education OPEN HOUSE



Parents are invited to sit in on their child's Religious Education Class and participate in a discussion with the student's and teachers. Afterwards there will be a fellowship gathering.

**Pre K - 3rd grade**  
**On Sunday, December 4th**

**Grades 4 - 8**  
**On Sunday, December 11th**

**8:45 - 9:45 AM**

**St. Nicholas will visit  
 classes on December 4th**



Cub Scout Pack 331 will be collecting new and gently used coats, hats, gloves and socks for all ages on December 12 from 6:30 -7:30pm as a part of the boys' Duty to God requirement. Donations can be dropped off at St. Mary's Social Hall, 312 Clark St., Hollidaysburg on Monday, Dec. 12 from 6:30-7:30pm. Call Malissa Yon at (814)777-6901 with any questions.

Donations will be forwarded to the American Rescue Workers and Cove Forge Behavioral Health Center for distribution to those in need this Winter season. Cub Scout Pack 331 for boys is sponsored by St. Michael's Church and meets during the school year at 6:30 pm in St. Mary's Social Hall. Boys from Kindergarten to Fifth grade are welcome to join anytime.

### LOCAL ADVENT COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

DEC. 4th	5:00 PM	Saint Joseph, Bellwood
DEC. 9th	5:30 PM	Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona
DEC. 10th	10:00 AM	Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Altoona
DEC. 11th	4:00 PM	<b>Saint Mary, Hollidaysburg</b>
DEC. 12th	7:00 PM	Saint Rose of Lima, Altoona
DEC. 12th	7:00 PM	Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Altoona
DEC. 12th	7:00 PM	Saint Matthew, Tyrone
DEC. 14th	6:00 PM	Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
DEC. 18th	4:00 PM	Saint John the Evangelist, Altoona
DEC. 22nd	5:30 PM	Sacred Heart, Altoona

**C**hristian  
Outreach  
Committee  
To Support the Hollidaysburg  
American Rescue Workers with  
**WEEKLY COLLECTIONS**  
Requested Donation  
for December 3rd & 4th  
Soups, Oils (Olive, Canola, etc.)

### Our Deepest Sympathy



To the family and friends  
of Martin "Joe" Culp.

May God grant him eternal  
rest and bring comfort to  
all who mourn his loss.

May Mary, the Sorrowful  
Mother, console the hearts  
of all who mourn the loss  
of a Loved One.

### Pro-Life Christmas Cards

Citizens Concerned for Human Life, Blair County Chapter. Is offering two beautiful designed Christmas cards. "Holy Family with the infant Jesus." The other card is entitled "Peace on Earth," and illustrates the Nativity scene in silhouette against a nighttime Bethlehem backdrop. Packages of 11 cards are available for \$8.00. To order call: Roxann 814-695-8008.

### Little Blue Book

Advent and Christmas Season Devotional Books are available at the church entrances. The "Little Blue Book" provide a great six minute daily reflection to help you to focus on this special time of the year. Every family is invited to take one home.

### Soup Sale

The St. Mary Ladies Guild will be selling pints of their delicious soup on Saturday, Dec. 3 (3 - 5:30 PM) and Sunday, Dec. 4 (7 AM - Noon), in the Social hall. Chicken Noodle, Stuffed Pepper, and Ham & Bean. \$4 each.

## Christmas Schedule

### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas Vigil)

Saturday, December 24th

4:00 PM Children's Mass at both Churches

7:00 PM Mass at Both Churches

10:00 PM Mass at St. Mary

### The Nativity of the Lord (Christmas)

Sunday, December 25th

8:30 AM Mass at St. Michael

10:00 AM Mass at St. Mary

No 11:30 AM Mass Christmas Day

**Solemnity of Mary,  
The Holy Mother of God**  
Regular weekend Mass schedule

### A Toast to Saint Andrew

THIS Wednesday, November 30th, the Church throughout the world celebrates the Feast of St. Andrew, the brother of Simon Peter. Andrew is the patron of many lands and cultures, but he is especially beloved in Scotland.

Father Alan invites those who are of age to join him in a dram of Scotch in honor of St. Andrew. Our toast to St. Andrew will take place on November 30th in St. Mary Parish Hall after the 6:30 PM Mass. Scotland history, music and other beverages and snacks will be available. **Reservations appreciated, please call or email either parish office if you plan to attend, thank you.**



### Upcoming Events at St. Mary and St. Michael's Parishes

**Pray the Rosary**  
Every day after the 7:45 AM weekday Mass.

<b>Nov 27</b>	No Religious Education Classes	
<b>Nov 30</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Toast to St. Andrew (St. Mary's Social hall)
<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	Confessions at St. Mary
<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	Recitation of the Rosary (St. Michael Church)
<b>Dec 1</b>	<b>7:00 PM</b>	Faith Sharing Group (St. Mary's Social hall)
<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>8:30 - 6 PM</b>	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
<b>Dec 2</b>	<b>6:00 PM</b>	1st Reconciliation Retreat (St. Michael Church)
<b>Dec 3</b>	<b>7:15 AM</b>	Men's Fellowship (St. Michael Convent Bldg)
<b>Dec 3 - 4</b>	<b>3 - 5:30 PM 7 AM - Noon</b>	St. Mary Soup Sale (St. Mary's Social hall)
<b>Dec 4</b>	<b>8:45 AM</b>	Religious Ed Classes (Open house for grades pre K—3rd grade)


### Pray The Rosary



**Thursday 6:00 PM**  
**at St. Michael Church**  
**All are welcome!**

### Saint Michael's Parish

NOV. 20th	Source
\$19,541.00	Adult Collection
4,824.00	Oct. Online donations
217.00	Loose Collection
5.00	Votive Candles
555.00	Maintenance
25.00	Religious Education
1000.00	Rent, school
-144.72	Online giving fee
5.03	Children collection
150.00	All Saints
915.00	Catholic Charities
470.00	Twin Parish in Jamaica
305.00	Greenlawn Cemetery
610.00	Christmas memorials
100.00	Memorial—Dorothy Bernard



# Christmas Memorials

**Remember the deceased of your family.  
Memorials now being accepted for the  
Christmas Season.**

Please use your "Christmas Flower/Decoration Memorials" envelope or complete this form and return it with your donation, in the collection basket or submit it to the office.  
Thank you!

Please mark envelope "CHRISTMAS MEMORIAL"

No flowers will be displayed during Advent

**In loving memory of:**

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**In loving memory of:**

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**REQUESTED BY:**

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**PHONE #**

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Please return form by Sun., Dec.11th

## Altoona Community Band

# Christmas Concert



Sunday, December 18th  
3:00 PM  
St. Mary Church

Sounds of The Season



## FREE ADMISSION

Back by popular demand and in conjunction with our Nativity Festival, the Altoona Community Band will present a free concert showcasing their (and perhaps your) favorite Christmas music both religious and secular, including a new arrangement from a St. Michael parishioner.

The band is comprised of 45 musicians (15 to 85 year olds) from the Blair county area including many parishioners from St. Mary and St. Michael Parishes.

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**Do You Recognize**  
Jesus in your midst? Is your heart burning within you? Think about the possibility of walking the path with Jesus as a priest or brother.

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**INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS**  
**First Sunday of Advent (Cycle A)**


**First Reading: Isaiah 2: 1-5**  
The prophet Isaiah dreamed of a day when Jerusalem (sometimes called Zion) would be the center of the world, and all people would come there to receive instruction from God. In today's reading, Isaiah presents a vision of peace and prosperity for the whole world.

**Second Reading : Romans 13:11-14**  
Behind everything Paul wrote was his strong belief that the hour of Christ's return in glory was near at hand. In this passage, Paul uses the image of darkness and light to describe how Christians ought to live as they await that coming.

**Next Week:** Isaiah 11:1-10 and Romans 15:4-9

As part of the Eucharistic Revival, we will be forming Small Faith Sharing groups to engage in Faith Sharing with Eucharistic Readings during the season of Advent.

There will be four sessions with the first session beginning on Thursday, December 1st at 7:00 PM in St. Mary Social Hall.



We will be using materials provided by the diocese. If you would like to participate, please email or call Dave Madden.

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### Adoration Chapel - "Day by Day"

St Mary's Convent Adoration Chapel will be opening soon! You are encouraged to sign up for an hour, become a substitute or BOTH! If that is not an option just stop in and "make a visit." The chapel will open as each day is filled with adorers. Monday thru Friday- 7AM - mid-night! Sign up by using Adoration Pro; scan the QR code here or call Beth Britz 814-935-7290, Vicky Nocek 814-656-2534, or Katie Foster 814-502-8436. You will be notified when your day is opening. Thank you.



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