

November 17, 2019

The Thirty-Third Sunday In Ordinary Time



# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH

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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.

## 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.  
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.

## CHRISTIAN INITIATION

Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith? Please contact the parish office. Classes generally begin each Fall.

## INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

**Malachi 3: 19-20** The book of Malachi was written after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon. Faced with the problems on all sides, many in the community doubted whether God would ever again act on their behalf. In today's passage, Malachi responds to these skeptics.

**2 Thessalonians 3: 7-12** Second Thessalonians addresses concerns early Christians had about the coming of Christ in glory. Some were excessively interested in the day and hour of Christ's coming. Others thought that his imminent coming was an invitation to idleness.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Samuel 5:1-3 & Colossians 1:12-20; Gospel: Luke 23:35-43**

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS for November 17 - 24

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
Sunday, Nov. 17	8:30 a.m.	+ The Deceased members of the Stofka & Frank Families	<i>by Steve &amp; Janice Frank</i>
	10:00 a.m.	+ Vincent & Emma Nedzinski	<i>by Dave &amp; Mary Jo Lancel &amp; family</i>
	11:30 a.m.	For the People of the Parish	
Monday, Nov. 18	7:45 a.m.	For the Physical & Spiritual Wellness of Baby James Hutchison	<i>by his grandparents</i>
Tuesday, Nov. 19	7:45 a.m.	+ Don Criste ( <i>Anniversary Remembrance</i> )	<i>by his family</i>
Wednesday, Nov. 20	7:45 a.m.	+ Anita Jubas	<i>by husband; John &amp; daughter; Maren Jubas</i>
Thursday, Nov. 21	8:30 a.m.	<b>HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MASS</b> + Lori Irwin - Kozlowski	<i>by her parents; Bob &amp; Louise Irwin</i>
Friday, Nov. 22	7:45 a.m.	+ Louise Stofka	<i>by Steve &amp; Janice Frank</i>
Saturday, Nov. 23	5:00 p.m.	For the People of the Parish	
Sunday, Nov. 24	8:30 a.m.	+ Tim Veller ( <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> )	<i>by his mother, Connie</i>
	10:00 a.m.	+ George Liebal ( <i>Birthday Remembrance</i> )	<i>by Helen &amp; Christine Liebal</i>
	11:30 a.m.	+ Dean L. Rhodes Jr.	<i>by his family</i>

### COMMUNION & GLUTEN SENSITIVITY

We understand that there may be parishioners who have found that they have a physical disorder related to gluten intolerance. The ordinary hosts distributed at Communion contain gluten. If you have found that you are gluten sensitive, we have special bread that is available that possess a very low gluten content and is prepared in a safe environment free of dairy, nuts, etc... These hosts are individually wrapped to prevent cross contamination. If you wish to receive the low gluten host, before Mass begins, we ask you to please remove one of the sealed hosts from the container on the table at the back of the church and place it (still sealed) in the paten. As you approach the altar, please make sure that you are in the priest's line to receive, so that he may give you the sealed consecrated low-gluten host.

### PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Some parents from our parish youth group will be selling packs of Christmas Cards **TODAY (Nov. 16 & 17)** after all Masses downstairs in the church hall. All Christmas card packs are only \$7 each and all proceeds go directly to Blair County Citizens Concerned for Human Life.



### YOUTH GROUP SCAVENGER HUNT! THIS THURSDAY NOV. 21 at 7 PM

Our parish Youth Group youth will be "on the hunt" **THIS Thursday, Nov. 21** at the Altoona Target dept. store and they will enjoy hot chocolate and cookies at Starbuck's afterwards. All students in grades 7 - 12 are invited to participate in our youth group activities. Register for this event by contacting Tim Baranik at 207-7008. All students must have a completed permission form (download it from our parish web page: <https://stmichael-hldg-pa.org/youth-group> ).

### CATHOLIC CHARITIES COLLECTION

The Catholic Charities of Altoona - Johnstown is committed to serving the people of central Pennsylvania without regard for race, ethnic origin, religious belief, or financial means, through the generosity of donors from the Diocese. 100% of contributions received through the Catholic Charities Collection will directly help your neighbors in need. Please return your envelope (from your monthly envelope pack) soon, or make your gift on-line at [www.catholiccharitiesaj.org](http://www.catholiccharitiesaj.org).

### LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

**SACRISTAN** (11/17- 11/23/19): K. Balconi  
**SCRIP** (11/24/19): as scheduled  
**COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL** (11/24/19): as scheduled

#### ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturday, November 23 - 5:00 PM** - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Readers:** L. Michelone (1) & M. Dodson (2)  
**Altar Servers:** A. Bryson & M. Swope  
**E. Min.:** L. Savino, C. Storm & S. Teske  
**Gift Bearers:** The A. Corle Family

**Sunday, November 24 - 8:30 AM** - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Readers:** P. Yakymac (1) & B. Stevens (2)  
**Altar Servers:** *available* & M. Hemminger  
**E. Min.:** K. Balconi, B. Codd & B. Anthony  
**Gift Bearers:** The D. Shrift Family

**Sunday, November 24 - 10:00 AM** - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Readers:** M. Culp (1) & D. Culp (2)  
**Altar Servers:** B. Dodson & Z. Dodson  
**E. Min.:** L. Craig, M. DeRose & R. Pompa  
**Gift Bearers:** The Barazotto Family

**Sunday, November 24 - 11:30 AM** - Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

**Readers:** D. Sault (1) & L. Georgiana (2)  
**Altar Servers:** J. Georgiana & B. Ventura  
**E. Min.:** G. Harrington, L. Malone & R. Walter  
**Gift Bearers:** The Garrity Family

**Thursday, November 28 - 9:00 AM** - Thanksgiving Day

**Readers:** *available & available*  
**Altar Servers:** *available & available*  
**E. Min.:** *available, available & available*  
**Gift Bearers:** *available*

### ~~~~~ OUR GIFTS TO GOD ~~~~~

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Sunday Offering (11/10/19):** **\$7,629.00**  
 Sunday Envelopes: \$7,353.00  
 Sunday Loose Collection: \$276.00

**2019 Catholic Ministries Drive (C.M.D.) Goal: \$51,858.00**  
 Received to date: (as of 10/31/19) \$40,942.00  
 Under Goal: (\$10,916.00)

### DONUT & COFFEE HOSTS NEEDED

Many thanks to those who host our coffee & donut social time after the 8:30 and 10 AM Masses. Hosts are needed for the year 2020. Sign-up sheets will be available in the church hall after the 8:30 & 10 AM Masses or you may call Dale at 696-8327 (leave a message if she does not answer).

## A PREPARATION FOR CHRISTMAS

*Living faith with Mary through renewal of the mind and transformation of the heart.*

It is by refining and deepening our faith, renewing our minds by putting on a new fresh way of thinking, and being open to transformation that we can experience true and lasting spiritual freedom. Join Fr. David Tickerhoof, TOR on **Monday, Dec. 9** at the Sisters of the Sacred Heart Retreat Center, 1827 Munster Rd. Portage PA from 9 AM to 3:30 PM. Cost is a suggested \$20. Please RSVP by Dec. 1 at 941-243-0372 or frdavidjt@gmail.com



## CHORUS CONCERT

*Next weekend!*

All are invited to come and experience the magic of Christmas through the vocal talents of the Cove Community Chorus as they present their Christmas chorus concert entitled: "The Best Christmas Ever!" on **Saturday, Nov. 23 at 7:00 PM**

and on **Sunday, Nov. 24 at 2:00 PM** at the Spring Cove Middle School Auditorium. Tickets are \$8 each and are available at Music Emporium (Walmart plaza) and at the Hollidaysburg Thompson's Pharmacy. The choir is under the direction of our very own Music Coordinator, **Tom Kunkle!**

## PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST



On **Sunday, December 1** the Men's Club will host their famous Pancake and Sausage Breakfast. It will be served **after the 8:30 & 10 AM Masses**. We ask for a donation of \$4. (The increase is due to an increase costs of supplies.) Any confirmation candidates who are in need of service hours are encouraged to come and help.

## OUR GIVING TREE

Our Peace and Justice committee is excited to present this year the "Giving Tree" which will be placed in the church **NEXT weekend** and will remain in place until the 400 plus ornaments have been taken. We encourage all parishioners to select an ornament (or MANY ornaments) and to purchase the gift listed. In keeping with our mission to help the needy among us, we have expanded the number of agencies we are committed to bring Christmas joy to this season, in addition to the several families that are among our parish family and friends who have requested assistance. We will also have ornaments for monetary donations to purchase poinsettias for our bereaved and homebound parishioners.



Your generosity will provide Christmas for the following agencies:

- \* Family Services, \* Big Brother Big Sister, \* The Teen Shelter,
- \* Families served by American Rescue in Hollidaysburg,
- \* The Veterans Home, and \* 24 residents at St Leonards.

You can be assured that every donation will be dispersed to meet the needs listed above for this Christmas Season. **If you know of an individual who could use our help, please either call the Parish office or Kathy Balconi, Chair of Peace and Justice Committee at 585-730-0757 as soon as possible.**

There is a large need this year and we thank you in advance for your generosity. **ALL gifts and donations will be accepted in the Church Hall (basement of the church) before all Masses on the weekend of December 14 & 15.**

## CATHOLIC REGISTER

This month's copy of the Catholic Register, the official publication of the Diocese of Altoona - Johnstown, is available at the church entrances. You are welcome to take a copy home today.

## ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

**"Stay with Us"**

Any questions call our D.R.E., Sue Teske at 695-0912 or 934-2180 email: Steske@dioceseaj.org

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

Please note: We found a misprint in our schedule. There **WILL BE** class on **Sunday, Nov. 24<sup>th</sup>** but **NOT** on **Sunday Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>**.

#### PRE K - 9TH GRADE

<b>TODAY</b>	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Nov. 24</b>	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Dec. 1</b>	No class - Thanksgiving Weekend	

#### "YEAR OF INVITATION" (9th Grade)

<b>Jan. 11</b>	Retreat - Baptism (Activity. Bldg - w/ Sponsors)	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Jan. 11</b>	Rite of Blessing (Church - w/ Sponsors)	<b>5:00 PM</b>

#### "YEAR OF FORMATION" (10th Grade)

<b>Dec. 8</b>	Religious Ed. (for all but BGHS students; Activ. Bldg)	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Dec. 15</b>	Session - Scripture (Activity. Bldg) *Please note date change	<b>12:30 PM</b>

#### "YEAR OF REFLECTION" (11th Grade)

<b>TODAY</b>	Session - Sacraments & the Paschal Mystery (Activity. Bldg)	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Dec. 8</b>	Religious Ed. (for all but BGHS students; Activ. Bldg)	<b>12:30 PM</b>



The Hollidaysburg Ministerium will once again be hosting an Ecumenical Thanksgiving Service on **Monday, Nov. 25 at 7 PM**. This year it will be held at the **First Presbyterian Church of Hollidaysburg**. All are invited to attend. Our church has

been asked to donate three pies for the social after the service. If you would be willing to donate pies, please call our Parish office at 695-0912.

## HOMECARE HELPER NEEDED

A parishioner is looking for someone to run errands, do some food shopping, and some occasional yardwork. Must be at least 18 years old and have a cell phone and own reliable car. Call 941-8279.

Thanksgiving Day  
Mass

"Give Thanks to the LORD,  
for he is good..." -Psalm 107:1

Join us for Mass  
Thanksgiving Day  
Thursday, November 28 at 9 AM  
here at St. Michael Church

## QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Every Monday:</b>	Prayer Group (in the Church)	<b>1 PM</b>
<b>SCRIP:</b>	sold after the 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday Masses in the Church Hall	
<b>TODAY</b>	Christmas Cards for Sale (Church hall)	<b>After Mass</b>
<b>Nov. 20</b>	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory Meeting Room)	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 21</b>	Youth Group Scavenger Hunt	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 23 &amp; 24</b>	Giving Tree	
<b>Nov. 25</b>	Ecumenical Ministerium Thanksgiving Service (at the Hollidaysburg First Presbyterian Church)	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 28</b>	Thanksgiving Day Mass (Church)	<b>9 AM</b>
<b>Nov. 29</b>	No Morning Mass	



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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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