



November 3, 2019  
The Thirty-First 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

**Wisdom 11:22, 12:2** The book of Wisdom was written by a teacher who lived in Alexandria, Egypt, a center for Greek philosophy in the ancient world. It was written about 50 years before Christ, and was the last book of the Old Testament to be written. After the first verse of today's passage, the author speaks directly to God and does so in poetic fashion.

**2 Thessalonians 1:11, 2:2** In his *first* letter to the Thessalonians, Paul told them always to be prepared for the Lord's coming in glory. Some of them became preoccupied with the date when the Lord would come. The *second* letter to this community addresses that situation.

**NEXT WEEK'S READINGS: 2 Maccabees 7: 1-2, 9-14 & 2 Thessalonians 2: 16, 3:5; Gospel: Luke 20:27-38**

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE & INTENTIONS for November 3 - 10

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TIME</u>	<u>INTENTION</u>	<u>REQUESTED BY</u>
Sunday, Nov. 3	8:30 a.m.	+ Mary Elizabeth Trotter	by Tim & Kathy Balconi
	10:00 a.m.	+ June Johnston	by Tom & Kasey Prokop
	11:30 a.m.	+ For the People of the Parish	
Monday, Nov. 4	7:45 a.m.	+ David F. Petrak	by Tom Baker
Tuesday, Nov. 5	7:45 a.m.	+ Leona George	by her family
Wednesday, Nov. 6	7:45 a.m.	+ Karen Marie Reagan	by Tim & Kathy Balconi
Thursday, Nov. 7	8:30 a.m.	<b>HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MASS</b>	
Friday, Nov. 8	7:45 a.m.	+ Louis Fanelli, Sr. (Birthday Remembrance)	by his daughter, Patti Geesey
Saturday, Nov. 9	5:00 p.m.	+ Carol Jeffreys-Scott	by Jeanne Evans & family
Sunday, Nov. 10	8:30 a.m.	+ Capt. Joseph Gildea	by the Robert J. Gildea Family
	10:00 a.m.	+ For the People of the Parish	
	11:30 a.m.	+ Florence Foltin	by Paul & Nancy Piatek

### HARVEST FOOD DRIVE

**TODAY** is our annual Harvest Food Drive Collection. Please bring your donation downstairs to the church hall anytime before the 11:30 AM Mass. Gift cards and cash donations are appreciated as well. Many thanks to the Peace & Justice Committee for organizing this event!

### WELCOME CHILD OF GOD

Last Sunday (Nov. 3) we welcomed **Trace Lowry**, infant son of Scott & Katie, into our faith family through the Sacrament of Baptism. Congratulations to Trace, his parents and family. May he continue to grow in his faith and love of our Lord.

### NATIONAL VOCATION AWARENESS WEEK

*"This week we will be observing National Vocation Awareness Week. We are grateful to God for the many different vocations he gives us. He calls some to matrimony, some to the single life, some to the religious life (as sisters and brothers), and some to holy orders. This week we need to pray especially that those called to the priesthood in our diocesan Church would hear and courageously follow God's call. And I need your help. Vocations to the priesthood are not only God's work, but ours as well. If you identify a man in this parish whom you think would make a good priest, please share his name with me. I would like to invite him personally to consider whether God is calling him. I think that in our parish we need to be more deliberate in inviting young people to consider that God may have set them apart for special service to his Church. They will find peace and meaning in their lives when they discern and act on God's call. Many thanks."*

- Fr. Alan

### MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Our deepest sympathy to the family and friends of parishioner **Jennifer Hatajik** (d. 10/31/19). Jennifer was very active in our parish and touched the lives of many of our youth as an 8th grade Catechist for the last 8 years. Please pray for her family and friends, especially her husband Tim and children; Jack, Lucas and Alison. May Jennifer find restful peace in eternity with all the Saints in Heaven.

### LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

**SACRISTAN** (11/3 - 11/9/19): J. Mowery

**SCRIP** (11/10/19): T. Swander

**COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL** (11/10/19): the Diaz Family

#### ASSIGNMENTS FOR NEXT WEEKEND MASSES:

**Saturday, November 9 - 5:00 PM** - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readers:** M. Dodson (1) & L. Michelone (2)  
**Altar Servers:** *available & available*  
**E. Min.:** L. Savino, C. Storm & S. Teske  
**Gift Bearers:** The D. Boland Family

**Sunday, November 10 - 8:30 AM** - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readers:** P. Gildea (1) & L. Gehret (2)  
**Altar Servers:** S. Capone & B. Gervinski  
**E. Min.:** M. Fiore, J. Klingbeil & R. Stellabotte  
**Gift Bearers:** The A. Collin Family

**Sunday, November 10 - 10:00 AM** - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readers:** D. Garrity (1) & M. Culp (2)  
**Altar Servers:** G. Long & M. Swope  
**E. Min.:** L. Craig, D. Culp & M. DeRose  
**Gift Bearers:** Family B. Henry

**Sunday, November 10 - 11:30 AM** - 32nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Readers:** D. Sault (1) & *available* (2)  
**Altar Servers:** G. Hayes & J. Hayes  
**E. Min.:** L. Georgiana, G. Harrington & E. Pope  
**Gift Bearers:** The Wilkinson Family

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

*Thank you for your generosity!*

<b>Sunday Offering (10/20/19):</b>	<b>\$7,630.35</b>
Sunday Envelopes:	\$7,273.00
Sunday Loose Collection:	\$357.35
<b>2019 Catholic Ministries Drive (C.M.D.) Goal: \$51,858.00</b>	
Received to date: (as of 9/31/19)	\$38,586.00
Under Goal:	(\$13,272.00)
<b>World Mission Collection: (to date)</b>	<b>\$581.00</b>

### PLEASE NOTE:

The Parish Office will be closed tomorrow, Monday (Nov. 4).

### BOOK OF THE DECEASED

At the front of the church near the Paschal candle, you will find our **Book of the Deceased**. Please feel free to add the names of your deceased loved ones to have them remembered at Mass for the month of November.

## CROSS CATHOLIC OUTREACH



Fr. Ron Mrozinski will be visiting our parish next week-end, Nov. 9 & 10, to speak at all Masses on behalf of Cross Catholic Outreach which was founded to create a meaningful link between parishes in America and the priests and nuns working in the Church overseas in the Caribbean, Africa, Asia, Central and South America.

**RIDE NEEDED:** We are looking for a parishioner(s) to pick Fr. Mrozinski up at the State College airport **THIS Friday (Nov. 8)**, at 5:30 PM and bring him to the rectory. Fr. will also need a ride back to the airport on Sunday (Nov. 10) anytime after the 11:30 AM Mass. If you are able to provide a ride in either direction please call Janet at the parish office (695-0912) as soon as possible.

## ESTATE PLANNING WORKSHOP

The Independent Catholic Foundation is sponsoring a free estate planning workshop at **10:30 AM on Friday, November 8**, at the Sacred Heart Formation Center, 2009 6th Avenue, Altoona. Learn about testamentary wills, trusts, Catholic-aligned Living Wills and Health Care Power of Attorney, how to make bequests to your parish or its endowment and more. Space is limited to 30 participants. Please call the Foundation at (814) 201-2080 with your name and daytime phone number to reserve your place.



## PRAY FOR VOCATIONS

As Catholics, we firmly believe that God has a plan for our lives! He calls some to marriage, some to the priesthood, and others to religious life. Some remain as generous single people. Fully living our own vocations - and teaching young people how to discern God's call - is a serious duty, but also a joyful one. Today begins National Vocation Awareness Week. During this week,

please pray about how God is calling you to live your vocation more deeply. Encourage the young people in your life - children, grandchildren, students, and friends - to be open if God calls them to priesthood or consecrated life.

**ROSARY FOR PRIESTS IN YOUR LIFE:** Looking for a creative way to pray for the priests in your life? Pray the first decade for the priest who baptized you, the second decade for the priest who gave you First Communion, the third for the priest or bishop who confirmed you, the fourth for the priest who witnessed your marriage or religious vows, (or the bishop who ordained you), and the fifth for the priest who will anoint you before death.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The most important point about how much you choose to give of your treasure is how you reach the decision. Stewardship of treasure is about prayerful consideration. The amount you give should be an honest expression before God of who you are. It should be an offering that opens your heart, mind and soul to God's joy and holiness. This brings genuine meaning to the word 'sacrifice.' We become good and faithful stewards by nurturing and sharing the unique gifts given to us by God.

## OCTOBER MASS ATTENDANCE

Thank you to all who helped track Mass attendance for the month of October as requested by the Diocese. The following was recorded:

### Average weekly total Attendance: 610

Saturday 5:00 PM: <b>119</b>	Sunday, 8:30 AM: <b>159</b>
Sunday 10:00 AM: <b>181</b>	Sunday 11:30 AM: <b>151</b>

## ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

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

### RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

#### PRE K - 9TH GRADE

<b>TODAY</b>	Religious Ed. Classes ( <i>pre K - 9th grade</i> )	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Religious Ed. Classes ( <i>pre K - 9th grade</i> )	<b>10:00 AM</b>
<b>Nov. 17</b>	Religious Ed. Classes ( <i>pre K - 9th grade</i> )	<b>10:00 AM</b>

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

<b>TODAY</b>	<b>Session – The Creed</b> ( <i>Activity. Bldg</i> )	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>* Adoration with Bishop Mark</b> ( <i>Church</i> )	<b>10 AM</b>

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

<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>* Adoration with Bishop Mark</b> ( <i>Church</i> )	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Religious Ed. ( <i>for all but BGHS students; Activ. Bldg</i> )	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 16</b>	<b>Retreat - Holy Spirit &amp; Parables</b> ( <i>Activity. Bldg</i> )	<b>9:30 AM</b>
	<b>Mass &amp; Rite of Commitment</b>	<b>5:00 PM</b>
	<i>* all candidates and sponsors must attend</i>	

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

<b>Nov. 9</b>	<b>* Adoration with Bishop Mark</b> ( <i>Church</i> )	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Religious Ed. ( <i>for all but BGHS students; Activ. Bldg</i> )	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 17</b>	<b>Session - Sacraments &amp; the Paschal Mystery</b>	<b>12:30 PM</b>
	<i>(Activity. Bldg)</i>	

*\* Students must be pre-registered to attend the Adoration*

## PRO-LIFE CHRISTMAS CARDS

Some parents from our parish youth group will be selling packs of Christmas Cards **NEXT weekend (Nov. 9 & 10 and 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**. Avoid the traffic at the retail stores and stop down to see our great selection of cards, all while supporting a very worthwhile cause!

## GREENLAWN CEMETERY CLEANUP

The winter cleanup at Greenlawn Cemetery will be held on **Saturday, November 16 at 10:00 AM**. We will be removing the flags on veterans' graves and cleaning up any loose articles in the cemetery. If you want to save articles from your loved ones' graves, please remove them **before Nov. 16**. We will also be installing snow poles for easier locating of cemetery spaces during snow storms. If you would like to help, please meet us at the cemetery at 10 AM. (This is a great activity for Confirmation candidates or anyone who needs service hours!)

## QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Every Monday:</b>	Prayer Group ( <i>in the Church</i> )	<b>1 PM</b>
<b>SCRIP:</b>	sold after the 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday Masses in the Church Hall	
<b>TODAY</b>	Parish Harvest Food Drive Collection ( <i>Church hall</i> )	<b>before ALL Masses</b>
<b>Nov. 4</b>	Parish Office Closed	
<b>Nov. 5</b>	Ladies Guild Meeting (Capitol Hotel)	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 5</b>	Peace & Justice Work Session ( <i>rectory</i> ) meeting room	<b>7:00 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 5</b>	<b>Remember to Vote!</b>	
<b>Nov. 7</b>	Greenlawn Cemetery Committee Meeting ( <i>rectory</i> )	<b>1:00 PM</b>
<b>Nov. 9</b>	Eucharistic Adoration with Bishop Mark ( <i>Church</i> )	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>Nov. 9 - 10</b>	Cross Catholic weekend	
<b>Nov. 10</b>	Men's Club Meeting ( <i>Church hall</i> )	<b>7 PM</b>

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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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