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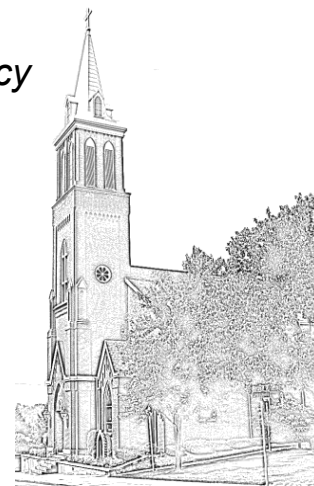
Second Sunday of Easter - Sunday of Divine Mercy



# 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

**No Public Masses at this time.**

**Please see inside the Bulletin for ways to view Mass online or on TV.**

## CONFESSIONS

Please call the parish office

## 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

### *Sunday of Divine Mercy; Second Sunday of Easter*

**Acts of the Apostles 2:42-47** Luke wrote a two volume work: Volume One was his Gospel; Volume Two was the Acts of the Apostles, which describes the life of the Church after the Resurrection of Jesus. Every year, during the seven weeks of the Easter Season, the first reading is taken from the Acts of the Apostles. In today's passage, Luke gives an idealized description of early Christian community life.

**1 Peter 1:3-9** Our second reading during most of the Easter Season is taken from the first letter of Peter, which was addressed to Christians living in the northern part of what is today Turkey. These Christians found themselves out of step with the society in which they lived, and they felt abused and discriminated against. The Resurrection of Jesus was held out to them as a basis of hope during their trials, which is why the Church chooses to read from this book during the Easter Season.

**Next Sunday's Readings: Acts of the Apostles 2:14, 22-33 and 1 Peter 1:17-21; Gospel: Luke 24:13-35**

## Mass Intentions this week for St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

**April 18 - 26**

Fr. Alan will be saying Mass privately each day for the following Mass intentions.  
Please remember them in your prayers as well.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
<b>Saturday 4/18</b>	+ Charles Clark	by his sister, Thelma
	+ Gordon DeLozier (Anniversary Rem.)	by Mark & Jo DeLozier
<b>Sunday, 4/19</b>	+ Frank Lingenfelter	by his wife & children
	+ Paul Yakymac	by his son Paul & family
	+ Patty Feigh	by Mike & Betty Wolford
	+ Joseph Mangiacarne (Anniversary Rem.)	by his sister, Joan Conroy and family
<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>		
<b>Monday 4/20</b>	+ Jim Eget	by Dennis Homady
<b>Tuesday 4/21</b>	+ Genevieve Sharbaugh	by Rocco & Mary Ferri
<b>Wednesday 4/22</b>	+ Paul Ohnmeiss	by Dan & Beth Norris
<b>Thursday 4/23</b>	+ Robert James (Jim) Gildea	by his brother Bill & his sisters Pat and Donna
<b>Friday 4/24</b>	+ Bob Cobler	by the Joe Burger Family
<b>Saturday 4/25</b>	+ Janet Duraso	by Bea & Denny Stephens
	+ Ernie Tomassetti (Anniversary Rem.)	by his wife, Helen & family
<b>Sunday, 4/26</b>	+ Patricia Katoseo	by Paul
	+ William Drass (Anniversary Rem.)	by Elda Brown
	+ Mike Varlotta	by his wife
	+ Dorothy Liebal (Birthday Rem.)	by Helen & Christine Liebal
<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>		

### WITH SYMPATHY

Parishioner **Jeffrey Guyer** died, Thursday, April 9. We offer his wife Peggy and his children, grandchildren, family, and friends our deepest condolences. We pray that Jeff knows comfort and peace in the presence of our Risen Lord. A memorial celebration for Jeff will be celebrated at a later date. Please keep Jeff and his family in your prayers, may all who mourn find comfort.

### MASSES ONLINE and ON TELEVISION

With much gratitude to Fr. Alan, Deacon Chuck Ahearn, Deacon Allan Duman, seminarian Brian Norris, and parishioners Harold & Kathy DeLozier **we will continue to have video recordings of the Sunday Mass EVERY SUNDAY** on our parish website and the parish facebook page. Fr. Alan will also continue to record the Gospel and his daily Homily.

Parish Website: <https://stmichael-hldg-pa.org/>

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/StMichaelHolidaysburg/>

Proclaim! will continue to air every Sunday at 10:30 a.m. on WATM ABC 23. The show will continue to be posted on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Facebook and Twitter social media platforms as well.

**Bishop Mark will celebrate Sunday Masses, which will air every Sunday at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 and at 9:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband Channel 9. The Masses will also be posted on the diocesan website and Facebook and Twitter social media platforms.** Audio of the Liturgies will air Sundays at 10:00 a.m. on WFBG AM 1290. Also during this time, daily Mass, celebrated by Father Matthew Baum at Prince of Peace Parish in Northern Cambria, will be streamed on their parish website and the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Facebook page.

**As per Bishop Mark's directive,  
the church building is closed at this time.**

### ≈≈≈ OUR GIFTS TO GOD ≈≈≈

*Thank you for your generosity!*

Sunday Offering (4/12/2020): \$5,476.00

Easter Collection(4/12/2020): \$2,050.00

Sunday Envelopes: \$5,476.00

Sunday On-line Giving: (not available at press time)

**Thank you for your weekly support to our parish, our mission collections and the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your financial support is vital and continues to be so especially during the COVID-19 crisis.**

**You may continue to mail in your weekly offering, donate through on-line giving, or place your donation in the mail slot at St. Mary Rectory (312 Clark St. - just be sure to mark that it is for St. Michael Parish).**

The diocese has recently set-up a parish on-line giving account for every parish in the diocese. If you would like to give this way just visit: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/giving/> to setup an account. Our parish will receive a report on all donations and money collected will be forwarded to us. The diocese will not be recording the gift or donor information in their database. We and the diocese just want to be able to give you options for your giving. Just look for "St. Michael, Hollidaysburg (054)" under the "Select a parish to receive your gift". Contact the parish office if you have any questions.

**If you, or if you know of a parishioner who needs some help or assistance, PLEASE contact the parish office so we can figure out a way to help them.**

Have you called a fellow parishioner this week, see how they are, shared your feelings (*we are all in this together*) and prayed together?

This week we challenge you to think about who normally sat near you at Sunday Mass. Pray for them and give them a call or write them a note.

**Would you like a bulletin mailed to you? Please let us know.**

### STAY CONNECTED

The Diocese has launched a new way to communicate with the faithful. If you are able to receive text messages, you can sign-up to receive messages and alerts from them.

To register, text the word "DAJ" to 84576. Sign-up today!

### Currently there are no public Masses here at St. Michael.

Masses will continue to be celebrated privately every day by Fr. Alan.

Audio recordings of the daily & weekend Gospel and Fr. Alan's Homilies are available on our parish website.

## Bishop Assures Faithful of Divine Mercy Sunday Graces

By Tony DeGol



History is repeating itself for Father Leo Arnone.

His devotion to the Divine Mercy of Christ dates back to his seminary days, and he celebrated that devotion privately until 1999.

When Faustina Kowalska was canonized in 2000 and Pope John Paul II established the Sunday after Easter as Divine Mercy Sunday, Father Arnone joined other Catholics around the world in public celebrations.

This year, because of the coronavirus pandemic, he is once again observing the devotion privately.

“Our prayers take us to the mercy seat of Christ, and we can always do that from wherever we are,” said Father Arnone, who is among the pastors who typically sponsor a public Divine Mercy Novena each year beginning on Good Friday and/or a Holy Hour on Divine Mercy Sunday.

The observance is based on the devotion to the Divine Mercy that Saint Faustina reported as part of her encounter with Jesus. According to her diary, Jesus said that anyone who receives Holy Communion on that day and goes to Confession that day or near that day will be completely forgiven of all sins and the punishment that would accompany them. The Church grants a plenary indulgence with the recitation of prayers.

The image associated with the Divine Mercy of Christ is based on Faustina’s vision of Jesus clothed in white with two rays coming out of him. Under the image are the words “Jesus I Trust in You.”

Because of the extraordinary circumstances this year, Bishop Mark is assuring the faithful that they can still receive the graces of Divine Mercy Sunday by reciting a *Spiritual Communion Prayer* and an *Act of Contrition* with a promise to receive Communion and go to Confession as soon as possible.

These challenging times are truly and opportunity to trust in the Lord’s Mercy, Father Arnone stressed.

“We continue to remember the teachings of Faustina to utilize our prayers to trust in His mercy to help us through this,” he added. “As we continue our celebration, be confident this will pass like so many other things. Christ always comes into our lives when we need Him most, and He will secure our safety and hopefully by the end of it, maybe we are a little more devout in our personal devotion.”

*Note: Father Arnone shares more thoughts on the devotion to the Divine Mercy on the April 19 edition of Proclaim! TV at 10:30 a.m. on WATM ABC 23.*

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Since we are unable to receive communion physically at this time, here is a prayer for spiritual communion. It was written by Pope Francis:

*I prostrate myself at your feet, O my Jesus, and I offer you the repentance of my contrite heart, which abases itself in its nothingness in Your Holy Presence. I adore you in the Sacrament of Your Love; I desire to receive You in the poor abode that my heart offers You. While waiting for the happiness of a Sacramental Communion, I want to possess You in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, that I may come to You. May Your Love inflame my whole being, in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen.*

## RESOURCES AVAILBALE TO YOU

In the parish office we currently have to following items:

### The Word Among Us

- A Catholic Devotional Magazine based on the Daily Mass Readings. Currently this is also available online at: <https://wau.org/>

### The Little White Book

- The Six-minute daily reflection book based on the Sunday Gospel is designed to help you in prayer each day during the Easter season.

### Today’s Missal

- Several parishioners have asked to have a copy of the Missal that is normally in the church pews to aid them in following along with the Mass online or on the t.v. We have several extra copies of these available.

**If you would like copies of any of the items listed above, please contact the church office to arrange to pick them up or have them delivered to you.**

## FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

“Whose sins you forgive, are forgiven.” The Kingdom of God begins in your home where children learn the paths to peace promised in today’s gospel through merciful and forgiveness demonstrated by their parents. Become who you are called to be, ambassadors of peace and forgiveness.

## 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.

## CATHOLIC HOME MISSIONS APPEAL



The Catholic Home Missions Appeal is a way to support home mission dioceses in the United States is by supporting seminarian formation in poor dioceses. The blessing of seminarians places a financial burden on these dioceses, because educating each seminarian costs \$35-40K per year. Your support is needed for these young men so that they might go back and serve their parishes. Please strengthen the Church at home by making a donation using the Catholic Home Mission envelope in your envelope packet.

### VISIT OUR WEBPAGE

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

### FIND US ON FACEBOOK

“St. Michael the Archangel Church Hollidaysburg”

### DAILY & SUNDAY READINGS

<http://www.usccb.org/bible/readings>

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