



April 28, 2019  
*Sunday of Divine Mercy*  
**ST. MICHAEL  
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PARISH**

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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.

**LITURGICAL REFLECTION...**

Despite his lack of faith, we should be grateful to Thomas, because he was not content to hear from others that Jesus was alive, or merely to see him in the flesh. He wanted to *see inside*, to touch with his hand the Lord's wounds, the signs of his love. The Gospel calls Thomas *Didymus* (v. 24), meaning *the Twin*, and in this he is truly our twin brother. Because for us too, it isn't enough to know that God exists. A God who is risen but remains distant does not fill our lives; an aloof God does not attract us, however just and holy he may be. No, we too need to "see God", to touch him with our hands and to know that he is risen, and risen for us.

- from Pope Francis' Homily, April 8, 2018

## DAILY MASS SCHEDULE AND INTENTIONS

for April 28 - May 5

**SUNDAY, April 28** - Sunday of Divine Mercy

8:30 a.m. For the People of the Parish

10:00 a.m. + **Louis Cala** (Birthday Remembrance) - by Joan Cala & family

11:30 a.m. + **Sam Dougherty** (Birthday Remembrance)  
- by David, Dawn & Denise

**MONDAY, April 29** - St. Catherine of Sienna, Virgin & Dr. of the Church

7:45 a.m. + **Guy Luciano** - by his daughter Anita

**TUESDAY, April 30** - St. Pius V, Pope

7:45 a.m. + **Ralph Mehall** (Birthday Remembrance) - by his family

**WEDNESDAY, May 1** - St. Joseph the Worker

7:45 a.m. + **Rosemary Cobler** (Birthday Remembrance) - by her family

**THURSDAY, May 2** - St. Athanasius, Bishop & Dr. of the Church

8:30 a.m. HOLY TRINITY SCHOOL MASS

**FRIDAY, May 3** - Sts. Philip & James, Apostles

7:45 a.m. + **John Stofka** - by Steve & Janice Frank

**SATURDAY, May 4**

5:00 p.m. + **Carol Jeffreys - Scott** (Anniv. Rem.) - by her family

**SUNDAY, May 5** - Third Sunday of Easter

8:30 a.m. + **Carmen Pequignot** (Anniv. Rem.)  
- by Mark & Jo DeLozier

10:00 a.m. For the People of the Parish

11:30 a.m. + **Michael McClain Jr. & Bernadette Melville**  
- by the family

## INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

*Divine Mercy Sunday*

**Acts 5: 12-16** During the seven weeks of the Easter season, the first reading is always from the Acts of the Apostles. Its author, Luke, saw the history of salvation in three great stages: In the first stage, found in the Old Testament, God's Spirit raises up *leaders and prophets* to guide the people; in the second stage, found in Luke's Gospel, the Spirit anoints *Jesus* as God's holy one; and in the third stage, described in the book of Acts, the Spirit works in the *Church*, fulfilling Christ's promise to be with us at the end of time.

**Revelation 1: 9-13, 17-19** This year during the Easter Season, the second reading each Sunday is from the book of Revelation. Revelation is an Easter book because it focuses on the Risen Jesus and our final victory over sin and death. Today's passage describes the call that the author received to convey God's message of hope to Christians who were being persecuted toward the end of the first century.

### NEXT WEEK'S READINGS

**Acts of the Apostles 5: 27-32, 40-41 & Revelation 5: 11-14**  
**Gospel: John 21:1-19**

## LITURGY APPOINTMENTS FOR 4/29 - 5/5

**SACRISTAN** (4/28 - 5/4/19): A. Scholl

**SCRIP** (5/5/19): J. Hartkorn

**COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL** (5/5/19): the McKeirnan Family

**Saturday, May 4 - 5:00 PM** - Third Sunday of Easter

**Readers:** B. Stevens (1) & L. Michelone (2)  
**Altar Servers:** S. Gildea & C. Reachard  
**E. Min.:** **available**, J. Burke & C. Storm  
**Gift Bearers:** A. Collin Family

**Sunday, May 5 - 8:30 AM** - Third Sunday of Easter

**Readers:** P. Yakymac (1) & L. Gehret (2)  
**Altar Servers:** N. Tyndall & C. Tyndall  
**E. Min.:** B. Codd, M. Fiore & R. Stellabotte  
**Gift Bearers:** D. Adams Family

**Sunday, May 5 - 10:00 AM** - Third Sunday of Easter

**Readers:** D. Garrity (1) & **available** (2)  
**Altar Servers:** J. Lehman & L. Lehman  
**E. Min.:** C. Brown, B. Farnan & R. Pompa  
**Gift Bearers:** First Communion Children

**Sunday, May 5 - 11:30 AM** - Third Sunday of Easter

**Readers:** K. Stanko (1) & R. Wagner (2)  
**Altar Servers:** G. Georgiana & J. Roberts  
**E. Min.:** L. Georgiana, G. Harrington & R. Walter  
**Gift Bearers:** N. Beauchamp Family

## WELCOME CHILD OF GOD

Congratulations to **Eva Grace**, daughter of Donald and Jessica Ruggery, who was baptized here on Easter Sunday. Please keep her and her parents and godparents in your prayers as Eva grows in her faith and love of our Risen Lord.

## PANCAKE & SAUSAGE BREAKFAST

**TODAY, April 28**

The St. Michael Parish Men's Club will be hosting their Sausage and Pancake Breakfast **TODAY** after the 8:30 AM and 10:00 AM Masses, in the Church Hall. \$3.00 suggested donation. All are welcome!

## OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE PILGRIMAGE

Msgr. Stan Carson is looking into the possibility of leading a 7 day pilgrimage to the Our Lady of Guadalupe Shrine in Mexico during the first and second week of this November. The estimated cost would be between \$1,899 and \$2,399 and will depend upon final air arrangements, hotel availability, and total number of participants.

An informational meeting will be held at the rectory **TODAY, Sunday, April 28 at 1:00 PM**, repeated on **Monday, April 29 at 6:30 PM**, and on **Saturday, May 4 at 9:00 AM**. The meeting will include a tentative itinerary and is simply intended to determine any interest and the feasibility of such a pilgrimage. You may also call the parish office (695-0912) or email: stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org to express an interest or to submit questions.

December 12 is the Feast Day of Our Lady of Guadalupe. In the year 1531, Mary appeared to Juan Diego four times. The Shrine is the most frequented Catholic shrine in the world.

## OUR CONFIRMATION CANDIDATES

**Today** we are celebrating the Rite of Sending with 21 of our 11th grade "Year of Reflection" Confirmation Candidates. They will be confirmed this **Tuesday, April 30** by Bishop Mark at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. They have found strength in God's grace and support in our community's prayers and example. Now they ask that they be recognized for the progress they have made in their spiritual formation and that they receive the assurance of our blessings and prayers as they go forth to be confirmed.

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

*Thank you for your generosity!*

<b>Sunday Offering</b> (4/21/19):	<b>\$3,583.00</b>
<b>Easter Offering</b> (4/21/19):	<b>\$12,001.75</b>
Easter Envelopes:	\$11,001.00
Easter Loose Collection:	\$1,000.75
<b>Holy Thursday Collection:</b> (4/21/19):	<b>\$1,253.50</b>
Holy Thursday Envelopes:	\$1,040.00
Holy Thursday Loose Collection:	\$213.50
<b>Good Friday Collection</b> (4/21/19):	<b>\$1,449.02</b>
Good Friday Envelopes:	\$1,285.00
Good Friday Loose Collection:	\$164.02
<b>2019 Catholic Ministries Drive (C.M.D.) Goal:</b>	<b>\$51,858.00</b>
Received to date: (as of 3/30/19)	\$4,330.00
Under Goal:	(\$47,528.00)

## MANY THANKS!

- Thank you to our Youth Group for hosting our annual Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday after the 11:30 AM Mass. Students and parents were involved in filling and hiding eggs and assisting with the egg hunt. A nice turnout of parish children received candy treats, special eggs with \$1 bills, and a couple eggs with toy prizes for the younger participants. Thank you to **Angie Kirsch** for obtaining eggs from Texas Roadhouse filled with coupons for kids meals.

Our Youth Group helpers were: **Robbie and Jack Byrne, Mason Goodman, Noah & Connor Kirsch, Drew Kordish, Cohen & Mitchell Hemminger, Adam & Michael Elder, Sarah Manna, Elaina Fisher, Jude Irwin, and Chris Diaz**

Parent Helpers: **Emilee Elder, Angie Kordish, Nikki Hemminger, Angie Kirsch, Jeannette Goodman, and Linda Hodge.**

- Thank you once again to all who donated to the Easter Flowers & Decorations Memorial. The money from the memorials was used to help pay for the extra flowers, decorations, candles, music, etc. What a beautiful way to remember loved ones who are now rejoicing and celebrating with our Risen Lord!
- Thanks to **Peggy Claycomb** for her assistance in decorating the church for Easter.
- Thank you to our Adult Choir, Cantors, Organists, Tech Crew, Altar Servers, Ushers, Readers, Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion, Gift Bearers, Feet Washing Volunteers and all who helped with the Easter Liturgies.
- Today is the last day of Religious Education for the school year. We can't begin to thank our Catechists and helpers enough for their hard work and dedication to teaching our children more about our faith as well as preparing them for the sacraments.

## DIVINE MERCY SUNDAY

There will be a special prayer **TODAY, Sunday, April 28 at 2:00 PM** for the 30th annual celebration of the Feast of Divine Mercy at **Saint Catherine of Sienna Parish in Duncansville**. A video on *Devotion of the Divine Mercy and the life of Saint Maria Faustina* will be shown at 12:30 PM. All are welcome! Literature and books will be also be available. Following the service, all are invited to venerate the relics of St. Maria Faustina and St. Therese of Lisieux.

## LADIES GUILD MEETING



Our Ladies Guild will be meeting on **Tuesday, May 7** at the Olive Garden restaurant in Altoona at **1:00 PM**. All women of the parish are invited to attend.

## HOLY WATER FOR HOME USE

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

## THE CATHOLIC REGISTER

Please note that the Catholic Register will no longer be mailed to parishioners. They will however continued to be produced and will be available at the church entrances.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

"As the Father has sent me, so I send you" (John 20:21). This week, reflect on how Jesus sends you forth to use wisely your unique combination of God-given talents with love and mercy.

## YOUTH GROUP NEWS...

Don't Miss the Next Youth Group Event:

**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

**4 PM @ Tiger Stadium**

**Field Day Activities! More details to follow soon.**



## 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 (pre K - 9th grade)	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>TODAY</b>	Religious Ed Class (9th grade) - Seder Meal	<b>10 AM</b>
<b>May 5</b>	May Crowning (Church - are asked to attend the 10 AM Mass w/ their family)	<b>10 AM</b>

### ALL 2nd Grade Students (Religious Ed & HTCS)

**May 5 May Crowning** (Students are invited to wear their First Communion attire to Mass. Students will sit together as a group in the front of the church, on the Blessed Mother side, and participate in the May Crowning.) **10 AM**

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

<b>TODAY</b>	Rite of Sending (w/ Sponsor or parents)	<b>at Mass 11:30 PM</b>
<b>TODAY</b>	Reflection (w/ Sponsor or parents; at the Activity Building)	<b>12:30 PM</b>
<b>April 29</b>	Confirmation Practice (at the Cathedral)	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>April 30</b>	Confirmation (at the Cathedral)	<b>7 PM</b>

## FAMILIES UNITED FOR CHANGE

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

## SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

The Independent Catholic Foundation is seeking applications for the 2019 Welge Scholarship. Three \$500.00 scholarships will be given to worthy Blair County parishioners who are entering their junior or senior year of college in the 2019-2020 academic year. Applications are available in the parish office or may be downloaded from: <https://www.independentcatholicfoundation.org/what-we-do/impact-grants-program/> Completed applications, are due to the foundation office no later than 4 PM on **Friday, June 14**.

## 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.



## QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

<b>Every Monday:</b>	Prayer Group (in the Church)	<b>2 PM</b>
<b>SCRIP:</b>	sold after the 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday Masses in the Church Hall	
<b>TODAY</b>	Pancake Breakfast	<b>after the 8:30 &amp; 10 AM Masses</b>
<b>TODAY</b>	Pilgrimage informational meeting (Rectory)	<b>1 PM</b>
<b>April 29</b>	Pilgrimage informational meeting (Rectory)	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>April 30</b>	Confirmation (at the Cathedral)	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>May 2</b>	Cemetery Committee Meeting (Rectory)	<b>1 PM</b>
<b>May 4</b>	Pilgrimage informational meeting (Rectory)	<b>9 AM</b>
<b>May 5</b>	May Crowning (Church)	<b>during the 10 AM Mass</b>
<b>May 7</b>	Ladies Guild Meeting (Olive Garden - Altoona)	<b>1 PM</b>
<b>May 12</b>	Men's Club Meeting (Church Hall)	<b>7 PM</b>
<b>May 15</b>	Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory)	<b>6:30 PM</b>
<b>May 16 - 27</b>	Parish Office closed	
<b>May 19</b>	Youth Group - Field Day	<b>4 PM</b>
<b>May 30</b>	Ascension of the Lord (Holy Day of Obligation)	
	Vigil Mass - May 29 at	<b>6:30 PM</b>
	Holy Day - May 30 at	<b>7:00 AM, 8:30 AM, &amp; 5:30 PM</b>



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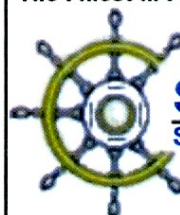
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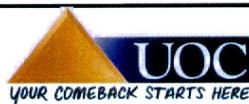
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## PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL

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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