

August 16, 2020

The Twentieth 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

Saturdays at 1 p.m. & Sundays at 7:30 a.m.
Outside on the rectory porch

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

TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile. Today's passage speaks of salvation being offered to all, regardless of ethnic origin or social condition. Christians have seen in this an anticipation of the message that Jesus will preach.

Second Reading: Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32 Today's reading is the conclusion of Paul's thoughts about how Jewish people are going to participate in the saving grace of Jesus. Paul was Jewish and he loved his own people. He was disappointed that most of them had not accepted the Gospel. Paul hoped that his success in converting the Gentiles would encourage the Jewish people to take a second look at the message of Jesus.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 22: 19-23 and Romans 11: 33-36 Gospel: Matthew 16:13-20

MASSSES THIS WEEK FOR ST. MICHAEL & ST. MARY PARISHES

August 16 - 23

For your convenience we have, and will continue, to list the Masses for both St. Michael & St. Mary Parishes. Please feel free to attend either church for Mass and events. If you use church envelopes for your offertory, you may place it in the St. Mary collection and they will send your offertory gift to us.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday, 8/15	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Howard E. Estep Jr.	<i>by Alfreda, Karen, John, Len & Carrie</i>
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Dr. Philip Denning (Anniversary Rem.)	and Bernadette Melville <i>by the family</i>
Sunday, 8/16	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Susan, Alex & Anna DePaolis	<i>by Connie & Terry Curfman</i>
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Jeff Guyer	<i>by The St. Michael Peace & Justice Committee</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Frank Rabits	<i>by Doug & Patty Meintel</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Patricia Liebal-Snead (Birthday Rem.)	<i>by Helen & Christine Liebal</i>
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

Monday, 8/17

Tuesday, 8/18

Wednesday, 8/19

Thursday, 8/20

Friday, 8/21

There will be NO daily Masses this week.

A short prayer service with Communion distribution will be held outside of **St. Michael Church** (side door by the rectory) at **8:15 AM each day** and at **7:00 PM** at **St. Mary Parish** (parking lot side door).

Saturday, 8/22	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Edwin Wilt Jr.	<i>by the Knights of Columbus #4644</i>
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Carolyn Ward	<i>by her family</i>
Sunday, 8/23	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Mary Healy	<i>by Joseph & Jennifer Kimble</i>
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Robert James "Jim" Gildea	<i>by his brother; Bill & sisters; Pat & Donna</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Dorotheann Simendinger	<i>by Beverly & John</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Joe Burger	<i>by Pete & Gerry Pontzer</i>
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

DO YOU LIKE TO COOK?

Fr. Alan will be away the next two weeks, but we will have a visiting priest staying at our parish rectory for the weekends. It would greatly help if meals could be provided for him. If you could make an extra serving and wouldn't mind dropping it off at the rectory, please contact Janet at the parish office as soon as possible so a schedule can be made.

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL



Beginning next weekend, we will be welcoming **Reverend Lazarus Langbiir, CSSp** to St. Mary Parish August 22 - 23rd and **here at St. Michael Parish on Aug. 29 - 30th**. He will be speaking to us about the missionary work of the Church and in particular that of the Spiritans (Congregation of the Holy Spirit, previously known as the Holy Ghost Fathers). This visit is part of a national program in which annually a representative of one of the missionary groups visits parishes of the Diocese to invite the parish to share in the mission work of the universal Church. The Spiritans are an international community engaged in a wide range of missionary activity in over 60 countries throughout the world. Fr. Lazarus himself is a missionary priest from Ghana. To learn more about the Spiritans, please visit their website at <https://spiritans.org>. When Jesus said: "You shall witness to me in Jerusalem and in Samaria and to the ends of the earth", He made the spread of the Gospel an essential part of our Catholic life. We urge you to respond generously to Father Langbiir's appeal. Envelopes will be in the bulletin the weekend he is here, or you may just mark an envelope for Mission Coop with your donation.

STAY CONNECTED

If you are able to receive text messages, you can sign-up to receive messages and alerts direct from the diocese. To register, text the word "DAJ" to 84576. Sign-up today!

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

WEEKDAY SACRISTAN (8/16 - 8/22): N. Levine

August 22-23 The 21st Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (8/22)	C. Swope	S. Teske (primary) D. Straub (secondary) available (tertiary)	R. DeHaven	L. Michelone D. Klingbeil available
8:30 AM (8/23)	B. Anthony	K. Balconi (primary) C. Feathers (secondary) B. Codd (tertiary)	J. Delozier	S. Frank A. Carvalho M. Icenroad
10 AM (8/23)	A. Lewis	T. Wilt (primary) A. Jordan (secondary) M. DeRose (tertiary)	D/M Culp	available J. Harteis R. Culp
11:30 AM (8/23)	D. Stoehr	L. Georgiana (primary) E. Pope (secondary) G. Harrington (tertiary)	M/P Link	available G. Olsavick L. Georgiana

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (8/9/20): **\$14,192.00**

Envelope: \$13,886.00

Loose Collection: \$306.00

Twin Parish in Jamaica (8/9/20): **\$235.00**

Maintenance (8/9/20): **\$235.00**

Assumption (8/9/20): **\$125.00**

Assumption (8/9/20): **\$40.00**

**JOIN WITH OTHERS
PRAYING THE ROSARY**

Every Thursday - 6 PM
at the outdoor shrine behind
St. Catherine Church, Duncansville.
*Rain location is inside
St Michael Church - Hollidaysburg*
All are invited!

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

- We are in need of volunteers to monitor our sound equipment at each weekend Mass. It helps to have someone on the sound-board to adjust sound levels as needed. It really isn't as intimidating as it sounds, and we will be happy to train you until you feel comfortable doing it yourself. High school students are welcome to volunteer! If interested please email or call the parish office.

- If you can spare a few minutes after Mass, please stay and help wipe down church pews and door handles. Cleaning supplies, gloves and rags are in the closet in the back of the church near the stairwell door.

- Ministers of hospitality are needed for the 5 PM Saturday Mass. Please contact the parish office if you can help out, even if it's occasionally.

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

REGISTER BY THIS WEDNESDAY!

Bishop Mark Barchak and the Family Life Office cordially invite all couples celebrating 1, 5, 10, 25, 40, 50, 55, and 60+ Wedding Anniversary in 2020 (and their families) to attend the Annual Wedding Anniversary Liturgy. Couples may attend **Sunday, Sept. 13** in Altoona at Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament or **Sunday, Sept. 20** in Johnstown at St. John Gualbert Cathedral. Both locations are handicap accessible. Liturgies in each location begin at 2:00 PM. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist at each celebration. Refreshments/snacks will be available after the mass for anniversary couples and their families. Reservations must be made through your parish for either celebration by **THIS Wed., August 19**.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Saint Paul reminds us that "the gifts and the call of God are irrevocable." We are each and all uniquely gifted by God in a variety of ways. Taking ownership of our gifts, especially our talents and abilities, is not being prideful or egotistical. It is living in true humility when we credit God with our gifts and put them in His service.

Our unique gifts include our very lives and the time we have been given, our faith and the Church, our relationships, our work and vocations, our abilities and interests, experiences and passions, our money and possessions, the environment and our citizenship, even our obstacles, weaknesses and mistakes.

How will you use these gifts God entrusted you to carry out your personal vocation? Let the depth of faith God has given you continue to "walk the stewardship walk."

(<https://diocesehelena.org/offices-and-ministries/stewardship-services-2/discerning-gifts-of-time-talent>)

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

Matthew 15:21-28 The mother in today's gospel persisted, even when she was ignored and insulted. She would do whatever was necessary to bring relief to her child. Parenting is more than bringing life into the world; it is also about sacrificing daily for your children.

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HOLY WATER

This week Fr. Alan blessed holy water that is now in the touch free dispensers at the church entrances (Where the holy water fonts used to be.) Many thanks to George Foster who found these dispensers for us. Now the tradition of blessing ourselves with holy water can continue in a safe manner. Please note that water will keep dispensing if you hold your hand under it for too long.

ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

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

A BIG thank you to ALL who helped with our first ever DRIVE-THRU PICK-UP!

We are excited to be starting our religious education classes next month and we know that with parents help we can make the classes enriching and enlightening for all our children. For those who registered their children but were unable to attend, we will be contacting you to make arrangements to get your supplies.

If you have a school aged child and have still not registered for religious education, please do so SOON!

All students (K - 11th grade) who do not attend Catholic school should be registered as well as all students who are preparing for the Sacraments this year (2nd grade and 9 - 11th).

HOLY COMMUNION OUTSIDE OF MASS

Holy Communion will continue to be distributed outside of Mass at the church side door. **Monday - Friday around 8:15 AM and after all weekend Masses.** Communicants are asked to be prepared spiritually, if possible wear a facial mask as you approach, and keep social distancing if you do not reside in the same household. We will continue to distribute Communion this way for the time being. You're under no obligation to come for Communion, so please be reasonable in protecting your own health and the health of others.



39th Anniversary

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION

September 8, 2020



St. Catherine of Siena Church
Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA

- **7:15 AM, 11:30 AM and 5:00 PM** - Joyful Mystery of the Rosary
- **7:45 and Noon Masses** in the church; Celebrant: Msgr. Robert Saly
- **5:00 PM** - Joyful Mystery of the Rosary at the outdoor shrine
- **5:30 PM Outdoor Mass** at the outdoor shrine; Celebrant: Msgr. Robert Saly

Please wear a mask and maintain proper physical distancing and bring a lawn chair for the outdoor Mass. Indoor seating will be limited. All are invited. Donations are welcome.

Address any prayer petitions to: Birth of Mary Celebration,
PO Box 88, Duncansville, PA 16635

MASS ONLINE

With much gratitude to Fr. Alan, Fr. Alfred and parishioner Harold 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 Reading/Gospel and his daily Homily.

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKDAYS Church open for private prayer **7 AM - 4 PM**
Aug 17 - 21 No daily Masses (Communion WILL be distributed outside at 8:15 AM)
Aug. 19 Last day to register for Wedding Anniv. Mass **4 PM**

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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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