

August 2, 2020

The Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL 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

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

THE EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Isaiah 55: 1-3 Today's reading is from a part of the book of Isaiah written when the Jewish people were exiled in Babylon. This section is often referred to as the "book of comfort" because of the encouragement it gives. Today's passage is a glorious finale to this "book of comfort": Poor people are being invited to a sumptuous banquet.

Romans 8: 35, 37-39 Today's reading concludes the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans. This chapter reflects on the salvation brought about by God in and through Jesus. Paul concludes this chapter with a jubilant hymn that celebrates the love of God expressed in Christ.

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Kings 19:9a, 11 – 13a and Romans 9:1-5; Gospel: Matthew 14:22-23

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

August 1 - 9

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, 8/1	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Carmen Pequignot	by the Jeffreys family
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	For Souls in Purgatory	by Phil & Maureen Aquadro
Sunday, 8/2	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Gladys Catina	by Genevieve Catina
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	For the intentions of Steve & Janice Frank <i>(in honor of their 50th wedding anniv.)</i>	by their children: Kristin & Scott
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Veronica Evey	by Wil & Diana Teeter
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Leona George <i>(Anniversary Rem.)</i>	by her family
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Monday, 8/3	7:45 AM	St. Michael	For the intentions of Robert & Annamarie Brenner <i>(in honor of their 50th wedding anniv.)</i>	by Carolyn & Betty Ann Brenner
Tuesday, 8/4	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Anita Jubas <i>(Anniversary Rem.)</i>	by her husband John & daughter Maren
Wednesday, 8/5	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Fr. Anthony Legarski	by Mark & Susan Henry
Thursday, 8/6	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Guy Luciano	by his daughter, Anita Cavalho
Friday, 8/7	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Lori Irwin-Kozlowski	by her parents, Bob & Louise
Saturday, 8/8	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Stephen Rabits	by Joe & Lisa Ruggerio
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Lois Mielnik <i>(Anniversary Rem.)</i>	by her husband; Ray
Sunday, 8/9	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Harry Domino	by Bruno & Jo An Felus
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Guy Luciano	by his family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Dolores Carnell	by Beverly & John
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Terry Claycomb	by Peggy & family
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	



Congratulations to our twelve students who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on **Friday, July 24** at St. Mary Church. We are proud of your resiliency and desire to receive your final Sacrament of Initiation. May your faith continue to deepen and grow.

*Evan Brozenich
Megan Dinges
Reed Edwards
Elaina Fisher
Lucas Goodman
Lucas Hatajik*



*Jaedyn Montler
Rachel Nosek
Madalyn Smith
Davis Trumbour
Blaise Ventura
Lucas Zimmerman*

Come, Holy Spirit, fill the Hearts of your faithful; and kindle in them the fire of your love. Thanks to the catechists and parents for preparing our children for the Sacrament.

OUTDOOR MASS WITH BISHOP MARK

TONIGHT at Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto

Bishop Mark invites all diocese students entering or returning to college and their families to an outdoor Mass **TONIGHT, Sunday, August 2 at 7:00 PM** at the Our Lady of the Alleghenies Shrine in Loretto, next to the Basilica of Saint Michael the Archangel. The Bishop will offer a special blessing to the students. Recent graduates entering the workforce or the military are also welcome.

Please bring your own lawn chairs. If it rains, Mass will be celebrated inside the Basilica. As with all of liturgical celebrations right now, please wear a mask and practice social distancing.

(Outdoor Masses at the Basilica will be held every Sunday through Labor day at 7 PM. All are invited!)

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS				
WEEKDAY SACRISTAN (8/2 - 8/8): P. Gildea				
August 8 - 9 The 19th Sunday in Ordinary Time				
Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (8/8)	L. Michelone	available (primary) L. Savino (secondary) D. Straub (tertiary)	R. DeHaven	D. Klingbeil available available
8:30 AM (8/9)	M. Schlechter	M. Litzinger (primary) V. Litzinger (secondary) J. Amgott (tertiary)	J. DeLozier	T. Baker A. Carvalho M. Icenroad
10 AM (8/9)	D. Lanzel	M. Lanzel (primary) M. Culp (secondary) R. Pompa (tertiary)	D./M. Culp	J. Harteis R. Culp available
11:30 AM (8/9)	D. Sault	G. Harrington (primary) L. Georgiana (secondary) B. Codd (tertiary)	A. Weyant	G. Olsavick P. Claycomb L. Gerogiana

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Sunday Offering (7/26/2020): \$6,010.00
Envelope: \$4,589.00
Loose Collection: \$144.00
Online Donations (8/20 - 8/29/20): \$1,277.00

Twin Parish: (7/26/2020): \$52.00
Maintenance (7/26/2020): \$23.00

ONLINE GIVING

For weekly offerings and Catholic Ministries Drive

The diocese has 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. 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.



The flowers at the altar this weekend were given by the children of **Steve & Janice Frank** in honor of their parents 50th wedding anniversary. Congratulations Steve & Janice, may God bless you with many more happy years of marriage!

ALTAR FLOWERS

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

The disciples in today's gospel looked to Jesus to feed the thousands of people in the crowds and he told them, "There is no need for them to go away; give them some food yourselves." When the disciples claimed they did not have enough with only the small amount of five loaves and two fish among themselves, Jesus challenged them to be personally responsible and not allow them to abandon the crowd in their time of need.

The simple gifts accepted by Jesus were given in an act of love and trust. No matter how small or limited our gifts seem we must personally share them with generosity. God will make what we offer "enough." Simple gifts were "multiplied." During the past six months we have witnessed thousands of men, women, and children being the giver of simple gifts to the "crowds" throughout our country and beyond who are in very extreme circumstances and levels of need. Will we share our simple gifts of "loaves and fishes" as a habit and not wait for someone else to step forward first?

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 soundboard 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.

- We are still in need of teachers and classroom aides for our Religious Education Program. Supplies, training and help with clearance paperwork will be provided. Please give this prayerful consideration, and if interested contact our D.R.E., Sue Teske; call 695-0912; text: 934-2180; email: Steske@dioceseaj.org

WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

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 **Wed., August 19**.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:13-21 The apostles were just being practical when they asked Jesus to "dismiss the crowds to go buy food." Jesus knew there is always enough when we place our trust in the Father, even with just 5 loaves and fishes. Trust is the bridge to miracles.

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JOIN OTHERS IN PRAYING THE ROSARY



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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

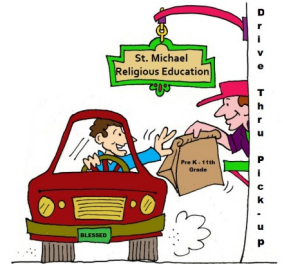
Classes begin August 23!

It's time to register your child for this year's Religious Education Program! We are ready to help teach your child our Catechesis and to enrich their faith. All students (Pre K-11) MUST register even if in the program last year. Students who attend HTCS or BGHS, and are in our sacramental prep years (2nd grade and 9 - 11th grade), must also register. If you choose to homeschool your child, we encourage you to use the books we use in the classroom so that we can assist you with this endeavor.

Whichever way you choose, homeschooling or in classroom learning, we ask that you register your child on-line **before August 15** (via our parish website) and participate in our first Drive Thru to pick-up books and other items to facilitate your families' faith formation

On Saturday, August 15th we will be holding our first ever **Drive-Thru Faith Formation Pick-Up Event**. This will be a fun, safe, and faith-filled event for the whole family. We will have your faith formation material for September through November packaged and ready for you to take home and get started. Plus, we will have other activities and surprises for you to take part in, all from the safety of your family vehicle! Everything will happen in the St. Michael the Archangel church parking lot. To protect you, our cherished families, we are implementing safety procedures such as staggering attendance based on family last names. Check the chart below to see your family's arrival window.

A-E 9:00 AM – 9:45 AM
F-J 9:45 AM – 10: 30 AM
K-O 10:30 AM – 11:15 AM
P-S 11:15 AM – 12 NOON
T-Z 12 PM -12:45 PM



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.

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.

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!

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEK DAYS Church open for private prayer **7 AM - 4 PM**
TODAY Religious Education Registration..... **online**
July 31– Aug 5 Parish office closed
Aug. 6 Cemetery Committee Meeting (*Rectory Meeting Rm*) ... **1:00 PM**
Aug. 15 Religious Ed Drive Thru Pick-up See schedule above

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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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