

August 23, 2020

The Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Isaiah 22:19-23 In Jerusalem eight centuries before Christ, God spoke through the Prophet Isaiah who is told to address a problem. The "master of the palace" – the equivalent of a secretary of state – was a man named Shebna. God says that he is to be demoted because he used this office for his own advantage. We will hear a description of the investiture of Shebna's successor, Eliakim.

Second Reading: Romans 11:33-36 Today's reading concludes a part of Paul's letter to the Romans in which he agonizes over the fate of Jewish people who have not accepted Christ. Paul simply leaves the matter in God's hands, and closes with a hymn that talks of the mysterious ways of Divine Providence. You will notice that the ending of this hymn is similar to the way we end every Eucharistic prayer.

Next Sunday's Readings: Jeremiah 20:7-9 and Romans 12:1-2; Gospel: Matthew 16:21-27

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

August 22 - 30

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

Monday, 8/24

Tuesday, 8/25

Wednesday, 8/26

Thursday, 8/27

Friday, 8/28

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, 8/29	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Mr & Mrs John Ruscito	by Rick & Cammy Pulcino
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Ernest Tomassetti	by Walter & Connie Tomassetti
Sunday, 8/30	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Robert & Anna Marie Brenner	by Eric & Chris, Shelia & Andy and Christine
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Joe Veller (Birthday Remembrance)	by his wife; Connie
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Lena DeGol	by her children
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Adam Lawruk	by Bea & Denny Stevens
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

MISSION COOPERATIVE APPEAL



Beginning this weekend, we welcome **Reverend Lazarus Langbiir, CSSp** to St. Mary Parish. Fr. Lazarus will be with us, **here at St. Michael Parish**, at all Masses 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 next week, or you may just mark an envelope for "Mission Coop" with your donation.**

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

WEEKDAY SACRISTAN (8/23 - 8/29): A. Musser

August 29 – 30 The 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (8/29)	available	S. Teske (primary) L. Savino (secondary) available (tertiary)	R. DeHaven	L. Michelone D. Klingbeil available
8:30 AM (8/30)	M. Litzinger	M. Icenroad (primary) R. Holzer (secondary) available (tertiary)	A. Carvalho	T. Baker S. Frank R. Baker
10 AM (8/30)	D. Culp	V. Litzinger (primary) R. Culp (secondary) R. Pompa (tertiary)	D/M Culp	M. Culp J. Harteis T. Wilt
11:30 AM (8/30)	D. Sault	G. Harrington (primary) E. Pope (secondary) B. Codd (tertiary)	A. Weyant	P. Claycomb G. Georgiana L. Lehman

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (8/15/20): **\$6,941.50**

Envelope: \$6,723.00

Loose Collection: \$218.50

Twin Parish in Jamaica (8/15/20): **\$114.00**

Assumption (8/15/20): **\$454.00**

Ascension (8/15/20): **\$10.00**

Maintenance (8/15/20): **\$197.00**

Easter (8/15/20): **\$25.00**

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

MT 16:13-20 Like Jesus in today's gospel, we are seen by others in different ways. Perhaps the name our family gives us is closest to our true identity. They know us best. Who do they say you are?

"A Family Perspective" - by Bud Ozar



**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!

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!



39th Anniversary

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION



Tuesday, September 8, 2020

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

- **7:15 AM, 11:30 AM** - Joyful Mystery of the Rosary in the church
- **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

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewardship is biblically based. It is as old as the Old Testament and an integral part of our faith. According to the 1992 USCCB Pastoral Letter, "Stewardship, a Disciple's Response," a steward is: "One who receives God's gifts gratefully, cherishes and tends them in a responsible and accountable manner, shares them in justice and love with others, and returns them with increase to the Lord." The Pastoral Letter points out that "stewardship is an expression of discipleship"; it is not an option for Catholics.

How can you make an intentional decision to use the gifts given to you by God, "through Him and for Him" to build up the kingdom of God on earth? Make a simple plan that as a family you can begin to "remodel" and strengthen the Kingdom.

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

HOW CAN YOU HELP?

We are in great 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.

NEW TESTAMENT CLASS

Mr. Christopher Klopp, Campus Minister at Lock Haven University, will be teaching at St. Matthew Church, Tyrone beginning **Thursday, September 10th from 6:00-8:00 PM for 8 weeks** (2 hour classes). For registration information please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. All are welcome!

PRAYER FOR A NEW SCHOOL YEAR



God of wisdom and might,
we praise you for the wonder of our being,
for mind, body and spirit.
Be with our children as they begin
a new school year.

Bless them and their teachers and staff.
Give the strength and grace as their bodies grow;
wisdom and knowledge to their minds
as they search for understanding;
and peace and zeal to their hearts.
We ask this through Jesus Christ our Lord.
Amen.

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!**

Remember, even if your child is attending Catholic School, they should be registered if they are in the Sacramental prep years (2nd and 9 -11th gr.).

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. You're under no obligation to come for Communion, so please be reasonable in protecting your own health and the health of others.

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.

NEW ON-LINE & IN PERSON ADULT CLASSES

The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry is happy to announce that classes will be offered via the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Intranet. In order to attend these classes online, you must have access to a computer. Deacon Michael Russo will be teaching:

- Wisdom, Literature, and Psalms, a 6 week course, Thursdays from 6:00 to 8:30 PM beginning August 27th.
- Heart of Faith, an 8 week course, Wednesdays from 6:00 to 8:00 PM beginning September 2nd.

Please note that there is a limited amount of seating for each of these classes at St. Patrick School, Johnstown if you wish to attend in person. Masks and Social Distancing will be required if attending in person. For more class information, registration/book fees and to register, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000.

*Have you changed your address or phone number or
email address? Call 695-0912 during office hours to
update your church records or Email information to:
stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org*

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

WEEKDAYS Church open for private prayer **7 AM - 4 PM**
Aug 24 - 28 No daily Masses (Communion WILL be distributed outside at 8:15 AM)

SPIRITAN MISSION HISTORY

A Sketch of The Spiritans Mission History

“As the Father has sent me, so I send you.” (John 20:21) “Go, therefore, and make disciples of all peoples everywhere.” (Matthew 28:19) By their baptism all Christians are incorporated into the *missio Dei*, God’s revelation of self – this mission of God has a Church, of which we are a part. The Church takes very seriously this “missionary mandate” of Jesus.



For this the Spiritans (officially Congregation of the Holy Spirit) were founded as a religious congregation, in Paris, in 1700. It began as a seminary for impoverished candidates for the priesthood, to serve the poor of rural France. Soon the “Spiritans” of this Seminary of the Holy Spirit were sending priests to the French overseas territories in Canada, the Caribbean, the Indian Ocean.

After the French Revolution had decimated the congregation it was refounded in the 1840s by a charismatic Jewish convert, Francis Mary Paul Libermann, to serve the most abandoned by society, freed slaves and other people of color. Africa became the focus of the renewed congregation: the Spiritans were the first modern-day missionaries in West Africa (1840s) and in East Africa (1860s). The Spiritans’ charism has been first evangelization of peoples who have never heard the Gospel message, and then, inculturation, adaptation of that message, into the diverse cultures and traditions of these people. They do this by means of establishing a self-sufficient local church with its own clergy, establishing schools and clinics, and aiding in local development projects.

The Spiritans came to the United States in the 1870s – known then as the “Holy Ghost Fathers.” They ministered to immigrant and ethnic populations, including African-Americans, French, Germans, Poles, in urban ghettos and the rural South. For much of the last century the Spiritans have supplied priests for many of St. Katharine Drexel’s works with “the poor and the abandoned”, the marginalized of society. The United States Province of the Congregation began in Pittsburgh, in several ethnic parishes, along with Duquesne University familiar to many of you, then expanded to Philadelphia, Harlem in New York, New England, Michigan, Wisconsin, Ohio, throughout the rural South, and then to the Southwest and California.

In keeping with the historical preference of the Congregation, American Spiritans began going to East Africa in the 1920s. Having established many local Churches in what is now Tanzania, the Spiritans have been engaged with the Maasai people, the well-known herders in the semi-deserts of the Serengeti Plains, as well as many other tribes: Chagga, Meru, and Warusha. Ministry with refugees from the wars in East Africa has become more of a focus. For years they have been working in Puerto Rico, Mexico, and the Dominican Republic. Currently American Spiritans, along with confreres from Africa, are working in the Philippines, Taiwan, and Vietnam, the homeland of many American confreres.

One-third of the 7 billion peoples of the world are Christian, of one sort or another. That leaves two-thirds who have not yet heard the Gospel in any meaningful way. And so God’s mission continues to be in your and our hands and hearts.

More specifics about the Holy Spirit Fathers
may be found on their web site: <https://spiritans.org>

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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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Fr. Alan's Homilies are available on our parish website.

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