August 30, 2020



The Twenty-Second 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**

#### TWENTY-SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**First Reading: Jeremiah 20: 7-9** Jeremiah often anguished over the difficulty in being a prophet. Proclaiming God's message made him very unpopular. Today we hear why he still felt compelled to do it.

**Second Reading: Romans 12: 1-2** Toward the end of Paul's letter to the Romans, he deals with the moral demands made on those who follow Christ. In today's reading, Paul reminds us that living a Christian life – which so often includes sacrifice – is like an act of liturgical worship in which we offer ourselves to God.

Next Sunday's Readings: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 and Romans 13: 8-10; Gospel: Matthew 18:15-20

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

## August 29 - September 6

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>	<b>Location</b>	<u>Intention</u>	Requested by	
Saturday, 8/29	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	St. Mary <b>St. Michael</b>	+ Mr & Mrs John Ruscito + Ernest Tomassetti	by Rick & Cammy Pulcino by Walter & Connie Tomassetti	
Sunday, 8/30	8:00 AM	St. Mary	Robert & Anna Marie Brenner In honor of their 50th Wedding Anniversary  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		
Monday, 8/31	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Guy Luciano	by his daughter; Anita Carvalho	
Tuesday, 9/1	7:45 AM	St. Michael	For the Health and Spiritual Guidance of Donald Trump and Joe Biden by donor		
Wednesday, 9/2	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Adelaide Beldmen	by Mr & Mrs Robert Grove	
Thursday, 9/3	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Dolores Kubitsky (Birthday Rem.)	by her daughter; Donna Messner	
Friday, 9/4	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Nancy Blake	by a friend	
Saturday, 9/5	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	St. Mary <b>St. Michael</b>	<ul> <li>+ Patrick Farrell</li> <li>+ "Gram" Catherine Muhlbauer (Anniversary Remembrance)</li> <li>by Peachy Thomas &amp; family</li> </ul>		
Sunday, 9/6	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Lt. Joseph G. Leavey, FDNY	by Tim & Patty Summer	
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Thomas E. Gildea	by Wayne & Cathy Madden	
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Vance Boland	by Cathy Rodgers	
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Peggy Baker - Hart	by Denise Madden	
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes		

## WELCOME FR. LAZARUS!



We are happy to welcome Reverend Lazarus Langbiir, CSSp, to our parish this weekend, as he speaks 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 SPIRITANS 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 or read the enclosed flyer. We urge you to respond generously to Fr. Langbiir's appeal. To support the work of Fr. Lazarus and the Spiritians use the Mission Coop envelopes attached to today's insert. More envelopes are available at the entrances of the church. Please make checks payable to "St. Michael".

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.

#### HTC SCHOOL MASSES

Normally during the school year Thursday morning Masses are school Masses. We are currently working with the school to have school Masses again and will let you know when they are restarted.

#### FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

(MT 16:21-27) Relationships live in a careful balance. If a person changes, the balance is altered requiring a shift in the relationship. In today's gospel Jesus announced a change and Peter resisted. Sometimes, those we count on for support may actually get in the way. Jesus told Peter: "You are an obstacle to me."

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#### LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

WEEKDAY SACRISTAN (8/30 - 9/5):

September 5 & 6 - The 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality	
5 PM (9/5)	L. Michelone	S. Teske (primary)	L. Michelone	D. Bonetti	
		D. Straub (secondary)		P. Chapin	
		R. Holzer (tertiary)		available	
8:30 AM (9/6)	B. Stevens	R. Stellabotte (primary)	S/D Claar	M. Icenroad	
		B. Pfeffer (secondary)		S. Frank	
		M. Fiore (tertiary)		R. Baker	
10 AM (9/6)	C. Swope	G. Sweeney (primary)	R. Pompa	L. Georgiana	
		M. DeRose (secondary)		J. Harteis	
		C. Brown (tertiary)		T. Wilt	
11:30 AM	D. Sault	D. Stoehr (primary)	M/P Link	G. Olsavick	
(9/6)		B. Codd (secondary)		P. Claycomb	
		E. Pope (tertiary)		available	

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Sunday Offering (8/23/20): \$9,830.00

Envelope: \$8,036.00 Loose Collection: \$123.00 Online Giving: \$1,671.00

Twin Parish in Jamaica (8/23/20): \$107.00 Assumption (8/23/20): \$83.00

Maintenance (8/23/20): \$5.00

Mission Coop (8/23/20): \$20.00 Proclaim (8/23/20): \$8.00

"Let us not say that things are harder today; they are simply different. But let us also learn from the saints who have gone before us, who confronted the difficulties of their own day. So I propose that we pause to rediscover some of the reasons which can help us to imitate them today."

- Pope Francis, "The Joy of the Gospel" (2014)



## **BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION**

## 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)

## **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!

## TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore are sponsoring a TAKE OUT Spaghetti Dinner on **Sunday September 13th from 11 AM to 1 PM.** The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dinner rolls and a dessert. Adults (12 & older) \$8 Children (3-11) \$3. ALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITIES AND FOOD BANKS! The dinners may picked up at the St. John's church hall on **Sunday September 13 from 11 AM to 1 PM.** WALK-INS are welcome but in order to save time you may pre-order using the email dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred pickup time, and number of Adult and or Child orders. Please note payment is not required until time of pickup.

## VISIT ENGLAND'S TREASURES

April 21st to May 2, 2021.

Visit Liverpool, Bath, Stonehenge and London. Cost: \$4,499 (Single-\$5,399) includes Round Trip Air from Pittsburgh, all taxes and fees/surcharges, hotel transfers. Please join a special Zoom Meeting about the trip: **Tuesday, Sept. 1st from 3 – 4** PM:

https://collette.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJAkdOqvrTksG90UF3FrRxcstdWvKciYjhZ4 For more information, contact Collette at 844-218-2148; Please refer to booking #987192 Visit the group's web page:

https://gateway.gocollette.com/ link/987192,

or contact Fr. Brian Saylor, St. Rose of Lima, Altoona, 944-8509

# 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

Virtual classes will be starting in September. If you haven't registered your child, please do so this week.

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.).

## Hollidaysburg Area School District

BACK-TO-SCHOOL

All Faiths Welcome!



## TODAY, SUNDAY, AUGUST 30, 2020 4:00 - 4:30 PM

Meet at the flagpole of one of the schools (Senior High, Junior High, C.W. Longer, Foot-of-Ten, Frankstown) and join others in prayer as we walk around the school.

For more information, text or call Rev. Beckie Miller Zeek 814-931-0457

## YOUTH GROUP MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE

Led by our very own Fr. Alan!

The youth Group Bike Ride that was scheduled for this past Friday has been rescheduled for **Saturday**, **Sept. 12 at 9:30 AM**. All students in grades 7th-12th (and their parents), of both St. Michael and St. Mary parishes, are welcome. The group will bike through state game lands down through Carson Valley, through the Muleshoe Curve and into Duncansville, and conclude in the parking lot of St. Catherine's Church in Duncansville. RSVP if interested or with questions by texting or calling Tim Baranik @ 814-207-7008.

#### 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 <u>EVERY SUNDAY</u> 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

## **EVERY THURSDAY** Rosary

(at St. Catherine Parish outdoor shrine; rain location is in our church) ..6:00 PM

Sept. 4 - 14 Parish office closed

Sept. 12 Youth Group Bike Ride ......9:30 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 <u>missio Dei</u>, 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 ghettoes 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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## 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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