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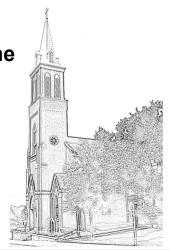


The Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

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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

THE NINETEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

1 Kings 19:9a, 11–13a The prophet Elijah lived about 800 years before Christ. Because he was loyal to God, he fell into disfavor with King Ahab and Queen Jezebel. He had to flee for his life to Mount Horeb (also known as Mount Sinai). As you listen to today's passage, it will be helpful to know that wind, earthquake and fire were traditional Old Testament expressions of God's presence.

Romans 9:1-5 In chapters 9 to 11 of of Paul's letter to the Romans, he addresses the painful question of why the majority of Jewish people failed to accept Christ. These were Paul's own people and he was personally hurt by this. He still loved his Jewish heritage and in today's passage he lists seven wonderful blessings that God's Old Testament people have received. He then adds an eighth: Christ the Messiah.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 56: 1, 6-7 and Romans 11: 13-15, 29-32; Gospel: Matthew 15:21-28

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

August 8 - 16

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>	Location	<u>Intention</u>	Requested by	
Saturday, 8/8	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	St. Mary St. Michael	+ Stephen Rabits + Lois Mielnik (Anniversary Rem.)	by Joe & Lisa Ruggerio by her husband; Ray	
Sunday, 8/9	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary St. Michael St. Mary St. Michael St. Michael	 + Harry Domino + Guy Luciano + Dolores Carnell + Terry Claycomb For the people of St. Mary & St. I 	by Bruno & Jo An Felus by his family by Beverly & John by Peggy & family Michael Parishes	
Monday, 8/10 Tuesday, 8/11 Wednesday, 8/13 Thursday, 8/13 Friday, 8/14	7:45 AM 7:45 AM 2 6:30 PM 7:45 AM 7:45 AM	St. Michael St. Michael St. Mary St. Michael St. Michael	 + Jim Eget + Bob Cobler + Pat Madden + Daniel Pettenati + Donald Simendinger 	by Rosemary Zenone by Sharle Kirkham, Denise Madden, & Terry Wilt by Margaret E. Lusardi by Herk & Patty Stevens by Anita Terchanik	
Saturday, 8/15	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	St. Mary St. Michael	+ Howard E. Estep Jr. by Alfreda, Karen, John, Len & Carrie + Dr. Philip Denning (Anniversary Rem.) and Bernadette Melville by the family		
Sunday, 8/16	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary St. Michael St. Mary St. Michael St. Michael	 + Susan, Alex & Anna DePaolis + Jeff Guyer + Frank Rabits + Patricia Liebal-Snead (Birthday Rem., For the people of St. Mary & St. 		

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION DRIVE THRU PICK-UP EVENT!

<u>THIS SATURDAY!</u>

Grab the kids and jump in the car.

We look forward to seeing you at our Religious Education Drive Thru Pick-up Event! It is not merely a come pick up your books... parishioners and youth group members will direct you to a variety of Stations where activities, treats and surprises await, oh yes and your classroom books for the Religious Education school year.



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

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.

For at least the first half of the year all instruction will be done online!

* Classes will now begin SEPTEMBER 20!

Don't forget to register online before Aug. 15

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

WEEKDAY SACRISTAN (8/9 - 8/15): A. Carvalho

August 15 - 16 The 20th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (8/15)	B. Stevens	R. Holzer (primary)	R. DeHaven	L. Michelone
		L. Savino (secondary)		D. Klingbeil
		L. Michelone (tertiary)		available
8:30 AM (8/16)	P. Gildea	B. Pfeffer (primary)	S/D Claar	R. Baker
		R. Stellabotte		S. Frank
		(secondary)		
		M. Fiore (tertiary)		T. Baker
10 AM (8/16)	G. Sweeney	C. Brown (primary)	D/M Culp	M. Culp
		available (secondary)		J. Harteis
		J. Pompa (tertiary)		R. Culp
11:30 AM	available	E. Pope (primary)	available	P. Claycomb
(8/16)		G. Harrington (secondary)		available
		B. Codd (tertiary)		available

CONGRATULATIONS!



Congratulations to **Patrick Plummer and Karen Diehl** who were married here at St. Michael last Saturday (August 1). May God continue to bless their union as husband and wife.

MAY SHE REST IN PEACE

Parishioner **Nancy Blake** died this week (8/4/20). Our deepest sympathy to her children; Edwin & Greg and her grandchildren, and all who knew and loved her. Please keep her and her family and friends in your prayers. May God grant Nancy eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

We can stay on course as a keeper of all God's gifts when we stay focused on God. Even the apostles doubted Jesus. He calmed their fears, "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid." Many times we act afraid and let obstacles get in our way of living as true stewards: If we share our time, we won't have enough to do what we want to do; If we give our money away, we won't have enough to buy what we want for our loved ones and ourselves; If we offer our talents, they won't be good enough to meet our expectation; If we love without strings, we won't receive enough love in return.

A Christian steward recognizes God as the source of all. Christian Stewardship does not seem as counter-cultural now as it did six months ago. How will you continue to live with courage to meet the needs of others?

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

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

Matthew 14:22-33 The demands of family can be so overwhelming we feel walking on water would be easier. When Jesus was pressured, He dismissed everyone, so he could be "by himself and pray." When overwhelmed and stressed, go to a quiet place and surrender your pressured feelings to the Lord using Peter's prayer in today's gospel: "Lord, save me."

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THE BARBARA ZANKER FUND

The Barbara Zanker Fund was established by the will of Barbara Zanker who passed away in the year 1898. Barbara and her husband Joseph, who died in 1876, were members and great benefactors of St. Michael Parish. In 1878, the year a two story school was to be built near the corner of Pine & Montgomery Streets, Barbara Zanker furnished the \$4,000.00 that was needed to build the school. (That school was demolished around 1990.) Mrs. Zanker's interests in the school did not end in aiding in it's erection as in her Last Will and Testament she specified that the residue of her entire estate should form a perpetual trust fund, the revenue thereof from its investments to be used for the maintenance of St. Michael's School. Over the past 122+ years the Barbara Zanker Fund has grown from many large and small contributions and bequests. Since 1990, the Fund has given over \$250,000 to St. Michael's School, renamed Hollidaysburg Catholic and now known as Holy Trinity Catholic School - Hollidaysburg Campus. Last fiscal year the Barbra Zanker fund distributed \$12,500.00 for the school. Recently the trustees gave the parish \$6,500.00. We are grateful for the generosity of Mrs. Zanker, for those who continue to invest into the Zanker Fund, for the trustees, and for all who pray and help financially support Catholic education. If you would like to make a donation to the Zanker fund, or would like to learn more about it, please contact the parish office.

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!

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.

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Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (8/2/20): \$5,962.00

Envelope: \$ 5,825.00 Loose Collection: \$137.00

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 Bartchak 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**

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.



QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

A Message from Bishop Mark

By now you have heard about a person who tested positive for the Coronavirus and attended Mass last weekend at Saint Francis of Assisi Parish, Johnstown. Public notice was made with due regard for the teaching and discipline of the Church concerning the necessary balance between the fundamental right of a person's privacy and the common good of others (Catechism of the Catholic Church, n. 2491-2492). That person did the right thing in notifying the Church so that others could be made aware and take any precautions.

This occurrence prompted me once again to think about what Christ and the Church teach us concerning life and our spiritual, physical, mental, and emotional health. They are precious gifts entrusted to us by God. Each one of us must take care of our personal health and well-being. In doing that, we should take into account the needs and the common good of others (Catechism, n. 2288).

Awareness and care for ourselves and others has been in the forefront of messages like #we are in this together, that have been repeated over the last few months.

Our spiritual well-being is nurtured through prayer, the Word of God, and the sacraments. The Holy Eucharist which we celebrate at Mass, is central to our spiritual health. The Sunday celebration of the Holy Eucharist is the source and summit of the life of the Church. It is not an individual thing, even as each person receives the Body and Blood of Christ. The Holy Eucharist is all about the Church, the holy people of God being made into and renewed together as one.

When it comes to the Sacrament of the Holy Eucharist, we are in this together. And in order to be in it together with and for each other, we need to be mindful of more than our individual, personal needs or desires. We need to be in it together for the common good; the well-being of everyone.

I want to remind everyone in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown that all of the Directives for coming together for the celebration of Mass and the reception of the sacraments during this time of the Coronavirus pandemic remain in effect.

That means masks are not optional when you come to church. I know that in some parishes people are not wearing masks. No one likes wearing them. But we need to do it for our individual good and the good of others. Wearing masks applies to everyone, including the bishop; all priests and deacons; readers; altar servers; ushers, and all the people. I have heard health experts say that wearing a mask is the single most effective means of stopping the spread of the Coronavirus.

Using hand sanitizer is also a must. No one complained when I had to repeatedly sanitize my hands when I celebrated the Ordination of our new deacons or new priests for the Franciscans.

There are not to be any missalettes or hymnals in any churches. But I have heard that in some places the books are still there. They need to be put away immediately until further notice.

I love music and singing in church. The directives now in place are to have a cantor/song leader and no choirs. But there are places where choirs are still being used. That needs to stop.

There is to be proper physical distancing. For the most part people are seated according to the plan adopted in each church. However, there are churches where people are not keeping a distance when they come forward to receive Holy Communion.

And in some places the people are stopping in the back of church or in the vestibule to speak with one another and their pastor; and everyone has already removed their masks before they are outside and away from others. There should be no gathering in groups inside a church during this time.

I think you get the picture. But once again, I am urging you to complete the picture. There are gaps and people are telling me about them. They have every reason to be concerned. In making me aware of their concerns, they are always thinking about the common good.

Without our best, conscious effort, we could be facing closed churches again. Let's not go there, please! So if you need to refresh your memory, all of the Diocesan Directives for churches, sacraments, etc. are still available on the diocesan website.

I am proud of what has been accomplished thus far in parishes and schools in our diocese during this Coronavirus pandemic. Thank you for your efforts. I urge everyone to remind yourself each day that you have a part in this. We are in this together!





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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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