

July 26, 2020

The Seventeenth 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

SEVENTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: 1 Kings 3: 5, 7-12 King Solomon ruled about 950 years before Christ. His wisdom was legendary. Today's reading describes an event from early in Solomon's rule that tells how he became a wise person.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 28-30 As we continue reading from the eighth chapter of Paul's letter to the Romans, we will hear Paul use the word *predestined*. This word does not mean that individuals are locked into a destiny over which they have no control. Rather, it means that in Christ, God provides abundant grace for everyone.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55:1-3 and Romans 8:35,37-39 ; Gospel: Matthew: 14:13-21

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

July 25 - August 2

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, 7/25	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Special Intention	<i>by Helen Curran</i>
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ deceased members of the Owens Family	<i>by Martha Owens</i>
Sunday, 7/26	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Frank Lingenfelter	<i>by his wife & children</i>
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Bobbi Murray (Anniv. Rem.)	<i>by Joan Luciano</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Joseph Hershel	<i>by Pat & Dot McCool</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ deceased members of the Baker - Leap Family	<i>by their children & grandchildren</i>
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Monday, 7/27	<u>There will be NO daily Masses this week as Fr. Alan will be on retreat.</u> 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).			
Tuesday, 7/28				
Wednesday, 7/29				
Thursday, 7/30				
Friday, 7/31				
Saturday, 8/1	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Carmen Pequignot	<i>by the Jeffreys family</i>
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	For Souls in Purgatory	<i>by Phil & Maureen Aquadro</i>
Sunday, 8/2	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Gladys Catina	<i>by Genevieve Catina</i>
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	For the intentions of Steve & Janice Frank	<i>(in honor of their 50th wedding anniversary) by their children: Kristin & Scott</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Veronica Evey	<i>by Wil & Diana Teeter</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Leona George (Anniversary Rem.)	<i>by her family</i>
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

DO YOU HAVE CHILDREN IN PRE-SCHOOL - 11TH GRADE?

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! *(See next page)*

Classes will **begin August 23 at 10 AM**. *(We will let you know if situations cause us to change or modify classes.)* We are still in need of teachers and helpers. 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; Steske@dioceseaj.org or call 695-0912 or 934-2180.

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 (7/26 - 8/1): K. Balconi
August 1-2 The 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (8/1)	B. Stevens	R. Holzer (primary) D. Straub (secondary) S. Teske (tertiary)	R. DeHaven	L. Michelone available available
8:30 AM (8/2)	V. Litzinger	B. Anthony (primary) B. Pfeffer (secondary) R. Stellabotte (tertiary)	J. DeLozier	A. Carvalho M. Icenroad R. Baker
10 AM (8/2)	C. Swope	M. DeRose (primary) A. Jordan (secondary) J. Pompa (tertiary)	R. Pompa	J. Harteis T. Wilt available
11:30 AM (8/2)	D. Sault	D. Stoehr (primary) G. Harrington (secondary) E. Pope (tertiary)	M. & P. Link	G. Olsavick P. Claycomb L. Lehman

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Peter Pence (7/19/2020): \$10.00 Twin Parish in Jamaica (7/19/2020): \$120.00
Maintenance (7/19/2020): \$100.00

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.

VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED!



We are in a 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.

MAY THEY REST IN PEACE

Reverend Raymond G. Crosser passed on July 22. Father Crosser was ordained a priest on May 26, 1956, at the Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament in Altoona. He was a pastor here at St. Michael the Archangel Parish 1989 –1991. Father Crosser retired from active ministry in 1996. In his retirement, he proudly served as a Chaplain for Bishop Guilfoyle Catholic High School athletics. A viewing will be held on **Monday, July 27 from 2 - 7 PM** at Saint Joseph Parish in Bellwood and on **Tuesday, July 28 from 9 - 10:45 AM** at Saint Joseph, with the funeral Mass being celebrated at **11:00 AM**.

Mother Amabilis Debicka, SSCJ, age 94, a perpetually professed Sister of the Congregation of Sister Servants of the Most Sacred Heart of Jesus, entered into eternal life on Thursday, July 16, 2020, at St. Joseph Convent, Munster Township, Portage, PA, after 66 years in consecrated life.

OUTDOOR MASSES WITH BISHOP MARK

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 on **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!)

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.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Like King Solomon, using God's gifts of wisdom and understanding, we should be able to discern what treasures we have been given to be used to meet the greatest public needs. The parables in today's readings from Matthew are also about choices and whether we have the discernment to choose wisely what we will share of the portions of the gifts we have been given through God's goodness and generosity.

"Good stewards understand that they are to share with others what they received, that this must be done in a timely way, and that God will hold them accountable for how well or badly they do it." *(Stewardship: A Disciple's Response, USCCB, 2003)*

Take some time to think about what single gift you would request of God to bring about the greatest public need.

FALL CLASS INFORMATION

Fall Classes Faith formation is a life-long endeavor. By virtue of our baptism, we are called to continually grow closer to Christ through a life of prayer, service, and knowledge of our faith. The Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry has announced the following classes for the 2020 Fall Schedule: Heart of Faith, Old Testament, New Testament, Wisdom Literature and Psalms. For a description of classes, locations, times, registration forms and to learn more about our programs visit www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ or contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. All are welcome!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

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DRIVE THROUGH PICK-UP

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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

To make this event safe and comfortable for everyone, we will follow all parish measures, including staggered attendance, social distancing, and cleaning often. All volunteers will wear face masks. Vehicles will proceed to stations around the parking lot. If you or any family member are sick, are in at-risk health group, or if you have been exposed to the coronavirus, please respect your neighbors and not attend this event. Our safety protocols are in place for the good of the community and to keep our families safe and healthy.

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

- WEEK DAYS** Church open for private prayer **7 AM - 4 PM**
- TODAY** Religious Education Registration..... **online**
- July 27 - 31 No Morning Masses**
..... (Communion WILL be available at 8:15 AM each day)
- July 28** Funeral Mass for Fr. Crosser (St. Joseph - Bellwood) **11 AM**
- July 31- Aug 5** Parish office closed
- Aug. 6** Cemetery Committee Meeting (Rectory Meeting Rm) ... **1:00 PM**
- Aug. 8** Relay For Life **CANCELLED**
- Aug. 15** Religious Ed Drive Thru Pick-up See schedule above

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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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