

July 5, 2020 The Fourteenth 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 FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Zechariah 9:9-10 In the last centuries before Christ, the Jewish people hoped for a triumphant Messiah king. The prophet Zechariah spoke instead of a Messiah who would come not in splendor and glory with horses and chariots, but rather in meekness and peace, riding a common work animal. All four evangelists will later apply this passage to the entrance of Jesus into Jerusalem several days before his arrest.

Second Reading: Romans 8: 9, 11-13 Today we will begin five Sundays of readings from chapter eight of Paul's letter to the Romans, a chapter which emphasizes the role of the Holy Spirit. Paul wants us to remember that the Spirit who will raise our bodies on the last day is the same Spirit who inspires us to holiness every day. Today, Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning *life prone to sin*) and life in the Spirit.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55: 10-11 and Romans 8:18-23; Gospel: Matthew 13:1-23

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

July 4 - July 12

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.

Date	<u>Time</u>	Location	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, 7/4	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Jim Seymour	by his family
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Jennifer Hatajik	by Patti Geesey
Sunday, 7/5	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Mary Putorek	by Murphy & Patty Montler
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Guy Luciano	by Mark & Jo Delozier
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	 Diana Colabrese 	by Jo Ellen Gehl
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Paul Plummer	by Knights of the Star of the Sea Council 4245
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. M	ichael Parishes
Monday, 7/6	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Leona George	by her family
Tuesday, 7/7	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Henrietta "Sis" Koofer	by Carolyn Cruse
Wednesday, 7/8	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Roy Hetrick	by Connie & Terry Curfman
Thursday, 7/9	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Bernadette Melville (Birthday Rem.)	by her family
Friday, 7/10	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Joyce Bagshaw	by Jo DeLozier
Saturday, 7/11	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Donald Figurelli	by Shari & Greg Figurelli
-	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Steven Ray (Anniversary Rem.)	by Heidi & children
Sunday, 7/12	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ John & Carol Crum	by the estate
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Raymond Brown (Anniv. Rem.)	by Elda Brown
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	 Raymond Boslett 	by Helen Cameletti
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Jim Madden (Birthday Rem.)	by Denise & family
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. M	ichael Parishes

WELCOME BACK TO GOD'S HOUSE!

Mass Schedule at St. Mary and St. Michael Parishes

St. Michael Masses:

Daily:	Mon., Tue	es., Thurs., & Fri.	7:45 AM
Weekend:	Saturday		5 PM
	Sunday	8:30 AM, 10:00 AM	& 11:30 AM

St. Mary Masses:

Daily:	Wednesday	6:30	ΡM
Weekend:	Saturday	4:00	ΡM
	Sunday	8:00 AM & 10:00	AM

The Church will continue to be open daily for private prayer. Please note that we have recently adjusted the times.

Monday - Friday: 7 AM - 4 PM

Saturday: 7 AM - 6 PM and Sunday: 7 AM - 1 PM

Holy Communion will continue to be distributed for everyone who cannot, or should not be attending Mass in the church. (See schedule on next page.) If you would prefer to watch Mass online/tv and have someone or a family member bring you communion, please contact the parish office.

REGISTER FOR THIS YEAR'S RELIGIOUS ED PROGRAM ON-LINE

For your convenience you may register your child for our Religious Education Program on-line. Visit our website: stmichael-hldg-pa.org 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. Please register before the Drive Thru Pick-up on Aug. 15th.

CONFRIRMATION

The Sacrament of Confirmation will be celebrated on FRIDAY, JULY 24 @ 6:30 PM at St. Mary's Church in Hollidaysburg. Candidates are reminded to contact Sue Teske by July 10 with the total number attending. Please keep our candidates in your prayers.

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

WEEKDAY SACRISTAN (7/5 - 7/11): available Julv 11 - 12th 15th Sundav in Ordinarv Time

Mass	Reader *	Extraordinary Min.*	Sacristan *	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (7/11)	B. Stevens	L. Savino (primary) S. Teske (secondary) available (tertiary)	L. Michelone	L. Michelone available available
8:30 AM (7/12)	J. Amgott	M. Litzinger (primary) V. Litzinger (secondary) P. Gildea (tertiary)	J. DeLozier	A. Carvalho M. Icenroad S. Frank
10 AM (7/12)	C. Swope	A. Jordan (primary) M. DeRose (secondary) R. Pompa (tertiary)	R. Pompa	T. Wilt J. Harteis available
11:30 AM (7/12)	D. Sault	B. Codd (primary) D. Stoehr (secondary) E. Pope (tertiary)	A. Weyant	L. Lehman G. Olsavick B. Lehman

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Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (6/28/2020):	\$6,607.00
On-Line Giving (6/1 - 6/15/20)	\$1,453.06
Peter Pence Collection (6/28/2020):	\$37.00
Twin Parish in Jamaica (6/28/2020):	\$57.00
Maintenance (6/28/2020):	\$278.00

Catholic Ministries Drive (as of 5/31/2020):

Target Goal: \$48,361.00 Received to Date \$24,385.00 Under Goal by \$23,976.00



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

Someone recently told me that she could hear the sigh of relief recently as restrictions were lifted that allowed for our churches to reopen. Numerous people have remarked how grateful they are to attend Sunday Mass and receive the sacraments, especially the Body and Blood of Christ in the Holy Eucharist. And they have mentioned how good it is to pray and worship with others in person.

I have not heard any criticism about the need for distancing or the way in which the financial offerings of the people are collected in a manner that avoids unnecessary physical contact.

However, there is one concern that is increasingly being brought to my attention. It has to do with the use of face masks. A better way to describe it is the growing number of letters and email messages advising me that people are simply not wearing face masks inside church.

A number of reasons for not wearing face masks have been shared with me, including:

It's hard to breathe because it is too warm in church We are in the green zone, so masks are no longer necessary It's too awkward for my kids who keep pulling them off Where I live we are strong people and we have that herd immunity As a young adult I have been out socializing with friends and no one has masks

I am well aware that no one wants to tell others to wear a mask. Pastors don't want to be the bad guy. Ushers don't want people giving them an earful if they mention anything about masks. Parents are frustrated when they try to get their children to cooperate.

As I listen to all of those comments, I am also mindful of the concerns of people who come to Mass with the reasonable expectation that everyone is doing their part in observing the directives that were announced as a necessary part of the reopening of churches.

I am also mindful of the expert advice I have received and continue to receive. The message remains the same. Masks are the most important means of protecting yourself and others when you find yourself in a group.

In places throughout the country where businesses have reopened and people are gathering without using face masks, there has been an alarming increase in the number of COVID-19 cases. News reports indicate that the number of confirmed cases in the past month have doubled in many of those places. As a result, the restrictions and closures are being reinstated.

The people of the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown have been known as being pro-life. That value and commitment of being pro-life is not limited to being against abortion of children. It extends from conception to natural death. It extends to every human person because we are all made in the image and likeness of God. The care we have for ourselves and for the well-being and safety of others is found in Sacred Scripture. Just think of the story of Cain and Abel (Genesis 4:1-15), when the Lord asked Cain, "Where is your brother Abel?" And Cain replied, "Am I my brother's keeper?"

We know the answer is yes. We are responsible for each other. Our Lord Jesus Christ affirmed that when he reminded us that we are to love our neighbor as we love ourselves (Luke 10:27). And Jesus went on to describe in the story of the Good Samaritan that we must literally go out of our way to help someone in need (Luke 10:29-37).

In that famous Gospel story, Jesus reminds us that there are times when caring for others involves an inconvenience and even a sacrifice on their part. That care for others is to be generous and done with compassion for the other person.

So how does this apply to all of us when it comes to COVID-19, face masks, and being in the parish church for Mass?

Wearing a face mask is a way in which we can love ourselves, since it is for our individual protection. Wearing a face mask is a way in which we can love our neighbors, so that an invisible virus is not spread from one to another. And remember, there are lots of people who have COVID-19, but they don't have any symptoms; they don't know that they have it.

I AM REPEATING MY PERSONAL APPEAL TO ALL OF YOU TO USE A FACE MASK WHEN YOU ATTEND MASS AND OTHER PARISH GATHERINGS.

In previously announced guidelines, I advised that the dispensation from the obligation to attend Mass on Sundays and Holy Days remains in effect, but if you cannot or should not attend due to medical conditions, you are encouraged to watch Mass on TV or via the internet.

Some people have chronic health conditions that make it extremely difficult to use a mask. If you are in that category, you are not obliged to attend Mass. At the same time, if you wish to receive Holy Communion, you should make that known so that Holy Communion may be brought to you as long as that is necessary. This can be done by a priest, deacon, or extraordinary minister of Holy Communion.

If it's just too warm to wear a mask during Mass, you can remain outside, and wait to receive Holy Communion without entering the church according to the plan that each parish should have in place.

ALTAR SERVERS, EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS, READERS (except for when they are actually reading), AND ANYONE ELSE WHO ENTERS INTO THE SANCTUARY (including deacons/priests) ARE TO WEAR A MASK.

MASKS ARE TO BE WORN BY USHERS, ORGANISTS, SONG LEADERS (except when they are engaged in singing).

When you are in church for Mass, THE MASK SHOULD ONLY BE REMOVED FOR A BRIEF MOMENT WHEN YOU ARE ABOUT TO RECEIVE HOLY COMMUNION, AND THEN IT SHOULD BE PUT BACK IN PLACE UNTIL MASS IS FINISHED AND YOU HAVE EXITED THE CHURCH.

The use of face masks is the number one means of protecting yourself and others from the spread of COVID-19.

I received a number of compliments from public health officials and government leaders for the implementation of the measures that were in place in our churches, schools, and other parish buildings.

I take this opportunity to thank all of you again for your cooperation in this effort. However, I need to be clear that unless the proper precaution of utilizing face masks is observed by everyone, it may result in the closures once again. No one wants to return to that experience.

So here is the bottom line: FACE MASKS ARE NOT OPTIONAL WHEN WE COME TO CHURCH.

As the slogan goes, "We are all in this together." And that includes the presence of the Lord Jesus among us and with us.

Don't let yourself even think about a slogan once suggested by Cain in the very first book of the Bible: "Am I my brother's keeper?" Apparently Cain did not know the answer. But you do. "We are all in this together."

Enjoy the July 4 Independence Day celebrations; but be safe. And enjoy the rest of the summer by taking good care of each other.

Bishop Mark

ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Classes begin August 23!

You're invited to a family faith event that's safe and fun!

On <u>Saturday, August 15</u>th we will be holding our first ever **Drive-Thru Faith Formation Pick-Up Event** and we can't wait to see you there! 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 have other activities and surprises for you to take part in- all from the safe-ty 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-E9:00 AM – 9:45 AM K-O10:30 AM – 11:15 AM T-Z12 PM -12:45 PM F-J9:45 AM – 10: 30 AM P-S11:15 AM – 12 NOON

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. Please pre-register online prior to the event.

ONLINE LINE 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: <u>https://www.dioceseaj.org/giving/</u> 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 FRIAR'S NOOK GIFT SHOP

Christmas in July is upon us! At The Friar's Nook Gift Shop, all clearance items are 75% off through August 1^{st} ! Also, the shop is still stocked up for all of your sacrament needs! The shop will continue to have modified hours through Labor Day which are Fridays and Saturdays, 10:00 AM – 4:00 PM, and is located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg. For any questions, please call 814-695-3802. Please note, face coverings **must** be worn for gift shop entry.

PROCLAIM

The most recent issue of PROCLAIM Magazine was mailed to households this past week. The current issue highlights: Bishop Mark's message about racism, a special report of what the Church has to say about racism, the vital role of visiting missionaries, pages filled with spiritual resources available in our diocese and worldwide, the introduction of Rev. Demetrius Gallitzin cause for sainthood and Gallitzin's Intercessory Prayer, highlights of how parishes and schools met the challenge of continuing their mission during COVID, why parishioner financial support is needed and testimonials from parishioners of "Why I Give", and **so much more!**

The magazine is also available digitally at: <u>www.dioceseaj.org/</u> magazinespring2020/

2020 RELAY FOR LIFE "Praying for a Cure"

The 2020 Relay for Life in June has been cancelled. Plans are in the making for a one day event to be held on **Saturday, August 8**. Location will be at the Altoona Curve parking lot. Plans are to offer a "Driving Tour of Teams" Our diocesan team "Praying for a Cure" will have 2 small canopies with representations from participating parishes youth there. Time of the event is 3-5 PM. Please wear

your t-shirt that day to show support and plan on driving by. A surprise from our tent will be waiting for you! We still have t-shirts size large & x-large for \$10. Call the office. The same t-shirts will be used next year.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Today's psalmist sings with joy, "let all our works give you thanks, O Lord, and let your faithful ones bless you." A steward's life is grounded in giving thanks and being transformed into a person who lives with an "attitude of gratitude."

By handing our ordinary lives over to Jesus we can rest in the promise of Jesus that to labor in His name we will can learn to be humble and not act as if becoming a Christian steward is burdensome., "For my yoke is easy, and my burden light." (*Mat 11:30*)

HOLY COMMUNION OUTSIDE OF MASS

Holy Communion will continue to be distributed outside of Mass at the church side door. Communicants are asked to be prepared spiritually, if possible wear a facial mask, and keep social distancing if you do not reside in the same household. (See complete times and schedule below.) We will continue to distribute Communion this way for the time being. For those who do not feel comfortable being in the church just yet, and would rather a household member or an extraordinary minister of Holy Communion bring you Communion to your home, please contact the parish office for arrangements. 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

DAILY Church open for private prayer7 AM - 7 PM

COMMUNION DISTRIBUTION (no Mass)

		l Church) approx. 8:15 AM
	(Parking lot side door of S Monday - Friday Saturday Sunday	St. Mary Church)
TODAY July 11 July 16 July 24	First Communion Mass	gistration online (Group 4) 10 AM Meeting (Rectory Meeting Room) 7 PM (Group 4) 6:30 PM

Many thanks to everyone who stays a few minutes to help wipe down the pews after the Masses.

REMEMBERING FR. TONY

Hollidaysburg Mayor, Joseph Dodson, is seeking kind donations toward a memorial monument to honor our dear friend and Naval Reservists Reverend Anthony J. Legarski, who passed away unexpectedly on Nov. 5, 2019. This memorial will be installed at Patriotic Park in the Holliday Hills area of Hollidaysburg. All donations will be applied to the cost of the memorial stone, and anything collected above the cost will be applied directly toward the cost of maintaining the park. Checks should be made payable to the "Borough of Hollidaysburg", 401 Blair St. Hollidaysburg PA 16648. - Please mark on the check memo: *"Fr. Legarski Memorial*".

