

May 24, 2020

Seventh Sunday of Easter

# 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

**No Public Masses at this time.**

***Please see inside the Bulletin for ways to view Mass online.***

## CONFESSIONS

Please call the parish office

## 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

### *Seventh Sunday of Easter*

**Acts 1:12-14** After being commissioned as "witnesses," the group of believers realize their status. They are the New Israel. Luke often makes note of the fact that Jesus (in the gospel) and the early Church (in the Acts) are at prayer. These are decisive moments of decision and change. Prayer is, for Luke, the moment when contact with God is made explicit.

**1 Peter 4:13-16** Christians, as a persecuted group, are again addressed by Peter. While suffering deserved because of crime may bring no honor to the sufferer, suffering for being a Christian does bring honor. Because of their suffering, Christians possess the Spirit, and the Spirit is the pledge of future glory.

**Next Sunday's Readings: Acts 2:1-11 and 1 Corinthians 12:3b-7, 12-13 Gospel: John 20:19-23**

## Mass Intentions this week for St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

**May 23 - May 31**

Fr. Alan will be saying Mass privately each day for the following Mass intentions.  
Please remember them in your prayers as well.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
<b>Saturday 5/23</b>	+ Jack Hallberg	by his wife
	+ Kathy Ray (Birthday Rem.)	by her sister; Peachy Thomas & family
<b>Sunday 5/24</b>	+ Craig Carnell	by Beverly & John Buterbaugh
	+ Tim Veller (Anniversary Rem.)	by his mother Connie
	+ Karen Felus McCosar	by Mom & Dad
	+ Barbara Wilt	by her husband Terry & children
	<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>	
<b>Monday 5/25</b>	+ Mark Burger (Birthday Rem.)	by his family
<b>Tuesday 5/26</b>	<b>For the physical &amp; spiritual wellness of Mary Ann Nedimyer</b>	
		by Carol Boland
<b>Wednesday 5/27</b>	+ Lena DeGol	by her children
<b>Thursday 5/28</b>	+ Guy Luciano	by Jim & Rita Luciano
<b>Friday 5/29</b>	+ Carl J. Snyder	by the Ricketts family
<b>Saturday 5/30</b>	+ Fr. John Palko	by George & Sally Mollish & family
	+ Stephen Swope	by Dan, Vicki & Maeve Lawruk
<b>Sunday 5/31 - Pentecost Sunday</b>		
	+ Frank & Margaret Feigh	by Mike & Betty Wolford
	+ Louis Fanelli, Jr. (Anniversary Rem.)	by his sister; Patti Geesey
	+ Jack & Helen Baker	by their family
	+ Andrew Hines	by his family
	<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>	

## THE CHURCH DOORS ARE NOW OPEN FOR VISITATION AND PRIVATE PRAYER!

Following the directives from Bishop Mark, we have reopened the church for daily visitation and private prayer. Please note the following: **Please recognize that there are potential risks of unintended exposure to the coronavirus, please refrain from visiting if you are sick or at a greater risk of susceptibility.** When you visit: Maintain social distancing of 6 ft or more. No more than 25 people are permitted in the church at any one time. (If waiting outside; remember to practice social distancing.) Limit prayer time to 1/2 hour at a time (Please be aware of others wishing to pray.) You may visit multiple times a day. We ask, if you can, to wear face masks or face shields while inside the church. Please wipe down any surfaces that you touch, and use hand sanitizer before and after your visit. Seating is available in areas not roped off. The church doors will be open from: *(subject to change)*

**7 AM - 7 PM Monday - Friday**

**6 AM - 3 PM on Saturdays and 7 AM - 7 PM on Sundays.**

### CONFESSION TIMES

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation is available again  
at St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes.**

Confessions at St. Michael will be heard on the side porch between the rectory and church on **Saturdays at 1 PM & 6 PM and on Sundays at 7:30 AM.**

Confessions at St. Mary on **Saturdays at 3 PM.**

*More times may be added in the coming week.*

*You may also call the rectory office to schedule a time to meet with Fr. Alan.*

### OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK

Please note that the Parish Office will be closed **Tomorrow, Monday, May 25** in observance of Memorial Day. Normal office hours will resume on Tuesday, May 26.

## ~ ~ ~ OUR GIFTS TO GOD ~ ~ ~

*Thank you for your generosity!*

**Sunday Offering (5/17/2020): \$6,799.00**

**On-Line Giving** not available at time of publishing

**Easter Offering (5/17/2020): \$25.00**

**Ascension Offering (5/17/2020): \$207.00**

**Holy Land/Good Friday (5/17/2020): \$3.00**

**Holy Thursday (5/17/2020): \$3.00**

**Twin Parish in Jamaica (5/17/2020): \$172.00**

**Maintenance (5/17/2020): \$245.00**

**Catholic Communication (5/17/2020): \$120.00**

**Catholic Ministries Drive (as of 4/30/2020):**

Target Goal: \$48,361.00

Received to Date \$20,865.00

Under Goal by \$27,496.00

**Thank you for your weekly support to our parish, our mission collections and the Annual Catholic Appeal. Your financial support is vital and continues to be so especially during the COVID-19 crisis.**

**You may continue to mail in your weekly offering, donate through on-line giving, or place your donation in the mail slot at St. Mary Rectory (312 Clark St. - just be sure to mark that it is for St. Michael Parish).**

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. Our parish will receive a report on all donations and money collected will be forwarded to us. The diocese will not be recording the gift or donor information in their database. We and the diocese just want to be able to give you options for your giving. 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.

## FAMILIES & THE GOSPEL

Jesus appointed apostles, he also appoints parents to represent Him in the family; "make disciples of your children, baptizing and teaching them all I have taught you. Don't worry, I am with you always."

## MEMORIAL DAY THOUGHT

Our decisions create our style of living and what kind of person we are. That's the awesome power of free will. As we celebrate Memorial Day, ask yourself: How do I want to be remembered? The power is in your hands, or rather in your decisions.

## PRAYER FOR MEMORIAL DAY

*God of power and mercy, you destroy war  
and put down earthly pride.*

*Banish violence from our midst and wipe away our  
tears, that we may all deserve to be called your  
sons and daughters.*

*Keep in your mercy those men and women who  
have died in the cause of freedom and bring them  
safely into your kingdom of justice and peace.*

*We ask this though Jesus Christ our Lord. Amen*

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

We are looking for people who may be willing to help clean the church, especially on weekends. All supplies and gloves will be provided. Even with regular cleaning, we would like to have surfaces prone to being touched often (Door knobs etc) and cordoned seating areas cleaned on a daily basis as well. If you are willing to help, please email or call the church office.

## WITH MANY THANKS!

As always the kindness and helpfulness of our parishioners never seems to fail!

- Thank you to **Rick and Diane Bunn and Pam Sepp** for selecting and planting the flowers around the church grounds. They look spectacular. (Thanks to Warner's Florist too!)
- Thanks to **Fr. Alan, Alan Curtis and Tyke Dodson** for cutting the grass around the school and church.
- To everyone who has continued to give to our weekly collections whether through the online giving, mail or dropping their donations at the office. Your continued support to the parish has eased many worries.
- Thank you to our **Parish and Finance Council members** who have continued to meet (virtually) with Fr. Alan and have provided guidance, insight, suggestions and opinions throughout the pandemic. Thanks to **Dr. Allen Lill** who has been a great resource as well.
- Thanks to **Terry Wilt** for his handyman skills with some recent projects he helped with.

## TELEVISED MASS FOR WIDOWS AND WIDOWERS

The Family Life Office will recognize widows and widowers who register and their deceased spouses during the Sunday Mass celebrated privately on May 31 at Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown. Bishop Mark will be the celebrant and homilist. **The Mass will air live at 11:00 AM on WATM ABC 23 and will be rebroadcast that night at 9:00 PM on Atlantic Broadband channel 9.**

All deceased spouses of registered individuals will be acknowledged and remembered during the liturgy. The Family Life Office invites you to register by calling the Family Life Office at (814) 317-2647 or (814) 317-2643 or emailing the office at [familylife@dioceseaj.org](mailto:familylife@dioceseaj.org). When registering, please give your name, address, phone number, and the name of your spouse who passed away.

## 2020 WELGE SCHOLARSHIP AVAILABLE

The Independent Catholic Foundation is currently accepting applications from students of the parish who will be entering their Junior or Senior year at an accredited college or university. Please visit the "Grants" page of the Independent Catholic Foundation website, [www.icfdaj.org](http://www.icfdaj.org) to download, complete and sign the application, which should be emailed to [grants@icfdaj.org](mailto:grants@icfdaj.org) no later than 4:00 PM, Friday, June 12. The Welge (WELL-ghee) Scholarship Endowment has grown sufficiently for the Foundation to issue three \$500 awards this July.

## PRECIOUS LIFE, INC.'S ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN!



For several years we have collected donations for Precious Life through their Baby Bottle Campaign. This fun fundraiser helps support Precious Life's primary mission, to extend the love of Christ, in tangible ways, to pregnant women in crisis. Last year Precious Life raised well over \$85,000 in change! Precious life is a Christian ministry dedicated to providing positive alternatives to abortion. They provide free pregnancy testing, confidential counseling, material support and housing to young women in need. In the past parishioners were invited to take a baby bottle home with them after Mass on Mother's Day, fill it with change for the next six weeks and return the baby bottle on Father's Day. Precious Life will be distributing bottles around **June 7 and collecting them July 5.** Start saving your change and please watch the bulletin for further announcements.

## STAY CONNECTED

The Diocese has launched a new way to communicate with the faithful. If you are able to receive text messages, you can sign-up to receive messages and alerts from them. To register, text the word "DAJ" to 84576. Sign-up today!

## MASSES FROM ST. MICHAEL CHURCH ARE ONLINE

With much gratitude to Fr. Alan, Deacon Chuck Ahearn, Deacon Allan Duman, seminarian Brian Norris, and parishioners Harold & Kathy DeLozier, **we will continue to have video recordings of the Sunday Mass EVERY SUNDAY** on our parish website and the parish facebook page.

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**Currently there are no public  
Masses here at St. Michael.**

Masses will continue to be celebrated privately every day by Fr. Alan. **Audio recordings of the daily & weekend Gospel and Fr. Alan's Homilies are available on our parish website.**

## SPIRITUAL COMMUNION

Since we are unable to receive communion physically at this time, here is a prayer for spiritual communion. It was written by Pope Francis:

*I prostrate myself at your feet, O my Jesus, and I offer you the repentance of my contrite heart, which abases itself in its nothingness in Your Holy Presence. I adore you in the Sacrament of Your Love; I desire to receive You in the poor abode that my heart offers You. While waiting for the happiness of a Sacramental Communion, I want to possess You in spirit. Come to me, O my Jesus, that I may come to You. May Your Love inflame my whole being, in life and in death. I believe in You, I hope in You, I love You. Amen.*

## UPCOMING VIRTUAL NIGHTS

**REGISTER TODAY!**

**Senior High (Grades 9-12)**

May 26 – 7:00 PM

Speaker: Jonathan Jerome

Theme: **Facing the Storms of Life**

register: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/senior-high-virtual-night/>

**Young Adults**

May 29 – 7:00 PM

Facilitator: Jonathan Jerome

Theme: **Living with Joy & Hope**

register: <https://www.dioceseaj.org/daj-young-ad-event/>

## IS THERE A GRADUATE IN YOUR FAMILY?

CELEBRATING THE  
**CLASS OF**  
**2020**

Prayers and best wishes go out to all our graduates who have recently graduated, or will be graduating soon, from HTCS, high school, college, technical school, graduate school or from professional training this year. If you wish to share some details about your graduate please email it to the church, include a picture(s) if you can. We'd like to share your good news with others through our bulletin and facebook page. *(If you would like to keep the information private that's fine too, just let us know.)*

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