



May 31, 2020
Pentecost Sunday

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

Saturdays at 1 PM & Sundays at 7:30 AM

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

PENTECOST SUNDAY

Acts 2: 1-11 Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

1 Corinthians 12: 3-7, 12-13 Paul's first letter to the Corinthians responds to a letter they wrote to him, asking how to deal with the diversity of gifts in the community, and the rivalries and jealousies that inevitably arose. In today's passage, he uses a comparison that we will recognize immediately.

Next Sunday's Readings: Exodus 34:4b-6,8-9 and 2 Corinthians 13:11-13; Gospel: John 3:6-18

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

May 30 - June 7

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>
Saturday 5/30	+ Fr. John Palko	by George & Sally Mollish & family
	+ Stephen Swope	by Dan, Vicki & Maeve Lawruk
Sunday 5/31 - Pentecost Sunday		
	+ 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
For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes		
Monday 6/1	+ Carl J. Snyder	by his mother; Nancy Levine
Tuesday 6/2	+ Dolores Rosensteel	by Ed & Barbara Monborne
Wednesday 6/3	+ Jim Seymour	by his family
Thursday 6/4	+ Robert "Jim" Gildea, Jr.	by Jack & Martha Watters
Friday 6/5	+ Joe Burger (Birthday Rem.)	by his family
Saturday 6/6	+ Michael & Greg Sheehan	by the Blazewicz family
	+ Jeane McDowell (Anniv. Rem.)	by Dean McDowell family
Sunday 6/7 - The Most Holy Trinity		
	+ Jim Leamer	by John & Barb Leamer
	+ Mark Burger (Anniversary Rem.)	by his family
	+ Robert Hammond	by Mike & Ruth DeHaas
	+ Ruth & Andy Swope	by Dan, Vicki & Maeve Lawruk
For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes		

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Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (5/24/2020):	\$4,030.00
On-Line Giving (4/16 - 4/30):	\$1,867.00
Easter Offering (5/24/2020):	\$400.00
Ascension Offering (5/24/2020):	\$190.00
Holy Land/Good Friday (5/24/2020):	\$50.00
Holy Thursday (5/24/2020):	\$50.00
Ash Wednesday (5/24/2020):	\$50.00
Peter Pence Collection (5/24/2020):	\$5.00
Twin Parish in Jamaica (5/24/2020):	\$122.00
Maintenance (5/24/2020):	\$132.00
Catholic Communication (5/24/2020):	\$105.00
Catholic Home Mission (5/24/2020):	\$2.00
Altar Flowers (5/24/2020):	\$50.00
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.

CONGRATULATIONS TO THE NEWLY BAPTIZED

Welcome **Julian Cesar Diaz** and **Luna Ruby Diaz** as they were welcomed into our Catholic family of faith through the sacrament of Baptism last Sunday, May 24. Congratulations to them and their parents Erasmo & Pamela as well.

LETTER FROM FR. ALAN

Fr. Alan recently sent out a letter to all parishioners outlining the details for distribution of Communion and for resuming public Masses. If you did not receive his letter, please contact the parish office.

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES!

CELEBRATING THE
CLASS of

2020

Prayers and best wishes go out to all our graduates who have recently graduated, or will be graduating from high school. We will soon be displaying pictures of our parish graduates in church and on our parish Facebook page. On June 13 & 14 all graduates will be remembered at the weekend Masses. (If you have not submitted your graduate's picture and bio to the parish office, please do so this week.)

HOLY COMMUNION OUTSIDE OF MASS

Beginning **THIS Monday, June 1**, Holy Communion will be distributed outside of Mass at the church side door. Communicants are asked to be prepared spiritually, wear a facial mask, and keep social distancing if you do not reside in the same household. (See complete times and schedule on next page.) We will continue to distribute Communion this way even once public Mass begins on June 13. 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.

CONFESSION TIMES

**The Sacrament of Reconciliation
is available again**

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

(Confessions at St. Mary: **Saturdays at 3 PM**)

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

THE CHURCH DOORS ARE OPEN FOR VISITATION AND PRIVATE PRAYER

Following the directives from Bishop Mark, we have reopened the church for daily visitation and private prayer. **Please recognize that there are potential risks of unintended exposure to the coronavirus, please refrain from visiting if you are sick.** The church doors will be open from: (subject to change)

7 AM - 7 PM Monday - Sunday *

* 7 AM - 3 PM on Saturday, June 6 only

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

For the reopening of the church we will need the help of many volunteers. Please read over the specific needs listed below to discern where and how you may be able to help:

Ministers of Hospitality: We will need multiple Ministers of Hospitality at all weekend Masses. They will be trained to help assist in seating people in compliance with the six-foot rule and keep people spaced apart during Holy Communion. They'll also distribute bulletins at the end of Mass. If you had previously been an usher, and you're willing to take the risk of coming to weekend Masses, then we could really use your help. Obviously new volunteers will also be needed. There will be two training sessions for ministers of hospitality. The first will be on **Saturday, June 6, at 10:00 am** at St. Mary's Church. The second will be **Saturday, June 13, at 10:00 am** at St. Michael's Church. Because the procedures will be similar at both parishes, you can come to either training session.

Volunteers to help clean pews: We need multiple volunteers to help clean the church between weekend Masses. Pews will need to be sprayed and wiped down, door handles cleaned and so on. Please contact the parish office if you would be willing to perform this work of charity. Be sure to let us know which Mass you will normally be attending.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion: We will also need a sufficient number of extraordinary ministers of Holy Communion. We'll need help at Mass itself. Communion will be under the form of bread only, but it's helpful to have a second minister at Mass. It will also be helpful if ministers of Holy Communion can be available to help distribute Communion after Mass. More importantly, though, we're going to need people who are willing to take Holy Communion to the sick, the fearful, the homebound, and anyone who is unable to come to the church. If you have family members in these conditions, perhaps you'd be willing to volunteer. Training sessions for all who choose to continue as ministers of Holy Communion as well as those who would like to take on this ministry will be on **Saturday, June 6, at 11:00 am** at St. Mary's Church, and **Saturday, June 13, at 11:00 am** at St. Michael's Church. Again, because of similar procedures, you can attend either session. If you'd like to participate in this important work but these times don't work for you, give the parish office a call to arrange for a private training session.

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

DAILY	Church open for private prayer	7 AM - 7 PM
	Starting June 1st - Communion Distribution (no Mass)	
	<i>(Side door of St. Michael Church)</i>	
	Monday - Friday	approx. 8:15 AM
	Saturday	6 PM
	Sunday	9:30 AM, 11 AM & 12:30 PM
	<i>(Parking lot side door of St. Mary Church)</i>	
	Monday - Friday	7 PM
	Saturday	5PM
	Sunday	9 AM & 11 AM
June 6	Minister of Hospitality Training Session <i>(at St. Mary Church)</i>	10 AM
June 6	Ministers of Holy Communion Training Session <i>(at St. Mary Church)</i>	11 AM
June 13	Minister of Hospitality Training Session <i>(at St. Michael Church)</i>	10 AM
June 13	Ministers of Holy Communion Training Session <i>(at St. Michael Church)</i>	11 AM
June 13	Restoration of normal Mass times at both churches.	
	Communion distribution after Mass will continue for those unable to attend Mass <i>(see times listed above).</i>	

ST. Michael Masses:

Daily: *Mon., Tues., Thurs., & Fri.* **7 :45 AM**

Weekend: *Saturday* **5 PM**

Sunday **8:30 AM, 10:00 AM & 11:30 AM**

ST. Mary Masses:

Daily: *Wednesday* **6:00 PM**

Weekend: *Saturday* **4:00 PM**

Sunday **8:00 AM & 10:00 AM**

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.**

VISIT OUR WEBPAGE

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"St. Michael the Archangel Church Hollidaysburg"

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

Public Masses will resume June 13th.

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.**

PRAYER FOR THE SEVEN GIFTS OF THE HOLY SPIRIT

O Lord Jesus Christ, who before ascending into heaven did promise to send the Holy Spirit to finish your work in the souls of your apostles and disciples, deign to grant the same Holy Spirit to me, that He may perfect in my soul the work of your grace and your love.

Grant me the **Spirit of Wisdom** that I may despise the perishable things of this world and aspire only after the things that are eternal, the **Spirit of Understanding** to enlighten my mind with the light of your divine truth, the **Spirit of Counsel** that I may ever choose the surest way of pleasing God and gaining heaven, the **Spirit of Fortitude** that I may bear my cross with you and that I may overcome with courage all the obstacles that oppose my salvation, the **Spirit of Knowledge** that I may know God and know myself and grow perfect in the science of the Saints, the **Spirit of Piety** that I may find the service of God sweet and amiable, and the **Spirit of Fear** that I may be filled with a loving reverence towards God and may dread in any way to displease Him.

Mark me, dear Lord with the sign of your true disciples, and animate me in all things with your Spirit. - Amen.

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