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The Twenty-Fourth 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

TWENTY-FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:30, 28:7 The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. Sirach ran a school for young people in Jerusalem. In today's section, he teaches his students the importance of forgiveness.

Second Reading: Romans 14: 7-9 After dealing with the controversies which divided the early Christian community in Rome, Paul wrote about the need for tolerance and for sensitivity to the feelings of others. In today's passage, he points out that this affects our use of the gift of freedom.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 55: 6-9 and Philippians 1: 20c-24, 27a; Gospel: Matthew 20:1-16a

Unable to forgive another, means we are holding onto a past wrong and hoping for a better past. That is not going to happen. We must move on with our life by accepting we were unjustly treated and it will not be corrected. We aren't condoning the injustice. We just don't let it control our lives any longer. Forgiveness is critical to living a healthy life in the present.

WHOSE LIFE WILL YOU POSITIVELY IMPACT TODAY?

The majority of us lead quiet, unheralded lives as we pass through this World. There will most likely be no ticker-tape parades for us, no monuments created in our honor. But that does not lessen our possible impact, for there are scores of people waiting for someone just like us to come along; people who will appreciate our compassion, our unique talents. Someone who will live a happier life merely because we took the time to share what we had to give. Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have a potential to turn a life around. It's overwhelming to consider the continuous opportunities there are to make our love felt.

-Leo Buscaglia Reprinted with permission from: "Apple Seeds", Fr. Brian Cavanaugh, T.O.R.

NEW DIOCESE ACTION TEAMS

The Family Life and Missions Office is looking for faithful parishioners who would be interested and willing to serve on one of two forming action teams for the Diocese.

Pro-Life Team – For the Pro-Life Team, we are looking for parishioners who respect and love the sanctity of all life, from conception to natural death, but recognize that to change hearts and minds we need to journey with individuals, one on one. The two main initiatives we will be talking about are the USCCB's Walking with Moms in Need: A Year of Service, as well as how we might be able to reinstate Project Rachel in our Diocese. In particular we would love to see some representatives from the Catholic Daughters of America and the Knights of Columbus. Clergy, religious and lay representatives are all welcome.

Disabilities Awareness Team – The Disabilities Awareness Team will be looking at ways to reach out to those who may be underserved in our parishes due to disabilities. We need those who understand how disabilities affect a person's participation in the life of the community as well as their growth in faith. The Team will identify ways that those with a disability may feel excluded from the full life of the Church, and then look for practical solutions to be implemented. Clergy, religious and lay representatives are all welcome.

If you are interested on serving on either action team please contact the parish office.

RETIRED DIOCESAN PRIESTS MEDICAL COLLECTION

Please remember what these men created, inspired and supported over the years. Our priests were ordained to spend their lives concerned for your soul, not their retirement. This annual collection is a great testimony to the many parishioners like you who care about priests who once cared about you. For many years, parishes have relied on our retired priests to celebrate Mass and the sacraments. Our senior priests do this willingly as they faithfully serve our Church. The Retired Priests Medical and Retirement Aid Collection helps to defray the cost of nursing home care, prescription drugs, and healthcare. Please by your donation, show your appreciation and gratitude for their years of priestly ministry. Envelopes for this collection are in your bimonthly envelope packet. If you do not receive envelopes and would like to, please contact the parish office.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jesus calls us, as his disciples, to a new way of life, the Christian way of life, of which stewardship is part. But Jesus does not call us as nameless people in a faceless crowd. He calls us individually by name, each one of us clergy, religious, lay person; married, single; adult, child. Each has a personal vocation. God intends each one of us to play a unique role in carrying out the divine plan.

The challenge, then, is to understand our role, our vocation, and to respond generously to this call from God. Christian vocation entails the practice of stewardship. In addition, Christ calls each one of us to be stewards of our personal vocations, which we receive from God.

(<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/stewardship/index.cfm>, 1/8/2018)

ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

Any questions call our D.R.E., Sue Teske
at 695-0912 or 934-2180 email: Steske@dioceseaj.org

Are you ready for classes to begin?? Our catechists have been preparing and working hard to help guide your child in this year's faith journey. Online lessons will be available the week of Sept. 20th. You will soon be receiving an email from your child's catechist with a code to use on "Flip-Grid". If you have registered and have not picked up your supplies; please call or text Sue as soon as possible!

Just a reminder that all students in grades Pre K - 11th grade must register online through our parish webpage.

(This includes students who are in 2nd grade and attend HTCS or those in 9 - 11th grade and attend BGHS.)

U.S. CONSTITUTION



Constitution Week is the commemoration of America's most important document. It is celebrated annually during the week of September 17-23. The United States Constitution stands as a testament to the tenacity of Americans throughout history to maintain their liberties, freedoms and inalienable rights. This celebration of the Constitution was started by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The aims of the Constitution Week celebration are to:

- ★ Emphasize citizens' responsibilities for protecting and defending the Constitution.
- ★ Inform people that the Constitution is the basis for America's great heritage and the foundation for our way of life.
- ★ Encourage the study of the historical events which led to the framing of the Constitution in September 1787.

Constitution Week is a great time to learn more about this important document and celebrate the freedoms it gave us. Please offer prayers for our country and for those who protect us.



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. You're under no obligation to come for Communion, so please be reasonable in protecting your own health and the health of others.

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

WEEKDAYS Church open for private prayer **7 AM - 4 PM**

EVERY THURSDAY Rosary

(at St. Catherine Parish outdoor shrine; rain location is in our church) **6:00 PM**

Sept. 14 **Parish office closed**

Sept. 15 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting (Rectory Meeting Rm) **6:30 PM**

Sept. 17 Peace & Justice Meeting (Rectory Meeting Rm) **7 PM**

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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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