

September 27, 2020

The Twenty-Sixth 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-SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Ezekiel 18: 25 – 28 Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon six centuries before Christ. In today's reading, he takes up a question we have probably asked ourselves: Is God fair or unfair in his dealings with people?

Philippians 2:1 – 11 Paul wrote from prison to his Christian converts in Philippi, a city in what is today northern Greece. While he was in prison, the Philippians had sent someone to bring money for his support and to stay with him. Paul thanks them by quoting an early Christian hymn which he felt described Christ as a model for the way all Christians should live.

Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 5:1-7 and Philippians 4:6-9; Gospel: Matthew 21:33-43

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

September 26 - October 4

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, 9/26	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Jack Hallberg	by his wife Carol
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Jennifer Hatajik	by Walter & Connie Tomassetti
Sunday, 9/27	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Dorotheann Simendinger	by the Mary's Day Committee
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Richard Barkley, Sr.	by his family
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Bruno & Lena DeGol	by the family
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Lori Irwin - Kozlowski	by her parents; Bob & Louise Irwin
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Monday, 9/28	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Guy Luciano	by His Daughter, Anita Carvalho
Tuesday, 9/29	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Ernie Tomassetti	by his wife; Helen & family
Wednesday, 9/30	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Ralph Fabbri	by Fran & Rich Bunevitch
Thursday, 10/1	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Ruth & Andy Swope	by Dan, Vicki & Maeve Lawruk
Friday, 10/2	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Anita Jubas	by her husband; John & daughter; Maren
Saturday, 10/3	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Gabe Pipetti, Sr.	by Connie & Terry Curfman
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ All Souls in Purgatory	by Phil & Maureen Aquadro
Sunday, 10/4	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Catherine Domino	by Bruno & JoAn Felus
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Dolores Kubitsky	by her daughter; Donna Messner
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Cesar A. Montero	by the Family
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Barbara Wilt & Harry Kirkman	by the Family
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

BLESSING OF ANIMALS



In commemoration of the Feast of Saint Francis of Assisi the Blessing of Animals will take place at St. Mary parish **NEXT Sunday, October 4th at 2:00 PM** in the alley between the social hall and rectory. Bring your pets of all species, or a picture of your pet, to receive the blessing.

PRAYER TO THE ARCHANGELS

(Their Feast Day is THIS Tuesday, September 29)



O Lord, the angels' sheer delight!
 Their life reflects your splendor bright;
 as we today their praise declare,
 May we their joy forever share.
 St Michael, be our refuge here,
 Preserve us from all useless fear;
 Through you may God his peace bestow
 On all nations here below.
 St Gabriel, be with us this day,
 Reveal God's will to us, we pray;
 As Mary once did answer you,
 May our response be firm and true.
 St Raphael, heal our sinful heart,
 May God his grace to us impart,
 And may you guide us on the way
 That we may never go astray. Amen.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING CATHOLIC?

The Rite of Christian Initiation (R.C.I.A.) Classes for adults who wish to become Catholic and for those who are Catholic but have not completed their Sacraments of Initiation (First Eucharist and Confirmation) will begin SOON! If you or someone in your family is interested, or would like to learn more about our R.C.I.A. program, please contact the parish office SOON. We are forming a team in conjunction with St. Mary's to offer the best experience for our potential candidates.



LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

WEEKDAY SACRISTAN (9/27 - 10/3): K. Balconi

October 3 & 4 - The 27th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (10/3)	C. Swope	L. Michelone (primary) L. Savino (secondary) S. Teske (tertiary)	L. Michelone	L. Michelone D. Klingbeil available
830 AM (10/4)	B. Anthony	available (primary) M. Litzinger (secondary) V. Litzinger (tertiary)	A. Carvalho	R. Baker A. Carvalho available
10 AM (10/4)	M. Culp	R. Pompa (primary) available (secondary) C. Brown (tertiary)	D. & M. Culp	J. Dodson M. Culp J. Harteis
11:30 AM (10/4)	D. Sault	E. Pope (primary) G. Harrington (secondary) D. Stoehr (tertiary)	M. & P. Link	B. Lehman L. Lehman available

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Sunday Offering (9/20/20): **\$7,487.00**

Envelope: \$ 7,381.00 Loose Collection: \$106.00

Twin Parish in Jamaica (9/20/20): \$190.00	Mission Coop (9/20/20): \$1,050.00
Assumption (9/20/20): \$10.00	Proclaim (9/20/20): \$64.00
Maintenance (9/20/20): \$235.00	World Mission (9/20/20): \$10.00
Retired Priests Medical (9/20/20): \$65.00	All Saints (9/20/20): \$10.00

RENOVATIONS ARE UNDERWAY!

With many thanks to those who volunteered to be on our Church painting committee, if you haven't noticed, some repair work to water damage has begun. Once that is resolved the committee will be meeting with painters to repair the church ceiling and repaint the church interior. We appreciate everyone's patience as the much needed work is completed.



STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Stewards of God's gifts are not passive beneficiaries. According to today's Gospel parable, putting into practice a life of discipleship and stewardship is what counts, "actions speak louder than words." We are obliged to be stewards of the Church, collaborators and cooperators in continuing the redemptive work of Jesus Christ, which is the Church's essential mission. This mission, proclaiming and teaching, serving and sanctifying, is our task. It is the personal responsibility of each one of us as stewards of the Church.

All members of the Church have their own roles to play in carrying out its mission: parents, parishioners, all Catholics as members of diocesan families, and to the Universal Church.

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

Try to make an action plan to fulfill your role as we enter into fall.

ROSARY RALLY

Rosary Rally In the Grove at the Clearfield Fair Grounds **NEXT Sunday, October 4 at 3:00 PM**. Guest speaker Fr. Jerry Priscaro, St. Anne's Church Erie, PA. Father is the Spiritual Director of the World Apostolate of Fatima Erie Division. Please bring a lawn chair or feel free to sit in your car and participate.

GIFT SHOP MANAGER NEEDED

The Friar's Nook Gift Shop located in Hollidaysburg, PA is seeking a Gift Shop Manager to oversee the day-to-day functions of a Roman Catholic gift shop with a heavy emphasis in standard retail practices. The Gift Shop Manager should be dependable, self-motivated, and can work well with other employees and customers. For a full job description, please visit: www.thefranciscanfriars.org/jobs.

EVANGELIZATION SURVEY

The diocese's Evangelization Committee is looking beyond the fifth and final Season of the *Arise!* initiative that will conclude next spring. Even if you have not participated in an Arise small group, your opinion will help the committee identify opportunities for both individual and family spiritual growth. Please visit www.diocese.org/arise to complete the survey online, or ask the parish office for a printed copy if you do not have access to a computer. Surveys will be accepted during the entire month of October.



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

Fr. Alan will be hosting a ZOOM meeting for ALL Religious Education parents on **Oct 4 at 4:00 PM**. Invitations with a link to the meeting will be emailed out soon, please check your emails.

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.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

In today's gospel Jesus asked, "What is your opinion?" Why do we think our opinion is dogma or fact? An opinion is only how we perceive a situation or how we feel comfortable doing something. Don't argue over or become divided by "your opinion."

-A Family Perspective by Bud Ozar

YOUR HELP IS NEEDED

Our church greatly depends on volunteers (especially now) and we currently have a great need for more people to help with the following:

- **WEEKLY SACRISTANS**
- **WEEKEND SACRISTANS** (esp. Sat. 5 PM Mass and Sunday 11:30 AM Mass)
- **READERS** (ALL MASSES)
- **MINISTERS OF HOSPITALITY** (esp. Sat. 5 PM Mass and Sunday 11:30 AM Mass)

Please give prayerful consideration as to how you can help and share of your time and talents with us. Training will be provided and the commitment can be as big or as little as you want (once a month, twice a month, every weekend, etc...).

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**

Oct. 4 Blessing of Animals (St. Mary Parking lot) **2:00 PM**

Oct. 4 ZOOM meeting with Fr. Alan (ALL Religious Ed Parents)... **4 PM**

Oct. 6 Parish Finance Council Meeting **6:30 PM**

Oct. 11 Men's Club Meeting (Church hall)..... **7:00 PM**

Oct. 13 Parish Pastoral Council Meeting..... **6:30 PM**

LIFE CHAIN

Sunday, October 4, 2020

2:00 - 3:00 p.m.

17th St. and 9th Ave., Altoona, at Station Mall Medical Center



Across the U.S. and Canada, on National LIFE CHAIN Sunday, hundreds of thousands of participants will silently stand in peaceful, prayerful witness to their commitment to love and protect the unborn and their mothers.

LIFE CHAIN challenges the community to be aware and to care.

The signs we hold deliver the messages that

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Adoption is the Loving Option
Abortion Hurts Women
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Lord, Forgive Us and Our Nation
Life - The First Inalienable Right
Jesus Forgives & Heals

This peaceful, prayerful event provides a visual statement of pro-life unity to passersby. Signs will be provided. Please join us!



We hope to see YOU there! For more information, call 814-946-0681

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS HOLLIDAYSBURG, PA PARISH CHICKEN BBQ



Sunday, October 11
10:00 AM to 1:00 PM

at the Knights of Columbus Hall Hollidaysburg
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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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