

September 6, 2020

The Twenty-Third 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 – THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Ezekiel 33: 7-9 Ezekiel was an Old Testament prophet who ministered to the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. In today's passage, the speaker is God who uses the image of a watchman to describe a prophet's role. In those times, a watchman was someone who stood on a hill or in a tower to watch for invaders.

Second Reading: Romans 13: 8-10 In the concluding section of his letter to the Romans, Paul writes about the moral demands of Christian life. This letter was written some years before the Gospels, yet these words will sound very much like words we hear in the Gospels. Clearly, Paul is drawing upon a pre-Gospel tradition about what Jesus said.

Next Sunday's Readings: Sirach 27:30, 28:7 and Romans 14: 7-9 ; Gospel: Matthew 18:21-35

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

September 5 - 13

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 you offertory gift to us.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
Saturday, 9/5	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Patrick Farrell	by Anna Farrell
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ "Gram" Catherine Muhlbauer (Anniversary Remembrance)	by Peachy Thomas & family
Sunday, 9/6	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Lt. Joseph G. Leavey, FDNY	by Tim & Patty Summer
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Thomas E. Gildea	by Wayne & Cathy Madden
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Vance Boland	by Cathy Rodgers
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Peggy Baker - Hart	by Denise Madden
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Monday, 9/7	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Anita Jubas	by husband; John & daughter; Maren
Tuesday, 9/8	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ William "Bill" McDonnell	by his family
Wednesday, 9/9	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Virginia Rizzo	by Jean Chirdon
Thursday, 9/10	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Carl Snyder	by Jo DeLozier
Friday, 9/11	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Michael Brown	by Mary Ellen Bomeisl
Saturday, 9/12	4:00 PM	St. Mary	+ Karen Felus McCosar	by Mom & Dad
	5:00 PM	St. Michael	+ Chris & Mary Teitz	by their daughter Martha Owens
Sunday, 9/13	8:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Mary Christina Lauber	by the Doyle Family
	8:30 AM	St. Michael	+ Josephine Drass Bush	by Elda Brown
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	+ Lois Balliet	by Alan, Mary, Alan, Dean & Katlyn Dodson
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	+ Dora Gonzales & Anne Hayes	by Brian & Diane Hayes
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	

39th Anniversary

BIRTH OF MARY CELEBRATION

THIS TUESDAY, September 8



St. Catherine of Siena Church
Old Rt. 22, Duncansville, PA

- **7:15 AM, 11:30 AM** - Joyful Mystery of the Rosary in the church
- **7:45 and Noon Masses** in the church; Celebrant: Msgr. Robert Saly
- **5:00 PM** - Joyful Mystery of the Rosary at the outdoor shrine
- **5:30 PM Outdoor Mass** at the outdoor shrine; Celebrant: Msgr. Robert Saly

Please wear a mask and maintain proper physical distancing and bring a lawn chair for the outdoor Mass. Indoor seating will be limited. All are invited. Donations are welcome.

FAMILIES AND THE GOSPEL

(MT 18: 15-20) The key word in today's gospel is "listen." We cannot change another person; not alone, not with others and not with a whole Church. All we can do is state our position and "if he listens to you" then he / she can take the steps necessary to change themselves. Change comes from within.) - "A Family Perspective" by Bud Ozar

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

WEEKDAY SACRISTAN (9/6 - 9/12): as scheduled

September 12 & 13 - The 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
5 PM (9/12)	C. Swope	L. Michelone (primary) D. Straub (secondary) S. Teske (tertiary)	R. DeHaven	R. Stellabotte B. Pfeffer available
8:30 AM (9/13)	P. Gildea	M. Schlechter (primary) B. Anthony (secondary) C. Feathers (tertiary)	A. Carvalho	T. Baker A. Carvalho R. Baker
10 AM (9/13)	A. McClain	C. Brown (primary) A. Lewis (secondary) M. DeRose (tertiary)	D/M Culp	L. Georgiana J. Harteis M. Culp
11:30 AM (9/13)	D. Stoehr	D. Stoehr (primary) E. Pope (secondary) G. Harrington (tertiary)	M/P Link	B. Lehman L. Lehman available

OUR GIFTS TO GOD

Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (8/30/20): **\$8,232.00**

Envelope: \$8,074.00 Loose Collection: \$158.00

Twin Parish in Jamaica (8/30/20): **\$165.00**

Assumption (8/30/20): **\$90.00**

Maintenance (8/30/20): **\$220.00**

Mission Coop (8/30/20): **\$640.00**

Proclaim (8/30/20): **\$66.00**

Retired Priests (8/30/20): **\$190.00**

YOUTH GROUP MOUNTAIN BIKE RIDE

Led by our very own Fr. Alan!



The youth Group Bike Ride that was scheduled for Friday, Aug 28 has been rescheduled for **THIS Saturday, Sept. 12 at 9:30 AM**. All students in grades 7th-12th (and their parents), of both St. Michael and St. Mary parishes, are welcome. The group will bike through state game lands down through Carson Valley, through the Muleshoe Curve and into Duncansville, and conclude in the parking lot of St. Catherine's Church in Duncansville. RSVP if interested or with questions by texting or calling Tim Baranik @ 814-207-7008.

PARISH OFFICE

Please note that the parish office will be closed until **Tuesday, September 15**.

THANK YOU FROM FR. LAZARUS

Fr. Alan received the following from Fr. Lazarus this week (9/2/20):

"Dear Father, Greetings from Pittsburgh. I would like to thank you and the faithful at both St. Mary and St. Michael the Archangel, Hollidaysburg for being so kind to me during my visit. I am sincerely grateful for the gifts and warm reception you accorded me.

I will keep you in my prayers and I hope to be back one day. May God bless you for all the sacrifices you made for me.

Thank you. - Lazarus Langbiir, CSSP"

NEW TESTAMENT CLASS

Mr. Christopher Klopp, Campus Minister at Lock Haven University, will be teaching at St. Matthew Church, Tyrone beginning **Thursday, September 10th from 6:00-8:00 PM for 8 weeks** (2 hour classes). For registration information please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000. All are welcome!

TAKE OUT SPAGHETTI DINNER

The Knights of Columbus of St. John's Parish in New Baltimore are sponsoring a TAKE OUT Spaghetti Dinner on Sunday September 13th from 11 AM to 1 PM. The dinner includes spaghetti and meatballs, salad, dinner rolls and a dessert. Adults (12 & older) \$8 Children (3-11) \$3. ALL PROCEEDS ARE DONATED TO LOCAL CHARITIES AND FOOD BANKS! The dinners may be picked up at the St. John's church hall on **Sunday September 13 from 11 AM to 1 PM**. WALK-INS are welcome but in order to save time you may pre-order using the email dwambaugh@dioceseaj.org. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred pickup time, and number of Adult and or Child orders. Please note payment is not required until time of pickup.

ANNUAL CRESSON

CATHOLIC COMMUNITY FESTIVAL

The Cresson Catholic Community will hold its annual Festival on the grounds of St. Aloysius Church on **Sunday, September 13 from 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM**. Although scaled back this year due to Covid requirements, you may still enjoy the following:

Booths: Gift Basket Fair, Fancy Booth, Rummage Sale, Bake Sale
Games of Chance and Skill: Money Board, 50/50 every 2 hrs, \$2,500.00 Grand Prize Raffle

Festival Food: Breakfast Sandwich, Hot Sausage, Pulled Pork, Perogies, Halushki, Hamburgers, Hot Dogs, French Fries, Funnel Cake, Apple Cobbler, Ice Cream, Donuts and more...

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.

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 HTCS or those in 9 - 11th grade and attend BGHS.)*

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Am I my brother's keeper? All three readings today suggest the answer is "yes" for the Christian steward. Jesus' disciples and Christian stewards recognize God as the origin of life, giver of freedom, and source of all things. We are grateful for the gifts we have received and are eager for you use them to show our love for God and for one another.

We look to the life and teaching of Jesus for guidance in living as Christian stewards. After Jesus, we look to Mary as the ideal steward. As the Mother of Christ, she lived her life in a spirit of fidelity and service; she responded generously to the call. We must ask ourselves: Do we also wish to be disciples of Jesus and Christian stewards of our world and our Church? (<http://www.usccb.org/beliefs-and-teachings/what-we-believe/stewardship/index.cfm>, 1/8/2018)

OUR PEACE AND JUSTICE COMMITTEE



Our parish Peace & Justice Committee is preparing for their Fall outreach, and invite anyone interested to attend their upcoming meeting: **Thursday, Sept. 17 at 7 PM in the Rectory Meeting room**. (Please remember to wear a mask.) On

the schedule to discuss is the annual Harvest Food Drive and the Giving Tree. Ideas and suggestions are always welcome, as is your help. If you have any questions please call/text KathyBalconi at 585 -730-0757.

Have you changed your address or phone number or email address? Call 695-0912 during office hours to update your church records or Email information to: stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org

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. 4 - 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**



**JOIN WITH OTHERS
PRAYING THE ROSARY**

Every Thursday - 6 PM

at the outdoor shrine behind
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*Rain location is inside
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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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