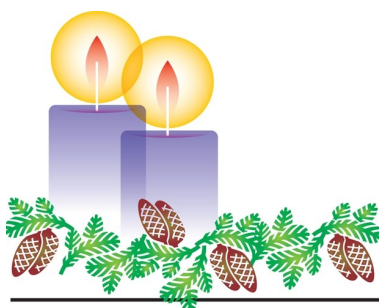


December 6, 2020

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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.  
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PARISH OFFICE HOURS

Monday - Friday 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.  
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MARRIAGES & BAPTISMS

Call the church office to schedule an appointment.  
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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? Come to the RCIA Inquiry Dec. 13 & 20 at St. Mary Parish social hall.

INTRODUCTION FOR TODAY'S READINGS

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

**First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11** This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling upon the prophet to encourage the Jewish people who are exiled in Babylon. The prophet is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road to the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the people to proclaim from a mountain-top the goodness of God.

**Second Reading: 2 Peter 3: 8-14** The second letter of Peter was written nearly 100 years after Jesus' death and resurrection. At an earlier time, Christians had expected the Lord to return in glory quickly. But by this time, they had lost confidence that the Lord would return at all. The author doesn't want people to abandon their hope, and gives a positive interpretation to this delay.

**Next Sunday's Readings: Isaiah 61:1-2a 10-11 and 1 Thessalonians 5:16-24 ; Gospel: John 1:6-8, 19-28**

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

**December 5 - December 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 your offertory gift to us.

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Location</u>	<u>Intention</u>	<u>Requested by</u>
<b>Saturday, 12/5</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	St. Mary	+ Bernie Mikesic	<i>by the K of C #4245 Star of the Sea</i>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>Karen Storm</b> (Anniversary Rem.)	<i>by her mother; Martha Owens</i>
<b>Sunday, 12/6</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	+ Bob Stanek	<i>by Gloria Kolonich</i>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Peggy Baker - Hart</b> (Anniv. Rem.)	<i>by Steve &amp; Janice Frank</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	+ Mary Jeanne Stoltz	<i>by JoEllen Gehl &amp; Family</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Charles Liebal</b> (Birthday Rem.)	<i>by Helen &amp; Christine Liebal</i>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>	
<b>Monday, 12/7</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Margie Kelley</b>	<i>by Jack &amp; Lois Steinbugl</i>
<b><u>Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</u></b>				
<i>(Vigil Mass)</i>	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Louis & Rose DeJulia	<i>by the Sosnowski Family</i>
<b>Tuesday, 12/8</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Anita Jubas</b>	<i>by her husband John &amp; daughter Maren</i>
	<b>12:15 AM</b>	St. Mary	+ Louise Burley	<i>by Elsie Kidwell</i>
	<b>5:30 PM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>	
<b>Wed., 12/9</b>	<b>6:30 PM</b>	St. Mary	+ James Leamer	<i>by Mr. &amp; Mrs. Carl Lear</i>
<b>Thursday, 12/10</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>James William Boyd</b>	<i>by a donor</i>
<b>Friday, 12/11</b>	<b>7:45 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Michael Brown</b>	<i>by Ermiria Ruggiere</i>
<b>Saturday, 12/12</b>	<b>4:00 PM</b>	St. Mary	+ Gabe Pipetti, Sr.	<i>by Connie &amp; Terry Curfman</i>
	<b>5:00 PM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>Ruth &amp; Andy Swope</b>	<i>by Dan, Vicki &amp; Maeve Lawruk</i>
<b>Sunday, 12/13</b>	<b>8:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	+ Charles Lafferty	<i>by Ed &amp; Karen Malone</i>
	<b>8:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Raymond Brown</b>	<i>by Elda Brown</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	St. Mary	+ Vance Bolan	<i>by Margie Jeffreys</i>
	<b>10:00 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	+ <b>Irene Schlecht</b>	<i>by Donald &amp; Jeanette Betar</i>
	<b>11:30 AM</b>	<b>St. Michael</b>	<b>For the people of St. Mary &amp; St. Michael Parishes</b>	

## FEAST OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION

THIS **Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**, The Church gathers to praise and thank God for filling Mary with grace from the very beginning of her and preserving her from the stain of original sin. Since the Feast of the Immaculate Conception of Mary is a holy day of obligation\*, we will have Mass on:

**Monday, December 7<sup>th</sup>**

at St. Mary Church - 6:30 PM

**Tuesday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**

at **St. Michael Church - 7:45 AM and 5:30 PM**

**ALSO**

at St. Mary Church - 12:15 PM



\* Although a Holy Day of Obligation, Bishop Mark has suspended the obligation for in person Mass attendance. You should still be attending Mass online or by watching a televised Mass. Videos of Masses from St. Michael Church will be available on our parish Facebook page and on our parish website: [www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org](http://www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org)

## R.C.I.A. PERIOD OF INQUIRY

*Are you, or do you know someone who is interested in becoming Catholic?*

RCIA is for any adult interested in exploring the Catholic faith. Led by Deacon Alan, his wife Joanna and the St. Mary & St. Michael RCIA team, they will help you discern if this is the path for you.

*Are you Catholic and interested in helping people join the faith through the RCIA program? New members to the RCIA team are welcome!*

**Sunday, December 13 and December 20  
at 1:00 PM in the St. Mary Social Hall.**

## PLEASE NOTE

The Parish office will be closed this Tuesday, December 8th in observance of the Holy Day.

## LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

Dec. 8th The Immaculate Conception &  
Dec. 12 & 13 The Second Sunday of Advent

Mass	Reader	Extraordinary Min.	Sacristan	Min. of Hospitality
<b>5:30 PM (12/8)</b> Holy Day Mass	D. Stoehr	<i>available</i>	L. Michelone	<i>available</i>
	L. Michelone	<i>available</i>		<i>available</i>
<b>5 PM (12/12)</b>	B. Stevens	L. Michelone (primary)	L. Michelone	D. Klingbeil
	L. Michelone	L. Savino (secondary)	:	J. Klingbeil <i>available</i>
<b>8:30 AM (12/13)</b>	P. Gildea	M. Litzinger (primary)	R/C Leister	R. Stellabotte
	<i>available</i>	B. Anthony (secondary)		B. Pfeffer R. Baker
<b>10 AM (12/13)</b>	A. McClain	R. Pompa (primary)	D & M Culp	J. Harteis
	<i>available</i>	M. Culp (secondary)		L. Georgiana T. Wilt
<b>11:30 AM (12/13)</b>	D. Stoehr	M. Icenroad (primary)	M & P Link	<i>available</i>
	<i>available</i>	<i>available</i> (secondary)		<i>available</i>

## ≈≈≈ OUR GIFTS TO GOD ≈≈≈

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**Sunday Offering** (11/29/20): **\$3,861.77**

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**Share in the Care** (11/29/20): **\$27.00**

**Giving Tree** (11/29/20): **\$4,455.00**

**Solemnity of Mary** (11/29/20): **\$25.00**

**Christmas Memorials** (11/29/20): **\$380.00**

**Christmas** (11/29/20): **\$25.00**

**Immac. Conception** (11/29/20): **\$35.00**

**World Mission** (11/29/20): **\$2.00**

**All Saints** (11/29/20): **\$2.00**

## A FAMILY PERSPECTIVE

Why is it so hard to forgive, yet so easy to get even? Listen to John the Baptist in today's gospel and repent of the anger and ugly feelings which block your ability to forgive. This Christmas give a gift which makes a difference. Give forgiveness.

## STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

As we prepare to celebrate God's greatest gift to us in the birth of our Savior, have we reconciled our sins so as to continue along the path to eternal life? May we recognize our dependence upon God and become as passionate about living our faith as John the Baptist in today's Gospel.

It is through repentance that we acknowledge our sins. In their pastoral letter on stewardship, the U. S. bishops proclaim that "the Spirit of wisdom and courage helps people seek pardon and be mindful that in the face of all their forgetting, the most important work of their lives is to be Jesus' disciples." (*Stewardship: A Disciple's Response*. USCCB, 2002)

## EIGHT WEEK SACRAMENTS COURSE

Fr. Timothy Grimme will be teaching Sacraments at St. Michael Church Hall, in St. Michael PA, beginning **Tuesday, January 5, from 6:30-8:30 PM**. The cost for this class is \$65, which includes registration and books. These classes may be taken for continuing education credit and Master Catechist requirements. For registration, please contact Marybeth at (814) 361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. Registration forms are also available online at www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry/ All are welcome!

## ST. PAUL CLASS VIA ZOOM

This 6 week course, taught by Christopher Klopp, investigates the life and writings of St. Paul within the context of early Judaism in order to understand the Apostle's role as the most significant theologian of the New Testament. Areas of focus will include St. Paul's theology of the New Covenant, his views on justification and grace, as well as his teachings on the sacraments, the nature of the Church, and the moral life. Classes will begin Tuesday, January 5, 6:30-9:00 PM. Costs for this class include a registration fee of \$45 and the required book Paul A New Covenant Jew, by Brant Pitre, which can be purchased online at Amazon.com or through the Office of Lay Ministry for \$35. Also suggested, but not required is the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible New Testament available online at Amazon.com. For further information and to register for this class please contact Marybeth at 814-361-2000 or by email at mheinze@dioceseaj.org. All are welcome to attend! Please register by December 16, 2020.

## ST. MICHAEL MEN'S CLUB

The St. Michael Men's Club will be meeting in the church hall, **NEXT SUNDAY, December 13 at 7 PM**. All men of the parish are invited to attend.

## CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

Once again we will be remembering the deceased of our families with our Christmas flowers and decorations. If you wish to have a loved one remembered in this special way this Christmas Season then please use the "Christmas Flower/Decoration Memorials" envelope in your Nov. - Dec. envelope packet. **Please remember to fill in the back of the envelope with the memorial intention and by whom it is requested.** Each memorial is a suggested \$10 donation which will be used to help offset the cost of the Christmas decorations, vestments, candles, music etc... that all add so much to the celebration of Christmas. We ask that all envelopes be turned in by **Dec. 14**. If you are currently not receiving envelopes, and would like to, please contact the rectory at 695-0912. **If you do not receive envelopes you may use the form below and place it with your donation in the collection basket by DEC. 13 or bring it to the Parish Office by 4 PM Dec. 14.**

Memorial for: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)

Given by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Please print)



## QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

- WEEKDAYS** Church open for private prayer ..... **7 AM - 4 PM**
- ROSARY:** Every day after the **7:45 AM** Mass, and on Thursdays at **4:30 PM**
- Dec. 8** Feast of the Immaculate Conception Mass .....  
**7:45 AM and 5:30 PM**
- Dec. 8** Parish Council Meeting ..... **6:30 PM**
- Dec. 10** Parish Painting Committee meeting ..... **10 AM**
- Dec. 13** RCIA Inquiry (at St. Mary social hall) ..... **1 PM**
- Dec. 13** Men's Club Meeting (Church hall) ..... **7 PM**
- Dec. 14** Christmas Memorial Flower requests due ..... **by 4 PM**
- Dec. 20** Christmas Decorating the church ..... **12:30 PM**
- Dec. 20** RCIA Inquiry (at St. Mary social hall) ..... **1 PM**
- Dec. 24** Christmas Eve Masses (at St. Michael)  
**2 PM - 4 PM - 7 PM**
- Christmas Eve Masses (at St. Mary)  
**4 PM - 7 PM - 10 PM**
- Dec. 24** Christmas Day Mass (at St. Mary) ..... **8:30 AM**
- Christmas Day Mass (at St. Michael) ..... **10 AM**

## OUR GIVING TREE

The Peace and Justice committee is pleased to share that our recent "Giving Tree" collection yielded a significant amount of money allowing our committee to be generous, to not only, several family/friends of our parish, but also, the following agencies: Family Services, Teen Shelter, Veteran's Home, Big Brother Big Sister and St. Leonard's Home. In consultation with each group, we provided either a check made out to the agency, to be used to purchase gifts for the families they serve OR we purchased gift cards (script) from Holy Trinity School, which will be given to the agencies or families. These gift cards or checks made it possible for many individuals or families in our community to have adequate food on their table and gifts under the tree. In the spirit of good stewardship, we reserved some gift cards to meet other requests for help during the winter months, as those needs arise.

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And at St. Mary Parish, in the Social Hall, every  
Saturday in December at 3:00 PM

**FR. ALAN WILL ALSO BE HEARING CONFESSIONS  
EVERY DAY FROM DEC. 13 - 23.**

Sun.	13th	St. Mary	4:00-6:00 PM	
Mon.	14th	St. Michael	5:45-7:45 AM	
Tues.	15th	St. Michael	6:00-8:00 PM	
Wed.	16th	St. Mary	7:00-9:00 AM	4:00-6:00 PM
Thurs.	17th	St. Michael	12:00-2:00 PM	
Fri.	18th	St. Mary	4:00-6:00 PM	
Sat.	19th	St. Mary	9:00-11:00 AM	
Sun.	20th	St. Michael	4:00-6:00 PM	
Mon.	21st	St. Michael	5:45-7:45 AM	
Tues.	22nd	St. Michael	8:00-10:00 PM	
Wed.	23rd	St. Mary	11:00 AM-1:00 PM	7:00-9:00 PM

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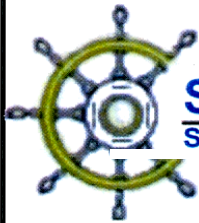


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 May God rebuke him we humbly pray;  
 and do Thou O Prince of the  
 Heavenly Host, by the power of God,  
 cast into hell, Satan and all the  
 evil spirits, who prowl through the  
 world, seeking the ruin of souls.  
 Amen.*



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