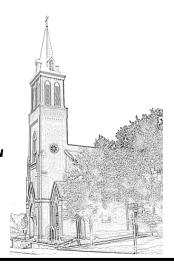


March 15, 2020 Third Sunday in Lent ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PARISH



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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

Regularly on Saturdays: 1:00 p.m. and Sundays: 7:30 a.m.

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 THIRD SUNDAY IN LENT

Exodus 17:3-7 The book of Exodus tells of the Israelites' escape from Egypt and their wanderings in the wilderness. Their trials during that time, the way they faced them <u>and</u> the way God responded, provided future generations with food for thought whenever they faced difficulties.

Romans 5:1-2, 5-8 In writing to the Romans, Paul is dealing with a community he had not yet visited. Many Roman Christians were converts from Judaism who believed they would be saved by how they lived out the Jewish Law. Paul stresses here, as he does frequently in his writings, that Christians are not saved by the Law, but by faith - faith in what Jesus accomplished by his dying and rising.

Next Sunday's Readings: 1 Samuel 16: 1, 6-7, 10-13 and Ephesians 5: 8-14; Gospel: John 9:1-41

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

March 14 - 22

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. * *Please note that beginning March 15, the 11:30 AM Sunday Mass will only be at St. Michael Parish. (This change was mutually agreed upon by both parishes' Finance and Pastoral Councils.)*

<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	Location	Intention	Requested by
Saturday, 3/14	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	St. Mary St. Michael	+ Lois Balliet + Robert "Bob" Keech	by the Joe Burger Family by Rocco Alianaello
Sunday, 3/15	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary St. Michael St. Mary St. Michael St. Michael	 + Carol Crum + Genevieve Sharbaugh + Phillip Daus + Ed McClain + Carol Luciano (<i>Birthday Rem.</i>) 	by Elizabeth Lee by Jean Magdelinic by his wife & Family by Dee Barkley & family by the Szymusiak Family
Monday, 3/16	7:45 AM	St. Michael	For the people of St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes	
Tuesday, 3/17	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Merle & Mary Cahill-Hoover	by Victor & Joan Ballash
Wednesday, 3/18	6:30 PM	St. Mary	+ Dorothy Stevens	by Paulette & Randy Cook
Thursday, 3/19	* 8:30 AM	St. Michael	Holy Trinity School Mass (if school + Lois Mielnik	ol is cancelled, Mass will still be said at 8:30 AM) by her husband Ray
Friday, 3/20	7:45 AM	St. Michael	+ Pat Madden	by his family
Saturday, 3/21	4:00 PM 5:00 PM	St. Mary St. Michael	+ Peter & Evelyn Miller + Robert "Bob" Keech	by Richard & Dottie Gonsman by Rocco Alianaello
Sunday, 3/22	8:00 AM 8:30 AM 10:00 AM 10:00 AM 11:30 AM	St. Mary St. Michael St. Mary St. Michael St. Michael	 + Joseph Skibo + Mary E. Glass + Vance Boland For the Physical & Spiritual Wel For the people of St. Mary & St. 	-

LENTEN ADULT EDUCATION CLASS

Fr. Alan's Tuesday Evening Lenten Adult Class at St. Mary's Educational Center will not meet until further notice.

TODAY'S OVER 80 BRUNCH

Sorry, our Over 80 Brunch scheduled for today has been cancelled.

3: FOUR ONE IN CONCERT

The 3:41 concert scheduled for today has been postponed. We are hoping to reschedule the group to perform at a later date. Please watch the bulletin to see when that will be.

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

Volunteers are needed for the Palm Sunday through the Easter Masses. PLEASE signup on Ministry Scheduler Pro program, by contacting the church office, or by signing up on the posted signup sheets on the bulletin board near the side entrance at the front of the church. <u>The following volunteer positions are needed</u>:

Readers Altar Servers* Head Ushers Gift Bearers Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Eucharist

Volunteers to have their feet washed on Holy Thursday, and individuals (or couples/families) to stay for a half hour to an hour during the adoration on Holy Thursday.

* Please note altar server rehearsal time:

Holy Thursday Mass training will be on Thursday (April 9) at 4:00 PM Good Friday training on Friday (April 10) at 11 AM Easter Vigil Mass training will be on (Saturday, April 11) at 11 AM.

≈≈≈≈≈ OUR GIFTS TO GOD ≈≈≈≈≈ Thank you for your generosity!

Sunday Offering (3/8/2020): Sunday Envelopes: Sunday Loose Collection:

\$10,109.00 \$9820.00 \$289.00

LITURGY APPOINTMENTS

WEEKLYSACRISTAN (3/15 - 3/21/20): J. Mowery SCRIP (3/22/20): as scheduled COFFEE/DONUT SOCIAL: Sorry; Cancelled until further notice

ASSIGNMENTS FOR MASSES: Fourth Sunday in Lent

Saturday, March 21 - 5:00 PM			
Readers:	J. Mielnik (1) & L. Gehret (2)		
Altar Servers:	R. Edwards & A. Edwards		
E. Min.:	L. Savino		
Gift Bearers:	The A. Collins Family		
Weekend Sacristan:	R. Dehaven		

Sunday, March 22 - 8:30 AM

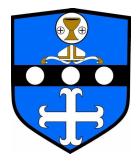
Readers:B. Anthony (1) & M. Schlechter (2)Altar Servers:S. Capone & B. GervinskiE. Min.:C. FeathersGift Bearer:The Rosensteel FamilyWeekend Sacristans:S.& D. Claar

Sunday, March 22 - 10:00 AM

Reader	'S:	M. Culp (1) & A. McClain (2)
Altar S	ervers:	I. Long & M. Swope
E. Min.		D. Culp
Gift Be	arers:	The Culp Family
Weeke	nd Sacristan:	
E. Min. Gift Be	: arers:	D. Culp The Culp Family

Sunday, March 22 - 11:30 AM

Readers:	available (1) & D. Sault (2)
Altar Servers:	G. Georgiana & J. Georgiana
E. Min.:	L. Georgiana
Gift Bearers:	The N. Beauchamp Family
Weekend Sacristans:	M. & C. Keller



DIOCESE ANNOUNCES ADDITIONAL DIRECTIVES AMID CORONAVIRUS CONCERNS

In addition to the precautionary measures already in effect throughout the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, Bishop Mark L. Bartchak has announced new directives in response to the concerns over the coronavirus.

Effective immediately, the Bishop has directed the following:

- In union with all bishops of Pennsylvania, Bishop Bartchak has dispensed all Catholics in the diocese from the obligation of participating at Sunday or Holy Day Masses. Those who do not attend Mass are strongly encouraged to pray with the Church by watching the televised Mass from Saint John Gualbert Cathedral in Johnstown every Sunday live at 11:00 a.m. on WATM ABC 23 or the rebroadcast every Sunday at 9:00 p.m. on Atlantic Broadband channel 9. The Sunday Liturgy will also be posted on the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Facebook page.
- Until further notice, reception of Holy Communion on the tongue is strongly discouraged, keeping in mind the health and safety of all who participate in the liturgy.
- All clergy and Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion must cleanse their hands before and after the distribution of Holy Communion with hot water and soap, hand sanitizer, and disposable paper towels.
- Holy Water fonts in churches will be emptied immediately and will not be refilled until further notice.

The above directives are in addition to the flu season directives that have been in place in the diocese for the past several weeks, which include not offering the Precious Blood and not shaking hands during the Sign of Peace.

At this time, all parish Mass schedules will continue as usual.

Other non-essential liturgical and social activities should be cancelled until further notice.

Out of an abundance of caution, the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown is cancelling the annual Junior High Youth Day, which was scheduled for Today, March 15. The event would have included about 250 junior high students from around the diocese.

Catholic schools in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown will follow the directives of their local school district. Following the lead of the State College Area School District, Our Lady of Victory Catholic School in State College and Saint Joseph's Catholic Academy in Boalsburg will be closed next week. Both schools are on Spring Break this week. At all Catholic schools in Altoona-Johnstown, the diocesan Education Office is mandating a 14 day quarantine for any student, educator, or staff member that has just flown or may pose a health risk.

If any other circumstances arise within Catholic schools, (e.g. early dismissal or closing) the appropriate action will be taken immediately, including notification to parents/guardians.

Religious Education classes at parishes throughout the diocese will also follow the directives of their local school district.

During this time, Bishop Bartchak is also directing all parishes and schools to increase their efforts to clean and sanitize restrooms, classrooms, social halls, worship spaces, and any other common areas.

The diocese will communicate specific instructions to pastors and parishes with regard to carrying out the above directives. We are encouraging all parishes to communicate the changes with their faithful at Masses this weekend.

The Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown continues to be in contact with public health officials, and will announce any further directives as developments warrant. We urge parishes, clergy, educators, and the faithful to exercise precaution and common sense during this time.

NEXT WEEKEND BEFORE ALL MASSES Parish Lenten Collection



In collaboration with the administration of the Hollidaysburg Veteran's Home and with a heartfelt desire to serve the specific needs of as many veterans as possible, the St. Michael Peace and Justice Committee are asking the parishioners of St. Michael for help with this special Lenten Collection.

These specific items are needed and will be accepted:

Sturdy sneakers or slip-on shoes (velcro or tied)

- sizes: 10W-13W

* Short sleeve collarless t-shirts with pocket

- sizes: Medium - 5X

- * Gym shorts sizes: Medium 5X
- * Lightweight jackets sizes: Medium 5X

* Amazon Gift cards (To be used by caretakers to purchase items that specific veterans need)

* Cash donations or Walmart gift cards

(Members of our Peace and Justice Committee will use them to shop for items for individual veterans)

We are asking for only NEW clothing and for what is specifically listed.

Your generous consideration of this project, for the benefit of individual veterans, is greatly appreciated. It is our hope to be able to bring joy, happiness, and help to as many veterans that we can during this Lenten season.

Questions are welcome and can be directed to Kathy Balconi by calling, text message 585-730-0757 or emailing her at kathybalconi1@gmail.com

EASTER MEMORIALS

Flowers are an important feature of the Church environment for the Easter season, because they help to establish an atmosphere of the celebration of new life in the Risen Lord. You are invited to A have those who have died remembered through



our Easter flowers and decorations by returning the "Easter Flower & Decoration Memorials" envelope in your 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.

If you are currently not receiving envelopes, and would like them, please contact the rectory. If you do not use envelopes you may use the form below and place it with your donation in the collection basket, or bring it to the parish office.

We ask that all memorials be turned in by Tuesday, March 31 before 4 PM so that we may print the memorials in the Easter bulletin. Memorial donations to the Easter Memorials will be used to pay for the cost of the Easter Flowers, candles, music etc...

Please print

Memorial for:

Given by: __

2020CATHOLIC MINISTRIES DRIVE



Campus Ministry Our Parish goal is \$ 48,361.30

The heart of Campus Ministry is connecting students to the Heart of God. For many Catholic students, it can be difficult to keep the faith amid the challenges and distractions of college life, and easy to feel disconnected from

God and the Church. That's why Campus Ministry is so important. Across the Diocese. Campus Ministry provides a "home away from home" for Catholic students, to help them stay close to God and to their fellow Catholics.

For the fiscal year 2019-2020, the Catholic Ministries Drive allocated \$307,850 to this ministry that serves thousands of students attending Penn State Altoona and University Park, Juniata College, Lock Haven University, Pitt at Johnstown, St. Francis University and Mount Aloysius College.

Christopher Klopp, Campus Minister and Director of the Lock Haven University Newman Center, says the core of the ministry lies in the friendships built, not only between students or with the campus minister but with God. The goal of Campus Ministry activities and programs is to direct students to the heart of God. When done effectively, an amazing transformation happens.

Klopp says some students who participate in Campus Ministry may suffer emotional and psychological problems and often find a supportive community that will pray with them and assists them in finding the help they need. Sometimes God has even used Campus Ministry to save students from suicide and abuse. Other times, students just need an understanding ear when things aren't going well.

Still, others come with a strong faith and an enthusiasm to serve the Church, he says. One of these students, "Ben," entered college intending to become a physician's assistant, and dropped out two years later to attend seminary. His parents were thrilled that their son was going to be a priest, and they thanked the Lock Haven Newman Center for helping him discern his vocation.

Throughout the Diocese, the mission of Campus Ministry is the same: providing a place where students can have a heart to heart encounter with the God who loves them.

Ignite Your Faith and others by supporting the Catholic Ministries Drive today! To learn more about all the ministries and how your gift makes a difference, go to www.dioceseaj.org (Ministries tab).

You can mail your gift to the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown, P.O. Box 409, Hollidaysburg, PA 16648; place in your parish offertory; text: CMDAJ to 555888; or donate online at www.dioceseaj.org



HTCS SUMMER CAMP



Holy Trinity Catholic School Summer Camp will offer a nurturing environment where 3 to 7 years old's are challenged to learn, discover, and socialize with weekly themed activities. The program begins on June 15 from 8 AM - 3 PM with a flexible schedule that works with your family! The Summer

Camp will be offered in Altoona and Hollidaysburg. For more information contact any of the Holy Trinity School campuses.

PROCALIM MAGAZINE

The Diocese is producing a wonderful magazine quarterly called "Proclaim". The first issues were sent to all registered households. If you did not receive your copy, please contact the parish office. You may also view the most recent edition at https://www.dioceseai.org/ magazine/

WITH MANY THANKS!

We can't begin to thank parishioners enough who volunteered to help with this year's Free Soup Saturday. From the soup makers, servers, dessert makers, and those who helped set-up and cleanup, to the men's club, your help made this year's event a HUGE success! We are especially grateful to the new volunteers that helped this year. We have received many compliments and by the large number of people who attended each week, it was obviously quite popular with the community. Thank you also to **Rita Pompa** for her hard work coordinating the event.

STEWARDSHIP REFLECTION

Jacob's well is a very important part of the Old Testament and New Testament belief in God's providence. It has provided water for people of the Holy Land since the time of Abraham. The conversion of the Samaritan woman after her personal encounter with Jesus Christ is an example of God's unifying love. More than 844 million people do not have access to safe water even in the year 2020. This continues to cause dehydration, disease from lack of sanitation, and political turmoil. As good stewards and caretaker of the earth you and your entire family can take time to become more aware of the amount of water that you use daily and take action to eliminate wasteful habits. Every small act can contribute to big steps of change.

GREEN LAWN CEMETERY CLEANUP

The spring cleanup of our parish cemetery, Greenlawn, will be held on **Saturday, March 28 at 10 AM**. The Cemetery committee invites anyone who would like to help in this endeavor to participate, including youth who need service hours. All are invited! Those who have decorations at a loved ones grave site and want to keep them are encouraged to remove them prior to March 28.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY FR. CROSSER

One of our former pastors of St. Michael parish will be celebrating his 90th birthday on April 7. If you would like to send him a card, his address is:

> Rev. Fr. Raymond Crosser c/o Garvey Manor 1037 S. Logan Blvd. - Rm C115 Hollidaysburg, PA 16648



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT: WOMAN AT THE WELL

This week, we hear the story of the Samaritan woman at the well. It's a story of conversion. When Jesus comes on the scene to speak to the Samaritan woman, who is poor and illiterate, he does a couple of things. He offers her living water, real healing. He tells her about her sin, and he points out how she and others who have been abandoned have been confused in how they had been worshipping. That where they are isn't nearly as important as where they are going. He saw how she thirsted for real healing, and he offered baptism, real healing from original sin, and a new start. This Sunday, we ask ourselves where we fall short and need Jesus in our lives. I remember a friend who was sick. Of course, what he needed was to go to the doctor for some antibiotics. Of course, he was stubborn and refused to go, so he kept getting sicker and sicker until he finally developed walking pneumonia. It was only when he was willing to admit that he wasn't going to get better without help that he was open to the medicine he needed. Are we, like the Samaritan woman, ready to admit where we're weak and need help? If we are, it doesn't matter how deep we've gotten ourselves in. Jesus' power to heal us is always greater than our ability to sin. The question is: Are we prepared to admit that our souls are sick, that we can't do it alone, that we need help and that we sometimes need to say those difficult words, "I was wrong," and be open to humbly accept the medicine that Jesus offers us?

ST. MICHAEL PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION AND FAITH FORMATION

"Stay with Us"

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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION CALENDAR

PLEASE CHECK OUR PARISH WEBSITE FOR CLASS CANCELATION

PRE K - 9TH GRADE			
TODAY	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM	
March 22	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM	
March 29	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM	
April 5 & 12 No Class			
April 19	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM	
April 26	Religious Ed. Classes (pre K - 9th grade)	10:00 AM	
May 3 No	Class; students are asked to attend the 1	0 AM Mass	

ALL 2nd Grade Students (Religious Ed & HTCS)		
March 29	First Communion Retreat (Church hall)	1:00 PM
	(At least one parent must attend with their child)	
April 24	First Communion Practice (Church Hall)	5 PM
April 25	First Communion (Meet in the Church Hall)	10 AM
May 3	May Crowning (Church - children are invited to wear their 1st Communion out	fits) 10 AM
	"YEAR OF REFLECTION" (11th Grade)	
April 19	Rite of Sending (w/ Sponsor or parents) at Mass	11:30 AM
April 19	Sponsor/Candidate Meeting (Activity Building)	12:30 AM
April 20	Confirmation Practice (at the Cathedral)	6:30 PM

YOUTH GROUP NEWS.....

Confirmation (at the Cathedral)

April 21

All students of our St. Michael and St. Mary parishes in grades 7–12 are invited to participate in a very meaningful prayer experience on **Friday, March 27 at 7:30 PM**. Our Youth Group will portray the annual Silhouette Stations of the Cross in the church. If you have ever seen it, you know what a moving experience it can be. We need students who can be readers, singers, "actors", light and technical crew. Please consider joining us. There will be an:

7:00 PM

Organizational/Planning Meeting on Monday, March 23 at 7 PM in the Church and Rehearsal on Thursday, March 26 at 7 PM

If you are involved in Spring sports etc... please just come to the planning meeting as soon as you can. We need all students' help to make this another spectacular event.

QUICK LOOK AT UPCOMING EVENTS

Every Monday: Prayer Group (in the Church) 1:00 PM SCRIP: sold after the 8:30 & 10 AM Sunday Masses in the Church Hall

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CANCELLED POSTPONED	Over 80 Mass & Brunch 3:4-1 Lenten Concert (HERE!	In the church)
Mar. 17 Lenten	Adult Ed Class (St. Mary's Educa	ational Center) Not meeting
Mar. 18 Lenten	Evening Mass (St. Mary Church)	6:30 PM
Mar. 18 Parish	Pastoral Council Meeting (Red	ctory Mtg Rm)
	after the 6:30 Mass	at St. Mary Church
Mar. 20 Station	ns of the Cross (Church)	6:30 PM
Mar. 21 – 22 C	ollection for Veterans	before all Masses
Mar. 23 Youth G	Group Stations of the Cross - Mee	ting (Church) 7:00 PM
Mar. 24 Lenten	Adult Ed Class (St. Mary's Educe	ational Center) Not meeting
Mar. 25 Lenten	Evening Mass (St. Mary Church)	6:30 PM
Mar. 26 Youth G	Group Stations of the Cross - Prac	ctice (Church) 7:00 PM
Mar. 27 Youth G	Group presents: Stations of the Cr	oss (Church) 7:30 PM
Mar. 28 Greenl	awn Cemetery clean-up	10:00 AM

- Mar. 31 Easter Flower Memorials due before 4 PM
- Mar. 31 Lenten Adult Ed Class (St. Mary's Educational Center) Not meeting
- April 1 Lenten Evening Mass (St. Mary Church) 6:30 PM

