



## 1st Sunday of Advent - November 30, 2025

### O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

## St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

Pastor, Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG

Deacon Charles R. Ahearn - Deacon Allan F. Duman

**St. Mary Parish**  
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**Parish Email:** stmaryhburg@dioceseaj.org

**Director of Music:** Ms. Anna Podoletz

**Facility Managers:** Greg & Shari Figurelli

**St. Mary Cemetery:**  
814-695-0622  
newstmarycemeteryhburg@gmail.com

**Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:**  
Vigil - 4:00 PM - St. Mary

**Sunday:**  
7:30 AM and 10:00 AM - St. Mary  
10:00 AM and 11:30 AM - St. Michael

**Daily and Holy Days:** See inside

**Confessions:**  
Saturday: 1:00 PM - St. Michael  
Wednesday: 5:30 PM - St. Mary  
Thursday before the First Friday of the month: 4:00 PM - St. Mary

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**Christian Initiation (OCIA):** Interested in becoming a member of the Catholic faith?  
Contact Deacon Allan F. Duman aduman@dioceseaj.org

**Joint Parish Website:** [www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org](http://www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org)

**Parish Office Phone Number & Hours:** 814- 695-0912  
Mon. to Fri. 9:00 AM to 4:00 PM (St. Michael)  
Closed Holy Days and Holidays

**Marriage & Baptism:**  
Call the church office to schedule an appointment. A notice of *9 months* is required for marriage and a notice of *at least 1 month* is required for Baptism.

**St. Michael the Archangel Parish**  
301 Spruce Street  
Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

**Parish Email:** stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org

**Music Coordinator:**  
Lisa Surkovich - Contemporary Choir  
Sandy Harteis - Traditional Choir

**Building Supervisors:**  
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# HOPE

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES			
Saturday, Nov. 29th to Sunday, Dec. 7th			
DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	† Joe Judy
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	† Mary Lou Farabaugh
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Mary	† Ronald A. Petak
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	† Philip Cooley
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	† Janis Kinney
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	† Helen Tomassetti
WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	† Timothy Wicker
THUR	7:45 AM	St. Michael	† Rosemarie Dibert
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	† Raymond Blazer
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	† Frank Hibernik's Birthday
	7:30 AM	St. Mary	† Mary Jean Walls
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Mary	† Marciano Sanchez, Sr., Salud Barbar, Rogelio & Yolanda De Los Santos
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	† Joe Dumm
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish

### GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

Come to the Lord and experience the extraordinary grace of his forgiveness!

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE  
SUNDAY, DEC. 7th - 4:00 PM  
AT ST. MARY

Let them turn to the Lord to find mercy; to our God, who is generous in forgiving  
*Isaiah 55:7b*



All are welcome!



## PRIESTS FOR THE FUTURE

### ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN VOCATION APPEAL



#### Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown

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November 30th, 2025

Dear Friends,

I'm writing to you today with encouraging news: Our diocese is renewing its efforts to foster vocations to the priesthood! Fr. Peter Crowe, our Vocation Director, has developed a strategic plan to inspire future priests, and we're excited about the path ahead.

Here is an update on how our diocese is working to cultivate vocations:

- We've formed a dedicated team of priests focused on vocation promotion, who are actively meeting in person with young men considering the priesthood.
- These priests have been leading Discernment Small Groups, with dozens of young men already participating.
- Fr. Brian Norris has been appointed Vocation Recruiter to assist Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team to expand their outreach.
- Our "Called by Name" campaign held earlier this month has already been bearing fruit, allowing the Vocation Team to connect with many faithful young men.
- We've planned a Calendar of Discernment Events designed to help young men deeply explore their calling, while building much needed community.

We pray these efforts will help inspire the future priests of our diocese.

Therefore, I respectfully request your assistance with our Vocations Appeal. The appeal will be conducted during all Masses on the weekend of December 6-7. Your support will directly empower the Vocation Office's mission to guide and empower the young men in our diocese who are discerning their vocations.

With your help, and by God's grace, we will continue to form holy priests to serve the people of God in the Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown.

Sincerely in Christ,

*Mark L. Bartchak*  
Most Rev. Mark L. Bartchak  
Bishop of Altoona-Johnstown

The Altoona Community Band  
invites you to enjoy the  
"Sounds of the Season"



FREE ADMISSION  
Sunday, December 14th - 2:00 PM  
St. Mary Church Hollidaysburg

Back by popular demand and in conjunction with our Nativity Festival, the Altoona Community Band will present a free concert showcasing their (and perhaps your) favorite Christmas music both religious and secular. The band is comprised of 40 musicians (16 to 86 year olds) from the Blair County area including many parishioners from St. Mary and St. Michael Parishes.

## Stewardship of Time and Talent - Liturgical Appointment Schedule

	READER * 3 Needed	EMHC * 3 or 4 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO/VIDEO 3 Needed
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November 29th

St. Mary 4:00 PM	Lisa Michelone (1) Bruno Felus (2) Joseph Hurd (3)	Maryanne Litzinger (H) Rich Holzer (C) Paula Kustenbauer (C) Lisa Michelone (Choir)	Vernon Litzinger	Shari Figurelli Rick Pulcino NOT FILLED	Shari Figurelli	
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November 30th

St. Mary 7:30 AM	Ramona Shrift (1) Shawn Sullivan (2) Becky Stevens (3)	Kay Benton (H) Jeff Boley (C) Kathy Balconi (C) Shawn Sullivan (Choir)	Ella Diaz	Tim Balconi Jodie Feath Jim Zimmerman	Connie Curfman	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Beverly Buterbaugh (1) David Madden (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	David Madden (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Beverly Buterbaugh (C) Sharon King (Choir)	Shealyn Riley	Dottie Gonsman Mark King Diane Madden	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Bethany Helsel (1) Greg Sweeney (2) Annette Lewis (3)	Talena Swander (Main) Marty Culp (C) Mark Krepich (C) Rebecca Culp (Choirloft)	Aiden Wilk	Mary Jo Lanzel NOT FILLED	Cate Burger-Leister	Camron Swander Greyson Swander
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Francine Boland (1) Lisa Georgiana (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Ginny Harrington (Main) Kimberly Merritts (C) Donna Sipes (C) NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	NOT FILLED	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Andy Weyant	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (November 30 – December 6th): Ramona Shrift

\*The Deacon will be the ordinary minister of communion and read the Universal prayers, if he is present.

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December 6th

St. Mary 4:00 PM	Maryanne Litzinger (1) Vernon Litzinger (2) Carol Hallberg (3)	Deborah Hipp (H) Richard Books (C) Daniel Klingbeil (C) Lisa Michelone (Choir)	Shawn Sullivan	Shirley Books Meagan James NOT FILLED	Michael Mollish	
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December 7th

St. Mary 7:30 AM	Craig Mauk (1) Layna Henry (2) Ramona Shrift (3)	Michael Fiore (H) Bob Anthony (C) Jeff Boley (C) Kay Benton (Choir)	Travis Mauk	Ray Gregorchik Susan Henry Dave Shrift	Vinnie Pietrolungo	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Mike Metzgar (1) Claudia Montero (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	Diane Stephens (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) James Popp (C) John McIntyre (Choir)	Ella Diaz	Rodney Feather Lisa Julian John McIntyre	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Annette Lewis (1) Bethany Helsel (2) Paul Dennis (3)	Barry Craig (Main) Brianna Iachini (C) Brian Sweeney (C) Rebecca Culp (Choirloft)	Liam Wilk	Debbi Chapman Gregory Olsavick	Jo Delozier	NOT FILLED Leigh Ann Craig
St. Michael 11:30 AM	NOT FILLED (1) Debbie Sault (2) Lisa Georgiana (3)	Kimberly Merritts (Main) Lisa Georgiana (C) Donna Sipes (C) NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	Dean Pochak	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Susan Wells	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (December 7th - December 13th): Ginny Harrington

**Holy Rosary Church in Juniata, Altoona** will be celebrating its 125th Anniversary on 12/02/2026. They are looking for old photos and thoughtful memories of years gone by. Once a month, beginning in January 2026, they will be posting photos and thoughtful memories in their bulletin as well as on Facebook. Please email photos to [holysrosaryaltoona@dioceseaj.org](mailto:holysrosaryaltoona@dioceseaj.org) and put "125th Memories" in the subject line.

If you would like Holy Rosary to return your photos, be sure to have your name and address on the back. Please identify as many people in the photo as possible. Thank You!

The 125th Anniversary Committee



## The Gabriel Project

Items being collected;  
Winter coats: Size 6 mos - 4T  
Nursing pillows  
Infant swaddles  
Sleep sacks

Donations to purchase larger items  
are appreciated.

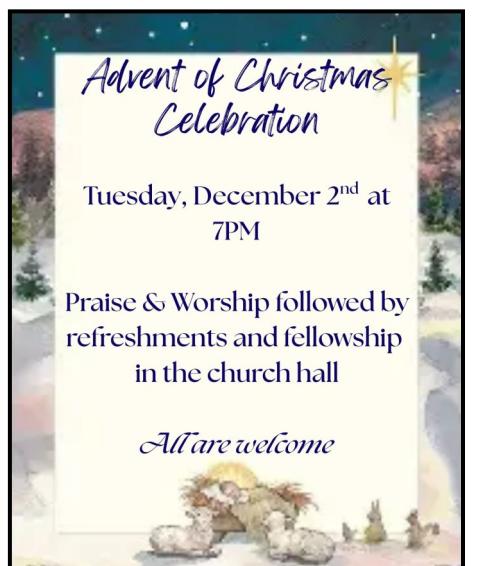
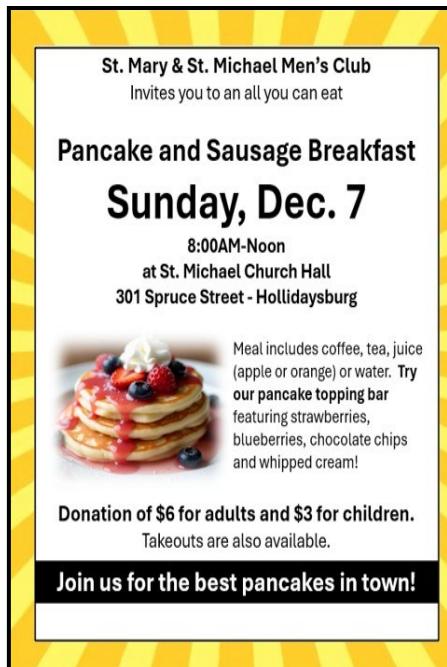
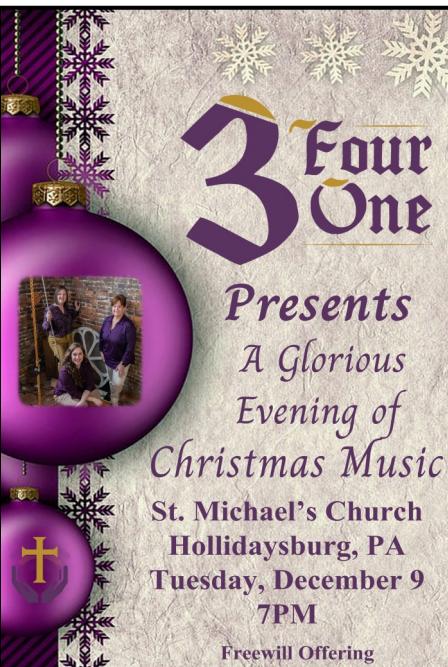
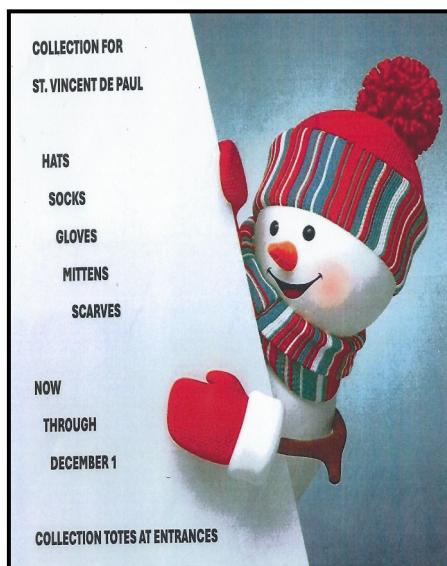
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should call 814-440-1021.

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Saturday, December 6, 2025

CELEBRATION OF THE EUCHARIST || 4:00 PM  
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Your voice is needed at the St. Mary 4:00 PM (Wednesday) Christmas Eve Mass.

Join the choir in the celebration of Christmas.

Practice every Thursday at 7:00 PM

All voices are welcome!



**Week at a Glance: Monday, Dec. 1st to Sunday, Dec. 7th**

**Pray the rosary after the 7:45 AM week day Mass**

MON	
TUES	Waiting Well Group Session St. Mary Meeting Room 1:00 PM  Holy Spirit Ministry - Advent of Christmas Celebration - 7 PM St. Michael
WED	Legion of Mary Adoration Chapel Library 1:00 PM
THUR	Rosary 6 PM St. Michael
FRI	Reconciliation Retreat (Grade 2) 5-7 PM St. Michael cafeteria  First Friday Adoration - St. Mary - 8:30 AM - 6 PM
SAT	First Reconciliation (Grade 2) 10 AM - St. Michael  First Reconciliation (Grade 2) 10 AM - St. Michael
SAT	Holidaysburg Community Chorus Concert - 7 PM Holidaysburg Sr. High
SUN	Right to Life Christmas Card Sale - St. Mary After Mass  Men's Club - Pancake Breakfast - 8 am - Noon St. Michael cafeteria  St. Nicholas Celebration - Faith Formation Classes  Gabriel Project Collection: St. Vincent de Paul New Winter Clothing Collection; American Rescue Workers Collection  Holidaysburg Community Chorus Concert - 2 PM Holidaysburg Sr. High  Waiting Well Group Session St. Michael Convent 8:45 AM  PENANCE SERVICE - 4 PM - ST. MARY  Ministry2Parents - Family Night - 5:30 PM St. Michael Activity Bldg.

### Immaculate Conception Masses

**Monday December 8th**

- † 7:45 AM St. Michael
- † 12:00 Noon St. Mary
- † 6:30 PM St. Mary

### CHRISTMAS MASSES

**Christmas Eve**

- † 4:00 PM St. Mary
- † 4:00 PM St. Michael
- † 10:00 PM St. Michael

Christmas Day - 8:30 AM St. Michael  
Christmas Day - 10:30 AM St. Mary

### FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

No Faith Formation classes  
**This Sunday, November 30th**

Reconciliation Retreat 5:00-7:00 PM  
Grade 2 in St. Michael cafeteria  
**Friday, December 5th**

First Reconciliation 10:00 AM  
Grade 2 at St. Michael  
**Saturday, December 6th**

**Sunday, December 7th**  
St. Nicholas Celebration

### 2026 E-Z MONEY CALENDAR

**PLEASE RETURN YOUR TICKETS**

Benefits St. Mary & St. Michael Parishes

January 1, 2026 through December 31, 2026  
Winner based on the 7:00 pm Pick 3 PA Lottery

Match Straight - 1st Draw Only

**Donation \$25.00 per ticket**  
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**Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament**  
**Friday, Dec. 5th at St. Mary Church**  
**8:30 AM to 6:00 PM**



*Solemn Exposition of  
the Blessed Sacrament*

Schedule your adoration time below on Flocknote

<https://stmarystmichael.flocknote.com/signup/236489>

### St. John Gualbert Cemetery

#### 2026 Calendar Ticket

Need a last minute Christmas gift or stocking stuffer? Is someone on your list hard to buy for?

Gift them the gift of cash with a calendar ticket!

**\$25**

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**Call 814-536-0117 for tickets**

### Bereavement Support

Regular gatherings are held in the St. Michael convent building twice monthly:

- 2nd Wed. 9:30 to 11:00 AM
- 4th Tuesday 6:30 to 8:00 PM

Our gatherings are Christian based. All denominations are welcome!

For more information call/text  
Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412.

### Advent Concert

After a 26-year journey in New York and New Jersey, Academy co-founder and music director Bob Long has returned to Altoona's Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament as director of music ministry.

Bob and Barb Bettwy will present an Advent concert at the Cathedral on Friday, Dec. 12th at 7:00 PM. If you would like to sing in the Festival Choir, please contact Bob at: Rlong@dioceseaj.org or 814-944-2044.

### The Academy of Sacred Music Messiah Sing!

will take place on Friday, Dec. 19th at 7:00 PM in the Church of the Brethren, 1028 Penn Street, Hollidaysburg. Singers are asked to bring a Messiah score. Some scores will be available to borrow. We encourage the public to attend.

**Pray the Rosary  
Every Thursday  
6:00 PM at  
St. Michael Church**

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### St. Mary Adoration Chapel

The chapel is currently open  
Monday thru Thursday:  
7AM - Midnight  
and Friday: 7 AM - 5 PM

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All are invited to spend time  
in the presence of Our Lord



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