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**St. Mary & St. Michael
Parishes**
One Body in Christ

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**First Sunday
of Lent**
February 22, 2026

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



St. Michael the Archangel Parish
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Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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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
Joint Facebook page: www.facebook.com/StMaryandStMichael
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.



VIRTUAL TOUR



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**"The Lord, your God, shall you worship
and him alone shall you serve."**

MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES Saturday, Feb. 21st to Sunday, Mar. 1st			
DAY	TIME	PARISH	INTENTION
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ Lois Mielnik
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠ Sally Mollish
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Arthur Benton, Sadie Benton & Philip Benton
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Helen Tomassetti
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Duane F. Misiura
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Jan Kinney
WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	✠ Janella Corl
THUR	7:45 AM	St. Michael	✠ Sheila T. Buterbaugh (Birthday remembrance)
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	✠ Kim Nguyen
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	✠ John "Mike" Spidle
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary	✠ Mike Walls & Mary Jean Walls
	10:00 AM	St. Mary	✠ Robert Long & Diane Long
Little Lamb's Ministry St. Michael Church 10:00 AM Mass			
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Michael	✠ Carol Boland
	11:30 AM	St. Michael	People of the Parish

LITTLE LAMB'S LITURGY WINTER/ SPRING SCHEDULE LEARN, GROW, SHARE IN THE LOVE OF GOD	
Date	Theme
Mar. 1st	God's Promise to Us: Noah's Ark -bring a favorite animal stuffie to bring "onto" the ark.
Mar. 15th	Moses and the 10 Commandments
Mar. 29th	Palm Sunday!
Apr. 12th	David and Goliath: Wearing the Armor of God
Apr. 26th	Daniel and the Lion's Den
May 10th	Honoring Our Mother Mary
May 24th	Learning About Our Baptism
Sept. 13th	Fall Schedule Starts
Contact: Andrea Wilk at andreawilk12@gmail.com 412-480-0940	

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Fr. Brian Norris
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Our Deepest Sympathy

To Father Justin Treon, his mother, Mary Ann, brother, Adam, and the family and friends of Ray Treon.

May God grant him eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn his loss. May Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, console the hearts of all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



Rev. Justin Treon, St. Thomas Aquinas Catholic Church, P. O. Box 5, 159 Hickory Street, Ashville, PA 16613

The Treon Family, 269 Timberline Dr., Cresson, PA 16630

Our Deepest Sympathy

To the family and friends of Donna Marie Riley.

May God grant her eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn her loss. May Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, console the hearts of all who mourn the loss of a loved one.



OPEN HOUSE

Preschool through Grade 5 Campuses
Wed., February 25th, 5 – 7 p.m.

Bishop Guilfoyle Academy invites you and your family (kids welcome!) to our OPEN HOUSES at each of our Preschool through Grade 5 campuses: Eldorado, Fairview and Hollidaysburg. Space is filling up fast and is limited in some grades at certain campuses. Preschool begins at age 3 or 4.

Visit bishopguilfoyle.org for more information, including our household income chart to help you estimate tuition cost. BG is committed to meeting every family's financial need. Catholic families receive a special scholarship up to Grade 8.

RSVP for the Open House (encouraged, but not required). Scan the QR code or call 814-944-4015.

We also encourage personal tours. Call 814-944-4015.



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
Saturday, February 21st						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Lisa Michelone (1) Bruno Felus (2) Joseph Hurd (3)	Meagan James (H) Deborah Hipp (C) Rich Holzer (C) Lisa Michelone (Choir)	Shari Figurelli	Michael Johnston Chris Johnston Rick Pulcino	Shari Figurelli	
Sunday, February 22nd						
St. Mary 7:30 AM	Claudia Montero (1) Layna Henry (2) JoAnn Propcheck (3)	Terry Curfman (H) Connie Curfman (C) Bob Anthony (C) Shawn Sullivan (Choir)	Vinnie Pietrolungo	Ray Gregorchik Susan Henry Jim Zimmerman	Roy Leister	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	David Madden (1) Mike Metzgar (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	James Popp (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Mark Krepich (C) John McIntyre (Choir)	Gabe Bueno	Matt Clapper Beth Clapper Diane Madden	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Mass1 Children (1) Mass2 Children (2) Annette Lewis (3)	Alicia Lombardo-Jordan (Main) Brianna Iachini (C) Marcia Riley (C) NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	Carter Jordan	Mass1 Children Gregory Olsavick	Jo Delozier	Barry Craig Leigh Ann Craig
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) NOT FILLED (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Talena Swander (Main) Ginny Harrington (C) Donna Sipes (C) Andy Weyant (Choirloft)	Terry Wilt	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Andy Weyant	NOT FILLED Greyson Swander
St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (February 22nd - February 28th): Marcia Smith						

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

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	READER * 3 Needed	EMHC * 3 or 4 Needed	ALTAR SERVER 2 Needed	HOSPITALITY 3 needed	SACRISTAN 1 Needed	AUDIO/VIDEO 3 Needed
Saturday, February 28th						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Alicia Sosnowski (1) Mike Sosnowski (2) Jeff Muriceak (3)	Carol Hallberg (H) Richard Books (C) Daniel Klingbeil (C) Paula Kustenbauder (Choir)	Grace Muriceak	Shirley Books Rick Pulcino NOT FILLED	Michael Mollish	
Sunday, March 1st						
St. Mary 7:30 AM	Craig Mauk (1) Layna Henry (2) Michael Schlechter (3)	Jodie Feath (H) Kate Diaz (C) Kathy Balconi (C) Shawn Sullivan (Choir)	Avery Diaz	Tim Balconi Jodie Feath Susan Henry	Jo Delozier	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Claudia Montero (1) Dottie Gonsman (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	Beverly Buterbaugh (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Diane Stephens (C) David Madden (Choir)	Gabe Bueno	Lisa Julian Kathy Moran Michael Moran	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Bethany Helsel (1) Elizabeth Kalista (2) Carole Swope (3)	Greg Sweeney (Main) Julia Burke (C) Mary Jo Lanzel (C) Debbi Chapman (Choirloft)	Liam Wilk	Debbi Chapman Gregory Olsavick	Marty Culp	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Lisa Georgiana (1) NOT FILLED (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Ginny Harrington (Main) Lisa Georgiana (C) NOT FILLED (C) Andy Weyant (Choirloft)	NOT FILLED	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Mel & Patty Link	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (March 1st - March 7th): Lee Farnan						

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
Next meeting Feb., 24th
Our gatherings are Christian based. All denominations are welcome!
For more information call/text Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412

The Men's Club
would like to thank everyone for their support at our last Pancake and Sausage breakfast. With your help, we were able to raise approximately \$1000 for upcoming service projects.
Mark your calendar - **our next Pancake and Sausage breakfast will be held Sunday, April 19th.**

The Legion of Mary
meets at 1:00 PM on Wednesdays in the Library of the Adoration Chapel building (Convent) at St. Mary.

The Legion of Mary is a world-wide Catholic organization glorifying God through Mary. You are welcome to come see if the Legion of Mary is for you. We welcome active and auxiliary members.

Please stop by or call Ginny for information 814-935-1820.

Black and Indian Mission Collection

Like the Apostles, we are encouraged to reach out to our brothers and sisters in faith, love, and sacrifice. We must continue to build God's Kingdom in our world.

Thank you for your prayerful support of the Black and Indian Mission Collection.

CRS Rice Bowl
is the Lenten program of Catholic Relief Services, the official international humanitarian agency of the Catholic community in the United States.

Cardboard Rice Bowls, for our Lenten almsgiving, are available at the church entrances.



Youth Group Activity
7th-12th graders

3/1 - 4/19
(except Easter Sunday)
Sundays 5:00 to 6:30 PM
St. Mary's Social Hall / Gym

Note: Sunday, March 29th we will meet in St. Michael Activity Building 5:30 to 7:00 PM

Put your screen down and be the start of something! Come and learn the basics of country & pop line dance.

Questions?
Stacy Pollock 202-486-0129

ABSTINENCE
refers to not eating meat at all during the day. The Church directs the holy FAST to all those in their 18th year until their 60th year (Canon 1252). All Fridays in Lent are days of abstinence.

Lenten Series "Heal" - daily devotionals during Lent are available on parish website:
www.stmichael-hldg-pa.org




Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Tuesday, February 24th
1:30-3:30 PM at
St. Michael's Church Basement.
Call Emilee 814-215-2869

Friar's Nook Gift Shop
Lenten Items Available!
Start your Lenten journey at The Friar's Nook Gift Shop by picking up a Lenten daily devotional, Lent with the Saints series book, Stations of the Cross, prayer cards, and more!

The gift shop is located on the campus of St. Bernardine Monastery at 793 Monastery Road, Hollidaysburg.

THE 61st ANNUAL
NOVENA IN HONOR OF THE MOST SACRED HEART OF JESUS



MONDAY, March 16 to TUESDAY, March 24, 2026

Sacred Heart Church
6th Avenue and 20th Street
Altoona, PA

Opening Mass on Monday, March 16, at 7:00 p.m.
Bishop Mark L. Barchak, Celebrant and Homilist

A complete schedule will be available on the first night of the Novena.

FREE SOUP SATURDAYS
11:00 AM to 1:00 PM

- February 28th & March 7th
St. John's Reformed Church, 906 Maple Ave., Holdbg.
- March 14th & March 21st
Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren, Penn & Hawthorne Streets

All churches will furnish hot soup, bread, butter, beverage & dessert.

All are welcome!

Holy Spirit Ministry Spring Schedule

Tuesday, March 3rd Night of Worship - Testimony - Sue Maurer

Tuesday, March 17th - Night of Worship

*Saturday March 21st 9 AM - SCHOOL of HEALING
St. Michael Church, Johnstown

Tuesday April 7th - Resurrection Party - Joyous Praise & Worship in the church followed by refreshments & fellowship in the church hall

Tuesday April 21st - HEALING MASS
Fr. David Dodd, TOR main celebrant

Tuesday, May 5th - Night of Worship - Roy Holtz - "Evangelizing the Next Generation"

Tuesday May 19th - Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration - Brother Lazarus, TOR

*All gatherings are held 7-8 PM unless otherwise noted
All are Welcome!

Holy Spirit Ministry is a renewal movement within the Altoona-Johnstown Diocese that serves the local Church by helping to form Intentional Disciples of Jesus Christ and seeks to evangelize in the power and presence of the Holy Spirit.

Pray the Rosary
Thursday 6:00 PM
St. Michael Church. All are welcome!



CHICKEN BBQ
March 14, 2026
11 AM - 1 PM
\$12

Benefits:



For tickets Contact dweaver@breezeline.net

Christian Outreach Committee
WEEKLY COLLECTIONS

To Support the Hollidaysburg American Rescue Workers
Next Week's Requested Donations:

Tooth Paste
Tooth Brushes

Collection bins are at the church entrances

We are deeply thankful to our volunteers, donors, and prayer supporters whose generosity and dedication bring comfort, dignity, and hope to those in need.

MINISTRY 2 PARENTS INVITES YOU TO...

FAITH & FAMILY NIGHT

LOCATION: ACTIVITY BUILDING @ ST. MICHAELS

This Sunday 5 to 7 PM

Come enjoy fellowship and family time with other parents and their children in the surrounding parishes! Just bring drinks, dessert, or a side dish to share and we will supply the pizza as well as fun, family friendly activities. Families with children of all ages invited!

FOR MORE INFO OR RSVP CONTACT:
Andrea Wille @ 612-480-0960 or andrewille2@gmail.com



This is a Catholic Pro-Life Ministry dedicated to helping moms and babies in the Altoona area with supplies of diapers, wipes, and other baby items, as needed. The current needs are:

- ★ High Chairs
- ★ Diapers Size 4, 5 & 6
- ★ Strollers
- ★ Pack & Plays
- ★ Bassinets

Donations to purchase these larger items are appreciated.

Any mom needing assistance should call 814-440-1021.



Our Lady of Lourdes
All Fridays of Lent Including Good Friday
Take out begins 3:30 PM
Eat in begins 4:30 PM
\$16.00 Baked or Fried Haddock
Choice of Sides, Beverages & Dessert

St. Patrick
All Fridays of Lent 4:00 to 7:00 PM
Adults \$22.00, Seniors \$20.00
Children 5-12 \$10.00; 4 & under Free
Fish, Shrimp, Pierogies & More

Saint Therese of the Child Jesus, Altoona
All Fridays of Lent except Good Friday
\$15.00 Baked or Fried
4:00 to 7:00 PM
Choice of Sides, and Dessert

Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona
All Fridays of Lent except Good Friday
Drive-Thru from 10:30 A.M. to 1:00 PM
Fish Sandwich \$12.00
Mac & Cheese, & Coleslaw

St. John The Baptist - New Baltimore
All Fridays of Lent except Good Friday
Baked, Beer Battered Fish or Shrimp
Adults \$17.00, under-12 \$6.00;
5 & under Free
Choice of Sides, and Dessert

St. Vincent De Paul Society
of St. Joseph Church and
Williamsburg Community Center
Sunday, March 1st
12:00 Noon to 3:00 PM
Friday, March 27th 3:30 to 6:30 PM
Beer Battered or Baked Fish
3 sides and Dessert
\$14.00 Advance Tickets Only
No Sales At The Door
Travis:814-931-2495 Sandy 814-599-1196
Holly 814-931-3679
Dinner Served at
Williamsburg Community Center

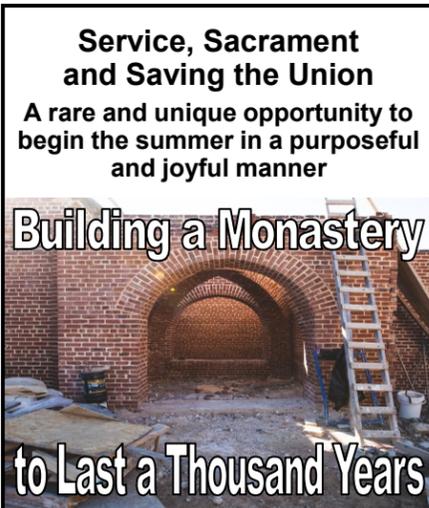
SS Gregory & Barnabas Johnstown
Fish Frys Fridays of Lent
4:00 to 6:30 PM
at St. Gregory 120 Boltz St
Good Friday Meals
St. Barnabas 408 Luzon Ave.
3:00 to 6:30 PM

Visitation Parish - Johnstown
All Fridays of Lent except Good Friday
11:00 AM - 6:00 PM
Haddock Sandwich \$14.00
Choice of Sides & Beverage

Phoenix Fire Co.
Fridays, Feb. 13th to April 3rd
4:00 to 7:00 PM \$15.00
Fish, Chicken, Shrimp or Clams

Geeseytown Fire Company
All Fridays of Lent 3:00 to 7:00 PM
Baked or Fried
Choice of Sides, and Dessert

Take-Outs Available



St. Mary/St. Michael Youth Faith Formation is inviting all its current high school juniors and seniors to participate in a 2-day service trip in June.

We will be traveling to Gettysburg to assist the Fairfield Carmelite Community in their efforts to build and maintain a beautiful monastery designed to last 1,000 years.

We will work, laugh, learn, break bread and celebrate the Eucharist together during this exceptional opportunity. We will also have a guided tour of the Gettysburg Battlefield and learn more about the battle that helped save our Nation. All this and more!

If interested, please attend a brief meeting in the St Mary Adoration Chapel Library this Sunday, February 22nd at 1:00 PM. This meeting is to gauge interest for planning. More specific details and a parent meeting will follow once we measure the level of interest.

Sue Teske: steske@dioceseaj.org

Old Palms Collection
We invite you to return any old blessed palms you may have at home. Both locations have a box where you can put your old palms.

Lenten Penance Service
Our annual Lenten penance service is scheduled for Sunday, March 29th at 4:00 PM. Please use this opportunity to receive the Sacrament of Reconciliation. There will be several visiting Priests assisting, in this important preparation for Easter.

Week at a Glance: Monday, Feb. 23th to Sunday, Mar. 1st	
Pray the rosary after the 7:45 AM week day Mass	
MON	Prayer Shawl St. Michael School 5:00 PM
TUES	Lent Message Series "Heal" St. Mary Meeting RM. 1:30 PM
	Game Time 1:30 PM St. Michael Church Basement
	Women's Club Diane Madden's home 504 Hickory St. 2:00 PM
WED	Bereavement Support Group St. Michael Convent Bldg. 6:30 PM
	Legion of Mary Adoration Chapel Library 1:00 PM
THUR	Rosary at St. Michael 6:00 PM
FRI	Abstinence No Eating Meat
	Stations of the Cross St. Mary at 12:00 - Noon St. Michael at 6:30 PM
SAT and Sun	Lenten Service Project Supplies to fill Easter Buckets
	Rice Bowls Available
	Gabriel Project Collection
SUN	American Rescue Workers Collection
	Lent Message Series "Heal" St. Michael Convent 8:45 AM
	Little Lambs Ministry St. Michael Church 10:00 AM
Soda Club Social Dance St. Mary Social Hall 5:00 - 6:30 PM	

Saint Michael Parish Stewardship of Treasure	
Feb. 15th	Source
\$5198.00	Adult Collection
92.00	Candles
187.00	Perquisites
185.00	Maintenance
1500.00	School Rent
357.00	Twin Parish
91.00	Ash Wednesday
30.00	Home Missions
Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship	

GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

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

AREA LENTEN PENANCE SERVICES

Mar. 11th	7:00 PM	Wed.	St. Rose of Lima, Altoona
Mar. 14th	10:00 AM	Sat.	Saint Therese, Altoona
Mar. 15th	4:00 PM	Sun.	St. John the Evangelist
Mar. 23rd	7:00 PM	Mon.	Our Lady of Mount Carmel
Mar. 25th	6:00 PM	Wed.	The Cathedral, Altoona
Mar. 29th	4:00 PM	Sun.	St. Mary, Hollidaysburg
Mar. 30th	6:30 PM	Mon.	St Mary, Altoona

ADDITIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Sat. Lent	5:30 PM	Sat.	Saint Patrick, Newry
Mar. 15th	4-5 PM	Sun.	St. Catherine, Duncansville
Mar. 19th	5-6 PM	Thurs.	
Apr. 1st	6-7 PM	Wed.	

LAST SPRING 2026 DIACONATE CLASS OPEN TO ALL!

Patrology taught by Deacon Michael Russo via ZOOM. Wed. evenings 6-8:30 pm. This is an 8 week course beginning March 11. The cost is \$35 and 2 books are required.

Register online: www.dioceseaj.org/lay-ecclesial-ministry or obtain a form from the Parish office or contact Jessica in the Office of Adult Enrichment and Lay Ecclesial Ministry: (814) 361-2000. **Registration Deadline is Thursday, March 5.**

St. Mary - St. Michael Adult Faith Formation LENT MESSAGE SERIES "HEAL"

The Heal Series is a six-week Lent message that was created to meet the reality we all carry wounds (Emotional wounds, Spiritual wounds, Relational wounds or Physical suffering).

The series deals with this topic with honesty, hope and pastoral Care - offering space for Reflection, Repentance, and Renewal that naturally leads towards Easter.

Sunday @ 8:45 AM St. Michael Convent		Tuesday @ 1:30 PM St. Mary Meeting Room	
Date	Topic	Date	Topic
Feb. 22	Lessons From the Fall	Feb. 24	Lessons From the Fall
Mar. 1	Listen to Him	Mar. 3	Listen to Him
Mar. 8	Entering the Wound	Mar. 10	Entering the Wound
Mar. 15	Doing Our Part March	Mar. 17	Doing Our Part March
Mar. 22	Releasing the Bonds	Mar. 24	Releasing the Bonds

Lenten Message from Father Alan

I'm told that if you want to catch a monkey, all you need to do is put a coconut inside a cage and then have an opening just larger than the monkey's hand. The theory is that the monkey won't go into the cage himself but will stick his hand in and grab the coconut. Once he has it, he will be so anxious to hold on that he won't let go. And—voila!—you've caught a monkey.

I have a strong sense that this story is apocryphal. Nonetheless, it may have an important point. Lent is a *kairos*, a significant time, an opportunity. Lent gives us the opportunity to let go—to let go of some of our possessions, to let go of some of our food, to let go of some of our self-determination. If we want to use another term for "let go," we might consider the word "detach."

Detachment is crucial in our spiritual life. It is only by detaching from the things of this world that we can begin to form right attachments to the things of heaven. The Prayer after Communion for Tuesday of the First Week of Lent has us pray that "by moderating earthly desires we may learn to love the things of heaven."

Lent forcefully instructs us that we need to detach from our possessions through almsgiving, sharing what God has given to us with those who are less fortunate than we. Lent insists on fasting, detaching ourselves from eating as much as we want and when we want so that we may be in control of our appetites, and not the other way round. And Lent reminds us that we must pray, that is, that we must detach from our own will in order to carry out the Father's will. We make Jesus' prayer at Gethsemane our own: "Not as I will but as you will" (Mt 26:39).

I find detachment to be one of the harder lessons in the spiritual life. What has been your experience of detachment? Have you found, as I have, that the great enemy of detachment is fear? By my count, the phrase "do not be afraid" or something like it shows up at least 17 times in the New Testament. The phrase is found in all four of the gospels. The Lord reminds us over and over again "do not be afraid." Yet it is when we give in to fear that we are most likely to fight against the spiritual requirement of detachment.

I propose to consider over the course of Lent some ways in which fear keeps us from detaching. Because we were designed to experience even now the peace and joy of heaven, we need to detach from the things of this world to experience the peace and joy of heaven within ourselves. When we fail to detach, we give up some precious inner calm.

So, I invite you to join me on the journey away from fear and toward detachment!

**Stations of the Cross
At St. Mary and
St. Michael**



Each Friday of Lent, we follow Jesus in his final footsteps by praying the Stations of the Cross.

All are welcome!

St. Mary at 12:00 - Noon

St. Michael at 6:30 PM

On March 13th we will pray *Mary's Way of the Cross* at both locations. Women of the parish are needed to lead each station. Call the office if interested: 695-0912

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Meets on the second and fourth Monday of each month (following the first full week of the month) at 5:00 PM and the second and fourth Wed. of each month (following the first full week) at 11:30 AM in the Convent building at St. Michael.

Next meeting Mon., Feb. 23rd

If you or someone you know would benefit from the gift of a shawl or, if you want more info about the group, please contact: Kathy 814-312-7048

Lenten Service Project

Saint Mary & Saint Michael Faith Formation Classes are collecting supplies for Easter Buckets to be distributed at the St. Vincent DePaul Food Pantry.

HAPPY EASTER



Donations are being collected at both Churches. Children are allowed to bring up candy as part of the Offertory Procession during the 10:00 AM. Mass.

Collection Dates: Feb 21-22, 28 March 1, 7-8, 14-15, 21-22

FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Feb. 22	Parent Meeting for Gr.2 9:00-9:45 AM St. Michael
Mar. 22	Jr. High Youth Day 11 AM - 4 PM Bishop Carroll H.S.
Mar. 29	NO Sessions Palm Sunday
Apr. 5	NO Sessions Easter Sunday
Apr. 12	Right of Sending Gr.11 10 AM Mass - St. Michael
April 15	First Communion Practice 5 PM - St. Mary
April 17	First Communion Practice 5 PM - St. Michael
April 18	First Communion - 10 AM St. Michael
April 19	First Communion - 10 AM St. Mary
April 20	Confirmation Practice 6 PM - Cathedral
April 21	Confirmation Celebration 7 PM - Cathedral
May 3	Outdoor Rosary May Crowning 10 AM - both churches

Our Friends at Holy Spirit Foundation in Maggotty, Jamaica send their gratitude for the generous donation of \$16,000 that was collected last November after Hurricane Melissa.

In addition to water tanks for neighboring villages (still no running water in that area), they were able to purchase building lumber. The missionaries wrote, "We finally received wood to rebuild people's roofs. Thank you for your help!" Thanks to you, this was possible.

**Holy Spirit Ministry
Night of Worship**

Tuesday, March 3rd 7-8 pm

Sue Maurer will share a powerful testimony

Praise & Worship music and Prayer Ministry following talk

St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg

Women's Club Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM. All meetings are held at Diane Madden's home, 504 Hickory St., Hollidaysburg. 814-502-8052
Next meeting- Tuesday, Feb. 24th

Saint Mary Parish Stewardship of Treasure	
Feb.15th	Source
\$5548.00	Adult Collection
504.00	Loose Collection
188.50	Maintenance Fund
213.00	Candles
53.50	Black & Native Americans
128.50	Ash Wednesday
200.00	Perquisites
123.31	Met Life
262.00	Soup Saturday
50.00	Cemetery Fund
Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship	

Monday-Saturday; 10 AM to 4 PM

SAVE 10% OFF ONE ITEM WITH THIS COUPON! THROUGH MARCH 31, 2026

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GIFT SHOP

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