

St. Mary Parish 312 Clark Street Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

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

Pastor Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG 814-695-0912 athomas@dioceseaj.org

> Deacon Charles R. Ahearn cahearn@dioceseaj.org

Deacon Allan F. Duman aduman@dioceseaj.org

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time November 16, 2025

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 **301 Spruce Street** Hollidaysburg, PA 16648

Parish Email:

stmichaelhburg@dioceseaj.org

Music Coordinator:

Lisa Surkovich - Contemporary Choir Sandy Harteis - Traditional Choir

Building Supervisors:

J. Terry Wilt & Mel Link

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Greenlawn Cemetery:

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Bulletin Publisher: George Mollish gmollish@volunteerdaj.org Parish Administrative Assistant: Melissa Ringkamp mringkamp@dioceseaj.org Parish Business Manager: Lisa Julian LJulian@dioceseaj.org Bereavement Facilitator: Debbi Chapman 912-713-5412 Director of Faith Formation: Sue Teske 814-695-0912 or 814-934-2180 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 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.

"You will be hated by all because of my name, but not a hair on your head will be destroyed."

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	MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES Saturday, Nov. 15th to Sunday, Nov. 23rd			
DAY	TIME	PARISH		INTENTION
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	t	Ruth, Andy & Stephen Swope
	7:30 AM	St. Mary	Ŷ	Joseph Gregorchik
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Mary	Ŷ	John "Mike" Spidle
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	Ť	Tim Veller
	11:30 AM	St. Michael		People of the Parish
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael	t	Bob Magdelinic
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael	Ť	Bernadine Farrell
WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary	t	David Perretta
THUR	7:45 AM	St. Michael	Ŷ	Margaret Geideman
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary	Ŷ	Millie Frank
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary	Ŷ	Jim McCabe (Anniversary Remembrance)
	7:30 AM	St. Mary	ŧ	Sally Mollish
SUN	10:00 AM	St. Mary	t	Terry Musselman
	10:00 AM	St. Michael	Ť	Ruth, Andy & Stephen Swope
	11:30 AM	St. Michael		People of the Parish

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



FREE ADMISSION

Sunday, December 14th - 2:00 PN

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 & St. Michael Parishes.

Thanksgiving Day Mass

9:00 AM at St. Michael



Bishop Bartchak is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30's) who exhibit qualities of leadership and service, and who may be open to learning more about the priesthood.

To submit names, please complete a pew card or visit ajvocations.org/calledbyname. Please be sure to include the individual's contact information. Names you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Bartchak, invitations to discernment events, and support from the Diocese Vocations Team. Thank you for your participation in this important

campaign.





Week at a Glance: Monday, Nov. 17th to Sunday, Nov. 23th					
	Pray the rosary after the 7:45 AM week day Mass				
MON					
TUES	Holy Spirit Ministry St. Michael Church 7:00PM				
WED	Legion of Mary Adoration Chapel Library 1:00 PM				
THUR	Pray the Rosary St. Michael Church 6:00 PM				
SAT -	Confirmation Retreat St. Rose of Lima 9:00 AM				
	Return Blessing Tree Gifts St. Mary Social Hall				
Winter Clothing Collection for St. Vincent DePar					
and SUN	Gabriel Project Collection				
SUN	American Rescue Workers Collection				
SUN	Return Blessing Tree Gifts St. Mary Social Hall by 1:00 PM				



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St	GOAL	\$46,000	St. Michael	GOAL	\$49,800
	Y.T.D.	\$42,185		Y.T.D.	\$52,250
	# of donors % to Goal	95 / 91%		# of donors % to Goal	122 / 104%

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	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	
	November 15th						
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Carol Hallberg (1) Debbie Sault (2) John Heslop (3)	Lawrence Savino (H) Sue Teske (C) Deborah Hipp (C) Richard Books (Choir)	Shari Figurelli	NOT FILLED Meagan James Rick Pulcino	Shari Figurelli		
	November 16th						
St. Mary	Shawn Sullivan (1) Michael Schlechter (2)	Michael Fiore (H) Kathy Balconi (C)	Greg Figurelli	Tim Balconi Susan Henry	Vinnie Pietrolungo		

St. Mary 7:30 AM	Shawn Sullivan (1) Michael Schlechter (2) Layna Henry (3)	Michael Fiore (H) Kathy Balconi (C) Jeff Boley (C) Michael Schlechter (Choir)	Greg Figurelli	Tim Balconi Susan Henry Jim Zimmerman	Vinnie Pietrolungo	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Beverly Buterbaugh (1) Dottie Gonsman (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	John McIntyre (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) David Madden (C) Beverly Buterbaugh (Choir)	Shealyn Riley	Kevin Corl Kathy Moran Michael Moran	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Annette Lewis (1) Carole Swope (2) Mike Metzgar (3)	Greg Sweeney (Main) Brianna lachini (C) Talena Swander (C) Rebecca Culp (Choirloft)	Liam Wilk	Roy Leister Gregory Olsavick	Cate Burger-Leister	Camron Swander Greyson Swander
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) Francine Boland (2) Lisa Georgiana (3)	Bill Farnan (Main) Lisa Georgiana (C) Ginny Harrington (C) Kimberly Merritts (Choirloft)	Jacob Pochak	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Mel & Patty Link	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (November 16th - November 22nd): Lee Farnan

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

	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
			November 22nd			
St. Mary 4:00 PM	Mike Sosnowski (1) Alicia Sosnowski (2) Lisa Michelone (3)	Carol Hallberg (H) Debbi Chapman (C) Richard Books (C) Michael Mollish (Choir)	Shari Figurelli	Shirley Books Michael Johnston Chris Johnston	Michael Mollish	
			November 23rd			
St. Mary 7:30 AM	JoAnn Propcheck (1) Ramona Shrift (2) Craig Mauk (3)	Terry Curfman (H) Bob Anthony (C) Ramona Shrift (C) Connie Curfman (Choir)	Vinnie Pietrolungo	Ray Gregorchik Roy Leister Dave Shrift	Jo Delozier	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Jeff Muriceak (1) Claudia Montero (2) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (3)	James Popp (H) Deacon Chuck Ahearn (C) Diane Stephens (C) Jodie Feath (Choir)	Grace Muriceak	Lisa Julian Mark King Sharon King	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Marty Culp (1) Paul Dennis (2) Mike Metzgar (3)	Alicia Lombardo-Jordan (Main) Mark Krepich (C) Brian Sweeney (C) Marty Culp (Choirloft)	Carter Jordan	Mary Jo Lanzel Gregory Olsavick	Marty Culp	Emilee Elder John Elder
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) Barb Aubrey (2) Debbie Sault (3)	Barb Aubrey (Main) Kimberly Merritts (C) Donna Sipes (C) NOT FILLED (Choirloft)	NOT FILLED	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Mel & Patty Link	Michael Waibel

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (November 23rd - November 29th): Gina Zabinsky

The Catholic Charities Collection this Sunday helps your neighbors stay warm.

The Low Income Home Energy Assistance Program (LIHEAP) provides cash grants to help Pennsylvania families pay their heating bills. Unfortunately, this program is on hold

due to the federal government shutdown. Struggling families and senior citizens are reaching out to Catholic Charities for heating assistance as many community agencies have no funding. One hundred percent of the collection will be used to assist families in need.

For more information on our ministry, please call a Catholic Charities Caseworker at (814) 535-6538.

Thank you for being a blessing to others! Additional hardship resources include inquiries to:

PA 211or utility company programs such as Customer Assistance Programs (CAP); Dollar Energy Fund and the Weatherization Assistance Program (WAP).



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:

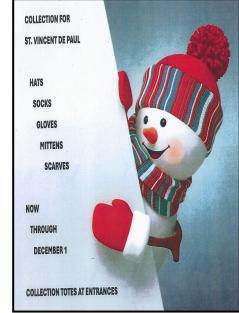
- **★ Nursing Pillows**
- **★** Winter coats (boys & girls) sizes: 6 month to 4T
- **★ Infant Swaddles**
- **★** Sleep Sacks

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













Marlys Hershberger, Interim **Pastor** of Hollidaysburg Church of the Brethren will be the host and preach for the service.

All are welcome!



Fourth Tuesday of the Month November 25th and Dec. 23rd 1:30-3:30 PM at St. Michael's Church Basement.



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 NP License #2024-193



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

Soup Cereal

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.

Thank you for last week's donation of \$80.00.

omen's Club Meetings are the 2nd and 4th Tuesday of each month at 2:00 PM. Next meeting Tuesday, Nov. 25th.

All meetings are at Diane Madden's home, 504 Hickory Street. Hollidaysburg. 814-502-8052

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 Monday, Nov. 24th.

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

Bereavement SupportRegular 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 Tues., Nov. 25th.

Our gatherings are Christian based. All denominations are welcome! For more information call/text

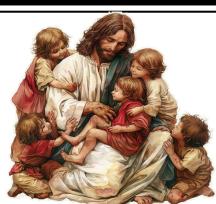
Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412.

To the families and friends of John T. Waible, Jr. MD and Mary Jean Walls.

May God grant them eternal rest and bring comfort to all who mourn their loss.

May Mary, the Sorrowful Mother, console the hearts of all who mourn the loss of a loved one.





FAITH FORMATION EVENTS

A Blessing for children receiving First Communion will take place at the 10:00 AM Mass at St. Michael This Sunday, November 16th

Retreat for Grades 9, 10, 11 and 12 **Confirmation Candidates** will be held at St. Rose of Lima Maria Center. 5519 6th Avenue, Altoona Saturday,

November 22nd Registration begins at 9:00 AM.

No Faith Formation classes 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

Support The Advertisers That Support Our Bulletin!

Saint Michael Parish Stewardship of Treasure				
Nov. 9th	Source			
9,691.71	Adult Collection			
160.00	Loose Collection			
65.00	Candles			
327.00	Maintenance			
100.00	Perquisites			
218.00	Twin Parish			
130.00	Christmas Flowers			
130.00	Catholic Charities			
2,420.00	Hurricane Relief			
220.00	All Saints			
67.00	All Souls			
1,500.00	BG Academy rent			
320.00	Blessing Tree			
695.00	Collection for Military Services			

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Thank You For Your Generosity And Faithful Stewardship

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

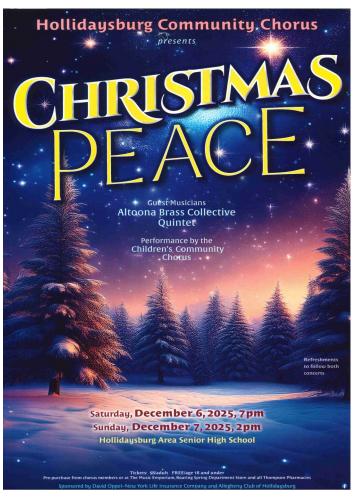
The Legion of Mary is a world-wide Catholic organization glorifying God through Mary. The priority of the Legion is to help with the spiritual and social welfare of individuals.

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.

oly Spirit Ministry invites you to a Night of Worship on Tues., November 18th beginning at 7:00 PM at St. Michael Church, Speaker: Ray Becker (a member of Holy Spirit Ministry Worship Team). Prayer ministry will follow Ray's talk. All are welcome!

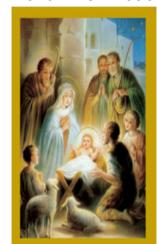
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Christmas Cards 2025

elebrate the birth of Our Lord and the Giver of Life. and at the same time, help our fundraising efforts. Your purchase supports the pro-life work of the Blair County Chapter of Citizens Concerned for Human Life. To place an order or for more information, call

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Nativity with Shepherds Adoring This beautiful card depicts the visit of the shepherds in adoration of the New-Born King. Border is in gold foil. White envelopes included.

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Verse: Come and behold Him born the King of Angels. May the love of the Infant Jesus in Whom all Life begins

be yours this Christmas and always.

Cards will be sold after masses at St. Mary Church November 29 / 30 and December 6 / 7



St. Mary Parish Social Hall, Hollidaysburg, Pa.

Friday, 3PM-7PM | Saturday, Noon-7PM | Sunday 8:30AM-6PM

Volunteers are needed to bake cookies, serve as greeters and to help with set-up and clean-up. Please call Elsie at (814) 931-1398 or sign-up via the parish website on the Nativity Festival page.

Anyone who wishes to display a nativity, must complete a registration form. Registration forms are available in both churches, on the Nativity Festival page on the website and in St. Michael rectory office. Registration forms must be returned by 3:30 PM on Friday, December 5th.



HELP US HELP OTHERS DECEMBER CHICKEN BBQ **SUNDAY DECEMBER 14, 2025 11 AM - 1 PM**

\$12 DRIVE THRU ONLY!

Call: Bob Hazenstab 814-696-4206



Your voice is needed at St. Mary 4:00 PM Saturday Christmas Mass.

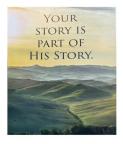
Join the choir In the celebration of Christmas.

Practice every Thursday at 7:00 PM

All voices are welcome!



High School Seniors



Come create a group poem about your faith Journey to share on your favorite social media platform

> Saint Mary Adoration Chapel Library 712 Allegheny Street, Hollidaysburg

Sunday, November 23,2025 1:30 - 3 P.M.

RSVP by 11/20/25: akcurtis@verizen.net

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!

Blessing Tree



Return all gifts for the Blessing Tree to St. Marv's Social Hall on: November 15 and 16 Saturday, Nov. 22 and By 1:00 PM on Sunday, Nov. 23

Questions? Contact:

Shari Figurelli 814-330-9421 Kathy Balconi 585-730-0757 Charlene Centar 814-696-0491

> Thank You and **Merry Christmas!**



The Men's Club

of St. Mary and St. Michael parishes will hold its next meeting on Sunday, November 23rd at 7:00 PM in St. Michael Cafeteria.

Agenda items will be the next Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, the Seminarian Fund Spaghetti Dinner and other upcoming projects.

All men of St. Mary and St. Michael parishes are welcome to attend - we could use a few extra helpers for our Pancake Breakfast!

Contact the parish office if you would like to be added to our email notification list.

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95.00	Collection for Military Services			
300.00	School room rent			
5,492.00	Hurricane Relief			
125.00	Christmas Memorials			
625.00	Blessing Tree			
Thank You For Your Congressity				

Thank You For Your Generosity and Faithful Stewardship

A dvent 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, December 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.

Fr. Peter Crowe **Vocations Director** Diocese of Altoona-Johnstown Contact: 814-317-2681

or vocations@dioceseai.org

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

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John P. Urban, Parishioner

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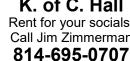


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New St. Mary: 814-695-0622 newstmarycemeteryhburg@gmail.com **Greenlawn Cemetery:** greenlawncemeteryhburg@gmail.com

St. Mary **Adoration Chapel**

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

> 712 Allegheny St Hollidaysburg PA

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

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