

2nd Sunday of Advent - December 7, 2025
O COME, O COME, EMMANUEL

Pastor, Very Reverend Alan E. Thomas, VG
Deacon Charles R. Ahearn - Deacon Allan F. Duman

St. Mary Parish
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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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Lisa Surkovich - Contemporary Choir
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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
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.



VIRTUAL TOUR



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MASS INTENTIONS FOR ST. MARY AND ST. MICHAEL PARISHES Saturday, Dec. 6th to Sunday, Dec. 13th					
DAY	TIME	PARISH		INTENTION	
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary		✠	Frank Hibernik Birthday
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary		✠	Mary Jean Walls
	10:00 AM	St. Mary		✠	Marciano Sanchez, Sr., Salud Barba, Rogelio & Yolanda De Los Santos
	10:00 AM	St. Michael		✠	Joe Dumm
	11:30 AM	St. Michael			People of the Parish
Monday - Holy Day of Obligation Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary					
MON	7:45 AM	St. Michael		✠	Benjamin & Mary Drass
	NOON	St. Mary		✠	Denise Madden
	6:30 PM	St. Mary		✠	Annabelle Wagner
TUES	7:45 AM	St. Michael		✠	Adam Woomer
WED	6:30 PM	St. Mary		✠	Susan Waibel
THUR	7:45 AM	St. Michael		✠	Peggy Hart, Danny Hart & Phil Baker
FRI	7:45 AM	St. Mary		✠	Sally Mollish
SAT	4:00 PM	St. Mary		✠	Vicky Myers Ellis (Anniversary Remembrance)
SUN	7:30 AM	St. Mary		✠	Joan Marie Charles
	10:00 AM	St. Mary		✠	Earl Hite
	10:00 AM	St. Michael		✠	Raymond Brown
	11:30 AM	St. Michael			People of the Parish



PRIESTS FOR THE FUTURE
ALTOONA-JOHNSTOWN VOCATION APPEAL

Bishop Bartchak is encouraging you to support our diocese's Vocation Appeal. Your gift will fund the diocese's renewed efforts to promote vocations to the priesthood, an especially urgent need as the number of seminarians for our diocese has been very low in recent years.

To inspire more young men to consider the priesthood, the Vocation Office has developed a robust plan, which includes:

- ✠ A newly formed Vocation Team with 5 priests in different regions of the diocese who are committed to offering mentorship to young men as they discern their vocations.
- ✠ Our recent Called By Name campaign, which has already connected the Vocation Team with many incredible young men.
- ✠ Discernment Retreats & In-Person Events.
- ✠ Regional Priesthood Discernment Groups, several young men are already participating.
- ✠ Fr. Brian Norris's appointment as Vocation Recruiter, expanding the outreach of Fr. Peter Crowe (Vocations Director) and the Vocation Team.
- ✠ Revamping communications and marketing to reach more young men.
- ✠ Creating a new website with discernment resources: ajvocations.org.
- ✠ Personally accompanying men as they discern their vocations.

Our Vocation Team's overall strategy is to identify and accompany young men as they discern God's call. Bishop Bartchak is asking all parishioners to be especially generous to ensure dedicated priests for the future of our diocese.

To learn more and make a gift, visit ajvocations.org/give



GOD'S GIFT OF FORGIVENESS

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

COMMUNAL PENANCE SERVICE
THIS 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!

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

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

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

Monday, December 8th - Holy Day of Obligation
Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary

St. Michael 7:45 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) Lisa Michelone (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Sue Teske (Main) NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	Jo Delozier	NOT FILLED Leigh Ann Craig
St. Mary NOON	Beverly Buterbaugh (1) Debbi Chapman (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Barb Aubrey (H) Rich Holzer (C) NOT FILLED (C)	Greg Figurelli	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	
St. Mary 6:30 PM	NOT FILLED (1) NOT FILLED (2) NOT FILLED (3)	Richard Books (H) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (C) NOT FILLED (Choir)	Shealyn Riley	Shirley Books NOT FILLED NOT FILLED	NOT FILLED	

December 13th

St. Mary 4:00 PM	John Heslop (1) Jeff Muriceak (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Lawrence Savino (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Rich Holzer (C) Michael Mollish (Choir)	Grace Muriceak	Rick Pulcino Michael Johnston Chris Johnston	Michael Mollish	
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December 14th

St. Mary 7:30 AM	Craig Mauk (1) JoAnn Propcheck (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Connie Curfman (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) Kathy Balconi (C) Terry Curfman (Choir)	Travis Mauk	Jim Zimmerman Ray Gregorchik NOT FILLED	Connie Curfman	
St. Mary 10:00 AM	Dottie Gonsman (1) Beverly Buterbaugh (2) Deacon Allan Duman (3)	Jodie Feath (H) Deacon Allan Duman (C) David Madden (C) Diane Stephens (Choir)	Ella Diaz	Sharon King Mark King Diane Madden	NOT FILLED	
St. Michael 10:00 AM	Dave Lanzel (1) Debbi Chapman (2) Paul Dennis (3)	Mark Krepich (Main) Greg Sweeney (C) Marty Culp (C) Barry Craig (Choirloft)	Sawyer Gibney	Mary Jo Lanzel Gregory Olsavick	Marty Culp	NOT FILLED NOT FILLED
St. Michael 11:30 AM	Jeff Johnson (1) Debbie Sault (2) Lisa Georgiana (3)	Talena Swander (Main) Lisa Georgiana (C) Barb Aubrey (C) Bill Farnan (Choirloft)	NOT FILLED	Susan Wells NOT FILLED	Mel & Patty Link	Camron Swander Greyson Swander

St. Michael Weekday Sacristan (December 14th - December 20th): Marcia Smith



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.

Winter coats size 6 mon - 4T
Nursing pillows
Infant swaddles
Sleep sacks

Donations to purchase larger items are appreciated.

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



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



Fourth Tuesday of the Month
Tuesday, December 23rd
1:30-3:30 PM at
St. Michael's Church Basement.
Call Emilee 814-215-2869

Saint Michael Parish
Stewardship of Treasure

Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Source
10,411.00	9,173.00	Adult Collection
16.00	382.20	Loose Collection
50.00	40.00	Votive Candles
5.00	100.00	Maintenance Fund
100.00	150.00	Perquisites
	(127.35)	Online Giving Fee
2,045.00		Catholic Ministries Drive (over goal amt)
20.00		Greenlawn Cemetery
20.00	45.00	Twin Parish
155.00	60.00	Catholic Charities
	50.00	Retirement Fund Religious
405.00	265.00	Christmas Memorials
25.00		Blessing Tree
200.00	25.00	Hurricane Relief
170.00		Funeral Luncheon donation
	250.00	Jamaica Mission
	10.00	All Saints Day
115.00	200.00	Holy Spirit Ministry
	60.00	Faith Formation

Thank You For Your Generosity
and Faithful Stewardship

St. Mary & St. Michael Men's Club
Invites you to an all you can eat

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast
This Sun. Dec. 7th
8:00AM-Noon
at St. Michael Church Hall
301 Spruce Street - Hollidaysburg

 Meal includes coffee, tea, juice (apple or orange) or water. Try our pancake topping bar featuring strawberries, blueberries, chocolate chips and whipped cream!

Donation of \$6 for adults and \$3 for children.
Takeouts are also available.

Join us for the best pancakes in town!


The Ballad of Bethlehem
A TIMELESS STORY OF GOD'S LOVE

All are invited to a special evening of prayer, story, and song at Holy Name Church in Ebensburg on Sunday, December 14th.

In the midst of this busy season, here is an opportunity to pause and direct our minds and hearts to the coming of Jesus Christ, our Messiah. The service will feature preludes by the Holy Name Bell Choir beginning at 5:45 PM, followed by the cantata "The Ballad of Bethlehem" performed by the combined Men's and Women's Choirs.


Light refreshments will be served in the Narthex following the service.

3 Four One
Presents
A Glorious Evening of Christmas Music
St. Michael's Church
Hollidaysburg, PA
Tuesday, December 9
7PM
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Christmas Cards 2025
Celebrate 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 **Roxann 814-695-8008**

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.
Actual size: 4 7/8" x 6 1/4"



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 each Mass at St. Mary
This Weekend December 6th & 7th
\$5.00 per pkg. of 11 Cards

Joy to the world!



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

Join the choir in the
celebration of Christmas.

Practice every Thursday at 7:00 PM

All voices are welcome!



Advent Concert

The Cathedral choir and festival
choir will present a concert on Fri.,
Dec. 12 at 7:00 PM at the Cathedral
of the Blessed Sacrament, Altoona.

Hollidaysburg Community Chorus
presents

CHRISTMAS PEACE

Guest Musicians
Altoona Brass Collective
Quintet

Performance by the
Children's Community
Chorus

THIS WEEKEND

Saturday 7:00 PM
Sunday 2:00 PM
**Hollidaysburg Area
Senior High School**

Tickets: \$10.00 - FREE (age 18 and under)
Prepurchase from choir members at the St. Mary's Episcopal Church, Spring Department Store and at Thompson Pharmacy
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DECEMBER 14th
Retirement Fund
for Religious

Please give to those who
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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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May the peace

of our Lord and Savior,
Jesus Christ, be with you at
Christmas and throughout the year.

Saint Mary Parish Stewardship of Treasure		
Nov. 23	Nov. 30	Source
\$6,142.00	\$4,723.00	Adult Collection
432.00	301.00	Loose Collection
165.00	105.00	Maintenance Fund
87.00	80.00	Votive Candles
4215.00		Online Giving
(126.45)		Online Giving Fee
1708.06		Alpha
140.00		Catholic Charities
35.00		Memorials
100.00		Perquisites
30.00	30.00	Religious Retirement
50.00	20.00	Immaculate Conception
55.00	10.00	Solemnity of Mary
1,070.00	40.00	Christmas
270.00	198.00	Christmas Flower Memorials
240.00		Blessing Tree
50.00	100.00	Hurricane Relief
	100.00	Food for the Soul
Thank You For Your Generosity and Faithful Stewardship		

Advent Reconciliation Opportunities

St. Mary - Hollidaysburg
Sunday, Dec. 7 at 4 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes, Altoona
Thursday, Dec. 11 at 5:30 PM

St. John the Evangelist, Altoona
Sunday, Dec. 14 at 4:00 PM

St. Joseph, Bellwood
Sunday, December 14 at 5:00 PM

Our Lady of Mount Carmel, Altoona
Monday, Dec. 15 at 7:00 PM

St. Catherine of Siena, Duncansville
Sunday, Dec. 14 -- 4:00 -5:00 PM
Wednesday, Dec. 17 -- 6:00 -7:30 PM
Tuesday, Dec. 23 -- 5:00 -6:15 PM

**Cathedral of the Blessed Sacrament,
Altoona**
Wednesday, Dec. 17 at 6:00 PM

Sacred Heart, Altoona
Thursday, Dec. 18 at 5:00 PM

St. Mary, Altoona
Monday, Dec. 22 at 6:00 PM

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 Wed., Dec. 10th.**

Our gatherings are Christian based.
All denominations are welcome!
For more information call/text
Debbi Chapman at 912-713-5412.

Holy Spirit Ministry

Winter 2026 Schedule

Tuesday, January 6th
Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration
Fr. Brian Norris - Praying for Vocations

Tuesday, January 20th
Night of Worship - witness talk - Michele Lepore

Tuesday, February 3rd HEALING MASS
Fr. Jeremy Mohler, main celebrant

Tuesday, February 17th
Night of Worship with Eucharistic Adoration
Fr. Alan Thomas

All gatherings and Mass are held at 7PM
St. Michael Church, Hollidaysburg - 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
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

712 Allegheny St
Hollidaysburg PA

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