

*******PARISH OFFERINGS*******
January 20, 2019

Regular Offertory-----	\$685.30
Monthly Offering-----	\$130.00
Parish Share-----	\$35.00
Building Fund-----	\$10.00
Initial Offering-----	\$20.00
St. Anthony School Programs-----	\$450.00

Total Collection - \$1,330.30 Total Expenses - \$455.34
 (Electric Bill - \$446.04)

ALMOST THERE

Saint Michael Parish has worked hard to fulfill the debt to the Diocese. Saint Michael Parish through our On Mission to the Church Alive Campaign and other generosities to the parish was able to pay \$162,876.77 on the debt of \$176,698.34. Currently our debt is \$13,821.58. There is \$34,494.47 in our Parish Savings. Thank you for your generosity.

Other Great News is that our 2018 Parish Share Goal of \$19,097.00 has been met.

Retreat for High School Youth age 15 and older --- Reconnect or go deeper with God through prayer and the sacraments, and make new friends from all over the USA! **February 15-18** (Presidents Day weekend) at Catholic Familyland just west of Steubenville, OH. Speakers include: Fr. Wolfgang Seitz, ORC, and St. Maria Gianna Thornby, DLJC. Early registration discounts through January 31st. For more information, visit AFC.org/Duc-in-Altum-Youth-Retreats/

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MASS SCHEDULE

Tuesday: 8:30 a.m.
 Saturday: 4:00 p.m.
 Sunday: 11:00 a.m.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday: 3:15 – 3:40 p.m.

BAPTISMS

Sunday by appointment after attending a Pre-Baptism Seminar

MARRIAGES

The Diocese of Pittsburgh requires the scheduling of a wedding six months prior to the wedding date.

PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Every person wishing to be a member of the parish must register by calling the parish office. A letter to serve as a Sponsor for Baptism or Confirmation can be issued only to registered and participating parishioners who meet sponsorship eligibility.

RELIGIOUS ED CLASSES: Classes are held during the school year for grades K-8 in the CCD Building every Sunday morning from 9:30 am to 10:45 am... For more information, call Barb Humensky, 724-587-0101.

DIOCESAN ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-808-1235
PA CLERGY SEX ABUSE HOTLINE: 1-888-538-8541



2019

JANUARY 27, 2019 – THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

*******MASS INTENTIONS*******

Saturday, January 26, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation
4:00 pm – ANN & PAUL SEAMAN – Ann Margaret & family

Sunday, January 27, 2019 – **THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
11:00 am – DOMINIC ESPOSTO – McKeever, Varga & Senko

Tuesday, January 29, 2019 – Weekday
8:30 am – IDA “EDIE” CECCHINI – Pete & Jean Pleska

Saturday, February 2, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation
4:00 pm – LEO CANTWELL – Mike Kancel

Sunday, February 3, 2019 – Fourth Sunday of Ordinary Time
11:00 am – MARY FERRARI – Jim & Mary Ann Tranquill

*******MISSION STATEMENT*******

St. Michael’s is a rural church made up of God’s faithful people made extraordinary by being chosen by Jesus to share in his mission, we welcome all as we participate each week in the Eucharist.

LITURGICAL ROLES: Feb. 2/3(Sat/Sun):

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>
4 PM	???	A. Yukevich	J. Brinsky
11 AM	Eli	J. Bebo	G. Koenig

PARISH EVENTS:

- Jan. 29 (Tues)** – Reporting Session, 6:30-8:00 pm @ St. Alphonsus Social Hall;
- Feb. 1 (Fri)** – Public Rosary @ 9 AM @ Legion Memorial;
- Feb. 5 (Tues)** – Pre-Baptism Class @ 7 PM in St. Michael Church hall;
- Feb. 10 (Sun)** – Youth Group, 6-8 PM in Church Hall;



You are Christ’s Body and Individually Parts of It – The image of the Church as the Bod of Christ is described in great detail by Saint Paul in today’s second reading. His words should inspire us as we come to understand that, no matter our gifts, we contribute to the life of the Church and work of making Christ known to the world. His words should also console us to know that we do not suffer alone. When any one member of the Body of Christ is hurting or in distress, the entire Church and her people are there to share in their pain and support them as they are strengthened. At the same time, to understand the Church as a Body, a unity of many and varied parts, is a challenge to us. There is a tension between what I want and what is good for me, and what is good for another and for all. As we continue our journey *On Mission for The Church Alive!* our goal is to strengthen and grow the Church as the Body of Christ. That means each of us should seek to be strengthened in faith, hope and love, too. Each of us has a role to play in making the Church ever more alive!

ATTENTION GRADES 8 –12:

We will be going on a Catholic Heart Work Camp mission trip to Steubenville, OH, from July 14-19. This is an opportunity to serve the needy, grow in your faith, make new friends, and have a ton of fun. For more info, go to www.heartworkcamp.com<<http://www.heartworkcamp.com>>. For more details, please contact Fr. Zach at 724-947-3363 or zgaliyas@diopitt.org.

If any adults with clearances are interested in chaperoning the mission trip, please contact Fr. Zach at 724-947-3363 or zgaliyas@diopitt.org.

BAPTISM CLASS:

The next baptism class for our parish grouping will be 7 pm on Tuesday, Feb. 5, in the basement of St. Michael’s Church. To attend, you must register ahead of time by contacting Ms. Carmela Galloway at 724-695-7325 or stcolumbilleparish@comcast.net. This class is for those who belong to any of our six parishes and are baptizing their first child.

2018 CONTRIBUTION STATEMENTS ARE AVAILABLE IN THE GATHERING SPACE.

RETROUVALLE: A Lifeline For Married Couples ... Weekend of February 1st. Couples seeking help can obtain confidential information by calling 412-277-3434.

Bridgeville/Cecil Grouping will host a weekend marriage preparation program on Friday, February 8th from 6 – 9:30 pm and Saturday, February 9th – 8:30 am – 7 pm at St. Mary's Church, Cecil, PA. Couples planning to be married in the Church must first attend marriage preparation or "pre-cana" classes. Cost is \$60 per couple; includes materials and meals. Call 412-221-5213 to register.

ADDICTION RECOVERY MINISTRY (A.R.M.)

A.R.M. is being established as a ministry that will provide support, encouragement and paths to recovery for suffering addicts/alcoholics and those who love them. This ministry will be anchored at the Pope John Paul I Center in Sharpsburg. A support team will be available to reach out to the suffering and the loved ones of the suffering addict/alcoholic. A.R.M. will also come to any parish to provide information, prayer, and education. The public implementation of A. R. M. will take place on Sunday, February 10, 2019, with a 2:30 PM Anointing Mass celebrated by Bishop Zubik at St. Paul Cathedral. Pray for the support of this ministry.

Knights of Columbus Council #3440 will sponsor a **Novena for Life** at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Avella, PA., for 9 days straight at 6:30 pm starting January 22 and ending January 30, 2019. Come and pray the Rosary with us for the protection of the Unborn Innocents. Questions? Contact Christopher Scott: 724-356-6253. kofc.org/joinus.

Mark the Date.....13th Gathering of Catholic Men, Saturday, April 6th, at Soldiers & Sailors Memorial Hall, 4141 Fifth Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15213. For more information go to info@cmfpitt.org.

Updates....Please notify the parish office with any updates, changes, etc. with parishioner's census. Thank-you!

MESSAGE FROM FATHER HARRY

Happy 2019! We have completed three months as Grouping 329. I want to thank everyone for their prayers, cooperation, friendliness and support. All phone lines ring (after office hours) to the same answering service. You can call any Parish number to have a priest contacted in an emergency. Non-Urgent messages are shared by e-mail the next day. (Every so often a phone does not forward the calls and the phone just rings). In that case, just call the number of another parish in the grouping 329. I want to thank the members of the Pastoral and Financial Councils. We have met a few times last year; we have participated in two work sessions on January 5 and 12. All are invited to a Reporting Session about Pastoral Life and Finances at Saint Alphonsus Hall, 219 W.Lincoln Avenue, McDonald, PA 15057 on Tuesday, January 29 from 6:30-8:00 pm. The third working session for all council members is on Saturday, February 23 from 1:00-2:30 pm at Saint Alphonsus. The second reporting session (Open to All) will be Tuesday, March 19 from 6:30-8:00 pm at Saint Alphonsus Hall. Finally, Weather and Parking. We had our first substantial snow fall on a weekend. I thank everyone for their hard work and efforts to keep everyone safe. Everyone does a great job to find a parking space at the six parishes. Many have attended other Churches. I remind everyone to be respectful and considerate in parking. I ask all to pay attention to fire hydrants, stop signs, roadways, driveways, mail boxes, yards, sidewalks and people. It is also important to remember that emergency equipment needs access to our churches at all times. Thanks again for all that you do.

MAGNIFICAT PITTSBURGH PRAYER BREAKFAST – Ladies, come to the Magnificat Pittsburgh prayer breakfast on February 9th, from 9 am to Noon at the Double Tree by Hilton, Cranberry Twp. Cost of the breakfast is \$23. To register, call Kay, 724-772-6749 or Pam, 412-461-8906 or go to www.magnificatpittsburgh.org. Registration deadline is Feb. 1st.

High School Silent Retreat – Have you ever allowed God to speak to you through silence? High school men, give God the chance to speak directly to your heart at the High School Silent Retreat, held February 9-10 at Martina Spiritual Renewal Center. It will include Mass, adoration, dynamic talks, and solid brotherhood. No cost. To register, visit PGHPriest.com by January 25.

