

*******PARISH OFFERINGS*******
January 13, 2019

Regular Offertory-----	\$983.00
Monthly Offering-----	\$156.00
Parish Share-----	\$65.00
Building Fund-----	\$20.00
Votive Lights-----	\$20.00
Initial Offering-----	\$65.00
St. Anthony School Programs-----	\$106.00

Total Collection - \$1,415.00 Total Expenses - \$2,021.66
 (Gas bill \$1,558.44; Elevator Maintenance Contract \$310.84)

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 20, 2019 – SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday, January 19, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation
4:00 pm – MARY MIDLER – Son, Tom & Midler families

Sunday, January 20, 2019 – **SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
11:00 am – DAVID DRYER – Classmates

Tuesday, January 22, 2019 – Day of Prayer for Legal Protection of the Unborn
8:30 am – ADA LONICK – Joe & Kay Danna

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

*******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: Jan. 26/27(Sat/Sun):

	<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>
4 PM		M. Delph	J. Pleska
11 AM	Rowyn & Amaia	C. Scott	G. Koenig

PARISH EVENTS:

Feb. 5 (Tues) – Pre-Baptism Class @ 7 PM in St. Michael Church hall;



To Each Individual the Manifestations of the Spirit is Given for Some Benefit – Last weekend, as we celebrated the Baptism of Jesus in the Jordan River, we also had an opportunity to reflect on our own Baptism. Through Baptism we are washed clean of Original Sin and enter into the life of grace through the gift of the Holy Spirit. And it doesn't end there! In Confirmation we receive the fullness of God's Spirit and are sent forth into the world as instruments of his life and love. Yet, while we are united in the Spirit of God as his children, we are not robots who all speak the same words or who do identical deeds in God's name. Instead, as Saint Paul reminds us in today's second reading, each one of us shared uniquely in the gifts of the Spirit so that we might fulfill God's unique will for us. The journey of our life of faith must then include discerning the gifts that God has given us and how he wants us to use them. This is an important part of the *On Mission for The Church Alive!* initiative. If each one of us has been endowed with spiritual gifts in what ways can we use them to enliven the Church? Spend a few moments in prayer this week and ask the Lord to help you know the gifts the Spirit as bestowed upon you and how you are being called to share them.

ATTENTION GRADES 9 –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.

RETROUVILLE: 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.

Local Knights of Columbus Council to Sponsor Youth Free Throw Championship Competition – All boys and girls ages 9-14 are invited to participate in the local level of competition for the 2019 Knights of Columbus Free Throw Championship. The local competition will be held **January 26, 2019 at 11:00 AM until 12:30 PM**. Registration begins at **10:00 AM** at the **Avella Senior High School Gymnasium**, at 1000 Avella Rd., Avella, PA 15312. Contact Chris Scott @ 724-356-6253 or ghmeese@hotmail.com. For more information.

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.

