

*******PARISH OFFERINGS*******
February 10, 2019

Regular Offertory-----	\$1,124.00
Monthly Offering-----	\$206.00
Parish Share-----	\$141.00
Building Fund-----	\$49.00
Votive Lights-----	\$125.00
Initial Offering-----	\$10.00

Total Collection - \$1,655.00 Total Expenses - \$1,321.67
(Payroll \$500.59; Insurance - \$588.13)

Thank you for your continued generosity and support to your parish.

PARISH GROUPING WEBSITE

Our parish grouping now has a new website! The address is www.grouping329.org
It has easy to find information on all the latest happenings of our parishes, as well as other great Catholic content. Make sure to check it out!

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

CHURCH ENVELOPES

Weekly offertory Church envelopes will be delivered to your parish church if you attend Mass at another church. If you write a check make it payable to your parish church.

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

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Weekend Mass Help – Fr. James McDonough

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

FEBRUARY 17, 2019 – SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

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

Saturday, February 16, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation
4:00 pm – MARIE FRANK – John B. DiBacco

Sunday, February 17, 2019 – **SIXTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**
11:00 am – DOMINIC ESPOSTO – Rich & Sherry LiConti

Tuesday, February 19, 2019 – Weekday
8:30 am – WILLIAM CAVARZAN – Jerry & Colleen Stefkovich

Saturday, February 23, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation
4:00 pm – MARY E. FUSARELLI – Larry & Sandy Lis

Sunday, February 24, 2019 – Seventh Sunday of Ordinary Time
11:00 am – MARY ELLEN STRITZINGER - Joanne, Dink, Marlene & family

*******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. 23/24(Sat/Sun):

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

PARISH EVENTS:

- Mar. 1 (Fri)** – Public Rosary @ 9 AM @ the Legion Memorial;
- Mar. 5 (Tues)** – Christian Mothers meeting @ 6 PM in church hall;
- Mar. 6 (Wed)** – Ash Wednesday (see bulletin for times);
- Mar. 9 (Sat)** – Confirmation Retreat @ St. Ann’s from 9 AM to 3 PM;



Rejoice and Be Glad: Your Reward Will Be Great in Heaven – What is it that we live for? What are the motivations of our thoughts, our words, our actions, our entire lives? Is it something in this life – accomplishment, knowledge, wealth, power, prestige? Or is it something else, like heaven and our eternal reward? As Christians, there are countless references in Sacred Scripture and in the teachings from every generation of the Church that remind us that we were not made for this world. For instance, in the First Book of Chronicles, King David prays, “For before you we are strangers and travelers, like all our ancestors. Our day on earth are like a shadow, without a future.” (1 Chr 29:15) That means that we are made for something more, the greatest thing, life for ever with God in heaven. However, it does not mean that we can just sit back and enjoy the ride here, as if heaven is a given. Rather, as Jesus reminds us in the Beatitudes in today’s Gospel, we must put ourselves and our wants aside and instead live for God and others. *On Mission for The Church Alive!* seeks to provide for the good of the Church so that, in building up the Kingdom of God here on earth, we can be welcomed home to God’s Kingdom in heaven. Visit **onmissionchurchalive.org**.

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.

The next event for the parish grouping’s high school youth group is next Sunday, Feb. 24, from 6pm – 8 pm at St. Ann’s Parish Hall.

BAPTISM CLASS:

The next baptism class for our parish grouping will be Mon., Mar. 4th, 7:00 pm, at St. Columbkille, in the classroom located in the bottom floor of the rectory. To attend, you must register ahead of time by contacting Ms. Carmela Galloway at 724-695-7325 or stcolumbhillparish@comcast.net. This class is for those who belong to any of our six parishes and are baptizing their first child.

MEN OF GROUPING 329 – SAVE THE DATE!

The 13th annual Gathering of Catholic Men has been set for April 6, at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland. Plan to attend and visit www.cmf pitt.org<<http://www.cmf pitt.org>> for more information on conference speakers and registration.

CONFIRMATION 2019: Bishop David Zubik will celebrate a 12 (noon) Mass on Sunday, May 5th, 2019 at Our Lady of Lourdes in Burgettstown. Our Confirmation Candidates from the six parishes in Grouping 329 will receive the Sacrament of Confirmation.

CEMETERY CLEANUP –The Catholic Cemeteries Association will be conducting the Annual Cemetery Cleanup during the month of March. Please note that all Christmas items will be removed from all graves during the cleanup. Please remove items you wish to keep prior to March 1st. Thank you for your cooperation! It is greatly appreciated.

ASH WEDNESDAY – MARCH 6

Ashes will be distributed after the Homily in the Mass or Prayer Service

6:45 am Mass – Saint Patrick – Oakdale

8:00 am Mass – Saint Alphonsus – McDonald

8:00 am Mass – Saint Columbkille – Imperial

8:30 am Mass – Our Lady of Lourdes – Burgettstown

10:30 am Mass – Saint Michael – Avella

11:00 am Service – Saint Columbkille – Imperial

12:00 Noon Service – Saint Patrick – Oakdale

12:00 Noon Service – Our lady of Lourdes – Burgettstown

4:00 pm Service – Saint Alphonsus – McDonald

4:00 pm Service – Saint Michael – Avella

6:30 pm Mass – Saint Patrick – Oakdale

7:00 pm Mass – Saint Ann – Bulger

7:00 pm Mass – Our Lady of Lourdes – Burgettstown

7:15 pm Mass – Saint Columbkille – Imperial

LENTEN REGULATIONS

Ash Wednesday and **Good Friday** are days of **fast and abstinence**. The **Fridays of Lent** are days of abstinence in the United States.

The obligation of abstinence (refraining from eating meat) begins at the age of 14. The law of fasting (limiting oneself to one full meal and two lighter meals) obliges all between the ages of 18-59. No one should consider this obligation lightly.

Those individuals who have a medical condition in which fasting may be considered harmful are not obliged to fast, but should perform some other act of penance or charity.

Pastors and parents are to see to it that minors, though not bound by the law of fast and abstinence, are educated in the authentic sense of penance and encouraged to do acts of penance suitable to their age.

All members of the Christian Faithful are encouraged to do acts of penance and charity during the Lenten season beyond what is prescribed by the law.

As a general rule, a request for a dispensation from the obligation of abstinence on Fridays of Lent will not be considered unless some serious reason is present. The attendance at social events, banquets, wedding rehearsals or receptions, or funeral wakes are not considered sufficient reason to request a dispensation.

PIEROGIE SALE – St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Avella will be selling Potato Pierogies on Saturday, February 23rd from 11:00 am to 1:00 pm. The cost is \$7.00 a dozen.

