

\*\*\*\*\*PARISH OFFERINGS\*\*\*\*\*

March 3, 2019

Regular Offertory-----	\$1,559.00
Parish Share-----	\$170.00
Easter Flowers-----	\$10.00
Votives-----	\$21.00
<b>Total Collection - \$1,760.00</b>	<b>Total Expenses - \$2,894.38</b>

(Payroll & Benefits - \$1,757.44; Pittsburgh Catholic – \$137.79; Postage - \$12.94; Telephone - \$266.21; Food Safety Certification Class - \$720.00)

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

**BAPTISM CLASS:**

The next baptism class for our parish grouping will be Sat., Apr. 13<sup>th</sup>, 1:00pm, at Our Lady of Lourdes, in the parish hall. To attend, you must register ahead of time by contacting Ms. Carmela Galloway at 724-695-7325 or [stcolumbhillparish@comcast.net](mailto: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 – MARK THE DATE!**

The 13<sup>th</sup> annual Gathering of Catholic Men has been set for April 6, at Soldiers and Sailors Memorial Hall in Oakland. Doors open at noon and program begins at 1 pm. For more information go to [www.cmpitt.org](http://www.cmpitt.org)<<http://www.cmpitt.org>>

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

**PRAYER LIST:** If you would like to have a name put on a prayer list, please contact the church office (724-587-3570) or email us at [stmike@hky.com](mailto:stmike@hky.com).

**Group 329 Music Ministry** is looking to form a combined choir to sing the Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, April 20<sup>th</sup>. Rehearsals will be held in the St. Alphonsus Choir Loft on Thursday evenings at 7 PM beginning March 14<sup>th</sup>.

**SAINT MICHAEL PARISH**

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**Administrator: Fr. Harry Bielewicz**  
**Parochial Vicar: Fr. Zachary Galiyas**  
Weekend Mass Help – Fr. Ben Vaghetto  
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**



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**MARCH 10, 2019 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

\*\*\*\*\***MASS INTENTIONS**\*\*\*\*\*

**Saturday, March 9, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation**

**4:00 pm – DOLORES V. SPROWLS – Cheryl Warco**

**Sunday, March 10, 2019 – FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT**

**11:00 am – WILLIAM L. CECCHINI – Lee & Melanie Cecchini**

**Tuesday, March 12, 2019 – Lenten Weekday**

**8:30 am – LENA WASIK - August Wasik**

**Wednesday, March 13, 2019 – Lenten Weekday**

**4:00 pm – Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation**

**4:00 pm – ANDY MINDA – Joseph A. Minda**

**Sunday, March 17, 2019 – Second Sunday of Lent**

**11:00 am – DOMINIC ESPOSTO – Rick Esposito & 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: Mar. 16/17(Sat/Sun):**

<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>
4 PM ???	P. Pleska	J. Brinsky
11 AM Eli	C. Scott	B. Humensky

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Mar. 13 (Wed) – Stations of the Cross @ 4:00 PM;**

**Mar. 19 (Tues.) – Reporting Session, 6:30-8:00 pm, St. Alphonsus Social Hall;**

**Open to All.**



**Be With Me, Lord –** As we begin our Lenten journey we take upon ourselves those traditional disciplines of prayer, fasting and almsgiving/good works in order that we might be opened, freed from any attachment to sin and ever more trusting in the God’s grace. We know that Lent is not always easy. With the best of intentions and with firm resolve we devote ourselves to doing without something or increasing time spent in prayer or doing works of charity. Yet, the temptations also seem to increase that seeks to draw us back into our old ways. The goal of our Lenten journey is not simply that we have more time spent in prayer or less time spent doing those things that keep us from God. Rather, we must also work hard during Lent to incorporate faith into every aspect and every countless moments he is at work for us, or the refrain from today’s psalm, “Be with me, Lord,” when we recognize we cannot do it alone, we will draw closer to the Lord as we seek to be strengthened and play our part in building up His Kingdom. 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)<<http://www.heartworkcamp.com>>. For more details, please contact Fr. Zach at 724-947-3363 or [zgaliyas@diopitt.org](mailto: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](mailto:zgaliyas@diopitt.org).

**Coming Together as One: Grouping 329**  
**REPORTING SESSION at St. Alphonsus Social Hall**  
**Save the Date: Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**Mark the time: 6:30 PM – 8:00 Pm**

What happens in a Reporting Session: You can:

- Hear the latest news about our grouping
- Offer to serve on a committee (your gifts are needed!)
- Meet fellow parishioners – both old friends and new

RVSP? No need! Are you wondering if you should attend? Could be a nudge from the Holy Spirit to come!

“Now you are Christ’s body, and individually parts of it”

1 Cor 12:27

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS  
COUNCIL 3440  
40 CANS FOR LENT CAMPAIGN**

Help fight hunger by planning to give at least 40 cans of food during this Lenten season. This Lenten Project begins on Ash Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> and will end on Easter Sunday. Your donated cans of food are to be deposited in the box in the gathering space. These items will be donated to the Avella Food Bank.

**MOVIE KNIGHT**

Knights of Columbus Council #3440 will present a Movie Knight on Saturday, March 23, 2019 at 7:00 PM at St. John the Baptist Byzantine Catholic Church in Avella. Our feature is "The Greatest Story Ever Told."

Rated: G. Suitable for all audiences. Admission is Free\*. Concessions will be available. Please bring a cushion for your comfort as the seats are folding chairs and are hard. \*Donations are accepted to continue the ministry of the Knights of Columbus" Parish Catechetical Initiative.

**Learn About Marriage Annulments:** Divorced Catholics and everyone else who may be interested in learning about the annulment process are welcome to attend a free workshop with Jay Conzemius, JCL, Tribunal Director and Judge. No reservations are required, but if you do plan to attend please email [AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org](mailto:AnnulmentsIntake@diopitt.org) or call 412-456-3033. The presentation is scheduled on Thur., Apr 11 – Saint Barbara, Bridgeville, Saint Barbara Hall in Bridgeville.

**Widowed, Separated or Divorced?** The **Beginning Experience** weekend, March 29-31, 2019, is intended to help work through the grief and begin to move forward with their lives. For more information, please call Mary at 412-523-2405 or Rob 412-584-5575.

You're invited to shop at Franciscan University Bookstore and receive a 25% discount when you mention this invitation during the week of March 11-15<sup>th</sup>. Please call 740-283-3771 for more information.

**STATIONS OF THE CROSS**

**Grouping 329**

Our Lady of Lourdes, Saint Alphonsus, Saint Ann, Saint Columbkille, Saint Michael, Saint Patrick

**Wednesday 4:00 pm Saint Michael – Avella  
March 13, 20, 27, April 3, 10, 17**

Friday 11:30 am Saint Patrick – Oakdale  
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

Friday 4:00 pm Saint Ann – Bulger  
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

Friday 7:00 pm Our Lady of Lourdes – Burgettstown  
Saint Alphonsus – McDonald  
Saint Columbkille – Imperial  
March 8, 15, 22, 29, April 5

Friday April 12

All (All six Parishes) are invited to Saint Alphonsus, McDonald at 7 pm to pray the Stations of the Cross together.

**PALMS:** Please bring in your old palms and place them in the box in the gathering space.

**CCD :** The students are collecting old greeting cards. Please place the cards in the box in the gathering space. (Any greeting cards other than Christmas.)



## **OUR PARISH GROUPING NOW HAS A NEW WEBSITE!**

The Address is [www.grouping329.org](http://www.grouping329.org)

Are you looking for a quick and easy way to enhance your experience of Lent? Check out our parish grouping's website! The home page now offers brief reflections by Bishop Robert Barron that will be updated daily throughout the Lenten season.

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.....





