

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

March 24, 2019

Regular Offertory-----	\$1,086.35
Parish Share-----	\$242.19
Easter Flowers-----	\$155.00
Votives-----	\$8.00
Sacramental Offering-----	\$25.00
Campaign for Human Development-----	\$100.00
<b>Total Collection - \$1,616.54</b>	<b>Total Expenses - \$994.55</b>
(Payroll -\$419.85, Internet - \$47.99, Electric Bill - \$374.71, Sewage \$122.00, Confirmation Retreat \$30.00)	

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 [stcolumbilleparish@comcast.net](mailto:stcolumbilleparish@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>>

**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. Please consider sharing your talent with others as we “Sing a Joyful Song Unto the Lord.”

St. Columbkille Holy Name Society will be sponsoring a **Seven Church Walk** on Holy Thursday, April 18. The bus will leave from St. Alphonsus, in McDonald, after the 7 pm Mass, and travel to seven different churches for prayers and meditation. Sign up for the bus by calling St. Columbkille, 724-695-7325. There will be a limit of 50 people. Deadline is April 12.

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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**



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**MARCH 31, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

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

**Saturday, March 30, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation**

**4:00 pm – JEFF DIAMOND – Jan Geresti**

**Sunday, March 31, 2019 – FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT**

**11:00 am – MARTHA SCOTT – Christopher, Melanie & Rowyn Scott**

**Tuesday, April 2, 2019 – Lenten Weekday**

**8:30 am – EDWARD JOSEPH NOGA – Darlene & Bill Bertovich**

**Wednesday, April 3, 2019 – Lenten Weekday**

**4:00 pm – Stations of the Cross**

**Saturday, April 6, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation**

**4:00 pm – LEO CANTWELL – Mike Kancel**

**Sunday, April 7, 2019 – Fifth 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: Apr. 6/7(Sat/Sun):**

<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>
<b>4 PM</b> ???	P. Pleska	J. Pleska
<b>11 AM</b> Rowyn & Gracie	C. Scott	G. Koenig

**PARISH EVENTS:**

**Apr. 3 (Wed) – Stations of the Cross @ 4 PM;**

**Apr. 3 (Wed) – Christian Mother’s meeting @ 6 PM;**

**Apr. 5 (Fri) – Public Rosary @ 9 AM @ Legion Memorial;**



**We Are Ambassadors for Christ** – When reflecting on faith we often consider the importance of trust. This reflection is typically focused on our need to trust in God and not to worry or be anxious about anything. However, we cannot forget all that God has entrusted to us as his beloved children. He has given us life and gifts and talents and trusts that we will use them for the good of others in fulfillment of his will. In light of

this, we should take to heart Saint Paul’s words in today’s second reading: “so we are ambassadors for Christ, as if God were appealing through us, “Aware of all that God has entrusted to us we become his representatives in the world, reflecting his light and love through our words and deeds. *On Mission for The Church Alive!* becomes our opportunities to be Christ’s representatives in our parishes, our communities and beyond as he entrusts all of us with the task of building up the Church. As we work to have our hearts transformed and strengthened this Lent may the result be our ever-faithful witness to God’s life at work in us. Visit [onmissionchurchalive.org](http://onmissionchurchalive.org) to learn more.

**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.

**WOUNDED WARRIORS CHICKEN ROAST**

The Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a Chick Roast to benefit the Wounded Warriors of Western PA on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> from 12-5 p.m. at the Knights of Columbus Pavilion in Burgettstown. Cost is \$12 per dinner (1/2 chicken, baked potato, salad, roll & dessert). Tickets must be purchased by April 22<sup>nd</sup> by calling Mark Galish at 724-947-5181.

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We extend our condolences to the family of **Joseph “Smokey” Yamber**, who was buried from St. Michael Parish last week. May he rest in peace in the kingdom of God. May his family and friends know the faithfulness of Christ’s love.

### ATTENTION GRADES 8-12

On Sunday, April 28, the high school youth group will attend a diocesan youth event, "Called by Name," at St. Paul Seminary in Carnegie. Join teens from all over the diocese for Mass, dinner, praise and worship music, dynamic talks, and Adoration. We will leave from St. Patrick's at 3:30 pm and return at 9:00 pm. Please rsvp to [zgaliyas@diopitt.org](mailto:zgaliyas@diopitt.org) or 724-695-7325 by Wednesday, April 24. Permission forms can be printed from the parish website.

Check out the new youth group webpage! Go to [www.grouping329.org](http://www.grouping329.org), and look under the ministries tab.

### "COMING TOGETHER AS ONE"

**Do you have gifts for Hospitality? for Evangelization? Your gifts are needed as we move forward in our vineyard! We're forming teams to serve in these ministries: "Welcome to Our Church" – help host tours of each of our churches, offices, & meeting spaces.**

**Evangelization Team – outreach to make disciples for Jesus Christ**

**Volunteer Recruitment – gathering those with gifts to serve.**

**We invite you to dream BIG – Your gifts are needed! Pray about how God is calling you to help "build up the body." Contact Sharon Serratore at [ministry329@gmail.com](mailto:ministry329@gmail.com) or 412-983-7710.**

**Did you know????**

**Among our 6 churches, 44 students – from Pre-K to high school – are enrolled in local Catholic schools! We're grateful for the sacrifices our parents make to send their children to Catholic schools! God bless ALL of our parish students!**

**Anyone who missed the Grouping 329 Reporting Session but would like to know what was discussed can find the minutes of the meeting on the parish grouping website, under the "news" section.**

**"Ladies of the 6" Road Trip...** Inviting ladies of our 6 churches to a Festival of Praise at Franciscan University, Saturday, April 6. Starts at 7 and lasts til about 8:45 PM. **Contemporary Christian music – Witness talk – Eucharistic Procession.** We'll meet in the parking lot of Our Lady of Lourdes and carpool out at 6:30 sharp. Contact Sharon Serratore if you're coming! 412-983-7710 or [ministry329@gmail.com](mailto:ministry329@gmail.com)

**The Second Collection this weekend** is the Catholic Campaign for Human Development, Catholic Home Missions Appeal, National Collection for Black and Indian Missions. Please be as generous as your means allow.

**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.

### THE LIGHT IS STILL ON FOR YOU!

*"The Light is Still on for You!"* is an initiative of the Diocese of Pittsburgh to encourage Catholics to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. Confession is a wonderful opportunity to set aside our sinful ways and to draw closer to our Lord. Confession will be available on **Wednesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>**, in every Catholic parish in the Diocese. The following is Grouping 329's list of times/priests when the Sacrament of Reconciliation/Penance confessions will be offered:

#### 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Saint Ann  
Saint Patrick

Fr. Zach Galiyas  
Fr. James McDonough  
Fr. Ben Vaghetto

#### 6:00 PM – 8:00 PM

Saint Alphonsus  
Saint Columbkille  
Saint Michael

Fr. John Gudewicz  
Fr. Richard Wesoloski  
Fr. Harry Bielewicz

### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

**Wednesday, April 3<sup>rd</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. @ St. Michael**

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 11:30 a.m. @ St. Patrick

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 4:00 p.m. @ St. Ann

Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup> @ 7:00 p.m. @ Our Lady of Lourdes, St. Alphonsus, St. Columbkille





