

*****PARISH OFFERINGS*****

March 31, 2019

Regular Offertory-----	\$2,221.00
Parish Share-----	\$275.00
Easter Flowers-----	\$70.00
Votives-----	\$42.00
Easter Offering-----	\$30.00
Campaign for Human Development-----	\$478.35
Food Safety Cert. Reimb.-----	\$75.00
Holy Land-Good Friday-----	\$15.00
Total Collection - \$3,206.35	Total Expenses - \$2,577.46

(Payroll -\$1876.44; Travel Expense - \$298.22; Phone Bill - \$266.91; Bookkeeping Service - \$74.00; Pgh. Catholic - \$61.89)

March Recap: Income - \$7,140.35; Expenses - \$9,506.19

WE WELCOME Sharon Serratore as Pastoral Associate for our grouping of parishes. Some of you have met Sharon at parish gatherings already: the Reporting Sessions, our Fish Frys and pierogi-making. Sharon can be reached at ministry329@gmail.com or for those with no email, please reach her at St. Alphonsus parish office, 724-926-2984. *Welcome Sharon!!*

BAPTISM CLASS:

The next baptism class for our parish grouping will be Sat., Apr. 13th, 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. This class is for those who belong to any of our six parishes and are baptizing their first child.

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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APRIL 7, 2019 – FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

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

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 Esposto & family

Tuesday, April 9, 2019 – Lenten Weekday

8:30 am – HAROLD STRITZINGER – Sandy & Don Burdick

Wednesday, April 10, 2019 - Lenten Weekday

4:00 pm – Stations of the Cross

Saturday, April 13, 2019 – Vigil Mass for Sunday Obligation

4:00 pm – FRANK KUBACKI – Annie Chechuck

Sunday, April 14, 2019 – Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord

11:00 am – MARGE PASZKIEWICZ – 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: Apr. 13/14(Sat/Sun):

<u>Altar Servers</u>	<u>Lectors</u>	<u>Eucharistic Minister</u>
4 PM David H.	A. Yukevich & P. Pleska	J. Yukevich .
11 AM Eli	R. Cilia & M. Delph	C. Stefkovich

PARISH EVENTS:

Apr. 10 (Wed) – Stations of the Cross at 4:00 PM;

Apr. 10 (Wed) – Light is on for you –Confessions – 6-8PM;

Apr. 12 (Fri) – Group Stations @ St. Alphonsus at 7 PM;



Go, and From Now On Do Not Sin Any More – Jesus encounter with the woman in today's Gospel may be one of the most beautiful presented in the Scriptures. Jesus saves the woman from near certain death as the scribes and Pharisees are ready to stone her on account of her sins. Jesus stops them in their tracks as he says, "let the one among you who is without sin be the first to throw a stone at her." More

importantly, he works to transform her heart and her life through his words and actions of forgiveness, not condemnation. How encouraging it is to hear Jesus say, "neither do I condemn you. Go, and from now on do not sin any more." Those words are not meant only for that woman, but also for us. We hear Jesus speak those words in prayer as we turn to him for strength when we know we've done wrong. We also hear those words from the priest in Confession as our sins are forgiven and we are sent forth, "the Lord has freed you from your sins. Go in peace!" As we are restored to union with God in Reconciliation, and strengthened in the unity as we deepen our relationship with him, our unity with our sisters and brothers in the Body of Christ is also renewed. This unity can only serve us well as we journey together *On Mission for The Church Alive!* May we be inspired not to build each other up as we build up our Church. Visit onmissionchurchalive.org.

**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 6th 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 27th 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 22nd by calling Mark Galish at 724-947-5181.

2019 PARISH SHARE

Our Parish Share Obligation is \$17,678. To date we have collected \$1,063.19 or 6%.

ATTENTION GRADES 8-12

On Sunday, April 28, we're going to 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 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, and look under the ministries tab.

If any adults with clearances are interested in helping with youth ministry, please contact Fr. Zach at 724-947-3363 or zgaliyas@diopitt.org.

"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 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.

Thank you for your generous support last week for the collection for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development. As a parish, we raised \$591.35 to support those who live on the margins and in poverty in the United States.

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 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 10th**, 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

Friday, April 12th @ 7:00 p.m. @ St. Alphonsus – All 6 Parishes are Invited.

COMBINED CHOIR – Grouping 329 Combined Choir has rehearsals at St. Alphonsus Choir Loft on Thursday evenings at 7:00 p.m. They will sing at the Easter Vigil Mass at Our Lady of Lourdes on Saturday, April 20th. Please consider joining.

