

St. Michael Church
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Sunday, Sept. 17, 2023

St. Joseph Church
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St. Michael Mass Times:

Saturday: 5:30 P.M.
Sunday: 10:00 A.M.

Confessions:

Saturday: 2:00 P.M. - 2:30 P.M.

Adoration: Friday 8:00 A.M. - 5:00 P.M.

St. Joseph Mass Times:

Saturday: 4:00 P.M.
Sunday: 8:00 A.M.

Confessions:

Saturday: 3:15 P.M. - 3:45 P.M.

Adoration: Thursday 8:30AM -12:30 P.M.

St. Michael

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Welcome Newcomers

With great joy, we welcome you to our parish family. We invite you to call the Rectory to register.

Baptism

Please call the Rectory to make arrangements.
Baptismal preparation is required before
your first baby is baptized in the parish.

RCIA

Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults
is a process for those interested in
becoming Catholic or those
inquiring about the Church.
Please call the rectory.

Bulletin

Please have all bulletin items in the
parish rectory by Noon on Wednesday.

Matrimony

Make an appointment with Father before setting your date
of marriage at least six months in advance.

Anointing of the Sick

If you're approaching surgery or facing significant illness,
connect with Father to receive the Anointing of the Sick.
(a source of comfort and Spiritual renewal.)

Mass Schedule & Intentions Sept. 16 - Sept. 24, 2023

Saturday	9/16	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Sharon Cizerle Bill O'Toole
Sunday	9/17	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Madeline Yartz Propulo
Monday	9/18	No Mass	No Mass
Tuesday	9/19	5:30 PM (Arma)	† A.J. Cavanaugh
Wednesday	9/20	6:30 PM (Girard)	† Ruby Westhoff
Thursday	9/21	8:00 AM (Arma)	† Bryce Reese
Friday	9/22	7:30 AM (Girard)	† Daughters of Isabella
Saturday	9/23	4:00 PM (Arma) 5:30 PM (Girard)	† Helen Normand Clifford Bud Scales
Sunday	9/24	8:00 AM (Arma) 10:00 AM (Girard)	† Pro Populo Alice Davied

Dates of Importance

Sept. 17th: St. Aloysius Pig Roast
Sept. 19: CPR class in hall
Sept. 25: St. M. Altar Society Meeting
Oct. 1st: PSR Mass
Oct. 1st: Life Chain in Pitt.
Oct. 22: Turkey Bazaar

Prayer Chain (St. Michael)

To be a member of the prayer chain or to request prayers, contact Nancy Bauer. She can be contacted by, phone, text or email
Phone: 724-2051
Email: bauerbackes@yahoo.com

Prayer Chain (St. Joseph)

To be a member of the prayer chain or to request prayers, contact Bev Presley. She can be contacted by, phone, text or email
Phone: 620-704-7693
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Sunday Gospel Activities
for Sunday Mass/
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Altar Ministers for Next Weekend

Saturday (9/23)

4:00 PM

<u>Altar Servers</u>	Volunteers	Marli Sisney Gabby Graham AJ Trites
<u>EME</u>	Sharon Giacometti	Carrie Smith
<u>Lector</u>	Volunteer	Nancy Bauer
<u>Gifts</u>	Joe & Linda Broyles	Mark & Katy Karhoff family
<u>Ushers</u>	Pat Westhoff Volunteer	

5:30 PM

Sunday (9/24)

8:00AM

10:00 AM

Volunteers	Volunteers
Terry Cleland	Marilyn McCracken
Carol Cole	Michelle Puckett
Scott & Susie Aldrighetti	David & Anna Goble Family
Ron Black Joyce Klinkon	Bob Davied (Lead usher)

Special Prayer Request for Peter Graham (Son of Kristen and Doug Graham)

Peter, age 3.5 yrs. old, will start back up his chemotherapy treatment schedule this weekend (Sept 15-17) after several months on other treatments because of the life threatening infections he had last April and May during his induction phases to treat his ALL PH+ Leukemia. This stage will last 8 weeks and include 4 hospital stays. Please pray that Peter's body stays strong, his immune system doesn't drop, and that God gives Peter and his family strength and peace along his journey.

PSR REGISTRATION

For families new to the PSR program, the registration form can be accessed at bit.ly/stmichaelpsr. If you have any questions, contact Kristen Graham, Director of Religious Education, at (620) 875-6133.

**St. Michael Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$3,338.29	\$44,006.85
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$44,006.85

**St. Joseph Collections:**

	<u>Last Week</u>	<u>July 2023 to Date</u>
Contributions:	\$1,300	\$17,187
Expenses:	\$ -	\$ -
Over/(Under)		\$17,187

Food Pantry Donations

The food pantry is asking for donations of Hamburger Helper. We had several 1# packages of hamburger donated.

All donations can be left in the baskets in the Church entrance.

RCIA/Adult Ed. (St. Michael Hall)

Please contact the office if you are interested or have anyone that is non-Catholic, to contact the office, or if they might want to learn more about what the Catholic Church teaches. **Classes are being held every Thurs. @7:00PM.**

St. Aloysius Greenbush Day Pig Roast:

September 17th

Serving from 11:00am till 1:30pm

FREE WILL DONATION

Music, activities for the kids: horse rides, kiddie tractor pull, barrel train rides.

A great way to spend time with your family and enjoy yourselves.

CPR

Girard Medical Center will be hosting a CPR class in St. Michael hall on Tuesday, Sept. 19th at 6:00 PM. The parish will cover the cost for parishioners. Please sign up in the entrance of the church, so GMC can plan accord-

October 1st -The National Life Chain

This is the largest peaceful, prayerful, pro-life, public witness in the world.

More than 1500 cities across the US and Canada are expected to participate on Sunday, October 1.

You are invited to meet at 9th and Broadway in Pittsburg at 3:30 PM

Please save the date and plan to stand in support of all life!

Turkey Bazaar

It will be held on **Sunday, October 22**, at St. Michael Hall from 11:00am until the food runs out!

Tickets will be sold at the door only!

We have a sign-up sheet in the back of the church for you to sign-up for food and work areas.

St. Michael**Altar Society Meeting**

**Monday, September 25th
at St. Michael Hall
6:30 PM.**

PSR Mass / October 1st

All PSR students will be participating in our 10:00 A.M. Mass on Sunday Oct. 1.

The Altar Society will be serving donuts and coffee in the Hall after Mass. Also, the PSR classrooms will be open for parents to see.

We hope to see everyone there!

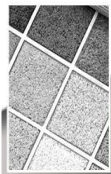
**Understanding the Mass (by Father Vacca)**

(#1) Mass begins with the Entrance procession in which the processional cross leads the way for the ministers to the sanctuary. This is normal for any church procession – to “lift high the cross” – and it reminds us of Our Lord’s advice to “take up your cross and follow me.”

There is to be a crucifix on or near the altar in every Catholic Church. It might be the processional cross that’s used or there may be one permanently fixed in the sanctuary as we have here. When the sanctuary crucifix is positioned where the priest cannot see it while he stands at the altar, often times a small crucifix is set on the altar just for the priest to have in view.

The reason for this custom and the Church’s rule is that the sacrifice taking place on the altar during Mass is the same sacrifice that Our Lord made on the cross – the gift of Himself so that we may live eternally. His sacrifice put an end to the need for any temple sacrifices because His is the most perfect sacrifice that of an unblemished lamb and a sacrifice of love. So we lift high the cross, so much did He love us.

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Two Days in September: Never Forget!

September and history come together at least twice in our nation's story--- once to strengthen an infant nation by designing a new form of government, a written U.S. Constitution, signed on September 17, 1787; the other, designed to destroy that nation 22 years ago last week on September 11, 2001, by foreign enemies. The first succeeded remarkably with a tenure of over 200 years and still thriving! The 2nd, an attempt to disrupt and eventually overthrow our government, did not succeed. We emerged from this three-pronged attack (NYC, Pentagon and Shanksville, Pa) on that day to see many of our attackers die or be imprisoned. Nearly 3000 Americans were killed on Sept. 11 and an equal number died in years following due to exposure to chemicals in the dust brought on by the collapse of the Twin Towers in New York City. On that day, hundreds of innocent people perished while a similar number of brave first responders marched into the burning towers!

What do you remember from that day? A sorrowing people? a lot of suffering? so many lives lost? Even today, invisible wounds appear such as hurting hearts, especially on this difficult anniversary. I recall where I was, feeding my dear mother breakfast and I'm certain that many of you can do the same. This was not a day to be a Democrat or a Republican. In the days that followed, we learned the hard way that we had to stand together as 'Americans' and the result was that 'Patriotism' began to reign from shore to shore in our land. We saw it at sporting events, during the times we stood to honor those who died in the Towers as well as first responders who risked their lives, and even scores of pickup trucks were seen everywhere with our flag waving from a makeshift pole! Other drivers honked when they saw someone waving a flag! A great foundation, Tunnel to Towers, was born from the tragedy of 9/11 to provide mortgage-free homes to Gold Star and fallen first responder families, as well as 'smart homes' for the catastrophically injured veterans, mainly to eradicate veteran homelessness. When asked by a reporter what these heroes would say if they could speak, Frank Siller, the founder of Tunnel to Towers, responded, "All I wanted was to do good and help those in need. I never expected this movement to grow so big! Our destiny is to take up the Cross of Our Maker and honor all of our 'heroes'" America changed on that day. It reshaped our thoughts about war and peace, and our own personal safety. We must remember that the 911 Era is still with us. We must stay prepared. Thousands of young people signed up for military duty. The Dept. of Homeland Security was formed after 9/11. The war on terror hasn't been won yet. This date has been seared in our memory and it remains a difficult date for many. We must remain united as a nation under God and stop the polarization of parties. This is a non-partisan issue and there is much common ground we can agree upon if we can remain level-headed.

Let us not minimize the significance of the 'other day' of September, the 17th, 1787, when our Founding Fathers signed our new government, the U.S. Constitution, in Philadelphia after four months of SECRET debate. (imagine that in 2023!). After many compromises and debates, this proposed Constitution was submitted to the 13 States for approval. By 1789, the States had agreed to it and General George Washington was chosen as our first President. This Constitution became the Supreme Law of the Land, along with the Bill of Rights, added in 1793, & other amendments. When I was in jr. high and perhaps before, the date was celebrated like we now commemorate Veterans Day. We've lost something along the way, perhaps old-fashioned patriotism, and the younger generations didn't always learn to reflect on how valuable our U.S. citizenship is. If you're in doubt of our good fortune, leave the country and visit most other places in the world. You won't find the freedoms we have in this nation. I'm talking even England, France or Italy---no comparison to the good old U.S. of A. You soon learn that 'you're not in Kansas anymore!' Take time to really think about this. The world envies us. Look at our southern border. Some tried to take us down. Sept. 11. Will they succeed the next time? It is up to all of us to thank God for our native born/or acquired citizenship.

---Marcel Normand