



Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish

85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125*(724)588-9800

**Second
Sunday
in
Lent**

Saint Margaret, Mission

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Saint Michael School

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**Sunday,
March
16,
2025**

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MASS TIMES

Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 am (*Saint Michael*)

First Saturday, 9:00 am (*Saint Michael*)

Saturday, 4:30 pm (*Saint Michael*)

Sunday, 8:00 am (*Saint Margaret*)

Sunday, 11:00 am (*Saint Michael*)

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STEWARDSHIP

First Sunday of Lent

\$17,823.88

CSA 2025

Pledged: \$60,935

Paid: \$30,520

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY
TO OUR PARISH!**

St. Michael Parish: In memory of Jack
Kalchthaler (\$235).

PARISH MEN'S GROUP

Our Lenten program continues on Thursday
with the video series titled

"No Greater Love- A Biblical Walk
Through Christ's Passion".

Narrated by Dr. Edward Sri, the video exam-
ines Old Testament prophecies, messianic
expectations, biblical symbolism, and histori-
cal context of this event. Join us at 6 AM in
McElhinny Hall-prior attendance is not
necessary.

40 CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus are again conducting
the annual "40 Cans For Lent" program during
the Lenten season. Please consider donating any
canned goods (vegetables, soups, fruit, sauces,
beans, peanut butter, tuna, chicken). Donations
will be given to the Good Shepherd food-bank
and to the Jamestown Food Pantry which is
distributed at St. Margaret Mission basement.

MASS INTENTIONS

TUESDAY, MARCH 18

Saint Cyril of Jerusalem
Sandi Stone (Anniv.) (Bob)

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 19

Saint Joseph
Joseph C. Bonaquist (Mary & Fran Roziak)

THURSDAY, MARCH 20

Lenten Weekday
Deceased Members of the Berger Family
(Helen Berger)

FRIDAY, MARCH 21

Lenten Weekday
Fred & Mary Kelley (Fred Kelley)

THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 22

4:30 PM For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 23

8:00 AM Grace Meyer (Tom & Shirley Patton)
11:00 AM Shawn Holzapfel (Family)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

March 16-31

Deceased Members of the Bonaquist Family (Sara)
Carol Moore (Robert W. Moore)

March 16-31 (St. Margaret)

Beth Yuriscic (Robert W. Moore)
Carol Moore (Robert W. Moore)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Susan Dunlap and J. Lawrence Fox, Jr. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

SERVERS SCHEDULE

Please check the Ministry Schedule sent out each month your schedule or check the printed copy in the sacristy above the altar server/EMHC sign in binder.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

- March 17:** Confessions 4:30-5:45 pm
Passon Play Rehearsals 6:00 pm
(Lateran Hall)
- March 18:** Confessions 11:30am – 12:30 am
Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00 pm
- March 19:** Confessions 8:00-9:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
(St. Margaret)
- March 20:** Confessions 9:30– 10:45am
Men's Group 6:00 am (McElhinny Hall)
- March 21:** Confessions 11:00-12:00 pm
Stations of the Cross 7:00 pm
Fish Fry 4:00-6:30 pm (K of C)
- March 22:** Confessions 3:00-4:00 pm

40 CLUB WINNERS– MARCH 5

\$100– Asner Allenbaum; \$100-Mimi McKenna;
\$50– Blanche Hawks.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER-SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST

Mark your calendar for the Father –Son Breakfast on April 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall at 171 Clarksville Rd. Greenville. Breakfast begins at 10 am in the Hall, Ryan Briggs, Sports Information Director at Grove City College and Radio Commentator is the speaker. Tickets are \$10 per person. Please contact Brian Bown at 724-813-8677 or Chuck Surano at 724-456-2315 for tickets.

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL PTO EVENTS

April 12-St. Michael School PTO presents Breakfast With The Easter Bunny from 9am- 1130 am in Lateran Hall. Public is welcome. Tickets are \$10.

April 13 - Palm Sunday Egg Hunt following the 11am Mass for school and parish families. Donations of candy are welcome. Drop off at Craft Show or the Gathering Space.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

This past week, the priests had one of our Days of Recollection at Cross Creek Resort in Titusville. For the last number of years, we've been having Fall and Lenten Days of Recollection as a presbyterate. Titusville is a good central location of the Diocese with a nice and private facility to have to ourselves. I'm the coordinator of those days, along with the Clergy Office at the Diocese. The days contain a keynote speaker, as well as lunch and supper, holy hour, and confessions. This week's keynote was Fr Singer (Chancellor) and Fr Baetzel (a native of Erie, now a Franciscan priest ministering in Columbus). They gave three really fascinating talks on the role of angels ministering to God and man, as well as the Enemy and how he and his demons work to oppose us and God. It was just a great summation of the theology of angels and demons, as well as the spiritual life and how we encounter and interact with both. One thing that struck me from their talks was that the sensationalized ideas of demons really is the exception, and not the ordinary means of their affecting us. Let me rephrase that. The stuff of demons and possessions we see in films, pop culture, or even in this age where exorcist podcasts and YouTube channels are puzzlingly popular presents to the viewer or listener a false sense of how the demons prefer to work and manifest. Temptations are the primary and ordinary way the enemy and his demons affect us. They remain hidden, and by leading us into sin, they can lead us to lose our salvation. Whereas the popularized and sensationalized ideas of possessions and needing exorcisms and all the drama that comes from that is incredibly rare and the possession of someone is not mortal sin. Possession (and, again, all the noise and craziness that may come from that) reveals the demon and makes it then subject to be cast back down to Hell. The demons don't want that, because if they get cast back down, I learned, they would be ridiculed and humiliated from the Enemy and the other demons for having been cast back to hell by the power of a poor priest! The Enemy hates his demons, the demons hate the Enemy, the demons hate us, and most importantly, the demons hate themselves. They hate what they have lost, and they hate what you and I have gained. They are not a happy family of unified misery - they all hate each other and themselves, and being kept hidden is to their advantage and self-preservation. So, as we are wandering the desert of these days of Lent, and as the Enemy and his demons come after us, let us not sensationalize it! The greatest impact the Enemy can have on us is through his ordinary means of affecting us: temptations that lead us into sin. So, let us then combat them through our greatest source of strength: the ordinary spiritual life. The Sacraments, fasting, almsgiving, and prayer are the ordinary and most powerful weapons we have in combatting their ordinary tactics. It is so important to not sensationalize or make something that is ordinary into sometime extraordinary, and something that is extraordinary into the ordinary! Just stay in your lane; pray, fast, receive the Sacraments, and you will be well, and holy!

Circling back to this year's CSA, I wanted to fill you in on what I would like to do with any overage we get from this year's pledges. I told you back in the Fall that I want to slowly try and build up the cemetery's assets and position it to have the funds it needs to take care of itself till Christ comes back – one year or one hundred thousand years or more! To help the cemetery out, and to get it some new columbarium that it desperately needs, I would like the parish to purchase those for the cemetery, so as to not drain the limited cash reserves the cemetery maintains, and to avoid selling stocks when many things are down. The cost is about \$35,000. So whatever extra we get will either be enough to purchase those outright for the cemetery or subsidize a portion of the cost. I hope to get those installed this Spring or Summer. Thank you for all of you who have given so generously already, and I ask that those who haven't yet pledged, to prayerfully consider what you may be able to offer. Remember that it is a drive, and you have all 2025 to pay on any pledge.

Love
Fr. Brandon