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# Saint Michael Parish

**EPIPHANY  
OF THE  
LORD**

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**SUNDAY  
JANUARY  
5  
2025**

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES

### INTENTION & DONOR

**Jan 1 -15** E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie Pickens)  
**Jan 1- 15** George & Sue Glosner (Mark & Karen Glosner)  
  
**Jan 16-31** Mert Muscarella (Fagley Family)  
**Jan 16-31** E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie Pickens)

## STEWARDSHIP

The Most Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph  
\$9,625.60  
Christmas  
\$9,981.55

CSA  
Pledged: \$104,540  
Paid: \$ 103,280

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!*

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Dr. Frederico Vallesteros and Jeanne Marie Coxson who died this week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

## THANK YOU

I appreciate all the cards, and gifts that I received for Christmas. Thank you for remembering me. Happy New Year to all.  
*Fr. Ray*

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Jan. 11/ 4:30 PM	Joseph Yarzab	Mary Ann Marshall John Svirbly	Amy Anderson	Kathy Williams	Krystal W. Mason M.
Jan. 12/8 AM	Dawn Richter	Patti Hayes Patty Meehan			Gabe & John G.
Jan. 12/ 11 AM	Bob Woodley	Marilyn Kosloski Doug Ruffing	Kloe Soros	Natalie Serrano	Callie, Liza, & Tucker S.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

*Weekday Masses Tues– Fri 9AM /First Sat 9AM  
Saint Michael Church*

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 7**

Saint Raymond of Penafort  
Mert Muscarella (Ray Stiglitz Family)

### **WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 8**

Dr. Federico Vallesteros  
(Friends)

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 9**

Fred Saunders (Family)

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 10**

Mary Jo Bartnicki (Mary Jo Lipani)

### **BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 11**

**4:30 PM** Saint Michael Church  
James Micsky Sr. (Taylor Micsky)

### **SUNDAY, JANUARY 12**

**\*8:00 AM** Saint Margaret Mission\*  
Mary Lou DiSalvo (Sandy, Ron, & Daniel Weaver)

### **11:00 AM** Saint Michael Church

For the People of the Parish

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 8 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.  
Jan. 8 Adult Education Begins Winter Session  
Jan. 14 Seasons of Hope begins at 6 PM.

Confessions return to the Wednesday 8-8:30 PM beginning in January and Saturday from 3-4 PM.

## FLOWER FUND

Kerins, Meier, Mowery & Shine Families

Mr. & Mrs. Donald Shine

Micsky & Snead Family

Lawrence & Nancy Micsky

Ralph & Alice Gacco

Jack & Donna Kalchthaler

John & Florence Kalchthaler

Jack & Donna Kalchthaler

Elaine & Mike Buckiso

Jack & Donna Kalchthaler

Bassic, Bielobochy & Hockett Families

Ken & Anna Hockett

*"There is no timeline on grieving."  
Seasons of Hope Grief Group*

Whether you lost a loved one this past year or 50 years ago, and are looking for consolation in that loss, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. It meets for six weeks (plus a final extra session with a meal), each Tuesday beginning Tuesday, **January 14** through February 25. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 6:00pm. For more details, take a Seasons of Hope brochure at the church entrance or call Patty, Church Secretary, at 724-588-9800 option 1 by January 7, 2025 to register your spot.

## MUSICAL PASSION PLAY

This Lent, St. Michael Parish will produce Bob Summers's musical adaptation of Our Lord's Passion, "Make Us Believers."

We are asking everyone in our parish community to join us on this journey as cast members: from Jesus to Herod; from the Women of Jerusalem to the 12 Apostles; from Mary to the townspeople. Ages 8-80 and families are most welcome!

This is a powerful opportunity to enter more deeply into the story of Salvation History this Lent, and to help your fellow parishioners to do the same.

Rehearsals will be Mondays from 6-7:30pm in Lateran Hall, and the performance will be the evening of Saturday, April 5 in Lateran Hall.

*Want to learn more?* Come to a no-commitment **Information and Sign-Up Night** on **Monday, January 20** from **6-7:30pm** in **Lateran Hall**. We hope to see you there!

## A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

St Michael Parish  
2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter Financials  
July 1, 2024 – Dec 31, 2024

<b>Income</b>	<b>\$335,218</b>	<b>Expenses</b>	<b>\$304,059</b>
Offertory	\$297,772	Salary & Benefits	\$117,082
CSA	\$20,736	Asses. & Subsidies	\$60,613
Gifts	\$9,459	Maintenance	\$54,507
Misc.	\$7,251	Activities, Misc.	\$23,745
		Rectory & Office	\$13,203
		Insurance & Tax	\$13,062
		Utilities	\$9,959
		Liturgical	\$7,445
		Faith Formation	\$4,443

The above reflects the financials for the first half of the parish fiscal year. I think you're used to these by now, so there is not much to explain in terms of how to interpret the numbers. Just one quick note. The roof cost \$133k. \$33k of that came out of operating (that is the majority of that \$54k in the Maintenance line), the remaining \$100k was taken from savings. The speakers were paid for and money set aside back in June with 'last year's dollars' so they did not impact this year's cash flow. Outside of that, it has been a strong fiscal year! Thanks!!

The Christmas Season takes its final turn and begins to hurl down the liturgical straightaway this weekend with the celebration of Epiphany! For centuries – and still is most of the world – Epiphany was always celebrated on January 6. The Twelve Days of Christmas isn't just a silly carol but was an homage to the twelve days of celebration. The twelfth night was the Eve of Epiphany, and the next day would be Epiphany. Because of how the calendar works, January 6 could be any day of the week. In the US, amid the reforms of the Liturgy and the Liturgical Calendar in the 1970's, the US Bishops fixed Epiphany on the first Sunday after January 1 (The Octave Day of Christmas, Mary Mother of God). This is why you may hear Epiphany being associated with January 6, but we are celebrating it on the weekend of January 4-5. Elsewhere in the world – even the Vatican! – the lion's share of Catholics, I think all Orthodox, and liturgical Protestants celebrate Epiphany on January 6. For them, this weekend is, I think, just 'Second Sunday after Christmas'. It's wild to think that there is a liturgy that exists that I will never celebrate and most of us will never partake of! One of the endearing hallmarks of the Catholic Church is Her Universality! It's sort of bewildering, and admittedly frustrating, when there is an exception to the rule that is as big as the US itself! I understand, though, the desire behind this exception to the rule here in the US. The fact is, if we celebrated Epiphany on a Monday (as it would be this year) so few would be able to celebrate it. That is the idea with moving feast days and holy days of obligation around, as we tend to do in the US. It is all in an effort to help the faithful be faithful to the Church and Her Feasts and Solemnities. I think in this case, it is more important that the Church – the faithful – are faithful to celebrating the Epiphany and it's richness and depth, rather than waiting another 24-48 hours just to do it on January 6. Universality is intrinsic to our faith and the character of our Church, but ideology can't get in the way of saving souls! If the Bishops felt and feel that keeping Epiphany fixed on this Sunday after Jan 1, then I'm all for it! At the end of the day, the Church exists to heal and save sin sick souls and bring God's sons and daughters back home to Him. Canon 1752 beautifully captures this with the phrase "*salus animarum suprema lex*", that is, "*The Salvation of Souls is the Supreme Law of the Church*". Nothing else is quite salvific as the Liturgy, itself. And since salvation of souls is supreme over a date, the Church looks out for Her sons and daughters by moving the date for us. It is good that we get to celebrate the divine and sacred Mysteries of this Feast as a family! Happy Epiphany!

*Love*  
*Fr. Brandon*