



The Presentation of the Lord



Saint Michael Parish

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LORD**

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**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY
2,
2025**

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

INTENTION & DONOR

Jan 16-31 Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)
St. Margaret
Feb 1-15 Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)
St. Margaret

SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the Toni McElhinny Adversity Scholarship until March 1, 2025. The application is available on the website of the Community Foundation of Western PA. Students graduating from Greenville High School in 2025 that encountered some form of adversity along with plans to support or inspire others in a way to make a difference are encouraged to apply. Donations can be made through the website as well.

STEWARDSHIP

Third Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$8,177.73

CSA
Pledged: \$104,765
Paid: \$ 104,745

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

St. Michael Church: In Memory of Michael Suich (\$50).

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Charles O. Stepp, Ethel "Betty" Koren, and John B. McElhinny. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

| Date / Mass | Lector | EMHC | Cantor | Accompanist | Altar Servers |
|----------------|--------------|--------------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|------------------------------|
| Feb. 8/4:30 PM | Linda Hajtol | LeeAnn Micsky John Svirbly | Mary Smart | Kathleen Williams | Maggie L. Krystal W. |
| Feb. 9/8 AM | Mark Holian | Patti Hayes George Soros | | | Gabe & John G. |
| Feb. 9/ 11 AM | Sandy Ohl | Marilyn Koslowski Pat Shaughnessy | Susan Swartzbeck | Natalie Serrano | Ava & Sophia M. Andrew H. |

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 4

John Bresnan (Family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5

Saint Agatha
Tom Duda (Carole & Jeffrey)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 6

Saint Paul Miki & Companions
Julie (GiGi) Marshall (Natalie Higbee)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 7

Dolores Wertz (Anniv.) (Family)

FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 8

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*
For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**
Carol Moore (Mark & Kate)

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

James Berger (Anne Liszka)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 3 Passion Play Rehearsals 6 PM Lateran Hall.
- Feb. 4 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.
- Feb. 4 Seasons of Hope at 6 PM.
- Feb. 5 Men's Group at 6 AM.
- Feb. 6 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9 AM Mass.

Confessions heard on Wednesday 8-8:30 PM and Saturday from 3-4 PM.

40 CLUB WINNERS- JANUARY 22

\$100- Ryan Ellenbaum; \$100- John F. Scott; \$50- Mary McKenna.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9 AM Mass on February 7, 2025. Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at 6:30 PM with Benediction following immediately afterward. Please commit an hour to spend some quiet time with Jesus. Someone must be present at every hour throughout the day. Sign up for your quiet time via FlockNote.

SMS EASTER CANDY SALE

Paper form orders due Feb. 5th. Money is due with order form. Order forms can be found in the Church Gathering Space or at the Chicken Pie Dinner. Checks payable to St Michael PTO Candy. Email pto@smike1.org with questions!

ST. MICHAEL/ST. MARGARET PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The Men's fellowship group continues Thursday morning with the Father Kapun (Priest, Chaplain, Korean war POW, and Medal of Honor awardee) video and discussion series. "Mission" is the theme of this video. The *Mission* God gave Father Kapun was sharing his love and hope to men in the Army. Each of us is called to be a missionary in our home, at work and in our community by the way we live our lives and the hope we exhibit. How is God calling you to serve? McElhinny Hall, opens before 6 AM, video and subsequent group discussion at 6:15, conclude by 7:20. Light breakfast, coffee, and juice provided.

ADDRESS UPDATE

For those wishing to send cards/letters to Tyler Smart, his address is changed to: Tyler Smart, 600 North Paca St., Baltimore, MD 21201. He appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

TAX STATEMENTS

The 2024 year end giving statements are available Please call the office at 724-588-9800, **option 1 for Patty**, to request your statement. Feel free to leave a message in voice mail. Messages are checked regularly. The statements can be mailed or picked up at the office. This is a good time to make sure that the Parish office has any address or phone number changes like eliminating your land line or a change in cell phone number.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

This past week was Catholic Schools Week. Ever since my first day of Kindergarten in August 1991 at Sacred Heart School in Erie, I have never not been uninvolved with Catholic Education – either as a student, parish priest, or pastor! I don't know myself apart from having some relationship to Catholic Schools – it's imbued into my identity, and my entire discernment, formation, and living the priesthood has also happened and existed within the confines of Catholic Education. This is why I think about, and often talk about, our schools being like the Eighth Sacrament. It's a metaphor - I know they are not theologically the same – but like the other Seven, they, too, reveal outwardly inward Grace. The Grace of God offered in our schools is unique and something the Church needs to commit Herself to safeguarding and advancing. Trust me, it ain't easy, but every sacrifice is worth it, so long as we keep the aim and purpose in mind: avail our children to the opportunity to experience the Grace of God, daily, in a setting of education where He can be made manifest in all subjects and every conversation! I would posit that is the beauty and brilliance and the character of our schools that I love so much. It doesn't come down to competition. I have NEVER in my years of pastoring our schools saw myself in competition with the public schools. Simply, what they offer is great and the majority of our people go through them – there is nothing evil about them. Our Catholic schools simply offer a different 'product', if you will. The Public Schools will always have access to more money, have bigger sports programs, more extracurriculars, etc...let's not pretend that's not the reality. But, they are not St Michael School. They are not offering the same experience and encounter with God. Period. It is simply a different experience and opportunity we offer. Parents get to decide where is best for their children, based on any number of reasons! I have never thought less of a parent who chooses to not send their children to our schools because as parents, they get to decide what they feel is best for their children, and I honor those choices. Like I said, if it's a war over 'the better sports team' or 'who has the coolest stuff', then who cares, and honestly, we are going to lose almost every time. But, if the mission of the Church is simply to offer something unique all unto itself and doesn't feel it needs to be at war...if the school can just confidently speak to its mission and purpose and what it offers, regardless of what any public school is doing... then our mission will be fruitful!

The mission of the Church is the Salvation of Souls, period. It is not to compete with school districts or whatever - that is just a distraction. The Church is confident in Her ministries and Sacraments (7 +1!). If a parent wishes to send to the public school, great, that is their right as parents. The Church will be here to offer Faith Formation on weekends, of course weekly Liturgy and Sacraments, and every other facet of the community to help raise their children in the faith. For those who choose Catholic Education, awesome! We offer a great ministry of that here, and we would anticipate and expect those families to also take full advantage of all other ministries and facets of the parish community and Church - not the least being Liturgy and the Sacraments.

So, my approach is, and always has been, that Catholic Education is a powerful and incredible ministry the Church offers to any student and family who wishes to 'do education' within a unique and Grace-filled experience. We are not competing - a competition we'll lose and that will only lead to running after the wrong things - but simply offering the opportunity for something different! The Church isn't meant to, nor is She ever effective, when trying to compete with every shiny thing in the world. Christ does not compete. Christ offers something new, something different, something not of this world! May that be how we engage the world with all our ministries and efforts in which we engage in when serving our singular mission: Salvation of Souls!

Love
Fr. Brandon