





# Saint Michael Parish

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**SUNDAY  
DECEMBER  
8  
2024**

**SECOND  
SUNDAY OF  
ADVENT**

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES

### INTENTION & DONOR

**Dec 1-15** Dennis Durkos (Dan & Susan Wallace)  
**Dec 1-15** Judy Kalchthaler (Uncle Benny &  
Aunt Bonnie & Family)

**Dec 1-15** John Potase (Daughter & family)

**St. Margaret**

**Dec 1-15** Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert Moore)  
**St. Margaret**

## STEWARDSHIP

First Sunday of Advent  
\$ 8,349.80

CSA  
Pledged: \$103,440  
Paid: \$ 101,855

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!*

## CHRISTMAS FLOWERS

Envelopes for Christmas flowers are on the tables at both locations. The envelopes need to be returned by December 15 for the December 22 bulletin. Additional donations will be listed in the December 29th edition.

## YOUNG AT HEART

Join us for lunch on Monday, December 9 at 11:30 in the Large Meeting Room for food and sing-a-long lead by Vern Swartz. Bring a dish to share and a friend. All those 50 plus young are welcome.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Dec. 14/ 9 AM	<i>Sub Needed</i>	Patty Meehan John Svirbly	Mary Smart	Natalie Serrano	Maggie L. & Mason M.
Dec. 15 /8 AM	Russ Lauffer	Patti Hayes George Soros			Gabe & John G.
Dec. 15/11 AM	Bea DeCiancio	<i>Subs Needed</i>	Kloe Soros	Lisa Demarest	Ava & Sophia M. & Andrew H.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

### ALL MASSES WILL BE BACK AT THE CHURCH

#### SOLEMINITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

##### MONDAY, DECEMBER 9

**9:00 AM** *Saint Michael Church*  
Theresa Webber (Ron, Sandy & Daniel  
Weaver)

**6:30 PM** *Saint Margaret Mission*  
Rosemary Zerr (Anita Carr)

##### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10

Our Lady of Loretto  
Stephanie Romine (Bill Romine)

##### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 11

Saint Damasus I  
Mary Pat McParland (Anthony)

##### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 12

Our Lady of Guadalupe  
Norma Langiotti (Tony Luciani)

##### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13

Saint Lucy  
Kevin Carter (Tony)

Third Sunday of Advent

##### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 14

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

##### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15

**\*8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission\**  
Edward & Helen Novak (Holian Family)

**11:00 AM** *Saint Michael Church*  
Ginny Perotti (Susan & Wayne)

#### SOLEMINITY OF THE IMMACULATE CONCEPTION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN

This year the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception will be observed on December 9, 2024. The holyday, though being celebrated on Monday, is a holyday of obligation. The Mass times will be at 9 AM at St. Michael and **6:30 PM Mass at St. Margaret** on Monday evening. Attending Mass Sunday morning will not fulfill the holyday obligation.

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Dec. 9 Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin -Holyday of Obligation.
- Dec. 9 Young at Heart meets at 11:30.
- Dec. 12 Men's Group meets at 6:00 AM.
- Dec. 23 Church "Deep Clean" Work Day.

Confession's heard daily at St. Michael. Check the printed December calendar for times .

### CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS BE VIGILANT

It is vitally important that we are constantly vigilant concerning the behaviors of those who interact with children and communicating our concerns to the appropriate parties. Each one of us can play an important role in strengthening this culture of prevention. For example, we can better prevent abuse by ensuring that the signs of abuse are identified and reported. Noticing these warning signs, taking them seriously, and reporting them could prevent abuse in the future. When we witness inappropriate behavior or something that just doesn't seem quite right, we must report our concerns through the appropriate channels. For particular questions in the Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth at 814-824-1195.

### 40 CLUB NOVEMBER 27TH

No drawing on November 27. There will be two drawings on December 4, 2024.

### ***"There is no timeline on grieving." Seasons of Hope Grief Group Starts again after the New Year***

*"I learned that I'm not the only one grieving - that there is no timeline on grieving." - Season 1 Member*

*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.*

## A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

I hope you had a great Thanksgiving weekend last week and that you have gotten yourself into a good mindset and spiritual desire for the Advent Season. It is already week 2, and it'll be over in only a handful of days – it is such a frustratingly short season! There is a lot of chaos and busyness around us these days; just stay there at the entrance of that cave in Bethlehem and patiently wait, in stillness and longing, for the Incarnation of our God!

Erie had, and still has, quite the quantity of snow on the ground! It was just spectacular to see all that snow fall last weekend back home; I have never seen anything quite like it! The records that broke last week are just mystifying! The last snow record, the most in a single day, was made Christmas 2017. Back when I was in Clearfield, my tradition was after midnight Mass, I would hit the road and come home (after a stop at Sheetz for food and coffee where like twenty of my parishioners would be at – it was like our annual Christmas fellowship waiting for our MTOs!). That year, after saying bye to everyone at Sheetz, I hit the road at about 1:30, and what should have been a 2:45HR drive, ended up being closer to 5! It was flurries down in Clearfield, but the further west and then north I got, it just kept intensifying. It was intense and insane – I was the only one on the interstate for much of that drive and it was just me vs the elements and an unplowed interstate! It felt like a video game! It was fun, actually! But I finally got home when the sun was already cresting the horizon. That day, it ended up snowing 23 inches. This storm last week (and it is still going on as I write this, it just isn't stopping) dumped a little more than 23 inches, officially at the airport where they measure, last Friday, but many places in the county saw 30 or more in one day! The snow at my house up home had snow up to my waist when I left, but I know parts of the county had over 60 inches... and is still counting! It was just remarkable, and I am happy I got to be there for it and to see it! I still have body aches and pains from shoveling gargantuan quantities of heavy wet snow, but they're battle scars! I LOVE snow and winter and this time of year, and that was just the perfect entrance into Advent for me! It may not have been for most, but in all that chaos and disruption that the colossal snowstorm caused, there truly was a sublime beauty that came with it, that followed behind. Different environments and acts of nature and God speak to people differently, but for me, it's stuff like this! Warmth, sunshine, blossoming flowers...it just doesn't do anything for me! I've said it before, my idea of Heaven, of Paradise, is being in a dark dank cave while outside is a roaring snowstorm – a Lake Effect snowstorm – and we're huddled around a fire wearing hoodies and wrapped in thick heavy blankets. Mmmm, can't wait! No fluffy clouds, and cherubs and harps for this guy!

This week, we will be bringing down to Kentucky the gifts for the 140 children you bought for! I am so happy that there was such an overwhelming response to the project for these children and for this mission that was so close to Fr Christopher's heart. I know he would've been so happy and impressed with all of you, too, especially since, to my understating, we never bought for this many children before! Christopher was the first person I met and friendship I formed when I entered seminary, and we went through everything together in those years and in the priesthood, we had a very similar string of assignments. It still feels surreal that The Father has called him home, already, and that he is not here anymore. It's bewildering, at times, to think about. But it is stuff like this, engaging in ministries that were so close to his heart that reminds us – and me – that the seeds he planted in his priesthood are still bearing fruit! Because of Christopher, these children will have a better Christmas, will have joy that they wouldn't have had otherwise! His priesthood and ministry are still living on, in each of you and in the lives of these kids. So, thank you for honoring the priestly life and ministry of Fr Christopher and for giving these children a more joyful Christmas. Deacon Marty, Susan, and I will be going down Tuesday and coming back up Thursday. Patty, Deacon Frank, and Fr Ray are in charge!

Please remember that Monday Dec 9 is a Holy Day of Obligation for the Immaculate Conception. This is new this year – having a holy day on a Monday. There is Mass Monday at 9AM at St Michael and 6:30PM at St Margaret.

*Love*  
*Fr. Brandon*