



*They
caught
a great
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of fish*



Saint Michael Parish

**FIFTH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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**SUNDAY
FEBRUARY
9,
2025**

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

INTENTION & DONOR

Feb 1-15 Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)
St. Margaret
Feb 16-28 Carol Moore (Robert Moore)
St. Margaret
Feb 16-28 John Edward Calior (Friends)

STEWARDSHIP

Presentation of the Lord
\$8,136.58
Catholic Communications
\$690.18
CSA
Pledged: \$104,765
Paid: \$ 104,745

PRO-LIFE OF MERCER COUNTY

The 22nd Annual Pro -Life Breakfast will be held on Saturday, February 22nd, 2025. Breakfast begins at 9 AM at the Corinthian Banquet Hall and Event Center on 47 Vine Ave Sharon PA.

For tickets call Susan Wallace (724) 815-5221. Cost is \$25 per person.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

St. Michael Church: In Memory of Michael Suich (\$200).

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Robert Esmond, Shawn Holzapfel, and Patricia White, sister of Dawn Richter. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Feb. 15/4:30 PM	Tess Redfoot	Mary Ann Marshall LeeAnn Micsky	Lily T.	Lisa Demarest	Maggie L. Mason M.
Feb. 16/8 AM	Bob Moore	Kenda & Tom Hoovler			Avery W. & Duncan M.
Feb. 16/ 11 AM	Robert Woodley	Bea DeCiancio Doug Ruffing	Bob Hutchinson	Natalie Serrano	Callie, Tucker, & Liza S.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 11

Our Lady of Lourdes
David Chase (Anniv.) (Family)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 12

Joseph & Rose Dolecki (Family)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 13

James Hogan (Jane Hogan)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 14

Saints Cyril, Monk, & Methodius
John McElhinny (Rick & Debbie Brown)

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 15

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*
Bonnie Hilko (Hilko & Callihan Families)

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 16

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**
For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

Deceased Members of the Micsky Family
(Dan & Joanie)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 10 Passion Play Rehearsals 6 PM Lateran Hall.
- Feb. 11 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.
- Feb. 11 Fish Dinner Meeting 7 PM Small Meeting Rm.
- Feb. 11 Seasons of Hope at 6 PM. Large Meeting Rm.
- Feb. 12 Men's Group at 6 AM.
- Feb. 22 Pro-Life of Mercer County Breakfast.

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

40 CLUB WINNERS- JANUARY 29

\$100- Daniel Mowery; \$100- Mark Lauffer; \$50- Frank Yokubeak.

CHILD PROTECTION & CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Digital Dating Abuse can be defined as "a pattern of behaviors that control, pressure, or threaten a dating partner using a cell phone or the internet." One quarter of youth (12-17) who have been in a romantic relationship during the previous year report that they'd been the victim of digital dating abuse. So, what are some of the best ways for a parent to open up communication with their child about a delicate topic like online dating? First and foremost, ask your child what they are doing online and then really **listen** to why they like or don't like what's going on there. Parents must be diligent about staying on top of the latest trends. Great online dating tips can be found at www.cyberwise.org. *To see what the diocese is doing to help maintain safe environments for children and youth visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.*

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.

FISH DINNER MEETING

The first meeting of the Lenten Fish Dinner Committee will be on February 11 at 7 PM in the Small Meeting Room of the Church. All are welcome to attend, experienced volunteers and new faces!

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 year, along with the Jubilee Year for the Universal Church, and our school's 125th anniversary, is also the parish's 175th anniversary! 2025 turned out to be the year of years! Catholicism existed in this area for years prior – being served by missionaries – but it was 175 years ago, in 1850, that Saint Michael Parish was formally established here in Greenville. The idea that we have been a Catholic parish since just after the death of Zachary Taylor and the ascension of Millard Fillmore as our 13th U.S. president is simply amazing! Many of the first parishioners here would have had memory of the American Revolution and the American Civil War was still just shy of a generation away. We have been here this whole time doing the singular work of the proclamation of The Gospel for the Salvation of Souls. The means by which we have done that, the buildings we have been in, the people who have been involved in this mission, and the resources employed over these last 7 generations have widely varied and most are lost to time – but what remains and still grows to this day are the innumerable souls touched by what we do here as a Parish (not church building, but parish) and have found their salvation in Christ because of *our* obedience to and love of Christ! Throughout this year, I would like to share stories and highlights of our history. I also want to grab an abacus and calculate how many Sacraments we have celebrated over the last 175 years! I have not dug through all the Sacramental Record books we have, but I would hope and assume we have records going back to 1850 or very near that year (my previous parish, Clearfield, was founded in 1836, and we had records dating back to I think the late 1830's. They were heavily faded and written in a beautiful script of Latin. I couldn't really tell you what they said, but I knew they were Sacraments). We will also plan a few things to do to celebrate as a parish this year, and our third annual 'Michael Meal' will be moved up about a week this Fall to coincide with the actual anniversary of the consecration! More info will be forthcoming on all fronts. But in the meantime, keep seeking those Jubilee Year indulgences, and praying for and supporting our parish and school on both of their anniversary years!

It was ten years ago this month that I went on a pilgrimage to the Holy Land. A parishioner of my parish (who happens to now be an Eastern Catholic Priest in Johnstown) took me along with him and his wife on this pilgrimage with a Catholic tour group. I reference it from time to time, and it was simply faith-altering! The geography of the Holy Land, a seminary professor once told us, is the 'Fifth Gospel' – to know the geography is to know, more deeply, the story of our Salvation. This weekend's Gospel reminds me of a night on that trip along the Lake of Gennesaret (the Sea of Galilee). We were spending the night along its shores, and that night I left the hotel and just walked the shore of the sea, listening to the crashing of the waves and feeling the cool breeze on my face. It was just so tranquil and beautiful. There were groups of people every so often I would come across warming themselves with small fires, or small groups grilling and roasting some food to share. A few times I got invited to stay with a group and have a drink and some roasted meats! In between those groups of people, there were just long periods of nothing but darkness, the sound of waves, and the refreshing breeze. It made me think of those nights the Apostles would have been out on that same sea feeling that same breeze, navigating in that same darkness, and beholding the same refection of the same moon on the glassy sea. What it must have been like to have been fishing on those waters and in those dark and windy nights. I would love to get back there sometime in my life to 'reread' that Gospel, but until any of us get there again or for the first time, we always have the Four Gospels, divinely inspired and utterly life giving and life changing! May we, amid all these anniversaries and jubilees, remember that at the heart of it all is the Gospel of Jesus Christ! The Gospel doesn't need to be intimidating nor overbearing; It can be as gentle and a walk in the night along the beach, and as contemplative as the crashing of waves or the moonlit sea. Yes, the Gospel is heraldic and salvific, but at the same time it is the place of deep contemplation and conversion. May we never cease to find new life in any of the Gospels and may we become more versed and familiar with them over the many contexts of this year!

Love
Fr. Brandon