



**WHO DO  
YOU  
SAY  
THAT  
I AM?**

# Saint Michael Parish

**TWENTY –  
FOURTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

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

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
15  
2024**

*Saint Margaret, Parish's Mission Church*  
701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134

[www.stmichaelgreenville.com](http://www.stmichaelgreenville.com)  
[st.michaelchurch@neohio.twcbc.com](mailto:st.michaelchurch@neohio.twcbc.com)

**Fr. Brandon Kleckner:**  
Pastor  
BKleckner@ERIErcd.org

**Ms. Patty Meehan:**  
Office Manager  
Phone x133

**Megan and Chris Straub:**  
Faith Formation Leadership  
Team Leaders

**Deacon Frank Luciani:**  
Phone x139

**Mrs. Susan Swartzbeck:**  
Business Manager  
Phone x135

**Jaime Knicely:**  
Faith Formation Administrative  
Assistant Phone x136

**Deacon Marty Aubel:**  
Phone x138

**Mr. Nick Hoovler:**  
Maintenance Supervisor

**St. Michael School:**  
724-588-7050  
stmikes@neo.rr.com

## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 17 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.  
Sept. 22 PTO Car Cruise & Great Ball Drop 5 PM.  
Sept. 26 Men's Group Begins at 6:00 AM.  
Sept. 28 Summer Bash at the K. of C. at Noon.  
Sept. 29 Michael's Meal begins at 4:45.

Confessions are heard on Wednesdays from 8-8:30 PM and Saturdays from 3-4 PM.

## MEN'S GROUP NEWS

Mark your calendars with the start date for our Fall 2024 St. Michael/St. Margaret Men's group for Thursday morning September 26. All men are welcome! As in the past, we will meet in McElhinny Hall with the door opening at 6:00 AM and the session concluding by 7:30 AM. Please plan on joining us for discussion and sharing on topics relevant to our faith.

## STEWARDSHIP

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time  
\$13,857.24

CSA  
Pledged: \$102,040  
Paid: \$92,995

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

**St. Michael School Endowment:** In memory of Mert Muscarella (\$395).

## SPECIAL BIRTHDAY

Connie McMillian celebrates a special birthday on September 21. Wish her a Happy 90th Birthday !

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Sept 21/4:30 PM	Russ Lauffer	Sandy Ohl John Svirbly	Lily T.	Lisa Demarest	Krystal W. & Mason M.
Sept. 22/8 AM	Gabby Saulsbery	Patti Hayes Maureen Shine			Gabe & John G.
Sept.22/11 AM	Joseph Yarzab	Nancy & Alan Carr	Bruce Turcic	Kathy Williams	Ella & Lance P. Andrew H.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

Weekday Masses Tues- Fri 9AM /First Sat 9AM

Saint Michael Church

### TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 17

Saint Robert Bellamine & Saint Hildegard of Bingen

Vince Cardamon (Tony Luciani)

### WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 18

J. James Ruffing (Margaret McLaughlin)

### THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19

Saint Januarius

Tom Duda (Carole & Jeffery)

### FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 20

Saints Andrew Kim Tae-gon & Paul Chong Ha-sang

Pam Cianci (Cianci Family)

## TWENTY-FIFTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 21

4:30 PM Saint Michael Church

Tim Stepp (Family)

### SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 22

\*8:00 AM Saint Margaret Mission\*

For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Saint Michael Church

Jim Berger (Hockett Family)

## SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL

Next Sunday, September 22, is our Car Cruise and the Great Ball drop. Balls will drop at 5PM. Be sure to get your ticket for a chance to win the \$500 grand prize and other prizes. A donation of \$5.00 buys a ticket and helps to support our school in this our 125 year of Catholic Education.

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Welcome back, everyone! If you missed our registration breakfast last week, you are not too late to sign up! Please email [mstraub@stmichaelgreenville.com](mailto:mstraub@stmichaelgreenville.com) and we will get you the information you need - we would LOVE to see you!

### September Class Dates:

September 15<sup>th</sup> - Class from 9:15am-10:45am

September 29 - Class from 9:15am-10:45am

\*Please note that everyone is dropped off at **Lateran Hall**. Pick-up for K-5th will be at the school, 6th-8th at **Lateran Hall**, and 9<sup>th</sup> at the Church. Small Group (10<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup>) will be meeting with Father at the same time. See you at **Lateran Hall!**

## 40 CLUB SEPTEMBER 4th WINNERS

\$100-Liz Beh-Reames; \$100-Janet Calenda; \$50-Jessica Brown.

## SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

Sept 1-15 Vincent Cardamon (Mary Jo Lipani)

Sept 1-15 Cecelia Kettering (Family)

Sept 1-15 Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert W Moore)

St. Margaret

Sept 16-30 Debbie Chess (Benny & Bonnie & Family)

Sept 16-30 Cecelia Kettering (Family)

Sept 16-30 Edward & Helen Novak (Holian Family)

St. Margaret

## 2nd ANNUAL MICHAEL'S MEAL

Plan to attend the second annual Michael's Meal to honor our Parish Feast. A meal count is needed since the **Parish will provide all the food**. Please note the number attending from your household on the coupon. Drop your coupon in the offertory basket, respond through Flocknote or leave in the office by **Sept. 20, 2024** (Please reply by one format only).



*Our Second Annual  
Michael's Meal*

**Sunday September 29  
Lateran Hall**

Let's celebrate our Parish Feast as a family over a good meal.

Social Time & Light Hors d'oeuvres at  
**4:45PM**

Dinner service begins at **5:30 PM**

Menu: Roast **Beef**, Roasted Vegetable, Mashed Potatoes, Salad, Rolls, Dessert

Household Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number Attending \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP by September 20, 2024.

## A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

For four bulletin articles over the coming weeks until the Election on November 5, I will do my best to present some of the incredibly complex yet beautifully expansive theology of Catholic Social Teaching to help give us some resource for our prayerful approach to Election Day. The contemplation of how to engage an election for anything, but certainly for the leader of our nation, ought to be done under the weight of the Cross and in the solitude of the Desert. A Catholic does not let media, ads, etc. rule their consciences or think for them. A Catholic carries his Cross out into the Desert to be with The Lord as he contemplates The Gospel and the ideals of society set forth for us by Christ, and taught through the holy teachings of The Fathers, the Saints, and the Magisterium throughout the last two thousand years. The Catholic cannot look to corporate media conglomerates, but Christ. Any decision made apart from the Cross and Desert, from the Gospel and the Magisterium, is a foolish decision.

Firstly, we need to all be on the same page about a few items. Neither candidate: Mr. Trump nor Mrs. Harris *deserves* your vote or is *better* than the other. We are not choosing the most moral candidate or the best person. They are both sinners; they both fall short of the Christian ideal; neither are the obvious Catholic vote or whatever other title or label one may attach to them. I think this is a first principle that so many miss and get caught up in and what causes such a ridiculous amount of contention among Catholics over elections and voting! Mr. Trump nor Mrs. Harris in any way are the embodiment of Christ's Gospel and Catholic Theology that seeks to put The Gospel into practice. So, wipe that from your mind and that framing from the conversation. A failure to do so only idolizes a candidate and allows one to ignore or dismiss meaningful considerations. Failure to do so is essentially idolatry.

It is also imperative that we be on the same page with the realization that we do not live in *the* system or society that is imagined in Catholic Theology nor the Scriptures. Our two parties are incredibly flawed and fall immeasurably short of the ideal set forth for us by Christ and that has been handed down to us by The Magisterium. A refusal to acknowledge this is another reason there is so much emotion and anger among Catholics over elections. We can't pretend we are living in the ideal. The problem with our politics, our systems, our society is *not* merely the other party - it is *both* parties! It's the entire system! Again, failure to see that only emboldens this deliberate falling short of the glory of God and of the Gospel. I hope to give just a little glimpse into this over these coming weeks. Indeed, Christ came, and the Church exists, in part, to facilitate a kind of revolution of the City of Man into the City of God! The Church envisions a radical revolution where every aspect of society and the politics of that society are governed by The Gospel because citizens know and love the Gospel! We are so far from this and no, neither party is closer than the other. That is yet another erroneous idea that only intensifies the idolization and blinds so many well-meaning Catholic voters.

Mr. Trump. Mrs. Harris. The Republicans. The Democrats. None of them *deserve* your vote nor your relentless admiration and obedience. The Church has an idea of a society and of the political person that our present reality leaves us impoverished of. So any authentic discussion and discernment of voting in this election needs to be rooted in the principle of the brokenness of man - and of society - and with an earnest desire to make parties and societies and political persons aligned with what Christ has handed on so that the brokenness can be redeemed by Christ through, yes the Sacraments and Grace, but also through the politics and characteristics of our society.

So, if you and I are in agreement that neither candidate is the 'Catholic Candidate', that neither are 'deserving' of my vote, that neither candidate nor party exhibits or exemplifies the fullness of the ideals set forth by Christ and His Bride, and if we can agree that there are just heaps of meaningless noise over all this and that Truth is only found under the weight of the Cross and the solitude of the Desert...then and only then can you and I or anyone have a Catholic conversation over what it means for a Catholic to vote. Over the coming weeks I'll briefly highlight just four principles the Magisterium teaches that I feel are most relevant to this conversation and for your time in the Desert with The Cross contemplating your vote. It won't be exhaustive, but a glimpse into what our hearts and minds need to be wrestling with.

*Love,*  
*Fr. Brandon*