



*Go your way;
your faith has saved you*

Saint Michael Parish

**THIRTIETH
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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**SUNDAY
OCTOBER
27
2024**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP

Oct. 29 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
Oct. 29 Season of Hope Bereavement at 6 PM.
Oct. 31 Men's Group Resumes at 6 AM.
Nov. 1 All Saints Day- Holy Day of Obligation.
Nov. 1 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.
Nov. 2 K. of C. Marathon Bingo begins at Noon.

Twenty-Ninth Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$ 10,324.69

CSA
Pledged: \$102,940
Paid: \$95,770

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

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

ST. MARGARET AND ST. MICHAEL MEN'S GROUP

REST IN PEACE

Men's group will meet on October 31 with the doors open at 6 AM in McElhinny Hall.

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Janet Liszka May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Oct. 31/6:30 PM	Mark Holian	n/a	Mary Smart	Lisa Demarest	None scheduled
Nov. 1/9 AM	Friday reader	n/a	Kloe Soros	Lisa Demarest	None scheduled
Nov. 2/4:30 PM	Robert Woodley	Mary Ann Marshall Sandy Ohl	Mary Smart	Lisa Demarest	Maggie & Krystal
Nov. 3 /8 AM	Cindy Saulsbery	Patty Meehan George Soros			Gabe & John G.
Nov. 3/11 AM	Jane Turcic	Nancy & Alan Carr	Kloe Soros	Natalie Serano	Ella & Lance P.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Saint Michael Church

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 29

Mert Muscarella (Don Pacifico)

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 30

Janet McParland (M/M Robert Moore)

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

Jeff Barrouk (Anniv.) (Family)

SOLEMINTY OF ALL SAINTS DAY

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 31

6:30 *Saint Margaret Mission*

Jim Micsky (Mark & Lee Ann)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 1

9:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

Steve Zawistowski Jr. (Family)

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

All Souls Day *Mass in the Cemetery Chapel*
Poor Souls in Purgatory (Tom & Shirley Patton)

THIRTY FIRST SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 2

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*

Rose Gessler (Judi & Chris Lysek)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 3

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**

For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

Deceased Members of the Lipani Family (Mary Jo Lipani)

ADULT EDUCATION SESSION

Saint Michael Parish adult education will offer a series, "Jesus and the Eucharist" The program begins on **Wednesday, November 6** at 6:30 in the Large Meeting Room of the Church . The Fall series will run **Nov 6, 13, 20 and 27th**. After a break for the holidays, the next session will run January 8, 15, 22, and 29th. Sign up is not required to attend. Come for all the sessions or as many as your schedule permits.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

Boxed macaroni and cheese is the special request for October. Watch for dates for items needed for the upcoming holiday meals hosted by the Good Shepherd.

40 CLUB OCTOBER 16th WINNERS

\$500-Larry Callihan; \$250-Jessica Brown; \$125-Bobby Keller; \$75-Jim/Diane Scelsi; \$100-Ed W. Anthony; \$100-Wendy Walton; \$50-Frank Peeacock.

SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

Oct 16-31 E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie & Eddie)
Oct 16-31 Jack & Helen Meehan (Family)
Nov 1-15 Dennis Durkos (Dan & Susan Wallace)
Nov 1-15 Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert Moore)
St. Margaret

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL PTO

Fall ATV/ UTV Run

Get out for one last ride before the snow flies!
Side by Side and ATV run November 2nd, 2024.

Cost is \$20 per person. The Ride will begin at the Transfer Harvest Home Fair grounds. Registration 9-11am. Mapped ride will view all the sights of call through North Western Mercer County. Ride proceeds will benefit St Michael School.

SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Michael School PTO is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle to benefit St. Michael School PTO on Saturday, November 9th, 2024 from 4:00 - 7PM. Ticket includes one plate of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and choice of drink. Dinners can be sit down or to go!

We are accepting donations for our basket raffle! Please contact Trichelle Eddy if you would like to donate an item by emailing pto@smike1.org or call/text 724-456-7555.

KNIGHTS of COLUMBUS MARATHON BINGO

The K. of C. is holding their 2nd annual Marathon Bingo on Nov. 2, 2024 at the Hall. Tickets are \$40, doors open at Noon, Bingo starts at 2 PM. Basket items are needed from crafters for the Basket Auction. Call Dot Holzapfel at 724-815-8864 for tickets, information, or to donate.

Third Principle: Preferential Option for the Poor & Vulnerable

"The Church's love for the poor... is a part of her constant tradition.' This love is inspired by the Gospel of the Beatitudes, of the poverty of Jesus, and of his concern for the poor...Those who are oppressed by poverty are the object of a preferential love on the part of the Church which, since her origin and in spite of the failings of many of her members, has not ceased to work for their relief, defense, and liberation'."(Catechism 2444, 2448)

*Faced with a world today where so many people are suffering from want, the council asks individuals and governments to remember the saying of the Fathers: 'Feed the people dying of hunger, because if you do not feed them you are killing them,' and it urges them according to their ability to share and dispose of their goods to help others, above all by giving them aid which will enable them to help and develop themselves." **Gaudium et Spes, no. 69)***

"The needs of the poor take priority over the desires of the rich; the rights of workers over the maximization of profits; the preservation of the environment over uncontrolled industrial expansion; the production to meet social needs over production for military purposes." (St. John Paul II, address, Sep 19, 1984)

If someone who has worldly means sees a brother in need and refuses him compassion, how can the love of God remain in him? (1 John 3:17)

Looking back, we have examined that we are all made in the Image of God, and because of this divine architecture that builds up our very being (Human Dignity), we are created to live in relationship and to never outsource loving or caring for your neighbor (Subsidiarity). The next logical place for us to look to in our contemplation of the Catholic ideal of society when discerning your vote is The Preferential Option for the Poor & Vulnerable. This, like the others we've already looked at (and the ones that I won't be able to get to) are richly vast and my little thumbnail sketch I can offer here cannot encompass the breadth and depth of these majestic teachings of the Church!

It is indisputable and undeniable that Christ, and the Holy Spirit for that matter, are poignantly concerned with the dangers of wealth and the sufferings of the poor. This theme appears more than any other topic or issue in the Scriptures – there are even twice as many verses on the dangers of wealth than faith and prayer, *combined!* 16 of Christ's 38 Parables deal with this topic, too, and nearly a quarter of his Teaching and Preaching, as well. The Poor are paramount on the mind of God, there is no way to dispute that nor brush it off! Yet so many justify their wealth and their lavish lifestyles and their plumbing the depths of abundance by somehow twisting a verse of scripture to their liking. It is not just in the televangelists who brag about their private jets, it's all of us ordinary Christians who so easily live for the lifestyle or the accumulation of wealth or the need to buy or do things without any regard for those who are hungry around us. Saint Augustine has a favorite quote of mine where he tells us that the bellies of the poor are safer storehouses to store up your treasures. What he is saying is that it is best for us to invest our money in the poor, in the bellies of the hungry, than it is in the filling up of storehouses. The Christian, Saint Augustine (and the Church) would challenge, is the one who *prefers* to feed the hungry, clothe the naked, shelter the homeless, visit the prisoner, comfort the sorrowing, assuage the thirst of the thirsty, and bringing mercy to the sinner than building personal wealth! You can disagree with Saint Augustine's words (I suppose), but we cannot deny the obsession of Christ and the Holy Spirit, as He was inspiring the Scripture writers, with the Poor! You simply can't!

There is just so much to talk about there since the Scriptures are saturated with this teaching and the Fathers of the Church were fixated on this teaching from Day 1 of the Church, but we have to bring it home and talk about what this means in light of an election next week. (These are themes and ideas that I have personally found profound freedom and liberation from in my own life, and I hope, over time, you will too through prayer and studying the scriptures).

Like Subsidiarity, this isn't going to be an outright part of a party platform, but we can use it as a lens through which to discern if this candidate or policy is congruent with the Faith. Prayerfully discern if the candidate is going to cultivate a nation where the poor are cared for, where those most vulnerable will find safety, where citizens are mobilized to meet the material and spiritual and emotional needs of their neighbors. It is a similar theme to Subsidiarity, but it's a principle that drives deeper the revelation that we don't just love or support in vague ways, but materially, too. Does the candidate or policy make it possible for me to find the freedom to invest in the bellies of the poor because I know that if I, too, am poor, others will invest in my belly, too! Like with Subsidiarity, this isn't just about some ethereal government feeding, but you and I feeding! It is our honor to be poor with the poor, to sit in the mud with the suffering and be hungry and muddy and uncomfortable with them. It's not only my duty, but also my divine honor and most amazing opportunity to do it for the love of the poor! Will a candidate nurture a nation where that can happen?