Is this not the carpenter, the son of Mary?

# Saint Michael Parish

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### UPCOMING EVENTS

July 7 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.

July 23 Beep Beep Bingo 5:30 PM.

Aug. 4 Breakfast at St. Margaret's after 8 AM Mass.

Aug. 11 Parish Picnic after the 11 AM Mass.

Confessions on Saturdays from 3-4 PM only during in July. Wednesday confessions will return in August.

### MINISTRY SCHEDULER

An email was sent on June 24 to all those active in weekend Mass Ministries-music, readers, EMHCs, and altar servers with the July schedule. Call the office if you did not receive that email so your email can be updated. Thirteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time \$6,959.64

> CSA Pledged: \$97,095 Paid: \$83,170

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY YOU SHOW TO OUR PARISH!

**St. Michael School:** In honor of Ed Loreno's Special Birthday (\$100).

Best wishes to Ed Loreno as he joins the Centurion Club! Wish him a Happy Birthday if you see him!

Date / Mass	Lector	ЕМНС	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
July 13/4:30 PM	Sandy Ohl	Pat Shaughnessy John Svirbly	Susan Swartzbeck	Kathy Williams	Lily T. & Mason M.
July 14/8:00 AM	Patti Hayes	Patty Meehan Cindy Saulsbery			John & Gabe G.
July 14/11:00 AM	Sandy Ohl	Nancy & Alan Carr	Bruce Turcic	Natalie Serrano	Liza, Callie, & Tucker S.

## STEWARDSHIP

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SUNDAY JULY 7 2024 MASSES FOR THE WEEK Weekday Masses Tues – Fri 9AM /First Sat 9AM Saint Michael Church

> **TUESDAY, JULY 9** Saint Augustine Theresa DeVito (Steve & Debbie Kerch)

WEDNESDAY, JULY 10 Vincent Tofani (Tom Liszka Family)

> **THURSDAY, JULY 11** Saint Benedict Norma Langiotti (Family)

**FRIDAY, JULY 12** Pam Cianci (Cianci Family)

### FIFTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JULY 13 4:30 PM Saint Michael Church For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JULY 14 \*8:00 AM Saint Margaret Mission\* Eleanor Reckhart Fuchs (Mark Holian) 11:00 AM Saint Michael Church Anne Valesky (Anniv.) (Anne Liszka)

#### 40 CLUB

The Forty Club benefits St Michael School. Tickets are available now for 2024-2025 by contacting one of the ticket sellers:

Wes Bates: 724-699-6255 Walter Beh: 724-588-3108 Natalie Higbee: 724-699-9021 Mark Holian: 724-932-5937 Fran Krachkowski: 724-588-3749 Roseanne McConnell: 724-588-3254 Judy McKay: 724-456-5654 Charles Stepp: 724-588-2127

First drawing is August 7, 2024 with the final drawing May 25, 2025 with the Buffet Dinner.

# SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

July 1-15Sr. Barbara Regan (Susan & Joy Lynn )July 1-15Isaiah John Perry (Noni & Bop)July 1-15Isaiah John Perry (Noni & Bop)St. MargaretBeth Yurisic (M/M Robert Moore)St. MargaretSt. Margaret

### SAVE THE DATE

The Annual Parish Picnic is set for Sunday, August 11, 2024. The July Newsletter has the details on help needed, times to volunteer, and food needed for the event. A "wish list board" is in the entrance areas at St. Michael and St. Margaret to select items to donate along with volunteer times and tasks.

### GOOD SHEPHERD PANTRY REQUESTS

The July requests are personal care items, schools supplies, and dessert mixes. Donations may be dropped off in the round bin labeled "Good Shepherd Pantry" located in the Gathering Space of the Church.

### SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL

The school has job openings for principal, first grade teacher, and fifth grade teacher. Information is available on the school website at <u>www.saintmichael1.org</u>. The link for information is on the home page. Or you may call the church office at 724-588-9800, option 1 Monday through Friday 9 AM-5 PM.

### **BEEP BEEP BINGO**

Save the dates for Beep Beep Bingo at the Reynolds Drive In on Tuesday July 23rd and August 27th to benefit St Michael School. Gate opens at 5:30, bingo starts at 6:30. 20 games of Bingo for \$20. Volunteers to help with this event would be greatly appreciated.

## A WORD FROM FATHER RAY

Many of us know how to deal with success, but the question I like to propose today is: "How do we deal with weakness or failure?" Failure can take many forms, loss of job, loss of promotion, not being able to stand on a podium to receive a gold, silver or bronze medal, and the list can be whatever we choose it to be.

Let us look at both Jesus and also Paul in his reading from today. Whether we like to admit it, Jesus was perceived as a failure by dying on the cross, he was treated as a common criminal and not as "the savior- the messiah. He was totally weak. But in the weakness of His Cross, Jesus won our redemption. Jesus turned our value system upside down. Many of us still consider might and power as symbols of success, but Jesus chose to do the opposite. He chose weakness and all that he endured before the cross and on the cross as victory.

Let us now look at Saint Paul and what we can learn from his reading. Paul was complaining to God about a thorn in his side. But Jesus answers him: "My grace is sufficient for you, for power is made perfect in weakness." Jesus reminds us and Paul, that with God anything is possible and what he sends to us is for our success.

There is a classic story concerning Thomas Edison, the inventor of the light bulb. One day he was being interviewed by a team of reporters and was asked about what he thought about inventing the light bulb because he had so much trouble making it. He was reported to tell them. " I now know 999 ways not to make a light bulb but I learned from all those failures."

So what we have to learn is that failure or weakness is not the end of the world for Jesus, Paul, or Thomas Edison. It was one step in the process of a successful outcome. It is much like the old cliché: "When life gives you bunch of lemons, make lemonade." So let us learn from our failures and our weakness for God is in charge.

St. Paul says it best: " I will rather boast most gladly of my weaknesses, in order that the power of Christ may dwell with me. Therefore I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and constraints, for the sake of Christ; for when I am weak, then I am strong."

Summer is fast on its way out and as always it seems to go by to quickly. We still may have a lot to accomplish but remember to take our God (Father, Son, and Holy Spirit) with you. Don't skip Mass.

Reminder that August 11th is the parish's annual picnic. Hope to see you there. More details will appear in future bulletins.

God Bless,

Fr. Ray