



# Saint Michael Parish

**SIXTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

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

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY  
16,  
2025**

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES

### INTENTION & DONOR

**Feb 16-28** Carol Moore (Robert Moore)  
**St. Margaret**

**Feb 16-28** John Edward Calior (Friends)

## STEWARDSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
\$15,478.04

CSA 2024

Pledged: **\$104,765**  
Paid: **\$ 104,765**

## 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!*

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Charles "Butch" Hawks, Jr. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Feb. 22/4:30 PM	Russ Lauffer	Sandy Ohl John Svirbly	Amy Anderson	Pat Shaughnessy	Maggie L. Krystal W.
Feb. 23/8 AM	Maureen Shine	Patti Hayes Patty Meehan			Gabe & John G.
Feb. 23/11 AM	Walter Beh	Brenda DeMaramo Marilyn Koslowski	Kathleen Williams	Natalie Serrano	Ella & Lance P. Lily T.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 18**

Dennis Durkos, Sr. (Dan & Susan Wallace)

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 19**

Isaiah John Perry (Noni & Bop)

### **THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 20**

Edward Shelley (Betty Shelley)

### **FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 21**

Saint Peter Damian  
Patty Palko (Scott Liszka)

## SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 22**

**4:30 PM** *Saint Michael Church*  
Shawn Holzapfel (K. of C. Bingo Family)

### **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 23**

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

**11:00 AM** *Saint Michael Church*  
Martha Loreno (Ed Loreno Family)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 17 Passion Play Rehearsals 6 PM Lateran Hall.
- Feb. 18 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.
- Feb. 18 Seasons of Hope at 6 PM. Large Meeting Rm.
- Feb. 20 Men's Group Meets beginning at 6 AM.
- Feb. 22 Pro-Life of Mercer County Breakfast.
- Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday- Lent Begins.

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

## 40 CLUB WINNERS- FEBRUARY 5

\$100- Molly Walton; \$100-Dave McGranahan; \$50-Gail Maycher.

## HAZEROUS CONDITIONS

The continuous hazardous winter weather has prompted a review of use of parking lots for Daily Mass and activities throughout the week. Effective immediately, the south lot will be closed during the week whenever there is snow or freezing rain. This move will reduce salt use and plowing for the safety of everyone. Salt is becoming harder to find as the winter continues. Both lots will be open for weekend Masses.

The north lot is more level and the sidewalk feeds into the parking lot unlike the south lot. If the orange cones are blocking the entrance to the parking lot, do not move the cones or go around them to enter the lot.

Please try to be aware of plowing in process when you are arriving for Mass. While every attempt to have the lots plowed and salted before anyone arrives, snow and icy conditions have developed close to Mass times. Avoid parking in the area of the lot that is not plowed if space permits.

## ST. MICHAEL/ST. MARGARET PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The Men's fellowship group continues Thursday morning February 20, a new topic/ series is in the works.

McElhinny Hall, opens before 6 AM, video and subsequent group discussion at 6:15, conclude by 7:20. Light breakfast, coffee, and juice provided.

## GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

The Good Shepherd Center is in need of breakfast foods for February. Please drop off your donations in the barrel in the Gathering Space of the Church or visit the Center on 35 S. Water Street on Monday, Wednesday or Friday.

## 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

You should have received in the mail this past week a letter about the 2025 CSA and informational materials about it. You will also see an insert in this weekend's bulletin highlighting key information about the annual drive. Before we move on to the 2025 drive, I want to acknowledge and thank those who contributed to the 2024 drive! We had a 100% success rate with the drive! We were able to give to the Diocese their portion and were able to maintain and keep within the parish roughly \$35,000! That money went towards subsidizing the school as well as providing cash flow for our various projects, like the new sound system and roof! Every dollar that was pledged came in! This was my twelfth CSA as a priest, and I don't think I ever had a drive that was so exact as in every dollar pledged was paid. Thank you to all who participated and generously gave to the workings and ministries of the Diocese, at large, and to our parish's operations and ministries! You are an amazingly generous parish, and it is an honor to steward your treasures for the good of the Church. This is why I try my hardest – maybe too hard – to be as transparent and illustrative as possible when it comes to our finances. I reject with every fiber and mitochondria of my being the idea of keeping things secret and creating a smokescreen around finances. That is why I give you those quarterly reports, and why I never talk about raising money or giving money or trying to be cute by quoting scripture to frame an ask for money! I will never be that priest, and it is a hill I'm willing to die on! The only time I'll 'ask' is the annual CSA drive – for it is my responsibility as pastor – but beyond that, it is my vocation to cooperate with Grace and The Father in stewarding and shepherding a vibrant parish where Jesus is the center and the definition of all we do, and allow you to discern how you wish to support it or not support it. I'm not a fundraiser, I am a pastor, and I recoil when I see priests playing that role. It's simply lame, cringe, and inspires no one to give their life to The Gospel! Ok, my rant is over! Thank you again for all you do for our parish!

Looking to the 2025 drive, Diocesan Goal / assessment is \$80,604. This is a slight uptick from last year's number as the calculation has changed in how they derive the number. The reason for that was that the assessment is derived from a formula that looks at an average of the last three years of income. With so much parish restructuring over the last few years, the former formula created an imbalance to some parishes for numbers had become skewed with parishes merging and closing. So, the finance office of the diocese changed a few variables to smooth out peaks and recalibrate things. It is important to note that the overall goal has not changed, though. The diocese, to their credit, has been very diligent to not raise the overall goal of the drive, though costs have obviously increased, they are determined to not pass those costs on to us. The overall goal remains \$4.235M, as it has been for about five years. I think that is to be commended.

With all that being said, though, I am not ready to lay out the goals for what I'd like to do with the excess that stays in the parish. I'm still working on a few things that I would like that money to go to, but I'm not ready to lay it all out yet. Give me a week or two and I'll lay out this year's official plan. We still have a few weeks till the drive officially begins, so in the meantime please discern what you may wish to do this year. Remember, the drive runs through the entirety of the year, so it's not an upfront commitment. And in a week or two, I will lay out what our plan is with the money that remains here.

*Love*  
*Fr. Brandon*