



Saint Michael Parish

THE MOST
HOLY FAMILY
OF JESUS,
MARY, &
JOSEPH

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**SUNDAY
DECEMBER
29
2024**

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

INTENTION & DONOR

Dec 16-31 Dennis Durkos (Dan & Susan Wallace)
Dec 16-31 James & Edith Barbarossa (Benny & Bonnie Barbarossa)
Dec 16-31 John Potase (Daughter & family)
St. Margaret
Dec 16-31 Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert Moore)
St. Margaret

Jan 1 -15 E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie Pickens)
Jan 1- 15 George & Sue Glosner (Mark & Karen Glosner)

STEWARDSHIP

Fourth Sunday of Advent
\$10,352.50

CSA
Pledged: \$104,190
Paid: \$ 103,055

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

Saint Michael Church: In Memory of Rilla Svirbly (\$100)

| Date / Mass | Lector | EMHC | Cantor | Accompanist | Altar Servers |
|------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------|--------------|-----------------|------------------------------|
| Dec. 31/ 6:30 PM | Maureen Shine | Patty Meehan | Mary Smart | Lisa Demarest | |
| Jan. 1/ 9 AM | Jane Turcic | Sandy Ohl George Soros | Bruce Turcic | Natalie Serrano | |
| Jan. 4/ 4:30 PM | Mary Ann Marshall | Patty Meehan John Svirbly | Amy Anderson | Kathy Williams | Maggie L. Lily T. |
| Jan. 5/8 AM | Patti Hayes | Kenda & Tom Hoover | | | Avery W. & Duncan M. |
| Jan. 5/ 11 AM | Vern Swartz | Bea DeCiancio Doug Ruffing | Kloe Soros | Natalie Serrano | Ava & Sophia M. Andrew H. |

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

Seventh Day Within the Octave of Our Lord
Adelaide Giangiordano (Frank & Pat Amato)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY MOTHER OF GOD

TUESDAY, DECEMBER 31

6:30 Saint Margaret Mission
For the People of the Parish

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 1

9:00 AM Saint Michael Church
Dennis Durkos, Sr. (Anniv.) (Michelle)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
Deceased Member of the Cianci & McParland Families
(John & Gianna)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 3

Holy Name of Jesus
Kenneth Sobek (M/M Michael Shusteric)

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

Saint Elizabeth Ann Seton
Norma Langiotti (K. of C.)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

SATURDAY, JANUARY 4

4:30 PM Saint Michael Church
Ann Bunton (Sandy, Ron, & Daniel Weaver)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 5

8:00 AM Saint Margaret Mission
For the People of the Parish
11:00 AM Saint Michael Church
Kevin Carter (Annette Strosser)

PARISH OFFICE HOURS

The parish office will re open January 2. In the meantime, the phone system will allow a caller to select the emergency line in the event someone needs anointed. Please do not use that option for any other reason.

ADORATION

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins Jan 3, 2025 after the conclusion of the 9 AM Mass until 7 PM. Remember to schedule your hour of prayer on Flock Note.

UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 1 Holy Mother of God, Holy Day of Obligation.
- Jan. 3 Eucharistic Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9 AM Mass.
- Jan. 8 Adult Education Begins Winter Session.
- Jan. 14 Seasons of Hope begins at 6 PM.

Confessions return to the Wednesday 8-8:30 PM beginning in January and Saturday from 3-4 PM.

40 CLUB DECEMBER 18

\$100- Edward W. Anthony; \$100 -Kevin Kean; \$50- Mike Banic.

FLOWER FUND

Bonnie Hilko

Joe & Boots Marzano
Michael & Joe Jr. Marzano
My Husband Joe Allison
Our Moms- Nancy & Mary Ann
Deceased Member of McParland & Cianci Families
Isaiah John Perry
Thomas Reda
Deceased Members of Naab Family
George Stanfa & Family,
Bob & Bonnie Burns,
Harly Family & Phillip Canale

Micsky & Fritz Families
Dennis Ruffing Family

Hilko & Callihan
Families

Sally Homer
Sally Homer
Suzanne Allison
Suzanne Allison

Mark & Kate
Noni & Bop
Joy Lynn Reda
Gail Naab

Sue, Nick & Chris
Stanfa

Paul & Janet Micsky
Doug & Christi
Ruffing

*"There is no timeline on grieving."
Seasons of Hope Grief Group Starts again after
the New Year*

"I learned that I'm not the only one grieving - that there is no timeline on grieving." - Season 1 Member

Whether you lost a loved one this past year or 50 years ago, and are looking for consolation in that loss, this Christ-centered faith-sharing group is for you. It meets for six weeks (plus a final extra session with a meal), each Tuesday beginning Tuesday, January 14 through February 25. Prayer, scripture, faith sharing, and fellowship begin at 6:00pm. For more details, take a Seasons of Hope brochure at the church entrance or call Patty, Church Secretary, at 724-588-9800 option 1 by January 7, 2025 to register your spot.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

I trust that you all had the start to the Christmas Season you needed to have, with family and friends, but also with the Incarnate God Man! I am writing this before Christmas, so I, too, am trusting that I will have had that, as well. The Christmas Season, this year, runs through Sunday January 12 with the Baptism of the Lord. This weekend is The Holy Family, next is Epiphany, then we close out with The Baptism. As you know, January 12 can and will feel light years from December 25 – you will be challenged to find anyone with a tree or decorations still up, and every store will have Valentines and pink candy out by then (that makes me sick just typing that!), but resist that ungodly urge to put away Christ and Christmas just because the world has moved on in all its secular ways! The Christmas Season is here for us to spend a good amount of time relishing in the obedience of The Son, in the fact that we were so loved that The God of the Cosmos, the Most Holy Trinity, who is and has everything, wanted you and I! These days of Christmas allows us to really put into perspective our relationship with the Heavens who invaded our nature because love for us was simply uncontainable and spilled out onto Earth and into our human nature! Christmas is the start of an epic journey that will consume every second of our lives, and of course the Liturgical Year we are in the early days of!

Beginning this year in Rome on Christmas Eve 2024, and running through Epiphany 2026, the Church enters a Holy Year, a Jubilee Year. This will be observed within Dioceses from this Sunday December 29, 2024, through Dec 31, 2025.

Jubilee Years have been held in the Church since 1300. They have occurred at various frequency, but for most of that time, they have occurred every 25th years. 2025 marks the 25th year since the Jubilee called by Saint John Paul II at the turn of the new millennium! The Jubilee Year has its most ancient roots in the Book of Leviticus where every 50 years was a jubilee in which debts would be forgiven, and society and human hearts were reoriented back to God. It is unclear if this was ever successfully and faithfully observed in those ancient times, but in 1300 Boniface VIII wanted to bring that concept into the life of The Church. That is where we find ourselves over the next year, in Jubilee! The Holy Father is the leader of the Jubilee, so each instance of Jubilee can have a different focus, theme, ideas, activities, etc. behind them. This one is titled “Pilgrims of Hope”. There are an array of things Rome, and the Holy Father will do throughout this Jubilee in the name of this year, but for you and I, The Faithful, the main thing for us are the Plenary Indulgences that this Year holds. The details of this are outlined by each Bishop, and Bishop Persico has given us the opportunity to receive One Plenary Indulgence, per day, and we can apply it to ourselves or the deceased. The conditions for an Indulgence are as follows:

- 1) At least once this year, receive absolution & The Eucharist
- 2) Make a pilgrimage to Rome, OR to a designated local site: St Peter Cathedral (Erie) or St Leo Magnus (Ridgway) and while there make time for prayer for the Holy Father
- 3) You can daily – and if you are unable to travel – pray The Our Father; recite The Creed; pray for the intentions of the Holy Father; and if you are sick, imprisoned, or homebound, offer your sufferings as a prayer for others and the souls of Purgatory
- 4) Make a visit to those in need. Make the visit a ‘vibrant awareness of the Christ’s presence’ in their life
- 5) Carry out personal acts of Penance: abstain from meat (especially on Fridays), from futile distractions, and from over consumption of food and drink
- 6) Carry out significant acts of Charity: contribute to the poor; support orphans, migrants, and homeless; contribute significant time to volunteer activities that serve the needs and dignity of others.

Doing one of these each day will avail you to the Plenary Indulgence, if you are doing them with the desire and aim to turn away from the attachment to sin and grow in holiness. I will speak more of this Jubilee throughout the coming year, and I hope to do things as a parish to honor the year.

Love
Fr. Brandon