



*This people honors  
me with their lips*

*but their hearts are far from me*

# Saint Michael Parish

**TWENTY-  
SECOND  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

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

**SUNDAY  
SEPTEMBER  
1  
2024**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Sept. 2 Labor Day, Offices are closed.  
Sept. 3 First Day of School at SMS.  
Sept. 3 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.  
Sept. 6 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins  
after the 9 AM Mass.  
Confessions are heard on Wednesdays from 8-8:30  
PM and Saturdays from 3-4 PM.

## OFFICE TELEPHONE TIPS

The parish office phone will answer with an "after hours" message at 4:30 Monday through Friday. If you are calling because someone is in danger of death, please choose Option 7 so that Fr. Brandon (or a priest covering) will get the message right away to respond to the request for anointing.

## STEWARDSHIP

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time  
\$8,251.73

Church in Latin America  
\$643

CSA  
Pledged: \$102,040  
Paid: \$91,420

**THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY YOU SHOW TO OUR PARISH!**

**St. Michael Church:** In Memory of Deceased members of the Knights of Columbus (\$1,000) K of C.  
**St. Michael School Endowment:** In memory of Mert Muscarella (\$15).

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Sept 7/4:30 PM	Tess Redfoot	Patty Meehan John Svirbly	Susan Swartzbeck	Lisa Demarest	Maggie L. & Mason M.
Sept.8/8 AM	Maureen Shine	Cindy Saulsbery & George Soros			Avery W. & Duncan M.
Sept.8/11 AM	Brenda DelMaramo	Kenda & Tom Hoover	Kloe Soros	Natalie Serrano	Liza, Tucker & Callie S.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

### **TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 3**

Saint Gregory the Great  
Tim & Rose McElhinny (Family)

### **WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 4**

Tom & Rose Gessler (Judi, Chris, & Family)

### **THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5**

Ann Bunton (Tom Murrin)

### **FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 6**

Relative & Friends (Tom & Shirley Patton)

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

Dennis Durkos (Adrienne Rotunno)

### **TWENTY-THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

### **SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 7**

**4:30 PM** *Saint Michael Church*  
Gary Steppe (Family)

### **SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 8**

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

**11:00 AM** *Saint Michael Church*

Paul Varley (Daughter)

## 40 CLUB AUGUST 21st WINNERS

\$100-Tracy Scott; \$100-Kathleen Holian; \$50-Betty Junk.

## **PRO LIFE—ALPHA OMEGA CENTER “BABY SHOWER”**

The Order of Secular Franciscans is collecting Baby and Infant items in support of the Pro-Life Organization-**Alpha Omega Center**. They are collecting items for a Sept 15 “Baby shower”. A wish list is in the Gathering Space of the Church along with a tote to leave donations. Items are needed by Sept. 14. Contributions will be greatly appreciated.

## **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**

## SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL

We begin school on Tuesday, on September 3rd, grateful to God and to you our parishioners, as we begin the 125th year of educating children-mind, body, and soul through Catholic Education.

Special thanks to Paul, Gene, and Rick Cianci for their efforts to enhance our school playground making it safer and more enjoyable for our children. Another wonderful example of alumni taking pride in our school.

Our PTO offers hot lunches to the children on a regular basis. We are seeking volunteers to be scheduled to assist with serving meals to the children. Please call the school at 724-588-7050-to volunteer.

## SAVE THE DATE FOR THE SECOND ANNUAL MICHAEL'S MEAL

Mark your calendar for Sunday, September 29 for the second annual Michael's Meal. Social Hour will begin at 4:45 PM with dinner at 5:30 PM in Lateran Hall. Watch for details on making reservations in upcoming bulletins. The meal will be catered so that no one has to do anything but enjoy food and friends.

## A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

One of the many blessings of my 30-Day retreat I went on last month was a complete radio silence from all the hoopla of 'breaking news' and every atom of manufactured outrage that exists in the echo chamber of media and politics. I had no idea about President Trump's assassination attempt for days (saw it on a tv while walking around the campus), nor President Biden's stepping down from the Ticket for November's election till the retreat was over. Let me tell you, I couldn't have cared any less about missing out on all the latest political intrigue nor the synthetic situations the media conjures with the implicit guilt that I must care about the latest headline or what's running across the bottom of the screen or trending on a social media platform. It felt so liberating to be removed from the matrix for a month and forget all about all that noise! I realized that I could exist, with great joy and happiness, and not be plugged into whatever corporate media or corporate political parties were telling me I should care about and consume my life with. Again, liberating is a good word, but even that is inadequate to capture the full magnitude of what can be when you truly only exist for The Holy Trinity and intimacy with each Person! That is what we are made for - it's the reason we exist - and when we engage our true purpose and reason, so much is put into a holy and healthy perspective. I can't recommend it enough!

Possessing a holy and healthy perspective on life, the nation, the current events of our day is such a crucial component of living a fully Catholic-Christian citizenship of this nation and of The Kingdom! The realest and truest obstacle to this, in my estimation, is that we are deafened by a tinnitus of chaos and of the loudest voices screaming for power and influence. Such little of the whisper of God (1 Kings 19:12) trickles into our ears, hearts, and minds because we allow every other decibel of the world and the enemy to resonate within. This is the reason we live in a world with such atrocity and audacity. The Truth is available to each of us; every conscience is panting for proper ordering and Divine Wisdom; we just need to avail ourselves to that sweetness of Truth so that we can conquer and overcome the evils of our society and world. The Church, though She is the font and curator of this Divine Wisdom and Truth, honestly is not all that great at letting that subtle whisper of God to become the symphony of our souls! She's profound at teaching Theology but doesn't seem to know all the time how to find Her foothold in shaping a Just society that allows for the flourishing of humanity. At best, She's choppy with intermittent successes, at worst, She's just silent. Living at a time where we seem to hit all new all-time highs - not just in the S&P or Dow - but in the distance we seem to tumble from The Kingdom of God and the Good of Man. This is especially unfortunate as we gear up for and near an election this year.

Among the panoply of Catholic Theology, I have a tender place in my heart for The Social Teaching of the Catholic Church. Catholic Social Teaching (CST) simply is the theology around citizenship and our earthly obligations to our neighbors. It seeks to take the whole of the Gospel and the Teachings of the Saints and disseminate it into a language that speaks to the heart to inform the Conscience of each man on what it means to create and fight for a Just society where human dignity is the utmost standard and goal of every action of the state, community, and family. Some teachings within CST will resonate with Democrats, other teachings resonate with Republicans, yet most, simply does not find a home in the modern conglomerate we call our two political parties. They simply don't. Part of that noise I talked about above is the screaming that 'my party is the Catholic party', or that 'my party represents Biblical values'... it just doesn't work that way! Between now and November's election, every other week or so, I want to write and teach about key pillars of CST with the goals of 1) showing you just how off the mark, as a whole, the parties are in this nation, and 2) to help your Conscience hear that whisper of God and to tune out the rapturous chaos and to meditate upon building the Kingdom of God here on Earth. I will not tell you which candidate to vote for, not because I'm some weak coward, but because we need to be people who act from a place of informed conviction, not 'Father says'! You need to know why you have the conviction within you to do what God wills for you to do! Everything I do and preach and try to show you is so that you can experience it for yourself and know it to be real for you - not just taking my word for it! It's the same principle of going to Mass - just going to Mass every week out of obligation and never letting any of it affect you or change you is not the same as letting the mindboggling reality of the Eucharist change every neuron of your existence and then going forth changed and sent to preach the Good News! So too with social and political engagement, it needs to be a fruit of the teaching we do as a Church. This is what I will attempt to afford you over these coming weeks - and to give you a taste of the beautiful theology that is Catholic Social Teaching!

*Love,  
Fr. Brandon*