



# Saint Michael Parish

**SEVENTH  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

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

**SUNDAY  
FEBRUARY  
23,  
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)  
**Mar 1-15** Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)  
**St. Margaret**

## STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Stations of the Cross will be said on Fridays at St. Michael Church beginning on March 6 at 7PM. Note that it is First Friday so the **Rosary will begin at 6:15, Benediction to follow. Stations will begin at 7PM.**

Stations of the Cross will be said on Wednesdays at St. Margaret Mission on beginning on Wednesday, March 12, at 6:30 PM.

## STEWARDSHIP

Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time  
\$8,302.68

CSA 2025  
Pledged: \$1,420  
Paid: \$1,420

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!*

**St. Michael Church:** In memory of Michael Suich(\$200),  
In memory of Charles Hawks, Jr. (\$20).

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Gloria J. Russell. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Mar. 1 /4:30 PM	Charlie Demarest	Patty Meehan John Svirbly	Mary Smart	Lisa Demarest	Mason M. & Lily T.
Mar. 2/8 AM	Dawn Richter	Patti Hayes George Soros			Avery W. & Duncan M.
Mar. 2/11 AM	Joseph Yarzab	Bea DeCiancio Doug Ruffing	Kloe Soros	Natalie Serrano	Liza, Callie, & Tucker S.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25

Tom & Richard Liszka (Todd and Anne)

### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26

NO MASS

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27

Saint Gregory of Narek  
Marcia Mae Kreps Cummins 90th Birthday  
(Kathleen Cummins Bearer)

### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28

John B. McElhinny (M.M.) (Mark & Carol Drennen)

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

Dennis Durkos, Sr. (Debbie & Joe)

## EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

### SATURDAY, MARCH 1

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*  
Shawn Holzapfel (Hawkins Family)

### SUNDAY, MARCH 2

\*8:00 AM *Saint Margaret Mission\**  
Rosemary Zerr (Anita Carr)

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*  
For the People of the Parish

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Feb. 24 Passion Play Rehearsals 6 PM Lateran Hall.
- Feb. 25 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.
- Feb. 25 Seasons of Hope at 6 PM Large Meeting Rm.
- Feb. 27 Men's Group Meets beginning at 6 AM.
- Feb. 27 Fish Dinner Meeting 7PM Large Meeting Rm.
- Mar. 5 Ash Wednesday- Lent Begins.

Confessions heard on Wednesday 8-8:30 PM & Saturday from 3-4 PM-Lenten schedule begins March 10.

## 40 CLUB WINNERS- FEBRUARY 12

\$100- Barbara Walton; \$100-George Soros; \$50-Greg/Missy Gladysz.

## HAZERDOUS CONDITIONS

The continuous hazardous winter weather has prompted a review of use of parking lots for Daily Mass and activities throughout the week. 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.

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

For Lent, the Men's group shall watch and discuss the video series titled "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion". Best-selling author Edward Sri guides us through the last hours of Christ's life in this biblical pilgrimage. Every step of the way, biblical experts reveal how **Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context** shed light on the mystery of Christ's suffering and death. Join us Thursday mornings, 6 AM, McElhinny Hall. Light breakfast and refreshments 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

This will (unfortunately) be our final full week of Ordinary Time before we are thrust into Lent on Ash Wednesday, March 5! Most are probably still recouping from paying off their Christmas credit card bills, and here we are moving into Lent. As per usual, I will be having daily Confessions offered throughout the Season. We will begin our Lenten Confessions the first full week of Lent, **Monday March 10, and continue through Wednesday April 23** (Holy Week). The Lenten Confession Schedule will be:

Mondays 4:30 – 6:00 PM (*April 14 6:30 – 7:30PM due to Chrism Mass*)  
Tuesdays 11:30AM – 12:30PM  
Wednesdays 8:00 – 9:00 PM  
Thursdays 9:30 – 10:45 AM  
Fridays 11:00 AM – 12:00 PM  
Saturdays 3:00 – 4:00 PM (both Fr Ray and I)

The only request I make is to please take advantage of the *entire* Season. This is 5 ½ weeks of Confessions offered daily (except Sundays). It can create a logjam in those final days if too many wait till the very end! If you need to wait, by all means, your confession will be heard, but I'm just encouraging you to take advantage of those random Tuesdays! Both Fr Ray and I want to not rush you and give you all the time you deserve, so please take advantage of the 33 days and the almost 45 'Confessor man-hours' of Confession offered over the upcoming Season!

As we near Lent, in this final full week, let us utilize these final ten days before the Season to contemplate what we may do to make our Lents fruitful and impactful on our Christian and Spiritual lives. Fasting is something we should all incorporate into our lives within Lent (well, all the time but, we're here focusing on Lent). No matter what it ends up being from which you crave to fast, use these ten days to begin to wean yourself into it. If you have ambitious fasting goals, going cold turkey on Ash Wednesday can feel heroic, but because you are still human, you are most likely setting yourself up for failure and frustration. Don't pretend you are not human or super spiritual and in total control...you aren't! If you want to give up some sweets, cream in your coffee, screen time, doom scrolling, tv or some entertainment, or anything else, just begin to cut back for a couple days so you can slide into Lent with some semblance of control over the fast. My horror story with this was back in Seminary, I went cold turkey with coffee on Ash Wednesday – I was feeling super holy and thought I'd give up coffee for forty days...idiot! I made it through Wednesday, but Thursday morning, I was incredibly irritated! I was in a class (that I already didn't like) and I wanted to crawl out of my skin and find a Starbucks! The professor called on me to answer a question, and the only answer I could muster through my coffee withdrawal was, "shut up!"! Not one of my prouder days! Yes, I had a problem, but my fast was too intense and not something I was going to be able to maintain without interfering with life...and class! Yes, fast from those things that have a hold on you or that will invite some mortification into your day, prepare, though, for it and ease into it. No spiritual practice is perfected on day 1, so set yourself up for some great Graces!

*Love*  
*Fr. Brandon*