

**Fourth
Sunday
in
Lent**

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**Sunday,
March
30,
2025**

MASS TIMES

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (*Saint Michael*)

Saturday, 4:30pm (*Saint Michael*)

First Saturday, 9:00am (*Saint Michael*)

Sunday, 8:00am (*Saint Margaret*)

Sunday, 11:00am (*Saint Michael*)

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STEWARDSHIP

Third Sunday of Lent

\$7,691.68

CSA 2025

Pledged: \$72,030

Paid: \$40,475

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!*

Saint Michael Parish: In memory of
Judy Turner (\$225); In memory of
Joey Bonaquist (\$100); In memory
of Michael Allen (\$50).

40 CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus are again conducting the annual "40 Cans For Lent" program during the Lenten season. Please consider donating any canned goods (vegetables, soups, fruit, sauces, beans, peanut butter, tuna, chicken). Donations will be given to the Good Shepherd food-bank and to the Jamestown Food Pantry which is distributed at St. Margaret Mission basement.

**KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS
FATHER-SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST**

The Father -Son Communion Breakfast is on April 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 171 Clarksville Rd. Breakfast begins at 10 am. Ryan Briggs, Sports Information Director at Grove City College and Radio Commentator is the speaker. Tickets are \$10 per person. Please contact Brian Bown at 724-813-8677 or Chuck Surano at 724-456-2315 for tickets.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 1

Hannah Craig (Family)

Wednesday, April 2

Saint Francis of Paola
Jack Kalchthaler (Walsh Family)

Thursday, April 3

John McElhinny (Dan & Alice Matusz)

Friday, April 4

Saint Isidore
Patty Palko (Mary Ellen Zahniser)

Saturday April 5

Saint Vincent Ferrer
Joseph C. Bonaquist (Susan Reda)

Fifth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, April 5

4:30pm James & Sophie Micsky (Paul & Janet Micsky)

Sunday, April 6

8:00am Michael Suich (Barbara & John Miller)
11:00am For the People of the Parish

SANCTUARY CANDLES

April 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Paul Langiotti (Vince Casswell)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul Michael D. Allen. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

Saint Michael Parish is being asked to donate 75 breakfast items for the Easter distribution. The breakfast items need to be dropped off to the Church by April 4, 2025.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 31: Confessions 4:30-5:45pm
Passion Play Rehearsals 6:00pm
(Lateran Hall)

April 1: Confessions 11:30am-12:30pm

April 2: No Confessions Tonight
Stations of the Cross 6:30pm
(St. Margaret Mission)

April 3: Confessions 9:30-10:45am
Men's Group meets at 6am

April 4: Confessions 11:00am-12:00pm
Adoration begins after Mass
Rosary begins at 6:15 pm.
Stations of the Cross 7:00pm
Fish Dinner 4:00-6:30pm (K of C)

April 5: Confessions 3:00-4:00
Passion Play 6pm (Lateran Hall)

FAITH FORMATION

Our 3rd Graders will be making their First Holy Communion in May. Each year, the Faith Formation office gives the students a rosary to remember the day.

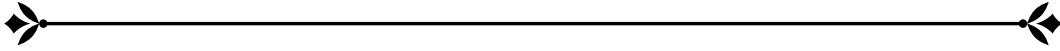
If you have time in the next month, please select a rosary to take home for a week. During that week, please use the rosary to pray for the student making their First Communion. Please return the rosary the following Sunday. The students will receive a rosary already "worn-in" with prayer on their special day!

The rosaries will be in the Gathering Space for the month of April.

"MAKE US BELIEVERS" PASSION PLAY

St. Michael Parish proudly presents a musical on Christ's Passion Saturday April 5 at 6 pm, Lateran Hall. Please attend and enrich your Lenten experience!

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON



We've hit the Liturgical half-way point of the Season of Lent, as we have three weeks behind us and three weeks ahead of us as we march towards Easter. It's a fine occasion to check in and see how your Lent is going and how you are engaging your Lenten practices. It's probably a true statement that your expectations or anticipations for your Lent has not been perfect – you've forgot certain things on certain days, gave up on things entirely, just haven't been in the mood or motivated enough for other things...that's ok! It's rather fun to see and acknowledge how we Catholics tend to build up Lent into some moral imperative! Your decisions to do ABC, XYZ for this Season are venerable pursuits of holiness, but not moral endeavors! You are not in sin for not having read your book or having slipped up and eaten orange frosting because that is your favorite color, and you thought it best to give up all things orange for Lent... or whatever! Don't confuse holy, venerable, and noble pursuits for moral duties and imperatives! We tend to do that as Catholics; we can't seem to live without our Catholic guilt and scrupulosity! I told you I had wanted to read two books this Lent: *Screwtape Letters* (CS Lewis) and *Jesus of Nazareth: Holy Week* (Pope Benedict XVI). *Screwtape Letters* is a rather short book and *Jesus of Nazareth* is a bit lengthier. I hope to finish *Screwtape* this week and then embark on *Jesus of Nazareth*! I got quite behind these last few weeks...my brain and attention has just been all over the place and even my regular prayer life and routine has been an against the grain endeavor. It's been just hard to add too much more into me as the free mental and spiritual real estate has just been hard to come by these last few weeks. Will I finish the *Jesus of Nazareth* book by Easter? I hope, but I may need to finish it during the Octave (that still counts, right?!). So do an honest assessment of just how things are going with your Lenten practices and wherever you have fallen short or are just behind or simply too exhausted from life to add too much right now, it's ok! Just take note and make any appropriate adjustments - and don't beat yourself up! .

Luckily, for us, though, Lent is not about the panoply of tasks and practices we can load onto our shoulders and into our life over these weeks, it is about God! More important than the preceding conversation is how I and God are doing? *THAT* is the core of Lent, not the library we want to get through! I have been focusing our Sundays on the work of The Holy Spirit in the Scriptures but also in our lives. For me, it's been good to sit with The Spirit in these days. I tend to stay in familiar places with God – and we should, in a sense. We shouldn't just be trying to 'recreate' or 'reintroduce' ourselves to a 'new God' every time we go to prayer or are in communion with Him. But, there is definitely room for going deeper or plunging new depths with God – that is expected and true progress in the spiritual life! I have found that sitting with The Spirit in Lent is, honestly, a new perspective on Lent I've not really embraced or endeavored before. So, I feel, in a lot of ways I can't get my head above water most days, but there is a tremendous love, peace, and awareness of The Spirit in these days of Lent and in these days wandering the desert or Lent and life! My point is just to take note of you and The Father; you and The Son; you and The Spirit...those relationships are what matter, ultimately, not how many pages we've read this Lent.

Love,
Father Brandon