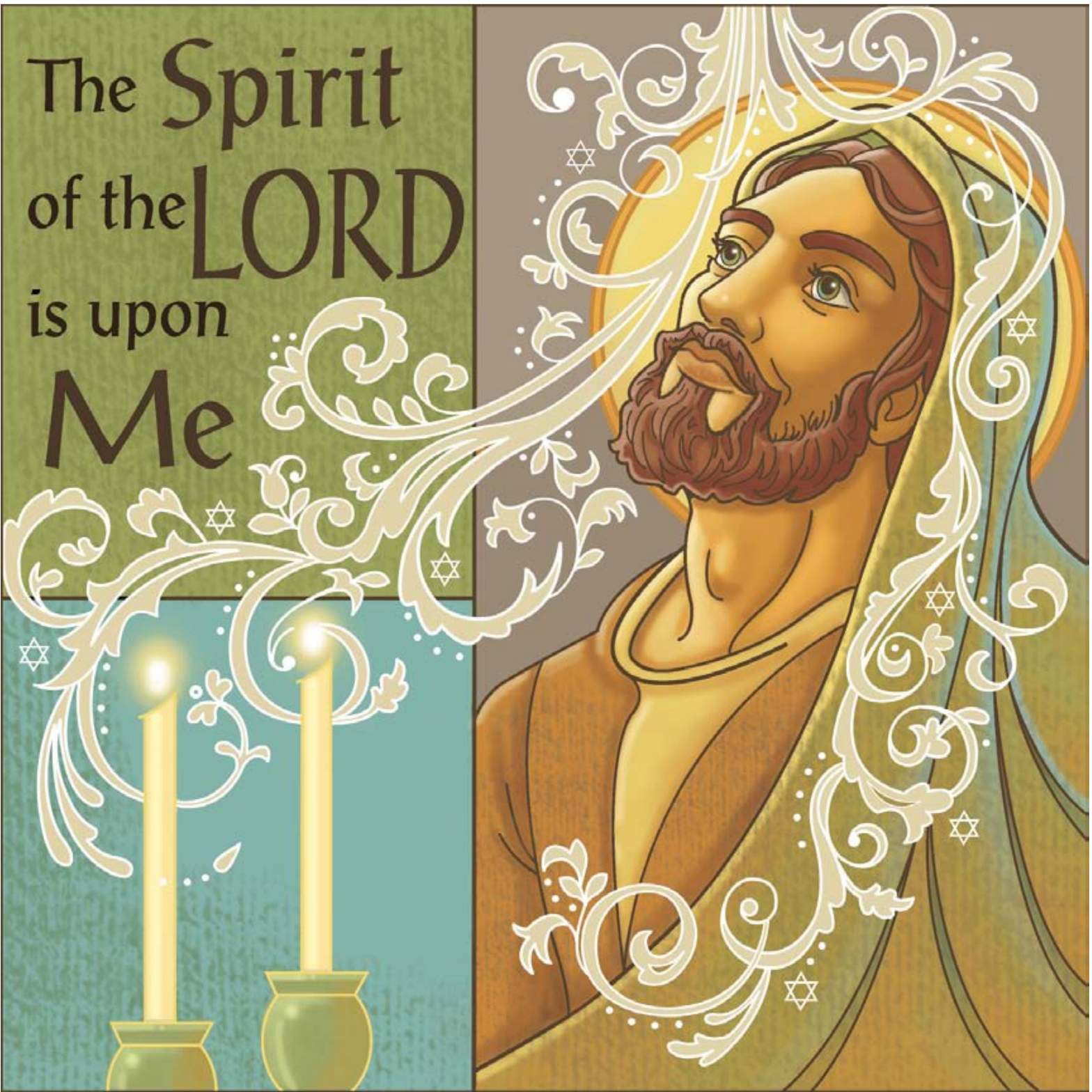


The Spirit  
of the LORD  
is upon  
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# Saint Michael Parish

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*Saint Margaret, Parish's Mission Church*  
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**SUNDAY  
JANUARY  
26,  
2025**

**THIRD  
SUNDAY IN  
ORDINARY  
TIME**

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## SANCTUARY CANDLES

### INTENTION & DONOR

**Jan 16-31** Mert Muscarella (Fagley Family)  
**Jan 16-31** E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie Pickens)  
**Jan 16-31** Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)  
**St. Margaret**

## STEWARDSHIP

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time  
\$12,898.14

CSA  
Pledged: \$104,690  
Paid: \$ 104,080

## SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are being accepted for the Toni McElhinny Adversity Scholarship until March 1, 2025. The application is available on the website of the Community Foundation of Western PA. Students graduating from Greenville High School in 2025 that encountered some form of adversity along with plans to support or inspire others in a way to make a difference are encouraged to apply. Donations can be made through the website as well.

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!*

**Saint Michael Church:** In Memory of Dr. Federico Valles-teros (\$100); In Memory of Michael Suich (\$75).

## ADULT EDUCATION SESSION

The last session in the Saint Michael Parish adult education winter season of , "Jesus and the Eucharist" Sessions is Jan. 29 at 6:30 PM in the Large Meeting Room of the Church. Sign up is not required to attend.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Feb. 1/4:30 PM	Charlie Demarest	Sandy Ohl John Svirbly	Mary Smart	Lisa Demarest	Lily T. Mason M.
Feb. 2/8 AM	Dawn Richter	Patty Meehan George Soros			Avery W. & Duncan M.
Feb. 2/ 11 AM	Vern Swartz	Brenda DeMaramo Doug Ruffing	Kloe Soros	Natalie Serrano	Ella & Lance P.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

*Weekday Masses Tues- Fri 9AM /First Sat 9AM*

*Saint Michael Church*

**TUESDAY, JANUARY 26**

Saint Thomas Aquinas  
Janet Liszka (Liszka Family)

**WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 29**

Judy Kalchthaler (Anniv.) (Family)

**THURSDAY, JANUARY 30**

Sophie Arnold (Natalie Higbee)

**FRIDAY, JANUARY 31**

Saint John Bosco

Deceased Members of the SMS Class of 1965  
(Mary Williams Smith)

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

Dr. Robert Dreisbach (Helene Dreisbach)

## FOURTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 1**

**4:30 PM** *Saint Michael Church*

Dr. Federico Vallesteros (Mary Jo Lipani)

**SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 2**

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

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

Toni McElhinny (Anniv.) (Natalie Higbee)

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- Jan. 28 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.
- Jan. 28 Seasons of Hope at 6 PM.
- Jan. 29 Adult Education series at 6:30 PM.
- Jan. 29 Veterans Brunch at Lateran Hall at 10:30 AM.
- Jan. 30 Men's Group at 6 AM.

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

## 40 CLUB WINNERS JANUARY 15

\$100- Bridget Lindley; \$100- Kate Cianci; \$50- Mike Banic.

## CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK

Catholic Schools Week will begin Sunday January 26 with the **11:00 AM Mass** and an **Open House** at the school following mass until 1PM. The Open House is open to all current and prospective families as well as all St. Michael Parishioners.

If you are, or know of a US military veteran, please contact the school office with name and number who will attend our **Veterans' Brunch** on Wednesday January 29th at 10:30AM in Lateran Hall. We would love to honor the veterans in our parish and school families.

Join us **Saturday February 1st from 4-7PM** at Lateran Hall for a **Chicken Pie Fundraiser Dinner**, basket raffles and sharing of memories. Tickets are \$12 in advance or \$15 at the door. Children's meals are \$8. Dinner will include chicken pie, mashed potatoes, gravy, green beans, dessert and a drink. Contact Trichelle Eddy 724-456-7555, [marketing@smike1.org](mailto:marketing@smike1.org) for tickets.

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

The Men's fellowship group continues with the Father Kapun (Priest, Chaplain, Korean war POW, and Medal of Honor awardee) video and discussion series on Thursday, January 30. "Courage" is the theme of this video. Do you let fear dictate your life, or do you trust in God? The virtue of courage helps us face difficult situations and remain strong in pursuing what is good. McElhinny Hall, opens before 6 AM, video and subsequent group discussion at 6:15, conclude by 7:20. Light breakfast,

## ADDRESS UPDATE

For those wishing to send cards/letters to Tyler Smart, his address is changed to: Tyler Smart, 600 North Paca St., Baltimore, MD 21201. He appreciates your thoughts and prayers.

## TAX STATEMENTS

The 2024 year end giving statements will be available beginning on Monday, January 27, 2025. Please call the office at 724-588-9800, option 1 for Patty, to request your statement. 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

With Jan 20<sup>th</sup> this year being a Monday, I got to watch the entirety of the Inauguration of President Trump. I mentioned a few weeks back with the funeral ceremonies of President Carter that I love to watch much of the ceremony, pageantry, and tradition of events and proceedings that take place in Washington. With the events of the day being moved indoors, it added a touch of novelty to the already impressive day! The very first Inauguration I watched was Jan 20, 2001, where President Bush took his first Oath of Office...just nine months before the world forever changed. I remember it clearly in my mind (which is weird because I have very few memories of childhood!). It was a Saturday, and we went grocery shopping at Wegmans in the morning, and I recall hurrying my mom up so we could get back home to watch the Inauguration! We got home, and I reluctantly carried a bag or two of groceries into the house and darted upstairs with one of my brothers and we went into our TV room (a spare bedroom that was our video game room) and watched the events of the day. It's one of my few vivid memories of childhood. It's amazing to look at the world – and my own life – from 24 years ago this week and just how different so much of life and the world has become. Some good, some bad, and some just simply different. But, despite all that has adversely affected and changed the world, what has remained a constant is The Lord. As cliché as that may echo, it is undeniable! In all the passing a way of life and time, people and memories, what remains forever is The Lord who comes to redeem us and show us the face of The Father. That has never changed and will never change. The world is fragile; relationships and families are broken; sin is rampant, and pain is everywhere, but what remains -and even intensifies – is the inferno of Divine Mercy & Grace that saves us from all of it! Even the rich heritage of the Inauguration being done outside the Capitol, for the nation to gather to watch and observe on The National Mall and the great parades of people who will come to celebrate and get a glimpse of history...even those stalwart traditions can be thwarted by a chilly morning, downsized, and moved indoors! Nothing is safe or immune from the fragility of all that life is. These civic ceremonies and historical proceedings -as good and beautiful as they are – pale in comparison to even the most miniscule reality of God!

The enemy of our human nature loves for us to forget that. Our common enemy relishes in us forgetting God and pouring ourselves into things that may seem enduring, but even a chilly morning may disrupt! I invite and challenge you to work on a recalibration in your life of those things that endure and the things that pass away – especially those things that pass away that you have no personal connection to. This is something we all need to work on and take account of, and it is not a one and done thing. Take an inventory of how much time you spend consuming the news; how much energy you exhaust in fretting over politics and engineered outrage; how angry or fearful you become over people you have never met who wouldn't blink an eye if you were evaporated in an instant. Take an honest assessment of just how much of a grip things have in your life that pass away– especially news, politics, and celebrity culture – and then contrast that with an inventory of how you spend each day on those things that endure and divinely feed and sustain you. Take an inventory of how much time you spend with The Scriptures, time in prayer, time you spend serving neighbors and the community, time spent sitting over a good meal with loved ones, time spent reading good books and watching good movies and listening to good music...Ultimately, is the time spent on passing things greater than time spent on enduring and divine things? If we're honest, looking at the aggregate of our lives, we easily fall down the slope of throwing our time away on things that don't endure or sustain our souls and lives. Let this new presidency be a great context to begin to pull away from that noise that agitates us and move towards the silence, love, and laughter that sustains us! Trust me, you know the narrative for the rest of this term – it is so predictable now, it's boring, and I don't even know why people still engage news entertainment media! I'm not saying go cold turkey and just never watch news again (though that's not bad) but simply observe the ratios in your life: is there balance or imbalance; am I being sustained or agitated; am I being filled with Light or more darkness? We know the drama; we know the narratives; let us use this Year of Jubilee as a great context, too, to find jubilation in life in a way we may never have before. It doesn't need to be about anything herculean, simply recalibrating the ratio of our time.

*Love*  
*Fr. Brandon*