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Saint Michael Parish

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**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
3
2024**

**THIRTY-
FIRST
SUNDAY
IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 5 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
Nov. 5 Season of Hope Bereavement at 6 PM.
Nov. 6 Adult Education Begins at 6 PM.
Nov. 7 Men's Group at 6 AM.
Nov. 9 PTO Spaghetti Dinner 4-7 PM.
Nov. 11 Young at Heart Meets at 11:30.
Confessions are heard on Wednesdays from 8-8:30
PM and Saturdays from 3-4 PM.

STEWARDSHIP

Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$9039.80
Mission Sunday
\$1139.22

CSA
Pledged: \$102,990
Paid: \$96,725

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

November Schedule:

November 3rd: Adoration in Lateran Hall at 9:15
AM. Breakfast will be served!
November 10th: Class @ 9:15 AM
November 24th : Class @ 9:15 AM

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR
PARISH!*

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Kevin
Carter, son of Deacon Frank, Rebecca White, and
Robert Canady. May their souls and all the souls of
the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Nov. 9/ 4:30 PM	Charlie Demarest	Sandy Ohl Pat Shaughnessy	Bob Hutchinson	Kathy Williams	Lily T., & Maggie L
Nov. 10 /8 AM	Mark Holian	Kenda & Tom Hoovler			Avery W. & Duncan M.
Nov. 10/ 11 AM	Vern Swartz	Bea DeCiancio Brenda DelMaramo	Bruce Turcic	Natalie Serano	Callie, Tucker, & Liza S.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 5

Grace Meyer (Tom & Shirley Patton)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 6

Pam Cianci (Cianci Family)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Tom Duda (Ralph & Roseanne McConnell)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 8

Mary Lou DiSalvo (M/M Joseph Krachkowksi)

THIRTY SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 9

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*

Teresa Murrin (Tom Murrin Family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 10

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**

For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

Deceased Members of the Stanfa Family
(Joanne Mitchell)

BOOK OF THE DEAD

The book of the Dead will be in front of the Church to note those whom you would like remembered in prayer during the month of November.

ADULT EDUCATION SESSION

Saint Michael Parish adult education will offer a series, "Jesus and the Eucharist" The program begins on **Wednesday, November 6** at 6:30 in the Large Meeting Room of the Church . The Fall series will run **Nov 6, 13, 20 and 27th**. After a break for the holidays, the next session will run January 8, 15, 22, and 29th. Sign up is not required to attend. Come for all the sessions or as many as your schedule permits.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

Boxed macaroni and cheese is the special request for October. Watch for dates for items needed for the upcoming holiday meals hosted by the Good Shepherd.

40 CLUB OCTOBER 23rd WINNERS

\$100-Abbie Walton; \$100-Jessica Brown; \$50-John F. Scott.

SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

Nov 1-15 Dennis Durkos (Dan & Susan Wallace)

Nov 1-15 Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert Moore)

St. Margaret

Nov 16-30 Dennis Durkos (Dan & Susan Wallace)

Nov 16-30 Mary Lou DiSalvo (Family)

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL PTO SPAGHETTI DINNER

St. Michael School PTO is hosting a Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle to benefit St. Michael School PTO on Saturday, November 9th, 2024 from 4:00 - 7PM. Ticket includes one plate of spaghetti, meatballs, salad, bread, dessert and choice of drink. Dinners can be sit down or to go!

We are accepting donations for our basket raffle! Please contact Trichelle Eddy if you would like to donate an item by emailing pto@smike1.org or call/text 724-456-7555.

YOUNG AT HEART

Plan to attend the Young at Heart Luncheon on November 11 at 11:30 in the Large Meeting Room of the Church. Al Marzano will be the speaker to remember Veterans Day. Bring a dish to share and a friend. Everyone 55 years young and older are welcome whether this is your first lunch or a regular. See you there!

MOVIE NIGHT

Movie night will return on Sunday, November 17 in McElhinny Hall for a screening of "John Paul II" at 5:30 PM. Plan to attend to help celebrate Formation month with this special viewing. Bring snacks to share.

MENS GROUP

Join us Thursday morning (Nov 7) from 6 - 7:30 am in McElhinny Hall for a discussion of Catholic/Christian men's role in today's secular society.

Fourth Principle: Solidarity & The Common Good

*"To love someone is to desire that person's good and to take effective steps to secure it. Besides the good of the individual, there is the good that is linked to living in society: the common good. It is the good of 'all of us', made up of individuals, families and intermediate groups who together constitute society. ... To desire the common good and strive towards it is a requirement of justice and charity." (Pope Benedict, **Charity in Truth**, no. 7)*

*"At another level, the roots of the contradiction between the solemn affirmation of human rights and their tragic denial in practice lies in a notion of freedom which exalts the isolated individual in an absolute way, and gives no place to solidarity, to openness to others and service of them. . . It is precisely in this sense that Cain's answer to the Lord's question: 'Where is Abel your brother?' can be interpreted: 'I do not know; am I my brother's keeper?' (Gen 4:9). Yes, every man is his "brother's keeper", because God entrusts us to one another." (St. John Paul II, **The Gospel of Life**, no. 19)*

*"[Solidarity] is not a feeling of vague compassion or shallow distress at the misfortunes of so many people, both near and far. On the contrary, it is a firm and persevering determination to commit oneself to the common good; that is to say, to the good of all and of each individual, because we are all really responsible for all." (St. John Paul II, **On Social Concern**, no. 38)*

*"The solidarity which binds all men together as members of a common family makes it impossible for wealthy nations to look with indifference upon the hunger, misery and poverty of other nations whose citizens are unable to enjoy even elementary human rights. The nations of the world are becoming more and more dependent on one another, and it will not be possible to preserve a lasting peace so long as glaring economic and social imbalances persist." (St. John XXIII, **On Christianity and Social Progress**, no. 157)*

Above all, clothe yourself with love and let the peace of Christ reign in your hearts. (cf. Colossians 3:9-17)

In this final installment, I want to close out with Solidarity & The Common Good. Let's look at where we've been. We started out with Human Dignity which teaches us that we are all made in the image and likeness of God and thus are inherently granted rights and privileges in any human society. This basic principle is why the Church is vehemently against abortion and employs a deep logic and discernment to war, seeing it as an absolute last resort and is to be engaged with several parameters and with innocent life being preserved at all costs. Then we looked at Subsidiarity which demonstrates for us that problems are to be solved at the lowest level possible. The basic element of every society is the individual and the first 'branch of government' is the family. That branch of government has first right and responsibility to care for all that it can, then if the problem or need persists, then do we move out to neighbors, the parish, local groups and organizations, your local town government, and so forth until at the very end you reach a federal government. Remember, in this Catholic ideal, your neighbor, friend in the parish, Grand Knight and Borough Councilman should have incredibly more power in your life than your president. Thirdly we looked at the Preferential Option for the Poor. This drives the ideas of Subsidiarity deeper by demonstrating that the community is to be on standby and always ready to be mobilized around the material needs of others. That great quote from Augustine crystallizes it well where he tells us the Christian is to invest his wealth into the bellies of the hungry – those are heavenly storehouses!

Today we peek at Solidarity and The Common Good. An analogy to understand these ideas is a team. For a team to win (the group) each player needs to be on the field or ice or court playing their best game (the individual). We could say, then, that for a society to win – in every sense of the word – every individual and citizen needs to be playing their best game – and be given the opportunity, rights, and freedoms to do so! Great teams have great players – the team doesn't win on its own. Same thing with society and nations. Nations win when citizens can win. Nations don't win on their own, but by every citizen working and playing and praying and loving together to make that happen. The Government is not there to win or play for us, we have the right and obligation to play the game with and for each other.

Bringing this home to the election and your prayerful discernment, we need to arrive at a conviction to vote for the candidate that will hand me the right and freedom to play hard for the team. We need to vote for the candidate who doesn't want to play for me, nor prevent me from caring for and loving those most vulnerable. The candidates themselves are also two people, part of the team, who they themselves are also called to play on behalf of, love and serve, so that the common good of us all – life – may be preserved. Perhaps it's best to discern which of the two feel this and believe this the most. Which of them also feels it's their personal duty – not government's or some other nefarious entity – to invest in the life of the other. Which seeks to preserve and protect human life and will encourage and participate in themselves the decentralization of charity, and empower the individual, the family, the parish to mobilize to assuage every human need? Which candidate will help us – along with themselves – most imitate Christ?