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Saint Michael Parish

**SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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**SUNDAY
JANUARY
19,
2025**

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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

Baptism of the Lord
\$9,166.20

CSA
Pledged: \$104,540
Paid: \$ 103,600

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 Parish: In memory of Dr. Federico Valles-teros (\$375); In memory of Michael Suich (\$450); In memory of Edward Marini (\$100).

ADULT EDUCATION SESSION

Two evenings remain in the Saint Michael Parish adult education winter session, "Jesus and the Eucharist" Sessions start at 6:30 in the Large Meeting Room of the Church. Sign up is not required to attend.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Jan. 25/ 4:30 PM	Tess Redfoot	Sandy Ohl John Svrbly	Susan Swartzbeck	Pat Shaughnessy	Maggie L. & Krystal W.
Jan. 26/8 AM	Mark Holian	Cindy & Gabby Saulsbery			Gabe & John G.
Jan. 26/ 11 AM	Jane Turcic	Bea DeCiancio Marilyn Kosloski	Bruce Turcic	Natalie Serrano	Ava & Sophia M. Andrew H.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

Saint Michael Church

TUESDAY, JANUARY 21

Saint Agnes

Tom Duda (Carole & Jack)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 22

Patrick Kozminski (Family)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 23

Saint Vincent & Saint Mariane Cope

Bruce Hertel (Daughters)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 24

Saint Francis de Sales

Joseph DiGregorio (Tony Luciani)

THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 25

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*

George & Sue Glosner (Mark & Karen Glosner)

SUNDAY, JANUARY 26

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

Carol Moore (Robert Moore)

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

For the People of the Parish

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 21 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.

Jan. 21 Seasons of Hope at 6 PM.

Jan. 22 Adult Education series at 6:30 PM.

Jan. 23 Men's Group at 6 AM.

Jan. 29 Veterans Brunch at Lateran Hall at 10:30 AM.

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

40 CLUB WINNERS

Jan. 1- \$100-Dave McGranahan; \$100- Erin Gramley; \$50-Doug/Mernee McElhinny.

Jan. 8- \$100 Finn McLaird; \$100-Corbin Kalchthaler:\$50-Stephanie Williams.

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. We will be having a **Veterans Brunch** on Wednesday January 29th at 10:30AM and would love to honor the veterans in our parish and school.

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 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 23. "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, coffee, and juice provided.

MUSICAL PASSION PLAY

This Lent, St. Michael Parish will produce Bob Summers's musical adaptation of Our Lord's Passion, "Make Us Believers."

We are asking everyone in our parish community to join us on this journey as cast members: from Jesus to Herod; from the Women of Jerusalem to the 12 Apostles; from Mary to the townspeople. Ages 8-80 and families are most welcome! This is a powerful opportunity to enter more deeply into the story of Salvation History this Lent, and to help your fellow parishioners to do the same.

Rehearsals will be Mondays from 6-7:30pm in Lateran Hall, and the performance will be the evening of Saturday, April 5 in Lateran Hall.

Want to learn more? Come to a no-commitment **Information and Sign-Up Night** on **Monday, January 20** from **6-7:30pm** in **Lateran Hall**. We hope to see you there!

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

We shift our Liturgical focus now to Ordinary Time. This is, you know, the lion's share of the year and where we will spend most of the coming year, sitting with and contemplating a whole panoply of books of Scripture, parables and miracles of Jesus, the writings of Paul and the early Church, as well as the unfolding of Salvation history in our midst. This is Year C, so that means that we will be reading through Luke's Gospel for the majority of this year while in Ordinary Time (this week being an exception to the rule as we read from John). Luke has some phenomenal insights and glimpses into the life of Jesus and some powerful invitations to experience the love the Holy Trinity that are unique to his Gospel of Jesus Christ. Luke, we know, was not one of the Twelve, but a disciple of Paul and someone who, quite obviously, was deeply rooted in and committed to the early movement of the Church and profoundly passionate about the proclamation of this Gospel! His Gospel is one that begins with a prologue that states his eager intent to write a history – a biography if you will – of Jesus of Nazareth. He must've spent much time interviewing and spending time with eyewitnesses of the events that had taken place to give an authoritative testimony to this amazing and triumphal Truth! His Gospel truly is unlike other writings of his time – especially of history or biography. Many who study ancient writings and literature will attest to the fact that the idea of writing down history from eyewitnesses was simply not something commonly done at that time in the ancient world. Historians speaking about current events and writing about them were just rare; it just wasn't being done as you and I may expect – we who live in a world that records and soundbites just about every syllable uttered by just about everyone. A great example is Alexander the Great. The first biography of his is written by Plutarch some 400 years after his death. Just about all we know of Alexander is from Plutarch, yet we never quibble that nearly half a millennium had passed, and we don't doubt Alexander's existence, yet when it comes to Christ, these documents written in the lifetime of eyewitnesses are often found fault with. We have dozens of these documents about the life and resurrection of Jesus Christ, yet people still doubt Him, yet no one doubts the existence of Alexander - -nor Homer (300 years till earliest biography), Socrates (300 years), Confucius (400 years), and so forth! The world often, in its fallen pursuit to reject God, will often apply different logic and reason to the reality of God becoming Incarnate and saving us in and through Jesus Christ, the Son of the Father! So, as we embark on Luke's Gospel this year (after this week) let us realize we are hearing and listening to a rare document for its day – a document that was written from a place of profound joy that God had come and successfully saved His people and redeemed them – even the most broken and sinful and ill among us! Luke's Gospel is a proclamation of a victory, and Luke wanted to break all norms to tell The Good News!

As we are in this Jubilee Year, and just at the beginning weeks of both a liturgical and calendar year, I want to encourage you to make Daily Mass a part of your life and routine – to the best of your ability. Among the downsides of fewer priests is that we become limited in the number of Masses we can have and the multiplicity of Mass times we can offer them. But, if you can find a church that offers a Mass time you can get to, I really invite you to adopt daily Mass into your routine in some way, shape, or fashion. Even if you go the third Tuesday of every other month that ends in the letter 'Y'...whatever you can do I simply invite you to do it! Trust me, I am like many of you – I want to grow in my spiritual life and find deeper roots in my intimacy with God but can feel overwhelmed by the options out there or the sense of guilt and obligation that I got to do ABC, XYZ...I get it! But what can alleviate the pressure and dispel the overwhelming anxiety of just not knowing how you can add more hours or devotions or books or beads or podcasts into your life...a daily Mass with some frequency can be a game changer! It doesn't need to be here if the time doesn't work, but look around, and ponder what you can commit to. The Eucharist and the Liturgy is the spiritual life, par excellence, so discern what you think you can make happen and commit to it this year!

Love
Fr. Brandon