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Saint Michael Parish

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**SUNDAY
JANUARY
12,
2025**

**BAPTISM
OF THE
LORD**

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

INTENTION & DONOR

Jan 1 -15 E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie Pickens)
Jan 1- 15 George & Sue Glosner (Mark & Karen
Glosner)
Jan 16-31 Mert Muscarella (Fagley Family)
Jan 16-31 E. Tracel Pickens (Joanie Pickens)

STEWARDSHIP

Epiphany of the Lord
\$11,898.68
Solemnity of Mary
\$1814
CSA
Pledged: \$104,540
Paid: \$ 103,330

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for Michael Suich, Frances Conn, mother in law of Michaela Conn, and Edward Marini who died this week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

ADULT EDUCATION SESSION

Saint Michael Parish adult education winter session, "Jesus and the Eucharist" will run Wednesday evenings in January (8, 15, 22, 29). Sessions start at 6:30 in the Large Meeting Room of the Church. Sign up is not required to attend. Come to as many sessions as you wish.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Jan. 18/ 4:30 PM	Linda Hajtol	Sandy Ohl John Svirbly	Mary Smart	Lisa Demarest	Lily T. Mason M.
Jan. 19/8 AM	Bob Moore	Maureen Shine Patty Meehan			Avery W. & Duncan M.
Jan. 19/ 11 AM	Walter Beh	Brenda DelMaramo Doug Ruffing	Bob Hutchinson	Natalie Serrano	Elana & Lance P. Andrew H.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, JANUARY 14

Austyn Bayuk Bonnet (Mark & Kate)

WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 15

E. Tracel Pickens (Anniv.) (Joanie & Eddie Pickens)

THURSDAY, JANUARY 16

Jeanne Coxson (Tom Murrin)

FRIDAY, JANUARY 17

St. Anthony

Deceased Members of the Louis & Antonia
Loreno Family (Ed Loreno)

SECOND SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, JANUARY 18

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*
For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, JANUARY 19

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**
Carol Moore (D.J. Sheridan & Family)

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

James Berger (Adult Choir)

SEASONS OF HOPE

The winter session of Seasons of Hope begins on Jan. 14. There are still a few spots open in the session. Please call Patty at the office, 724-588-9800 option 1 to reserve your spot.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 14 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.

Jan. 14 Seasons of Hope begins at 6 PM.

Jan. 15 Adult Education series at 6:30 PM.

Jan. 16 Men's Group resumes at 6 AM.

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

CHILD PROTECTION & CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS-3 WAYS FOR TEENS TO REBOOT

Sending and receiving messages late at night can make it hard to fall asleep or interrupt sleep. Teens want to stay connected to friends, but the lack of sleep or interrupted sleep can affect everything from their mood to their sports performance. Here are 5 tips to follow at night that will help boost energy and focus in the morning. 1.) Log off your messaging apps, social media and email at bedtime. 2.) Turn off your phone when it's time for bed don't just set it to vibrate. 3.) Get in the habit of powering off your devices - especially if they are in your room. Turn off all electronics, like laptops, tablets, TVs, and video game consoles. Blinking lights and glowing screens can make it harder to fall and stay asleep. Sticking to a cut-off curfew each night for your devices will give your brain some much needed tech-free downtime. For additional resources visit www.eriescd.org/childprotection/.

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

The Men's fellowship group begins again on Thursday morning, January 16. We continue with the Father Kapun series with the next video and discussion being "Love". When we realize that love is willing the good of the other and sacrificing for them we come to realize that love is the manliest of virtues. The video explores the many ways Father Kapun sacrificed for his men and showed them the love of Christ, encouraging us to do the same. Please join us in 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've come to the close of our Christmas Season this weekend with The Baptism of The Lord, and what a fast, yet beautiful, Season this has been! I must say that the celebrations, feasts, and solemnities we have celebrated this Christmas Season were rich and deep for me. It was a great few weeks plumbing deeply the desires of the Church and Christ for us these holy days. The beauty of the Liturgical Year and life in the Church is that we can never exhaust what The Church or The Trinity desires to reveal to our hearts and minds in any season and within any year. That really is the adventure of a life of prayer, as well! We are not called to believe 'in' or to understand 'about' God, but we are created to know and to plumb and to receive abundantly what has been given to us freely: gifts of love and grace...that is faith; that is the work of the Christian! We get so fixated on what we believe in...no one cares what you believe in! What only matters are what God has given to us and how we are going to experience those gifts! If we only remain in our heads and keep God as a logical syllogism to be solved, we are never going to move from the realm of 'believing in' God to the place of seeing, knowing, and giving my life to Him! Remember that it is in that place of littleness and darkness that He desires to dwell – invite Him in so no part of you can ever be an occasion to walk away from He who rescues you simply because you weren't sure if you believed in Him. Let's not keep faith a matter of 'believing in' but rather make it a matter of 'experiencing' the living God!

I'm writing this Wednesday, and yesterday, in DC, was the arrival of President Carter's casket to the US Capitol to lay in state in the Rotunda. In terms of American presidential history, I really don't know whole lot about the mid-twentieth century presidents, like from Kennedy and up through Carter. The people, events, and situations they faced and found themselves in is just not something I know much about; I can't even really tell you what Watergate was! Carter was out of office nearly five years before I was born, and the first president I really have memory of was Clinton (I remember that for a school project in the fifth grade we had to write to someone famous, and I chose President Clinton. I think the point was to see who wrote back to us. It took a while, but I have a vivid memory of receiving an envelope in the mail, from the White House, with a letter from him and a 4x6 picture of both him and of Vice President Gore. I was so enthralled! I held on to those for years!). But watching that ceremony of carrying President Carter's remains into the Rotunda was just a stunning experience. You don't need to have voted for the man to appreciate the beauty and ceremony and pageantry of what our military does for their former commander in chiefs! It's just so moving. (I love, and will go watch every few months, the scene when a very elderly and frail Bob Dole was wheeled into the Rotunda to salute his old war buddy and political opponent, President George H.W. Bush. If you've never seen that clip online, it's worth the one minutes to watch it). One thing that always sticks out to me about those scenes of presidential state funerals (and John McCain's, even) are that every branch of the Military each having their own Honor Guard present to watch over, carry, and maintain decorum while they have custody of the remains. Watching that with President Carter, it hit me that none of these Honor Guards were even born when President Carter was their Commander and Chief, and yet, they show such perfect love and respect for their former commander. There's such an honor and loyalty and devotion in that action, that even though he hadn't led the US Armed Forces for over four decades, he's revered, honored, and given every dignity as if he had just died in office. His age, years since leaving office, and especially his party affiliation means nothing to those men and women caring for and watching over his mortal remains. All this reminds of the above concept and idea about our Faith: I don't have to have ever known Carter as my president, nor do I need to really understand every nuance of his presidency – he was president and served honorably and thus is worthy of the ceremony in death he is receiving. Same thing with Christ and my faith – I don't need to know and logically understand every nuance of God; all I need to know is that God seeks me and desires me and has plumbed my humanity to rescue me! Let us be a people of beauty, ceremony, Liturgy, and mystery – allowing those to be our guiding lights, not the logical things I can prove or what I convince myself I believe in! For a last time this year, Merry Christmas!

Love
Fr. Brandon