



*This
poor widow
put in more
than all
the others*

Saint Michael Parish

**THIRTY -
SECOND
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
10
2024**

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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)

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.

STEWARDSHIP

Thirty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$10,840.06

All Saints Day
\$1232.00

CSA
Pledged: \$102,990
Paid: \$ 97,345

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR
PARISH!*

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Virginia De-Laurentis and Marian Waleff. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Nov. 16/ 4:30 PM	Joseph Yarzab	Patty Meehan John Svirbly	Amy Anderson	Lisa Demarest	Krystal W & Mason M.
Nov. 17 /8 AM	Maureen Shine	Gabby Saulsbery George Soros			Gabe & John G.
Nov. 17/ 11 AM	Walter Beh	Marilyn Kosloski Doug Ruffing	Kathy Williams	Natalie Serano	Ava & Sophia M. Andrew H.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

THE WEEKDAY MASSES LISTED BELOW WILL BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY CHAPEL AT 9 AM. WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE AT THE CHURCH.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12

Saint Josaphat
Christine Incerno (M/M Joseph Krachkowski)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 13

Saint Frances Xavier Cabrini
Albert & Mary Allgeier (Children)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 14

Tim & Rose McElhinny (Family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 15

Saint Albert the Great
Anna Breitenbach (Family)

THIRTY -THIRD SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16

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

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 17

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**
Stan & Helen Gutowski (Marlene & Walter Renwick)

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*
Josephine Fitch (Annv.) (Dan & Tess Redfoot)

ADULT EDUCATION SESSION

Saint Michael Parish adult education series, "Jesus and the Eucharist" has begun. The program begins on 6:30 in the Large Meeting Room of the Church. The Fall series will continue **Nov 13, 20 and 27th**. Sign up is not required to attend. Come for all the sessions or as many as your schedule permits.

40 CLUB OCTOBER 30th WINNERS

\$100-Shirley McGranahan; \$100-Bob Vanderslice; \$50 -Kate Cianci.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ROOF WORK

The roof will be replaced the week of November 11. The front entrance to the Church will not be accessible. If you have business at the office or are attending an evening group or picking up hosts for homebound visits, **you must enter the Church at the side door. Please ring the door bell and someone will answer.**

Nov. 11 Young at Heart at 11:30 McElhenny Hall.

Nov. 12 Season of Hope Bereavement at 6 PM.

Nov. 13 Adult Education 6:30 PM.

Nov. 14 Men's Group at 6 AM.

No CONFESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY, Nov. 13, due to the roof work. Confessions will be heard Saturday, Nov. 16 from 3-4 PM, regular schedule.

YOUNG AT HEART

Plan to attend the Young at Heart Luncheon on November 11 at 11:30 in **McElhenny Hall due to the roof work**. 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!

SAINT MICHAEL & SAINT MARGARET MENS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Join us Thursday morning 14 November for an hour and a half of fellowship while we relate our secular society to our roles as Catholic and Christian men. There is no need to have attended previous sessions. The door opens to McElhinny hall by 6 AM, the video at 6:15, followed by group discussion and conclusion by 7:20. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Contact Steve Kerch at stevekerch@yahoo.com for questions.

KENTUCKY MISSION GIVING

The ornaments with the name/sizes/wish list are on the tree in the Gathering Space. Be sure to get your ornament (or ornaments) to help support the children at the Mission. Gifts should be wrapped with the ornament & name label on the gift. Gifts need to be returned by Dec. 2 to the Small Meeting Room at the Church.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

Due to my schedule this week, I am writing this on Election Day morning (earlier than I normally do) so I write with the uncertainty of what will have unfolded and become known by the time you read this, but I have peace knowing that, as St Julian of Norwich so famously said, *“All will be well; all will be well; in all manner of things, all will be well”!*

I gave you a heads-up last weekend at Mass about a new roof being put on Saint Michael Church this week. Please consult the notes in the bulletin highlighting the game plan for the week and where we will have daily Mass, and how to access the offices, large meeting room, etc. I am grateful for the advice and counsel I got in making this decision and finding the best solution. At the end of the day, we felt it best to just go ahead with a whole new roof, but with a better-quality shingle that we felt would ward off any of the issues we are having with the current roof. We are going with Owens Corning and getting their *Duration* shingle. A company out of Erie, Neill & Son, is installing the roof. The cost was surprisingly less than I had just assumed it would be. The cost came in at \$135,000. I had just assumed it'd be far more, but it just goes to show how little I know and how much I need to depend on others for their counsel and expertise. We got many bids, looked at many possibilities and brands of shingle, and several roofers, and found that the best quality shingle and roofer was this quote. We're able to pay for this from our savings. The parish has a few hundred thousand in a high yield savings that has just accumulated over many years of gifts, bequests, budget surpluses, etc. that can easily cover this cost. There is no hit or impact to the operating budget, nor does this create a need to come to you for more money. *(My only other experience with a church roof was in Clearfield, when I was a deacon. We put on a new slate roof, and that was over a half-million almost 14 years ago. I can't image what that would cost now!)*

There is also movement on the speakers. I don't have all the dates figured out as of my writing, but it looks very plausible we will have our new speakers installed by Thanksgiving! I believe they are going to start installing next week! This project is moving along smoothly and quickly, too, and I'm anxious to hear what they will sound like! If you remember, that, too, was paid from by surplus offertory we had last fiscal year. This November is shaping to be an industrial month here at St Michael!

It is from our surpluses, our treasuries, that we were able to so easily get these two large projects complete, with no impact on the day-to-day, operational finances of the parish. This is a good thing! It's a great illustration in looking at this weekend's Gospel: the widow giving only two small coins from her poverty, while the wealthy give of their surplus. I wrote in one of my recent articles, concerning the election, that the scriptures speak about giving & wealth more than any other topic, even faith and prayer *combined!* There is something undeniably and intrinsically linked to holiness and an orthodox understanding of and relationship to money and wealth. Many of the Church Fathers wrote about the topic, perhaps as much as sacraments themselves! Our faith is just saturated with It, and to know Christ means we understand the meaning of wealth and giving in our own lives. Massive topic, deep theology, and far more than I could ever encapsule here in any one article or homily. But, back to this Gospel, we see a profound icon of what that relationship with wealth and what giving from a holy heart looks like. The widow gave, not from excess or surplus, but from her needs. She abandoned and crucified her needs (and some wants, for sure) to give to the poor, though herself was among the poor. If we give from a place of our poverty and crucifying our needs and wants and desires, the heavenly treasury can accumulate and have plenty for the work of God. If we only ever give from our excess, the thing is, we never really will give at all, or what The Lord desires of us. Who of us can ever say, “I have enough” or “I don't need any more money or any more fun experiences or toys or nice cars, etc.”? We can't; we don't; and if you think you can, you'll fail. That's our fallen nature; we can't escape it. But, if we give off the top, from our first fruits, then the treasury of the Church is abundant – not only to buy roofs and speakers – but to feed the poor, educate our children (SMS and Faith Formation), support other missions and ministries (like our now monthly gift to The Good Shepherd), and to be on the ready to mobilize our treasury and love for others to meet the needs of whatever arises and whomever is in need of having their bellies filled and a shelter to keep them safe. This is the life of the Church; this is why we do what we do. Let us, like the widow, slowly grow in giving from our needs so that the needs of others may be met. And this isn't a veiled fundraising ad – I loathe when parishes or dioceses quote scripture to raise money! You don't have to give to St Michael, it's not the purpose of this article. The purpose is to examine how close to or far you are from the example of the widow and to ponder how to be more like her, and ultimately like Christ.

Love
Fr. Brandon