





MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 25 Annunciation of Our Lord Tom Duda(Carole & Annie)

Wednesday, March 26 Paul Soros Sr. (Anniv.) (George Soros)

Thursday, March 27 Dr. Federico Vallesteros (Barbara & John Miller)

> **Friday, March 28** Ann & Bernard Kuta (Family)

Fourth Sunday of Lent

Saturday, March 29 4:30pm Charles Stepp (Wife & Family)

Sunday, March 30 8:00am For the People of the Parish 11:00am Theresa Webber (Christina Wong)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

March 16-31 (Saint Margaret) Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore) Carol Moore (Robert Moore)

March 16-31(Saint Michael)

Deceased Members of the Bonaquist Family (Sarah) Carol Moore (Robert Moore)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Christine Giardina Davis, Judy Turner, and Scott Fenn. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

GOOD SHEPHERD CENTER

Saint Michael Parish is being asked to donate 75 breakfast items for the Easter distribution. The breakfast items need to be dropped off to the Church by April 4, 2025.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 24: Confessions 4:30-6:00pm Passion Play Rehearsals 6:00pm (Lateran Hall)

March 25: Confessions 11:30am-12:30pm Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00pm Passion Play Rehearsals 6:00pm (Lateran Hall)

March 26: Confessions 8:00-9:00pm Stations of the Cross 6:30pm (St. Margaret Mission)

March 27: Confessions 9:30-10:45am

March 28: Confessions 11:00am-12:00pm Stations of the Cross 7:00pm Fish Dinner 4:00-6:30pm (K of C)

March 29: Confessions 3:00-4:00pm

40 CLUB WINNERS

\$100-Patricia Hayes; \$100-Maura Heinrich; \$50- Will Prunka

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS FATHER-SON COMMUNION BREAKFAST

The Father –Son Communion Breakfast is on April 6 at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 171 Clarksville Rd. Breakfast begins at 10 am. Ryan Briggs, Sports Information Director at Grove City College and Radio Commentator is the speaker. Tickets are \$10 per person. Please contact Brian Bown at 724-813-8677 or Chuck Surano at 724-456-2315 for tickets.

"MAKE US BELIEVERS" PASSION PLAY

Mark your calendars! Saturday April 5 at 6 pm, Lateran Hall, St. Michael Parish proudly presents a musical on Christ's Passion. No fee, simply a free-will offering to help with expenses. Please attend and enrich your Lenten experience!

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

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I want to acknowledge what a great time it was for the Young at Heart's Saint Patrick's Day Lunch! They wanted to make it extra special in this anniversary year of the parish, and it was a great time! I am grateful they let me crash their party and enjoy the delicious and filling food; fun camaraderie; a meaningful talk from Judge Chris St. John; some Ireland stories from 'Sir' Robert Moore; and the Irish music with Pat Shaugnessy, Vern Schwartz, and Tony Naples! So many helped to make that luncheon and celebration a great time for the over 100 that came, and I can't begin to name everyone who helped, but I do want to name and give a huge thank you to Duke Rutter and Margerite Scullin! Those two saw to it and lead the effort so that we would have some delicious food and a great time. I thank them for the leadership role they took, and for all those who helped cook, clean, set up, and tear down. All I did was showed up and ate and had a great Irish time! I thank the Young at Heart group for wanting to do something like that for us, and I was more than happy to give it the green light...and show up to eat!

Please remember to stop by sometime in Lent, too, for some fish at the Friday Fish Dinners! The attendance has been amazing! We have sold over 700 meals in just the first two weeks! There are three more weeks of the dinner (we do not have a dinner on Good Friday, for obvious reasons) so please be sure to stop in for a dinner! There is such a great team that jumps into action each week to make those happen – Deb Knapp is our leader – and it just flows and happens so well! I must say, our parish has such a strong and genuine love and friendship among each other, that running a fish dinner in Lent – or celebrating Saint Patrick Day – feels like family events, and so naturally fun. It is truly great being your pastor!

I'd like to thank all of you for reading, listening, praying, and doing what you could to help me come to the ultimate decision about our school. It wasn't easy; it was by far the hardest decision and process I've needed to go through in my almost thirteen years a priest. Though it was a tough decision to make and there is certainly much sorrow in the ending of this great ministry of ours, all those involved: teachers and students, will be taken care of and we are not abandoning them or leaving them to fend for themselves. The rest of this year will be great, and we will lean into the great ministry of education with fervor and zeal. All students wanting to continue in catholic education in another one of our diocesan schools will have that opportunity - with the parish's assistance, and our amazing faculty will be assisted in every way and in every step as they move forth from SMS after this year. A lot of work remains to be done, and it is being done with a great reverence towards what we do and to those who are in those classrooms each day! A few have asked me what happens to the buildings. Honestly, there are absolutely no plans in place for what we can use them for going forward. The time and the day will come when we will need to begin those brainstorming sessions, but that day is not now. We have a school to run, and a phenomenal ministry to lean into and to make these remaining months ones these kids will never forget. And we have a faculty to care for and to help transition to a new chapter of their lives after this year. Buildings will be here after June, but this ministry will not. So let us now surround this ministry with our love, prayers, and support in these final months, and make it something truly remarkable!

Love, Father Brandon