

# Saint Michael Parish

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**SUNDAY  
NOVEMBER  
12  
2023**

**THIRTY  
SECOND  
SUNDAY**

**ORDINARY  
TIME**

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 13 Young at Heart meets at 11.  
Nov. 14 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00PM.  
Nov. 16 Men's Group at 6:00 AM.

Wednesdays Confessions 8-8:30 PM.  
Saturdays Confessions 3-4 PM.

## REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of  
Katheen Shreffler. May her soul and all the souls  
of the faithful departed rest in peace.

## CHILD PROTECTION AND PROVIDING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS NATIONAL HOMELESS YOUTH AWARENESS MONTH

We consider our homes to be safe places for our children, but in the United States up to 2.5 million youth experience homelessness every year. Each year up to 50,000 youth sleep on the streets for six months or more. One of the main causes of youth homelessness is family instability, which includes child abuse and/or neglect, domestic violence, parental substance abuse and family conflict. The website of the National Child Traumatic Stress Network ([www.nctsn.org](http://www.nctsn.org)) offers information on a range of child safety topics. For additional resources on recognizing and reporting child abuse visit [www.eriecd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection/).

## YOUNG AT HEART

Remember the Thanksgiving lunch tomorrow (11/13) at 11:30 for all men and woman, 50 and older. We will meet in the Large Meeting at 11:30. Bring a dish to share. Deacon Frank is the speaker.

## MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

### **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 14**

Edward Bielobocky (Anniv.)(Kim)

### **WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 15**

#### **SAINT ALBERT THE GREAT**

Piedro & Nellie DeLaurentis (Virginia DeLaurentis)

### **THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 16**

#### **SAINT MARGARET OF SCOTLAND**

#### **SAINT GERTRUDE**

Deceased Family Members (Gail Naab)

### **FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 17**

#### **SAINT ELIZABETH OF HUNGARY**

Mary Jo Bartnicki (John & Mary Reimold)

### **THIRTY-THIRD SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME**

### **SATURDAY, November 18**

**4:30 PM** *Saint Michael Church*

Tim & Rose McElhinny (Susan)

### **SUNDAY, November 19**

**7:00 AM** *Saint Michael Church*

Teresa Murrin (Bill & Carol Murrin)

**9:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission*

For the People of the Parish

**11:00 AM** *Saint Michael Church*

Gilda Hertel (Anniv.) (Linda)

## STEWARDSHIP

Thirty First Sunday Ordinary Time

\$8,738.50

Holyday

\$1,575.03

CSA

Pledged: \$134,115

Paid: \$118,575

*THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY YOU SHOW  
TO OUR PARISH*

### **40 CLUB WINNERS-NOVEMBER 1**

\$100-Ester Dean; \$100-Daniel Mowery;  
\$50-Stephanie Williams.

### **GOOD SHEPHERD**

St. Michael's food request for the Christmas  
Dinner is 125 boxes of stuffing. Donations  
should be dropped off by December 4.

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

### **INTENTION & DONOR**

**Nov 1-15** Deceased Family Members  
(Gail Naab)

**Nov 1-15** Thomas Reda (Daughter)

**Nov. 16-30** Raymond Taylor (Dan & Kim  
Mercuri)

**Nov. 16-30** Isiah John Perry (Noni & Bop)

Date / Mass	Lector	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Nov 18 / 4:30 PM	Tyler Smart	Mary Smart	Sharen & Jerry Seiple	Mason M., Kyle B, Maggie L
Nov 19/ 7:00 AM	Russ Lauffer	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nov 19 / 9:00 AM	Mark Holian	Joe Presto	Lisa Demarest	None scheduled FF class
Nov 19/ 11:00 AM	Walter Beh	Kloe Soros	Kathy Williams	Callie, Tucker, Liza S.

## A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

As we are on this barreling straightaway heading into both the holiday season and The Advent Season, I just wanted to give you a heads up about the Christmas Mass times. This year, with the Fourth Sunday of Advent falling on Dec 24, Christmas Eve, it's going to be the shortest possible Advent and the longest day in my life :) ! Bishop has asked parishes to limit to no more than two Masses that evening, so we needed to cut back from last year - which, honestly, is something I would've been in favor of anyway. Just so you can begin your family Christmas planning if you have things to plan that evening, our Christmas Masses will be: Dec 24 at 4:30PM (Saint Michael) and 7:00PM (Saint Margaret); then Dec 25 at 12AM Midnight (Saint Michael) and 9:00AM (Saint Michael). We're still in mid-November, but Christmas is only 6 weeks away! So, I hope knowing the times early is helpful to you planning your Christmas plans. Note - Christmas Eve Mass does NOT satisfy your Sunday obligation for the 4th Sunday of Advent...like I said, longest day!

A few weeks back, I wrote about the time I was able to visit the Holy Land and what a profound experience it was - spiritually, culturally, and just broadening my sense of reality in that part of the world. A few of you have shared that you, too, have been over there and how meaningful and profound that was for you, as well. I was actually looking into going back over there at some point, and maybe making a parish pilgrimage opportunity. I don't think that is plausible any time soon - I'm not sure what is happening with those many hundreds of thousands who have pilgrimages booked and paid for through various tour agencies...I would suspect travel insurance agencies are paying out a ton of cash right now. Among all the other atrocities occurring in that land right now, Christians in particular are being deprived of the opportunity to walk and pray where Christ did. I know, in the scheme of things, that is near the bottom rung of the list for what is painstaking right now, but I was contemplating in prayer that, largely, those sites are and will be going - into the Advent, Christmas, Lent, and Easter seasons over the coming months - will be largely absent of foreign tourists, visitors, and pilgrims. Again, big deal, there are bigger fish to fry - I know, but it got me thinking about those places being largely abandoned (I would assume) and how that relates to our Christian and Spiritual lives.

At the end of the day, if we take our life with Christ seriously, and if we, with great desire, engage in the spiritual and charitable life, then we will necessarily find ourselves isolated or abandoned or not with those who may have once been with us. This happens because evil is real; sin is real; not everyone will believe and love like you believe and love. The further up the mountain we go, the more others will give up the journey with us for lack of perseverance and spiritual stamina. Even though we are becoming holier and more illuminated with the Grace of God...those that we love may still walk away or, at the very least, not understand us. Because we are striving to live sinless and pure lives, because we are staying clear of the enemy, because we are worshiping and praying more hours of the day than we once had, because we seek to become poor so others may become rich...because of all these movements of the fallen world and the Spirit of God, we may and probably will end up isolated and abandoned when compared to where we once were. This is why the community of the Church - and the Parish - is so integral to the life of the Christian. The community makes the abandonment bearable and with their assistance and encouragement, we can persevere together up the mountain of God.

This isn't all to say that the Christian life is miserable - quite the contrary! Though people may drift or pull away because of the Grace working within us, we become so connected to Christ! I used the Holy Land as an analogy. In that land, Our Lord experienced profound abandonment and isolation from those He knew and loved. But, it was in that He became and accomplished what He was desirous of doing! This, too, is our life in Christ. The more we are in conformity to Christ, the more we will experience all that He did - even that loneliness or abandonment. But, we also know that it is in those moments we are most connected to the Saints, to The Holy Trinity, and to each other who are on this same journey together. May we be people who continue to persevere and support each other in this challenging, yet so amazing life we find in Christ and His Church.

*Love,  
Fr. Brandon*

## FAITH FORMATION NEWS

*Faith Formation Office hours 9:30AM to 2:30 PM*

Scheduled Faith Formation Classes

**November 19** Faith Formation Class for K-5<sup>th</sup> Grade, Edge Program (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> grade), & Confirmation Class (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> grade) from 8:45 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. ***\*(7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Church/Community/Faith Experience Letter Due in Class today!)***

**November 23-November 26** Be sure to complete your At-Home Advent Activity Packet and return it for your class attendance on December 3rd! ***Happy Thanksgiving to all!***

**December 3** Faith Formation Class- K-5<sup>th</sup> Grades, Edge (6<sup>th</sup>-8<sup>th</sup> Grade) & Confirmation (9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade)/ Lesson 12 & 13 for K-5<sup>th</sup> (Reminder- Please return your family's Completed Advent Activity Packet for class credit for 11-26 class).

### Faith Formation Meetings or Events

**November 12** 9<sup>th</sup> & 10<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students Mandatory Retreat starts with 11:00 A.M. Mass in the Church concluding at 5:30 P.M.

**December 3** Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner Prep in McElhinny Hall following classes for 7<sup>th</sup>-10<sup>th</sup> Grade Church Service Hours. You must remember that this will be during 11:00 A.M. Mass, so students will still need to make their Sunday observance by attending Saturday evening Mass at 4:30 P.M. or Sunday morning 7:00 A.M. Mass if they attend this service!

## ST. MICHAEL PARISH MEN's GROUP

This week's Into-The-Breach video, titled "Prayer", emphasizes that men need to make prayer a priority in their daily lives. Join us for this discussion! There is no requirement to have participated in any previous sessions. We meet Thursday mornings, with McElhinny Hall opening before 6 AM, video at 6:20, conclude by 7:20. Light breakfast, coffee, and juice provided.

## SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS



Registration is ALWAYS open for the 2023-2024 School Year! Call for information: 724-588-7050 or scan to visit our website.

## HOMELESS AWARENESS

Friday, November 17, is Homelessness Awareness Day, in conjunction with National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week. According to an article in phila.gov, "Every year, we recognize National Hunger and Homelessness Awareness Week (Nov. 12-20) right before Thanksgiving. The timing is intentional. As many safely gather with families, we can also take time to think about those who do not have a safe place to call home or know when they will enjoy their next meal." SMS will be participating in this movement by wearing **red** shirts to school.

## PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent Teacher Conferences will be held on the evening of Tuesday, November 21, from 4:00-7:00pm, and on Wednesday, November 22, from 8:30am-12:00pm.

## ADVENT GIVING PROJECT

The time has arrived for the Annual Advent Giving project (formerly called the Giving Tree project). This is a wonderful time for us to focus on the empty manger and the coming of the Christ child, so let us fill the manger with our gifts to those who could use a hand this year as we prepare for Jesus' birth. We are once again asking for gift cards to Walmart of \$20 to give to the individuals we hope to serve. This has worked very well the past few years and is greatly appreciated by those on the receiving end. There are many people from infant to elderly who can use a little extra help. If you can participate this year, you can drop off your donation of Walmart gift cards to the church office or mail to: St. Michael Church at 85 North High St. Greenville, PA 16125, marked **Advent Giving**. **All donations should be delivered to the church by December 10<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you to all who make this parish activity a blessing for so many!