

# St. Michael Parish

## Mass Schedule – St. Michael

Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 p.m.

Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m.

Holy Day 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

## Mass Schedule - St. Margaret

Sunday 9:00 a.m.

Holy Day (Vigil) 6:30 p.m.

## Week Day Mass Schedule

Monday No Mass

Tuesday, Wednesday & Friday 9:00 a.m.

Thursday 6:30 p.m.

1st Saturday Only 9:00 a.m.

Please refer to inside bulletin for any changes.

## Sacrament of Reconciliation:

Saturdays 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. St. Michael's

Baptism: Make arrangements at church office.

Marriages: Make arrangements with Pastor at least six months prior.

## Church Office Hours:

Monday thru Friday

8:30 a.m.-12 and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.



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**Catholic Community of Northern Mercer County**

**TUESDAY, MAY 16-EASTER WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. **Saint Michael Church:**  
Mary Reutzel (Dan & Susan Wallace)

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17-EASTER WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. **Saint Michael Church**  
Sarah Marie Kuhn (Alan & Nancy Carr)

**THE ASCENSION OF THE LORD****WEDNESDAY, MAY 17 VIGIL**

6:30 P.M. **Saint Margaret Mission:**  
Theresa Coffey (Russ & Sue Lauffer)

**THURSDAY, MAY 18**

9:00 A.M. **Saint Michael Church:**  
August Kriley (Daughter)  
**Saint Michael Church:**  
6:30 P.M. Timothy McElhinny (John & Betsy Ceremuga)

**FRIDAY, MAY 19-EASTER WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. **Saint Michael Church:**  
Virginia & Pasquale Zangrilli (Bill & Ginny Richardson)

**SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER**

**SATURDAY, May 20**  
4:30 P.M. **Saint Michael Church:**  
Dan Brennan (Family)

**SUNDAY, May 21**  
7:00 A.M. **Saint Michael Church:**  
For the People of the Parish  
9:00 A.M. **Saint Margaret Mission:**  
Val Jean Armour (John & Barbara Miller)  
11:00 A.M. **Saint Michael Church:**  
Karen John Hamm (Roseanne Millward & Ruth Knapp)

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Paul Chianese and Norman Giardina. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

**TREASURE (MAY 7, 2023)**  
**Annual Offertory Budget**

Annual Budget	\$	546,000.00
Weekly Budget	\$	10,500.00

**Received through May 7, 2023**

Total Offertory	\$	12,258.50
Year to Date Budget	\$	472,500.00
Year to Date Actual	\$	494,514.15

We are **\$22,014.15 AHEAD** of our  
Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

Second/Designated Collections: \$ 560.00

**Saint Michael Church:** In memory of Josephine Armstrong (\$240).

**Saint Michael School:** In memory of Dorothy Smith (\$100).

**Saint Michael School Endowment:** In memory of Pam Cianci (\$250); Teresa Murrin (\$225).

**2023 CSA**

**OVERALL GOAL: \$122,319**  
**DIOCESAN GOAL**  
\$82,319

**PARISH GOALS**

\$20,000 ROOF REPAIRS & MAINTENANCE  
\$10,000 FEE-FREE FAITH FORMATION  
\$10,000 SCHOOL '13<sup>TH</sup> MONTH' SUBSIDY

Pledged: \$120,905  
Paid: \$69,785  
Pledges: 153

Thank you for the beauty of your faith and your conviction in the Mission of the Church!

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

May 16, 2023: Franciscan H.S. Fraternity prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 P.M. in the Church.  
May 16, 2023: Q & A with Fr. Brandon at 7:00 P.M.  
May 17, 2023: Pope Benedict Encyclical Study 10:00 A.M.  
May 17, 2023: Pastoral Council meets at **7:30 P.M.**  
May 18, 2023: Pope Benedict Encyclical Study **7:30 P.M.**  
**For May 18 only.**

**IMPORTANT TIME CHANGES**

Thursday, May 18, 2023 is Ascension Thursday, a Holy Day of Obligation. Pastoral Council will be held on May 17 at 7:30 P.M. to accommodate the Vigil Mass at St. Margaret. Fr. Brandon's "Pope Benedict's Encyclical Study" will be at 7:30 P. M. on Thursday after the 6:30 P.M. Holy Day Mass.

### **A WORD FROM FR. BRANDON**

Heading up to Mundelein Sunday, I had an episode with a recurring brake issue that I was just going to have taken care of when it goes in for inspection next month, but it manifested its roaring presence when I got in a stop and go traffic jam for over an hour. My one brake got very hot, smoke plumed a few times, and some unnerving noise was clamoring from the wheel...as I was in the center of five lanes of bumper-to-bumper traffic. I *love* driving – I *loathe* sitting in traffic! Anyway, I took it to a service shop up here and it needs a bit of work. Since it's brake and caliper work, I was advised I should do those in pairs, so that escalated the work. I had to Uber back to the seminary and I'll have to Uber back tomorrow to pick up my truck! Because I need to leave here Friday morning, I don't have the luxury of calling around for quotes and other opinions – nor do I have all the free time to even do that – so it's sort of just let them do the work! The good news is that I probably added another 2 years of life to the old rust bucket, so you'll be seeing it, yet, for quite a while! They also did a battery test, and I had something like 4% battery life left...? So maybe it was God's Grace that I took it there and they do complimentary tests, because I am not about to find someone to give me a jump along the side of the road in Indiana! As the song goes, Que Sera, Sera!

This week, besides Ubering back and forth to Mavis Tire & Brake, we started our last year of the program, and we are looking at Ignatius' second set of Rules for Discernment, as well as contemplating Christ (and the Priest) as Divine Physician. The bulk of what Ignatius's Rules for Discernment of Spirits is known for is the first set of Rules. The goal of those first Rules is for the Spiritual Director and the one seeking Spiritual Direction to move from sin and an unawareness of God, and into virtue and intimate relationship with God. This movement is characterized by both Consolation (good feelings) and Desolation (unpleasant feelings). Note – being in relationship with God will often go through times of Desolation. Desolation doesn't mean you are away from God, rather that you are being invited to go deeper into that relationship. So, the first set of 14 Rules Ignatius gives us is to help us to properly move towards relationship with God – a relationship that will necessarily involve both desolation and consolation. The enemy is there to pull us away, and we need to know how to mitigate his effects and how to properly combat him so that we can stay in and return to relationship with God. All that, Ignatius also outlines in his first set of Rules.

The Second set of Rules from Ignatius is a little more nuanced and addresses a tactic of the enemy that shows he is a desperate predator. Ignatius, in these set of Rules, advises the Director and the one in direction on how to discern *who* the Spiritual Consolation is coming from. What Ignatius teaches is that the enemy will use our holiness against us. He will eagerly bait us with seemingly spiritual delights and spiritual progress to eventually, slowly but surely, bit by bit, erode our spiritual health and wellbeing, until we find ourselves in a place we don't recognize nor want to be. In other words, the enemy will manipulate us so that we think we are safe and in the presence of God and what we are doing is good, but, we are being led to be someone or do something or to be victim of something that we have no intention of. This is why Ignatius calls the enemy a predator. This part of the Rules and of Discernment is not always easy because, as Ignatius says, it is like discerning if a single drop of water fell onto a sponge or a stone. The sound of that is nearly indistinguishable unless you really train your ear on it. This set of Rules is not about us becoming paranoid – that is *not* the point! The point in this is that it keeps us in check as to whether we are seeking to please God and serve God and love God above all else. Ignatius contends that if that is and remains our highest good, then that will always defeat any desperate tactic of the enemy. Even though the enemy may latch onto our holy desires initially, if we are seeking to please God, it is a momentary win for him. A consolation from him will always lead us to sin, pride, apathy towards God, a version of ourselves we don't like, etc. But if it is from God, we will always grow in intimacy, mysticism, virtue, holiness, sacrifice, etc.

The enemy will do anything to pull us away from God and rob us of our salvation, so we just need to be vigilant to where we are being led – light or darkness. In the end, though, like a victim of a predator, we are not guilty or less than for being a victim – there is no shame, and we are not less than. It is not our fault a predator exists and wants to harm us. It is not! And like all victims, The Father simply wants to heal the wounds of the heart, soul, and mind – He wants to be our Physician! He will always help us, through Grace, to come back to Him if the enemy is after us, but even if we are harmed by the enemy, it in no way dissipates the Father's love for us, His Beloved Sons and Daughters! Is the enemy real? Yes! Is he clever in tactics? Yes, we saw those tactics on display for those 40 days in the desert! But, as we've also established, they're only tactics fueled by a self-aggrandizement. In the end, we can't wholly interrupt every spiritual feeling or event. All we can do is love and desire God and simply keep running home to the House of the Father! For everything else, Mercy and Grace will tenderly tend to.

Love,  
Fr Brandon

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS****Scheduled Faith Formation Classes:**

Students in Kindergarten through 7th grade please complete the Pflaum Gospel Weeklies you brought home from your last class and return to the Faith Formation Office to receive class credit! They are due by the date, May 26, 2023, of all Pre- Registration. Thank you and have a very Blessed Summer! See you September 10, 2023!

**Faith Formation Meetings or Events:  
Confirmation Class of 2023:**

May 21, 2023, following 11:00 A.M. Mass will meet in the large meeting room for a social!

**Confirmation Class of 2024:**

May 21, 2023, will meet at St. Margaret's Church at 12:30 P.M. to 3:00 P.M. for a Social Event. Please RSVP in Flocknote for food and snacks!

**Next Church Service Hour Opportunity & Faith Experience Opportunity for 2022/2023 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, & 9<sup>th</sup> Grade Confirmation Students:**

May 16, 2023, at 3:00 P.M.- Faith Experience Opportunity. Come to the church to join the Franciscans in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our Church & the world. This is every Tuesday at 3:00 P.M. all year round. It only takes about 15 minutes. It will always be available throughout the year so students can take advantage of this opportunity on any Tuesdays that fall on an early dismissal day or on a vacation day throughout the school year.

May 27, 2023 at 8:00 A.M.: Placing American Flags in the Cemetery for Veteran's Graves.

June 2, 2023, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. – First Friday Holy Hours- Will be counted as Faith Experience Opportunity for 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> Grade! - 7<sup>th</sup> through 9<sup>th</sup> Graders will need at least 2 hours of this each year till you are confirmed! **First Friday Holy Hours** will count as one of these. **Please be sure to sign in on the Student Sign-in sheet not the Adult Sign-in Sheet.**

**Congratulations to the Children listed below who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion on Saturday May 6, 2023, at our 4:30 P.M. Mass.**

**St. Michael Faith Formation Class:** Caleb Adsit, Madison Alexander, Ansel Hall, Mary O'Hara, Jacqueline Sepos, and Liza Straub.  
**St. Michael School Student:** Siena Petroski

**SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS**

**Registration is now OPEN for the 2023-2024 School Year! Call for information: 724-588-7050.**



**Tuition will be just \$10 a day for all students: PreK3 and PreK4 through 8<sup>th</sup> Grade! This is less than HALF of tuition for the 2022-2023 school year!**

**\*\*SMS partners with all area public school districts to provide busing for our students!\*\***

**Fine and Performing Arts Show**

You are invited to our Fine and Performing Arts Show on Tuesday, May 16, at 6:00pm in Lateran Hall. Miss Melina Liszka will be leading our students in songs they have learned this year and Mrs. Susan Cawley will be showcasing the students' artwork. All are welcome!

**Shamrock Showdown Featuring the Shamrock Shakers**

Thanks to coaches/teachers, Doug Dorio, Erica Dorio, and Natalie Endicott, our Little Dribblers will be showcasing their basketball skills on Saturday, May 20, at noon. The Shamrock Shakers (pep squad) will also perform cheers that they have been learning under the direction of teachers Haley Germano and Kyla Zushlag. A 50/50 and concession stand will also be available. Join us!

**Let's Fix Up Lateran Hall!**

Our students use Lateran Hall on a daily basis and have for years. It is a well-loved, well-used building, and it is showing its age! Please help us to plan how we can best illuminate, brighten, and paint this building for our children. Meet us on Wednesday, May 24, at 6pm in Lateran Hall to discuss sprucing up the space! Thank you in advance!



## **ST. MICHAEL FORTY CLUB** **109 CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES TOTALING** **\$26,150**

The 40 Club year is coming to a close. Reminder to 2022-2023 ticket holders of the closing dinner and BIG drawing. The **closing dinner is on May 28, 2023 at 6:00 P.M. at the K. of C. at 170 Clarksville Rd., Greenville.** If you have a question about the event contact your ticket seller.

**Wes Bates @ 724 699-6255**  
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### **40 CLUB WINNERS-MAY 3**

\$100-Susan Campbell ; \$100-Don Pacifico; \$50-Paul Langiotti.

## **CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING** **SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

**National CyberTipline:** The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children's CyberTipline is the nation's centralized reporting system for the online exploitation of children. Anyone can make reports of suspected online enticement of children for sexual acts, molestation, child pornography, child sex tourism, child sex trafficking (includes prostitution), child sextortion and unsolicited obscene materials sent to a child. Misleading domain names, misleading words or digital images on the internet can also be reported to the CyberTipline. NCMEC staff review each tip and work to find a potential location for the incident reported so that it may be made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. NCMEC provides resources/help in removing an online image. Reports can be made 24 hours a day, seven days a week online at [www.cybertipline.org](http://www.cybertipline.org) or by calling (800) 843-5678. For additional resources visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/)

## **KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS**

The Knights of Columbus honor the passing of the following member's family from the month of April:

**Theresa Coffey**, mother of **Kevin Coffey**. A Mass will be offered for the repose of her soul.

## **GOOD SHEPHERD MAY REQUESTS**



The May requests are peanut butter and breakfast foods. Please drop off your donations directly at the Good Shepherd Food Pantry at 35 S. Water Street, Greenville. Gift cards to Walmart and Sparkle Market are always welcome !

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES FOR ASCENSION AND THE WEEKEND OF MAY 20-21, 2023			
DATE/TIME	READER	CANTOR	ACCOMPANISTS
5/17 at 6:30 PM St. Margaret's	Tbd	Kloe Soros	Kathy Williams
5/18 at 9 AM	Linda Hajtol	Anne Liszka	Lisa Demarest
5/18 at 6:30 PM	Walter Beh	Mary Smart	Natalie Serrano
5/20 at 4:30 PM	Jane Turcic	Bruce Turcic	Sharen & Jerry Seiple
5/21 at 7 AM	Bea DeGancio	N/A	N/A
5/21 at 9 AM St. Margaret's	Mark Holian	Joe Presto	Lisa Demarest
5/21 at 11 AM	Susan Wallace	Bob Hutchinson	Natalie Serrano

## **ANNUAL BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

On Mother's Day Weekend, May 13 & 14, the Knights of Columbus will be distributing Baby Bottles to parishioners after all masses at St. Michael & St. Margaret. This annual campaign helps fund the many "Culture of Life Programs" that are supported by the J. J. Fitzmartin Council 1446 and Assembly 967. Including "The Willow Women's Center" in Transfer and "Williams' House" here in Greenville. The bottles should be returned on Father's Day, June 19. We thank you in advance for your continued support of this fundraiser.



## **RELICS VISITING THE DIOCESE OF ERIE**

"Jesus, come right in! Make yourself at home!" These are the words of Blessed Carlo Acutis, who passed away at the age of 15 in 2006. His work has been felt around the world through the website and posters he created about Eucharistic miracles. The only touring relic of Blessed Carlo, as well as a relic of St. Manuel Gonzalez Garcia — known as the Bishop of the Abandoned Tabernacle — will be available for public veneration at several locations around the Diocese of Erie beginning May 23. Please visit [www.eriercd.org/relics.html](http://www.eriercd.org/relics.html) to find the schedule as well as information about both men and insight into venerating relics.

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