



**CALENDAR:**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 16 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. Ray & Joe Millero (Tony & Frannie)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 17 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. August Kriley (Daughter)

**WEDNESDAY, DEC. 18 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. Millie Burke (Matt & Jill Ross Family)  
10:00 A.M. **The Grove:** Joseph Valentine (Barb & Joey)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 19 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

6:30 P.M. Mary Ann Allison (Joe & Suzanne Allison)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 20 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. Stella Langiotti (Loggi Family)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 21 - ST. PETER CANISIUS**

4:30 P.M. **Vigil:** Peg Thickey (Matt & Jill Ross)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 22 - 4TH SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 A.M. Helen Bayuk (Ray & Suzanne Holiga)  
9:15 A.M. **St. Margaret:** William, Agnes & Diana Moore  
(M/M Robert Moore)  
11:00 A.M. For the People of Our Parish

**REASON TO REJOICE**

Dark violet is used throughout Advent to express its character as a season of spiritual preparation for Christmas and “the coming of the Lord.” But on the Third Sunday of Advent, formerly known as *Gaudete* (Latin for “rejoice”) Sunday, rose may be added to the liturgical environment. The entire liturgy is infused with a spirit of rejoicing.

Today’s first reading and Gospel proclaim the reality of God’s saving work in our midst. Isaiah exuberantly describes the idyllic transformation of all creation as a result of God’s presence in the midst of the people. In the Gospel, Jesus connects Isaiah’s prophecy with what is happening in his own ministry. In addition to the list of healings from Isaiah (the blind, the lame, lepers, and the deaf), Jesus’ presence brings two other reasons for rejoicing: “The dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them” (Matthew 11:5).

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**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Margaret St. John, Mary Jane Marks & Merle Hoffman, father of Kip Hoffman. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**DECEMBER 15:** Youth Choir practice after 11 AM Mass.

**DECEMBER 15:** Advent Penance Service at 1 PM.

**DECEMBER 16:** Followers of Mary Prayer Group at 6 PM in Church.

**DECEMBER 17:** Stitches Club 6:30 - 8 PM.

**DECEMBER 19:** Fish Fry Meeting in the Large Meeting Room after 6:30 PM Mass. Open to anyone wishing to serve on the Fish Fry Committee.

**DECEMBER 23:** Men’s Adoration at 7 PM.

**TREASURE (DECEMBER 8, 2019)**

**Annual Offertory Budget**

Annual Budget \$ 628,000.00  
Weekly Budget: \$ 12,077.00

**Received through December 8, 2019**

St. Michael \$ 9,372.50  
St. Margaret \$ 1,468.00  
Electronic Giving \$ 1,572.00  
Immaculate Conception \$ 1,280.00  
Total \$ 13,692.50

**Year to Date Budget** \$ 289,844.00

**Year to Date Actual** \$ 277,688.20

We are **(\$12,155.80)** below our Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

Campaign for Human Dev. \$ 27.00  
Religious Retirement Fund \$ 4,210.00

**St. Michael Church:** In Memory of Richard Liszka (\$655); Thomasine Russ (\$25). **St. Michael School Reserve Fund:** In Memory of Margaret St. John (\$75).

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

	<u>FINAL 2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Commitments:	216	229
Pledged:	\$126,002.00	\$134,652.00
Paid:	\$122,957.00	\$127,647.00

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**Don’t forget to pick up your Church envelopes in the Small Meeting Room.**

**ADVENT SCHEDULE**

**Penance Services:**

Sunday, December 15 at 1:00 PM  
Saint Michael Church

Sunday, December 15 at 4:00 PM  
Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer

Tuesday, December 17 at 6:30 PM  
Notre Dame, Hermitage

Thursday, December 19 at 7 PM  
St. Joseph, Sharon

Sunday, December 22 at 1:30 PM  
Beloved Disciple, Grove City

**Christmas Eve Mass Schedule**

4:30 PM - St. Michael Church  
7:30 PM - St. Michael Church  
10:30 PM - St. Michael Church

**Christmas Day Mass Schedule**

8:30 AM - St. Margaret Mission  
10:30 AM - St. Michael Church

**RELIGIOUS GIVE THANKS**



“Thank you” hardly seems adequate to convey what it means to us,” says a Catholic sister of the financial assistance for her community received from the Retirement Fund for Religious. Prayer-filled

thanks for your donation to last week’s second collection.

**YOUR HELP IS NEEDED**



Please help us clean the church for Christmas on Wednesday, December 18th at 6:30 PM. All cleaning equipment will be provided.

We ♥ having you as part of our Flock

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text *thankful* to 84576

OR

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You can still sign up! As long as you have an email address, your church has a unique link on the Internet that you can use to sign up as well. Just enter your name and your email address, and you can still receive all messages sent out by your church.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



- December 15:** Faith Formation Classes for K - 11th Grade from 8:45 - 10:45 AM.
- December 18:** Today the 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Report Cards will be mailed home.
- Attention Faith Formation Families:** There will be no Faith Formation Classes until after the New Year! Have a very Blessed Christmas and New Year.
- January 5:** Faith Formation Classes K - 11th Grade 8:45 - 10:45 AM.
- January 7:** Attention Retreat Team: Meeting today from 5 - 7 PM in Small Meeting Room.
- January 12:** Today is the 7th & 8th Grade Retreat from 8:45 - noon & includes 11 AM Mass. Please drop students off in the Large Meeting Room at 8:45 AM. Pick up following Mass in the Gathering Space. No class today for any other grade level.
- January 16:** Class Make-Up Day for all 9th, 10th & 11th Graders who have missed a class & need a make-up class. Please come to the Small Meeting Room by 6:15 PM so we can attend Mass together. Once Mass is over, we will say a Rosary & then Bible Study follows ending at 8:15 PM.
- January 19:** Faith Formation Classes for K - 11th grade 8:45 - 10:45 AM. Attention 7th Grade Families. Today is 7th Grade Class Mass at 11 AM. Students leave their Classroom at 10:30 AM to greet Parishioners before Mass. If you need to pick up your student before Mass, please pick them up in the Gathering Space. Attention 11th Grade: your 1st Rough Draft of your letter to the Bishop is due today in Class.

**FOLLOWERS OF MARY PRAYER GROUP WITH ROSARY**

Come & join our prayer group on Monday, December 16th at 6 PM in the Church. Everyone is invited. If you need more information, please call Karen at 724-866-1035.



**CHRISTMAS FLOWER FUND**

You have the opportunity to remember your loved ones by donating to the Annual Christmas Flower Fund.

Please use the Christmas Flower Fund envelopes found on the table in the Gathering Space for your donations. Remembrances will be listed in the December 21st/22nd bulletin. All memorials must be in before **December 17th** to appear in that bulletin.

**Saint Michael, an accredited Catholic Elementary school, partners with families in the education of the body, mind, and soul of each child.**

**Open Enrollment for K – Grade 8  
Visit days are welcomed!  
See what we have to offer your child.**

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The school invites the parish and community to attend our annual Advent/Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 6 - 8 PM. Enjoy the school’s program, “The Mouse and the Manger,” choir and band performance, Hermitage Show Choir, along with hot chocolate and cookies. Please invite guests to join us as we prepare the way for the Lord.

**WHAT’S HAPPENING**

- Dec. 15: Third Sunday of Advent  
Swim meet in Erie at 12:30 PM
- Dec. 16: Lunch: Chicken Parmesan with chips  
School Advent Prayer Service – noon  
No Lateran Hall Practices
- Dec. 17: Advent/Christmas Program 6-8 PM
- Dec. 18: Lunch: Pepperoni Roll with chips  
Grades 7/8 – St. Paul’s  
6:00 Boys Basketball Practice
- Dec. 19: Dress Down Day to benefit the Good Shepherd
- Dec. 20: Christmas Vacation begins with Noon dismissal – No SAFE after school.  
No lunch served.

**WHY SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL?**

- \*SAFE, FAITH-BASED ENVIRONMENT
- \*ENRICHED ACADEMIC CURRICULUM
- \*REMEDIAL INSTRUCTION
- \*EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE BAND, CHOIR, ACADEMIC GAME COMPETITIONS – LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE LEVEL, AND SPORTS
- \*STREAM LAB – Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math

St. Michael Catholic School promotes excellence through spiritual, academic, and social growth of our students in a Christ Centered Catholic environment. We welcome students of all faiths. [www.saintmichaell.org](http://www.saintmichaell.org).

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

Call one of the following sellers for your ticket: **Paul Selnekovic @ 724-588-4639; Rich Giardina @ 724-588-5803; Mark Holian @ 724-932-5937** or **Roseanne McConnell** at the Church Office @724-588-9800 or 724-588-3254. Only **599** tickets are sold giving you **many** chances to **WIN!** **Three numbers** are drawn **weekly** for prizes of **\$100, \$100 & \$50.** Special Drawings are held throughout the year: **Christmas & Easter** prizes are **two \$500's, two \$250's, two \$125's & two \$75's.**

**40 CLUB WINNERS - DECEMBER 4**

**\$100** - Linda Cowan; **\$100** - John Wolford; **\$50** - Ann Bunton & Joyce Allen

**ST. MICHAEL STITCHERS**

St. Michael's Stitchers Club meets on Tuesday evening, December 17th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in McElhinny Hall. Our charity project this month is newborn and preemie hats and baby blankets, but you can bring any project that you are working on and stitch with us. For more information, contact Sharen at 724-815-5361. Please Note: There will be no Stitchers meeting on December 27th.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**

The Scouts of Unit 100, chartered to St. Michael Church, are holding a Spaghetti Dinner to help pay Re-Charter fees. The dinner will be held at the Greenville American Legion today, Sunday, December 15th from noon until 5 PM. For tickets, please call 724-588-9399. Adults: \$8; Senior Citizens: \$7; Children under 12: \$5. Tickets at the door: \$10.

**SPECIAL THANKS**

The Faith Formation Office would like to thank all those who helped make the Christmas Float possible by donating items that were needed, time & talent. We were able to represent our Church & School Families in our local Christmas Parade! Many blessings to everyone. Thanks to all those who helped make the Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner on Monday evening possible by donating Christmas cards, candies, cookies, time & talent! This event would not have been possible if it was not for everyone stepping forward in love to show those in our community that St. Michael Church & School Families truly do care & want to share our blessings with all people!

**COOKIE WALK & SOUP SALE**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Mercer is sponsoring a Cookie Walk & Bake Sale today, Sunday, December 15th from 9 AM to noon. Cookies are \$6/ dozen (specialty cookies slightly more). Soup is \$8/ quart. Take-out only.

<b>ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF DEC 16, 2019</b>			
DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	READER	EMHC
12/16 at 9 AM	Autumn Leonard Henry Loreno	Sandy Ohl	Patty Meehan
12/17 at 9 AM	Tierney Scullin Alexis Stephens	Ron Coburn, Jr.	Walter Beh
12/18 at 9 AM	Emma Ann Loreno Kierstin Barger	Vern Swartz	George Soros
12/19 at 6:30 PM	Kasey Williams Hayden Bates	Linda Hajtol	Cindy Shusteric
12/20 at 9 AM	Kierstin Barger Alexis Stephens	School students	Anna Boughner

<b>ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC 21 &amp; 22, 2019</b>				
DATE/TIME	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	E. M. of HOLY COMMUNION
12/21 At 4:30 PM	Gerald & Janice Uzarski	Kierstin Barger Tierney Scullin Patricia Surano	E. Derrick R. Lewis	R. & D. Jannetti, A. Lauffer, J. Presto, A. Surano, P. Tymochko
12/22 at 7:30 AM	Peter & Krista Resek family	Isabel & Grace Wingard Callie Straub	B. DeCiancio R. Coburn, Jr.	L. Micsky, L. Miller, M. & C. Shusteric, S. Weaver, J. Zane
12/22 at 11 AM	Dan & Rebecca Dangrow	Sarah Cooper Ava Lynn & Halle Murcko	P. McIntosh A. Leonard	J. & J. Chizmar, C. Demarest, M. Kosloski, N. Szweczyk, A. Vana
<b>Coordinators:</b>	<b>Sharen Seiple 724-815-5361</b>	<b>Frank Luciani 724-588-1245</b>	<b>Linda Hajtol 724-588-3289</b>	<b>Marty Aubel 724-866-7432</b>
<b>SIGN IN!</b>	<b>PLEASE</b>	<b>GET A SUB</b>	<b>IF YOU</b>	<b>CANNOT SERVE!</b>

If you are *unavailable* to serve at any time *in January or February*, please contact **Sharen Seiple** either at the phone number above, via e-mail OR go to the Web Terminal *by the 15th of this month.*

**A mountain shames a molehill until they both are humbled by the stars.**

—Old adage

**PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY**

Staff Sgt. Steven Mortimer, Army, Fort Benning, Georgia  
 Master Sergeant David P. Santell, Scott AFB, Illinois  
 LtCdr Kari (Szewczyk) Cummins, USN,  
 Naval Special Warfare Group 10  
 Joint Expeditionary Base, Little Creek, VA  
 MSGT Brian Gearhart, Camp Pendleton, CA  
 Col. Raymond Millero, Jr., USAF, Las Vegas, NE  
 MSgt. Matthew Mong, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ  
 MSgt. Sara Knight Mong, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ  
 Captain Paul Ochs, Moody AFB, Valdosta, Georgia  
 SSgt. Andrew L. Gilmore  
 Major Dustin Knaus, Army, Vandenberg AF Base, CA  
 Major Samuel Burns, Army, Kansas  
 Staff Sgt. Jason Morgan, 101st Airborne, Afghanistan, 2nd Tour  
 Captain James Stubert, US Army, Fort Hood, Texas  
 Specialist Shelby McElhinny, US Army Reserve, Fairview  
 2nd Lt Jeremy Fowler, Fort Bragg, NC  
 Specialist Eddy Nottingham, Fort Bragg, NC  
 Senior Airman Nicholas Nottingham, Hill AFB, Utah  
 Captain Edward (Eddie) Bardella, Jr., Quantico, VA  
 ITC (SEL) David C. Thomas, USN, Bahrain  
 Captain David Ochs, Moody AFB, Valdosta, GA  
 Master Sgt. George Madrid, Japan  
 Major David Zgonc, Fort Bragg, NC  
 1st Lt Orrin C. Suich, Army, 82nd Airborne, Afghanistan  
 2nd Lt. Sebastian Coburn, Laughlin AFB, TX  
 3C Kiernan Coburn, US Naval Academy, MD  
 4C Xavier Coburn, US Naval Academy, MD  
 Investigation Specialist Maison R. Millero, US Army,  
 Military Police, Fort Drum, NY  
 Carl S. Ditty, Crew Chief, KC135, Air Force, Dover, NH  
 Daniel Walton, West Point  
 Petty Officer 3rd Class Jeffrey Allen, US Navy, San Diego, CA

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Monday: Nm 24:2-7, 15-17a; Ps 25:4-5ab, 6, 7bc-9;  
 Mt 21:23-27  
 Tuesday: Gn 49:2, 8-10; Ps 72:1-4ab, 7-8, 17;  
 Mt 1:1-17  
 Wednesday: Jer 23:5-8; Ps 72:1-2, 12-13, 18-19;  
 Mt 1:18-25  
 Thursday: Jgs 13:2-7, 24-25a;  
 Ps 71:3-4a, 5-6ab, 16-17; Lk 1:5-25  
 Friday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-4ab, 5-6; Lk 1:26-38  
 Saturday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a;  
 Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21; Lk 1:39-45  
 Sunday: Is 7:10-14; Ps 24:1-6; Rom 1:1-7;  
 Mt 1:18-24

*Please pray for the sick of our parish and for the families & friends of our parishioners:* Mike Ceremuga, Carol Shaw, Paul Szallar, Hugh O'Brien, Kate Slack, Roy Maloney, Ron Fontaine, Marcy Beckman, Erik Kurelko, Larry Anderson, Jameson Stepp, Danielle Parks, Connor Pressler, Tricia Allen, Caiden Nottingham, Kathy Karwowski, Kimberly Hopf, Gail Hightree, Michael D'Alfonso, Gilda Hertel, Rita Stell, Patrick Calvin, Piper Farr, Kathy Larkin, Kim Shellhamer, Garrett Valimont, Antonia Patton, Kathy Boyer, Candace McKee, Stacey Moats, Barbara Paxton, Ashlee Douglass, James Power, Fred Holzer, Debbie Dart, Donna Kollar, Kathy Hilton, Mary Louise Wilson, Dana Edwards, Jim Ruffing, Chuck North, Earl Saylor, Cathy Larkin, Phyllis Collins, Donna Tippi, Landon Peterman, Leroy Burns, Pete Leskovac, Dorothy McDonald, Adella Barr, Kevin McCann, Carol Mick, Lucille Christopher, Mercedes Zemeki, D. J. Sheridan, Sr. Mary Joseph McElhinny, Lisa Stepp, Sheryl Presto, Jean Lesko, Chuck Maietta, Linda Collins, Mitchell Johnston, Tom Pektas, Larry Williamson, Jim Addison, Dana Edwards, Gretchen Kuhn, Tony Guy, Cindy Beagley, Andrea Roberts, Deane DeCiancio, Doug Zimmerman, Dan Ballech, Jack Lengacher, Lena Bruno, Anne Cannarozzi, Lois Metzger, Marian Shafer, David & Debra Yokubeak, Jean Black, Peggy Mansfield, Theresa Rufener, Marsha Quarles, Jim Swank, Sue Brennan, Theresa Travnikar, Kara Kuhn, Janet Collins.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INTENTION &amp; DONOR</u>
December 15 - 31	GiGi Weaver (Natalie Higbee)
December 15 - 31	Mike Prezioso (Family)

**Please note that Sanctuary candles are available for January.**

**Third Sunday of Advent  
 December 15, 2019**

Those whom the LORD has ransomed will return  
 and enter Zion singing,  
 crowned with everlasting joy.

***NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION***

*PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE RECTORY OR DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS.*

NAME \_\_\_\_\_  
 ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_  
 CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_  
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