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**SUNDAY
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UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb. 13 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
Feb. 13 Bible Study 6:30 PM.
Feb. 14 Ash Wednesday.
Feb. 16 Stations begin 7 PM St. Michael.
Feb. 17 Sewing Day Project Linus 9AM.
Feb. 19- 21 Fish Fry Cleaning Days 11:00 AM.
Feb. 21 Stations begin 1PM St. Margaret.
Feb. 23 Fish Fry Dinners begin at 4PM.
See the Daily Confession Schedule for Lent.

REST IN PEACE

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

MENS & WOMENS CONFERNENCES

March 2 22:32 Men's Conference Event Erie, 8:30 AM
April 20 1:38 Women's Conference Event Erie,
8:00 AM
Watch for more information in next week's bulletin.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

BEWARE OF GROOMING BEHAVIOR

Children and young people can be groomed online or in the real world, by a stranger or by someone they know. This could be a family member, a friend or someone who has targeted them – like a teacher, faith leader or sports coach. Grooming is when someone builds a relationship, trust and emotional connection with a child or young person so they can manipulate, exploit, or abuse them. Grooming can take place over a short or long period of time. Some common tactics are pretending to be younger, giving advice or showing understanding, buying gifts, giving attention, taking them on trips, outings, or holidays. To prevent your child from grooming behavior, teach them about healthy relationships, how to stay safe online, and who are the trusted adults they can go to for help. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Josephine Fitch (Dan & Tess Redfoot)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*
Dennis Durkos Sr. (Michelle)

6:30 PM *Saint Margaret Mission*
Anne Valesky (Shirley Patton)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

THURSDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
Bonnie Hilko (Callihan & Hilko Families)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

FRIDAY AFTER ASH WEDNESDAY
Charles W. "Bill " Peden (K. of C.)

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

NEW MASS SCHEDULE BEGINS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

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

SUNDAY FEBRUARY 18

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

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*
Isaiah John Perry (Noni-Bop)

STEWARDSHIP

Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$11,605.04

CSA 2024

Pledged: \$20,810
Paid: \$16,055

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

St. Michael Church: In memory of Dennis Durkos (\$50).

St. Michael School Endowment: In memory of Norma Langiotti (\$100).

40 CLUB WINNERS-JANUARY 31

\$100-Will Plunka; \$100-Mary Shedd;
\$50- Todd Nehlen.

SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

Feb 1-15 Isaiah John Perry (Noni & Bop)
Feb 1-15 Teresa Pruchnitzky (Family of
St. Margaret Donald Pruchnitzky)

Feb 15-29 Isaiah John Perry (Don & Maureen
St. Margaret Shine)

CSA NOTE

Please complete a pledge form even if you are using electronic giving. Everyone should have received pledge letter from the Diocese.

Date / Mass	Lector	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Feb. 14/ 9:00 AM	Walter Beh	Mary Smart	Lisa Demarest	None Assigned
Feb. 14/ 6:30 PM	TBD	Amy Anderson	Kathy Williams	None Assigned
Feb. 17/4:30 PM	Tyler Smart	Mary Smart	Lisa Demarest	Krystal W., Mason M. Lily T.
Feb. 18/ 8:00 AM	Gabby Saulsberry	N/A	N/A	Faith Formation Activities
Feb. 18/ 11:00 AM	Brenda DelMaramo	Lisa Demarest	Natalie Serrano	Ave & Sophia M., Maggie L.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

This is our last weekend of our current weekend Mass schedule. For a final reminder, Saturday is remaining the same, as well as our 11 AM on Sunday. The *only* change that is happening is blending the 7 and 9 into an 8 AM. That is it. One hour. It was the least disruptive solution I could find. The fact is that there is no one priest parish in the diocese that has four weekend Masses - there are none! Why? Because we're not supposed to! Parishes that need four or more Masses have at least two priests available for that coverage. I looked - the largest parish in our Diocese is Our Lady of Peace in Erie. It is easily a parish triple our size. They presently have only one more mass than us - and they have three priests on staff! It's just the reality. Another factor to consider is that with the current Mass schedule, we have a seating capacity of approximately 1,800 people between the four Masses. Annually, we take a head count at each Mass in October. This past year, in our October count, we averaged only 390 people for the *entire* weekend between all *four* Masses. Simply, The Church dissuades a Mass schedule of four weekend Masses for 390 people when there is no serious reason otherwise. Don't get me wrong, I am not a downer - I am thrilled with that count in that it shows there is a return of many coming out of the pandemic era. I think we are a steadily growing and thriving parish, but not a parish that needs four weekend masses(for one guy to cover). Also, we have two church buildings so I need to create a schedule where I can have a reasonable number of Masses for two buildings, and we just need to adapt to the change that is simply happening in our Diocese. We have fewer priests operating like it's the 1990's. That may be nostalgic (I'm a 90's kid through and through), but it is not sustainable. I'll be real, by that last Mass on Sundays, I'm yawning more than I feel I should while leading the prayer of the Mass. It was told to me that you had envisioned you would have fewer priests in the future, and a motivation for your renovation about twenty years ago was to make the church large enough so you could accommodate fewer Masses when the day came when you had fewer priests. When I look around at my brother priests and what they are dealing with in their parts of the diocese and our fellow Catholics in the Diocese who have lost their parish or church building or a full-time pastor all together over recent years because of the changes of personnel and parishioners...it just makes our one-hour change seem like a luxury! Let's never stop praying for more vocations to the priesthood and being all on the same team, and all hands-on deck, as time moves on, as we need to become increasingly flexible with the challenges that lie ahead.

With our new 8AM at Saint Margaret Church, the music ministry is unable to schedule a regular cantor or pianist at this time. In the meantime, I would welcome anyone who wishes to cantor acapella or those who would be open to playing the piano (or any instrument) at Saint Margaret to volunteer to do so as they are available. I am not an advocate of a consistent lack of music at a Sunday Liturgy - it's the celebration of the Lord's Resurrection and the highest worship we can do and are created for! Music is prayerful and it's supernal worship. So, we will make do till we can get regular music scheduled at that Mass, but in the meantime, if anyone would like to step up and play or cantor at any of those Masses, please, you are welcome!

This week begins The Season of Lent. I have for you those daily devotionals again, so please take them and use them if they will help with your daily prayer throughout. Just a note - we will be having our annual Fish Dinners, but we will not begin this week, but next week. The Knights have a game dinner scheduled and it conflicts with having a fish dinner this week. We will begin them next week, the second Friday of Lent. Please share that news with people you know that comes to those dinners so they aren't surprised if they inadvertently come this week. Also, use these next few days before Ash Wednesday to consider deeply and deliberately what you most need to do to straighten up, rehab, or build up your spiritual life. Lent is a nice long season to give some needed attention to your life with God. I know I need to use these weeks to give attention to a few areas - don't miss the Grace of the Season!

Love,

Fr. Brandon

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

*Faith Formation Office hours 9:30AM to 2:30 PM
Monday through Thursday.*

Scheduled Faith Formation Classes

February 18 Faith Formation 8:45 AM to 10:45 A.M.:
Class- K-5th Grades, Edge (6th-8th Grade) & Confirmation (9th & 10th Grade) **(7th-10th Grade Church/Community/Faith Experience Letter Due in Class today!)*

February 23 Class Make-up 7:00 P.M. to 9:00 P.M.- For 7th-10th Grade who have missed more than the allotted 2 days per Faith Formation Year! This class make-up day can be banked for future use! Sign-up Sheets are in the Students' Faith Formation Classroom with the Catechist! Reminders will be sent out a day prior through Flocknote and class will be Cancelled through Flocknote if no one signs up!

February 25 Faith Formation Class: 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Only! This is your last class prior to Confirmation!

Faith Formation Meetings or Events:

February 11 9:00 A.M.- 12:00 P.M. is the 8th Grade Confirmation Students & Sponsors Mandatory Meeting in the Large Meeting Room of the Church. 11:00 A.M. Mass is included with this meeting. *Please contact Mrs. Barger at 724-718-2061 A.S.A.P. if you are unable to attend this meeting with your Sponsor! You and your Sponsor will need to schedule a different day to come in for the meeting with Mrs. Barger!*

March 1 from 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. - First Friday Holy Hours- Can be used as *Faith Experience Opportunity for 7th-10th Grade!* - 7th through 10th Graders will need to do different things like this until they are confirmed! Please be sure to sign in on the Student Sign-in sheet not the Adult Sign-in Sheet.

Please keep the following 2nd Grade students in your thoughts and prayers as they receive their First Reconciliation on Saturday, February 10, 2024:

Faith Formation: Kole Gardner, Andrew Hill, Madeline Luciani, Angelo Salatino, Linkyn Svrbly, & Daphne Tofani.

St. Michael School: Elliott Barr, Colton Eddy, Cameron Forsythe, Monroe Giardina, & Laynie Kanter.

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.

WHAT ARE STUDENTS ARE LEARNING

Kindergarteners with Mrs. Toy wanted to share that they learned about the 5 senses through popcorn: hearing the crunch; tasting the butter; feeling the salt; seeing the popcorn; smelling yummy popcorn! In History, they learned about Mesopotamia and the epic of Gilgamesh. With Mrs. Cawley in Art, they talked about snow and the basic types of snow (i.e. dendrites, plate-like, and columnar), then drew snowmen!

1st Graders with Mrs. Maloney finished *Frog and Toad* and will start reading *Caps for Sale* in Reading class. In Nature Studies, students learned about the skeletal system and built a life size paper skeleton. In History, they talked about what brings us happiness in life started a lapbook on Ancient Greece. They also got to celebrate their class's patron saint, Our Lady of Guadalupe, by making tilmas and enjoying Mexican Christmas cookies and hot chocolate! With Mrs. Cawley in Art, they drew mittens and talked about Snowflake Bentley and snowflakes. They also created borders for mounting on their Minoan frescos.

UPCOMING EVENTS

March 16th - SMS glow dance for School families.

March 23rd - Easter Bunny Breakfast

March 24th -Easter Egg hunt at the Outside Playground (Lateran Hall is rain location) .

FISH FRY NEWS

Friday Fish Dinners begin February 23, 2024 at 4PM at the Knights of Columbus on 170 Clarksville Rd. (Rt 18). Eat in and take out is available.

Clean up days to prep for the dinners will be February 19, 20, 21 at 11 AM at the Hall. Please bring buckets and cloths if you can help clean.