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**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
19
2023**

**THIRTY
THIRD
SUNDAY**

**ORDINARY
TIME**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 21 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
Nov. 23-24 Office closed for Thanksgiving.
Mass both days at 9 AM.
Dec. 1 Adoration of the Blessed Sacra-
ment begins after 9 AM Mass.
Wednesdays Confessions 8-8:30 PM.
Saturdays Confessions 3-4 PM.

REST IN PEACE

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

CAMPAIGN FOR HUMAN DEVELOPMENT COLLECTION

On the weekend of November 18-19, the collection will be for the regular offertory and the collection for giving for the Catholic Campaign for Human Development (CCHD). "This annual collection supports the national anti-poverty program of the U.S. Catholic Bishops working to break the cycle of poverty by helping people with low income participate in decisions that affect their lives, families, and communities. CCHD offers a hand up, not a handout. Additionally, CCHD helps to educate the public on poverty related issues, using the perspective of Scripture and Catholic Social Teaching.

Half of the funds from this collection remain in the Diocese of Erie to fight poverty in our local communities. " (Excerpts from Bishop Persico's letter asking for support of this collection.)

Envelopes will be on the table in the Gathering Space if you do not use offertory envelopes.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 21

PRESENTATION OF THE BLESSED VIRGIN MARY

Anne Valesky (John & Mary Valesky)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 22

SAINT CECILIA

Paul Selnekovic (Raylene & Girls)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 23

SAINT CLEMENT I

SAINT COLUMBAN

THANKSGIVING DAY

Isaiah Perry (Mark & LeeAnn Micsky)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 24

SAINT ANDREW DUNG-LAC & COMPANIONS

Rose Gessler (Mary Jo Lipani)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE
ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, November 25

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*

William "Whitey" Ruffing (John & Ronda Erdesky)

SUNDAY, November 26

7:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

For the People of the Parish

9:00 AM *Saint Margaret Mission*

Teresa Coffey (Fr. Christopher Barnes)

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

Stephanie Romine (Bill)

STEWARDSHIP

Thirty Second Sunday Ordinary Time

\$15,128.64

CSA

Pledged: \$135,265

Paid: \$123,900

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

40 CLUB WINNERS-NOVEMBER 8

No drawing

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

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

Dec 1-15 Judy Kalchthaler (Uncle Benny & Aunt Bonnie)

Dec 1-15 James & Edith Barbarossa (Ben, Bonnie & Family)

Dec 1-15 John Potase, Sr. (Saulsbery Family)
St. Margaret

Date / Mass	Lector	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Nov 25 / 4:30 PM	Amy Anderson	Lily Thomas	Sharen & Jerry Seiple	Mason M., Krystal W.
Nov 26/ 7:00 AM	Mary Ann Marshall	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nov 26 / 9:00 AM	Dawn Richter	Bob Hutchinson	Lisa Demarest	Waylon W., John and Gabe G.
Nov 26/ 11:00 AM	Charles Demarest	Susan Swartzbeck	Kathy Williams	Ella & Lance P., Andrew H

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

I wrote last week's article before a Parish Council meeting where we discussed the Christmas Mass Schedule I wrote about last week. To make Dec 24th easier on everyone - not the least being those who will need to decorate after that morning's Masses, we are going to change our Sunday morning schedule that weekend. On Sunday Dec 24, for the Fourth Sunday of Advent, our morning Mass schedule will be 8:00 AM at Saint Margaret, and 10:00 AM at Saint Michael. To reiterate, this is the schedule for the Fourth Sunday of Advent (we will keep the 4:30 PM Sat. Mass the same). The Christmas Masses that evening and the Christmas morning remain unchanged from what I wrote last week. We are *only* amending the usual Sunday morning masses. This will allow for an easier transition from Advent to Christmas on the same day and give a bit of a rest and breathing room in that crazy schedule for the day. I will continue to remind you as time nears.

Also at last week's Parish Council we discussed, and had a great conversation, about our Sunday Mass schedule. There were a few items to discuss and to strategize on how to make the best use of our Sundays. It was quite helpful for me to hear their feedback and to understand the needs, perspectives, and wants of the parish. My primary concern is utilizing my time, energy, gifts, talents, desires, concerns, and priorities for the best possible health and holiness of our parish! That is the compass by which I do everything here. What has been heavily weighing down on me has been that our current Sunday Mass structure inhibits me from doing that in a handful of ways. The truth is that pastors are not encouraged to celebrate that many Masses on a Sunday. Canon Law prohibits it without a real pastoral need. The Church desires Her priests and pastors to be as effective as they can be, and a component of that is not unnecessarily doing more than two Masses on a Sunday. If he does do three, there needs to be a real pastoral need to continue such a practice. Truth is, myself nor Council nor others in the parish I've randomly asked have been able to come up with a pastoral need. Preferring a Mass time is not a pastoral need. It was also discussed that our parish went from multiple priests down to one at a rapid pace, and the Mass times ought to reflect that. I learned that part of the reasons for the renovation you undertook in the early 2000's was the anticipation that one day you would only have one priest and that you needed a larger space for fewer Masses. Another desire that I've written about a lot is that we have Faith Formation during a Sunday Mass time. This leaves me out of the program - which is a huge mental and spiritual burden of mine - but it also takes away, for our Faith Formation students and families, that weekend Mass that they're in class during...it's an imperfect setup that doesn't need to be doomed to stay that way. This is just a smattering of our conversations and the ideas and concerns that we've talked about, and I will elaborate more as time goes on, but for the purpose of this article, I just wanted you to know that after my consult with Parish Council and their unanimous consent and encouragement, we will be changing our Sunday Mass schedule beginning the *First Weekend of Lent*, Feb 17/18, 2024. That weekend, our Sunday Schedule will go to the following: Saturday 4:30 PM at Saint Michael (unchanged), Sunday 8:00 AM at Saint Margaret, and 11:00 AM at Saint Michael (unchanged). This merging of the current 7 AM & 9 AM into an 8 AM allows for a whole host of things to become true, not the least being a reasonable amount of Masses to meet our pastoral need, the elimination of Faith Formation conflicting with a Sunday Mass, even allows groups to meet on Sunday mornings if they wish, and to allow a reasonable schedule for just one guy - especially in finding weekend coverage! I will remind you of this a lot between now and then and discuss the various reasons for it. In our diocese right now, there are *many* parish communities that have undergone or are undergoing tremendous change, mergers, loss of parish status, etc.! Luckily for us and by the Grace of God, that is not our reality here, but that doesn't mean we just operate like there's no need to be more efficient. I appreciate your understanding and support you show me as your pastor!

Have a great Thanksgiving this week!

*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-5th Grade, Edge Program (6th-8th grade), & Confirmation Class (9th & 10th grade) from 8:45 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. ****(7th-10th 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-5th Grades, Edge (6th-8th Grade) & Confirmation (9th & 10th Grade)/ Lesson 12 & 13 for K-5th *(Reminder-Please return your family's Completed Advent Activity Packet for class credit for 11-26 class).*

Faith Formation Meetings or Events

December 3 Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner Prep in McElhinny Hall following classes for 7th-10th 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!

December 4 Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner at the Good Shepherd Center for all Faith Formation Families and St. Michael School Families! Students in 7th-10th Grade who help with this event will get credit for a church service opportunity, but a parent must attend with them!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The Men's fellowship group will take a pause for Thanksgiving and Advent. We will recommence the "Into-The-Breach" video series on Thursday January 4, 2024. Have a peaceful, joyful, and prayerful holiday season with your family and friends. If you have never attended a session, please feel welcome to join us next year

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.

#iGiveCatholic

You've heard of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday! You've probably also heard of Giving Tuesday! These days come right after Thanksgiving and get us thinking about giving to those we love. This year, SMS is participating in Giving Tuesday, November 28. You can financially support SMS on Giving Tuesday by participating in #iGiveCatholic by visiting our website: www.saintmichael1.org and clicking on the banner. Gifts can be made in increments of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or an amount of your choosing. You may also participate in the advanced giving period: November 13-27. Money raised will go toward resources and materials the students need for our Nature Studies/Science Program as well as our Fine and Performing Arts Departments. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Break

School will not be in session from Thursday, November 23, to Monday, November 27 in honor of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 28.

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 10th.** Thank you to all who make this parish activity a blessing for so many!