

*I am
the
Good
Shepherd*



Saint Michael Parish

**FOURTH
SUNDAY
OF
EASTER**

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**SUNDAY
APRIL
21
2024**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 22 Confirmation 7 PM.
Apr. 23 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
May 3 Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
begins after the 9 AM School Mass.
May 4 1st Communion Retreat 10:30 AM.
May 13 Young at Heart meets at 11:30 AM.

Confessions on Wednesday's from 8-8:30PM and
Saturdays from 3-4PM.

STEWARDSHIP

Third Sunday of Easter
\$11,775.65

CSA
Pledged: \$87,825
Paid: \$65,560

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

GOOD SHEPHERD FOOD PANTRY APRIL REQUEST

The monthly request for the Good Shepherd food pantry is canned vegetables, canned fruit, and canned pork and beans. Please drop off your donation in the barrel located in the Gathering Space at St. Michael's. Thank you for your donation!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

The Knights of Columbus wish to honor the following members and family members who died in March: Joseph Bonaquist, member, and Irma Knaus, widow of Frank Knaus. Masses will be offered in for the repose of their souls.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Apr. 27/4:30 PM	Tess Redfoot	Pat Shaughnessy, MaryAnn Marshall	Amy Anderson	Lisa Demarest	Kyle B., Marson M, Maggie L.
Apr. 28/8:00 AM	Mark Holian	Cindy Saulsbery, Maureen Shine			Faith Formation
Apr. 28/11:00 AM	Linda Hajtol	Bea DeCiancio Doug Ruffing	Bob Hutchinson	Natalie Serrano	Ella & Lance P., Andrew H.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 23

Saint George & Saint Adalbert
Dennis Durkos (Greg& Kate Landfried Family)

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 24

Saint Fidelis of Signaringen
J. James Ruffing (Lois Paletto)

THURSDAY, APRIL 25

Saint Mark
Pauline Vargo (Children)

FRIDAY, APRIL 26

Vincent Mosconi (Family)

FIFTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, APRIL 27

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

SUNDAY APRIL 28

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**

Sean McGoldrick (M/M Robert Moore)

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*

Sophie Micsky (Anniv.) (Mark & LeeAnn Micsky)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the souls of Deborah Chess, Suzy Resinger, and Adelaide Giangiordano who died this week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

40 CLUB WINNERS – APRIL 10

\$100–Angela Surano; \$100–Joyce Allen;
\$50–Tom Mong.

SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

Apr. 16-30 Stephen Banic (Wife and Children)

Apr. 16-30 E. Tracel Pickens (Joan & Eddie)

May 1-15 Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert Moore)

St. Margaret

May 1-15 Darla Prezioso (Mom)

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH NATIONAL CYBER TIPLINE

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. All tips are reviewed to find a potential location for the reported incident. It is then made available to the appropriate law-enforcement agency for possible investigation. NCMEC provides resources/help in removing an online image. Reports can be made 24/7 online at www.cybertipline.org or by calling (800) 843-5678.

FAITH FORMATION COMING EVENTS

April 21 Mandatory Confirmation Practice for 9th & 10th grade students and sponsors at St. Michael Church in Greenville at 2:00 P.M. Please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible if this is a problem!

April 28 Faith Formation Class- K-5th Grades, Edge (6th-8th Grade): from 8:45 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Our last class for this Faith Formation Year. Have a Blessed Summer & see you in the Fall!

Please keep the following students in your prayers as they have completed their faith formation classes and are now preparing to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation on April 22, 2024 at 7:00 P.M.:

Kyle Barger, Cooper Bonadio, Skyler Bonadio, Kathryn Engles, John Graham, John Hake, Tanner Irvine, Michael Leonard, Autumn Leonard, Drew Leskovac, Duncan Mayer, Logan McGonigal, Ava Murcko, Casey Resek, Jacob Rust, Addison Ruth, Jaden Schuver, Tierney Scullin, Katelyn Swingle, Lily Thomas, Grace Wingard, & Isabel Wingard.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

It was great to celebrate with all of you Deacon Brandon's ordination last weekend! It is so exciting to have him now in Orders and a brother in the clergy! He has such a diverse portfolio of gifts and holiness, and love for The Lord - his ministry as a deacon and, soon, as a priest will bear incredible fruit! Let's keep praying for him as he enters now this time of transition and final formation.

A simple thought came to me the other day and it was a fun thought experiment for me. The question popped into my head of what time or period in the Church's history would you most like to have been part of? Would it have been the Apostolic Age where we would've been shepherded by the Apostles and their immediate successors? Would it have been as a Roman citizen living under oppression and practicing the fullness of your faith in secrecy before Constantine's 313 Edict which ended that persecution? Would it have been the era of the great Church Fathers and Ecumenical Councils that made the Fourth through Eleventh Centuries so robust with giants of the Theological and Spiritual traditions of our faith? Would you want to have been present at the time of the East-West split of 1054 and have begun to see a distinction among them begin to create all new identities? Would it have been amid the crusades of the Eleventh to Thirteenth Centuries and have listened to those rousing homilies inspiring Catholic men to go defend in arms their brother and sisters of The Holy Land? Would you have wanted to know the Church at the time of the Reformation and understand what exactly happened and where and why so many went awry? Would you have wanted to experience the robust renewed richness that began to recharacterize The Church in the Counter-Reformation and then, of course, The Renaissance, all of which envelopes the majority of the Fourteenth to Eighteenth Centuries? There's then, of course, The Church dialoguing and trying to shepherd a world going through Industrial Revolutions, the elimination of entire industries and ways of life, the untold movement and displacement of peoples, and a growing socio-political concern She grew to have throughout the Nineteenth and Twentieth Centuries. There is an infinite way to categorize and identify meaningful epochs of our beautiful and rich history - these were just some broad generalizations. I abhor the notion that Church history is worthless, or it's all intrigue and greed, or that it's just a checkered story of a shady institution we have Constantine to blame for creating...or any other narrative! Church History is human history. Church History is the history of civilizations, globally, over the last two millennia. Church history is beautiful! Church History is the history of The Holy Trinity acting in the life of the Baptized! As Catholics, we love The Church. The Church is our Mother, we defend Her as she nourishes us and is the means for our earthly and heavenly sustenance.

I was reading some history the other day and that question was posed in my mind, and I think for me, I would've loved to have been alive in the Fourth Century and have been taught by - and perhaps have been a brother priest of - the great Fathers and Doctors of the Church: Athanasius, Ambrose, Augustine, Gregory Nazianzus, Gregory of Nyssa, Basil, Jerome...I could go on! Those men are many of my spiritual and theological heroes and to have been alive among them, to serve beside them, and to learn from them would've been unreal!

I share this little thought experiment because the history I was reading was Acts of the Apostles! This is the Easter Book; this is the story of who we are and why we do what we do. As these weeks of Easter proceed, may The Lord help our hearts to love His Bride more deeply, Our Mother, The Church. She is not only the brick and mortar, but also the people, the holiness, the beauty, the Truth which resounds throughout history and into eternity!

Love,
Fr. Brandon