



Masses for the Week

MONDAY, DECEMBER 2 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. William Ruffing (Jack & Ronda)

TUESDAY, DEC. 3 - SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

9:00 A.M. Tom Liszka (Mary Jo Lipani)

WED., DEC. 4 - SAINT JOHN DAMASCENE

9:00 A.M. James Reinhart (Carol & Rosemarie)
 10:00 A.M. **St. Paul's:** Joseph & Stella Langiotti
 (Daughters)

THURSDAY, DEC. 5 - ADVENT WEEKDAY

6:30 P.M. Martha Loreno (Anniv.) (Judi Lysek)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6 - SAINT NICHOLAS

9:00 A.M. Lawrence Eheman (Marlene & Family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7 - SAINT AMBROSE

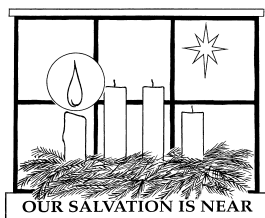
8:00 A.M. Cindy Peterson Essert (Bill Peterson)
 4:30 P.M. **Vigil:** Mike Flack (Anniv.) (Jenny & Fam.)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8 - 2nd SUNDAY OF ADVENT

7:30 A.M. For the People of Our Parish
 9:15 A.M. **St. Margaret:** Deceased Members of St. Margaret Guild (Guild)
 11:00 A.M. Nick Cianci (Jim & Deb Nevant Family)

HOPEFUL EXPECTATION

Our liturgical year begins with the season of Advent—a time of hopeful expectation of the coming of the Lord. On the First Sunday of Advent we look forward to the end of time when we will awaken to the dawn of Christ’s new day. Today we hear Isaiah speak of a day when God’s power will have brought universal peace and God’s Word will have instructed all people, radiating God’s “light” (teachings) into all of human society. Only when humanity walks “in the light of the LORD” (Isaiah 2:5), when all people desire to be instructed “in [God’s] ways” (Isaiah 2:3), will the world be set aright and our deepest longings fulfilled. The reading from Romans calls us to “awake from sleep” for this final “day is at hand” (Romans 13:11, 12). Together this Sunday’s scriptures proclaim our Christian faith that Jesus is the One who will finally come to fulfill God’s plan of salvation.



CALENDAR:

- DECEMBER 2:** Church Offices closed today.
- DECEMBER 2:** Followers of Mary at 6 PM.
- DECEMBER 2:** Pastoral Council at 7 PM.
- DECEMBER 5:** Franciscans meet at 7 PM.
- DECEMBER 6:** First Friday 24 Hour Adoration.
- DECEMBER 7/8:** Retirement Fund for Religious.
- DECEMBER 8:** Please turn in gifts for the Giving Tree.
- DECEMBER 15:** Advent Penance Service at 1 PM.
- DECEMBER 23:** Men’s Adoration at 7 PM.

TREASURE (NOVEMBER 24, 2019)

Annual Offertory Budget

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

Received through November 24, 2019

St. Michael	\$ 7,925.50
St. Margaret	\$ 1,500.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 842.00
Total	\$ 10,267.50

Year to Date Budget	\$ 265,690.00
Year to Date Actual	\$ 254,871.70

We are **(\$10,818.30)** below our Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

Campaign for Human Dev.	\$ 2,671.00
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CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

	<u>FINAL 2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Commitments:	216	229
Pledged:	\$126,002.00	\$134,612.00
Paid:	\$122,957.00	\$122,230.50

ELECTRONIC GIVING

WeShare serves thousands of parishes by offering a secure, convenient method of online giving, allowing you to make contributions in the same way you make other online payments or purchases, with the flexibility to choose amounts and timing of transactions. We ask that you consider using this convenient method of supporting our parish and visit <https://stmichaelgreenville.weshareonline.org> to set up your giving via the new *WeShare* process. Please contact Susan Swartzbeck, Parish Business Manager, at 724-588-9800 (option 6), with any questions or if you need assistance with the initial enrollment process.

ADVENT SCHEDULE

Because the Feast of the Immaculate Conception falls on Sunday, December 8th this year, it is not a Holy Day of Obligation. Mass will be offered at 9 AM on Monday, December 9th in honor of the Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary, (Patronal Feast day of the United States) and is not a Holyday of Obligation.

Advent Penance Services:

Tuesday, December 10 at 6:30 PM
Church of Good Shepherd, West Middlesex

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



Eucharistic Adoration at St. Michael begins Friday, Dec. 6th after the 9:00 AM Mass & concludes on Saturday at 8 AM. The black “sign in binder” will be at the entrance door by the archives. If you can help or have any questions, please call Patty Meehan at 724-588-4658 or email meehanmong@verizon.net. What better way to begin this Advent Season of preparation than spending quiet time with Our Lord? *Eucharistic adoration is a prayerful and peaceful time, so plan your hour now! This will be the best hour you spend in your day.* If a funeral is scheduled on First Friday then Adoration will begin after the Funeral Mass.

We ♥ having you as part of our Flock

Keep in touch with us via email and text!

Text thankful to 84576

OR

Connect with us online at:  stmichael12.flocknote.com

Text STOP to 84576 to stop txt notifications at any time. Text HELP for help. There is no charge for this service, but your carrier message and data rates may apply. View full privacy policy & terms at flocknote.com/txt.

RETIREMENT FUND FOR RELIGIOUS

Thousands of senior Catholic Sisters, Brothers and Religious Order Priests spent years working in Catholic schools, hospitals and agencies - often for little or no pay. Now, their Religious Communities do not have enough savings for retirement and eldercare. Your gift to the Retirement Fund for Religious helps provide medications, nursing care, and much more. Almost 94% of donations aid senior Religious. Please be generous to next week’s second collection.

**Need assistance?
Questions? Call Sandy Ohl at
724-456-5209 or Sue Lauffer at
724-813-2502.**

FAITH FORMATION NEWS



Attention Parishioners: We need help with the Christmas Float this year. If anyone would like to come and help us that would be great. Please call the Faith Formation Office to see what you can help out with. We also are in need of regular sized Candy Canes again this year for passing out at the Greenville Christmas Parade on December 7th. If you are able to donate them, please just drop them off at the Faith Formation Office by Monday, December 2nd.

- December 1:** **No Faith Formation Classes today. Happy Thanksgiving!**
- Dec. 2 & 4:** **Attention 9th, 10th & 11 Grade Faith Formation Students & Families Service Hour opportunity!** Help us put together this year’s Christmas Float. Call the Faith Formation Office to sign up. We will meet in the Small Meeting Room on these days from 5:00 - 7:30 PM to work on this year’s float.
- December 7:** **Greenville Christmas Parade!** All Faith Formation Families and St. Michael School Families are invited to join us with our Christmas Float this year. Line-up in Riverside Park. Please come by 4:30 PM. Check emails from Flocknote for future information.
- December 8:** **Faith Formation Classes** for K - 11th Grade from 8:45 - 10:45 AM.
- December 9:** **Today is the Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner.** All Faith Formation Families and St. Michael School Families are invited to help. Please call the Faith Formation Office to sign up for this event.
- December 12:** **Today is a 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Make-up Day!** We will begin with Mass at 6:30 PM. After Mass we will say a rosary, so please bring a rosary with you. We will end with a Bible Study in the Small Meeting Room. Please bring your Bibles. Make-up Day will end at 8:15 PM.

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.

Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre Actors Needed

Saint Michael School Families along with parish and local community will present a Murder Mystery Dinner Theatre at the Mark Twain Manor in Jamestown this March. If you are interested in sharing your theatrical skill, please contact the school as try-outs are taking place. 724-588-7050.

ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM

The school invites the parish and Greenville community to attend its annual Advent/Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 6 - 8PM. 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. 1: First Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 2: Thanksgiving Vacation
- Dec. 3: School Advent Prayer Service - noon
Memory in Lights @ UPMC Greenville
- Dec. 4: PTO Open Meeting 6:30 PM - School
Lunch: Pepperoni Roll with chips
Grades 7/8 – St. Paul’s
- Dec. 5: Jeans Day
- Dec. 6: Feast of St. Nicholas
Santa Land
Lunch: Pizza

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.saintmichael.org.



It’s once again time for the Giving Tree. Our tree serves God’s children, infant age to the elderly, who could use a little joy this Christmas season.

If you can help, please take an ornament from the tree and buy a gift in the \$15 - \$20 price range. Wrap your gift, place the ornament **lightly taped on the outside of the package so it can be removed**, and place it under the tree in the Gathering Space. **All gifts must be returned by December 8th.** Please put your name, phone number & ornament number on the sheet next to the tree. Thank you to all who make this parish activity a blessing for so many.

**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 - NOVEMBER 20

\$100 - Angie Gaus; \$100 - Dan Brown; \$50 - Kelly Walton

WOMEN'S ADVENT BREAKFAST

All are welcome to the Women's Advent Breakfast on Saturday, December 7th at 10 AM at the Church of Notre Dame in Hermitage. Come and gather with other women to be spiritually inspired to prepare for this Advent season. For more details, please call or text Michelle Becker & 724-699-5891.

SENIOR CITIZEN HOLIDAY DINNER



Greenville High School & the Class of 2020 are pleased to announce plans to host a holiday dinner for Senior Citizens of the district. Dinner will be served on Wednesday, Dec. 18th at 1:15 in the school cafeteria. Guests are asked not to enter the building prior to

1 PM. No cost for the dinner but donations will be accepted. Please call the High School Office to make your reservation - 724-588-2500, Ext. 2131 before Wednesday, Dec. 11th.

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 28th/29th bulletin. **All memorials must be in before December 20th to appear in that bulletin**

**FOLLOWERS OF MARY PRAYER GROUP WITH
ROSARY**



Come & join our prayer group on Monday, December 2nd at **6 PM** in the Church. Everyone is invited. If you need more information, please call Karen at 724-866-1035.

**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES
DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF DEC 2, 2019**

DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	READER	EMHC
12/02 at 9 AM	Henry Loreno Christopher Cooper	Patty Meehan	Mary Fran Krachkowski
12/03 at 9 AM	Kierstin Barger Autumn Leonard	George Soros	Deacon Marty Aubel
12/04 at 9 AM	Henry & Emma Ann Loreno	Sandy Ohl	Walter Beh
12/05 at 6:30 PM	Madison Pflieger Luke Faber	Ron Coburn, Jr.	Joe Presto
12/06 at 9 AM	Grace & Isabel Wingard	School Students	Deacon Frank Luciani
12/07 at 8 AM	Noah DelMaramo Paul Cianci	Vern Swartz	George Soros

**ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES
FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC 7 & 8, 2019**

DATE/TIME	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	READERS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
12/07 at 4:30 PM	Ken & Anne Hockett	Maggie Leskovac Autumn Leonard Ben Leonard	R. Lauffer A. Leskovac	V. Bayer, M. F. Krachkowski, J. Johnson, J. Lysek, M. A. Marshall, J. Turcic
12/08 at 7:30 AM	Scot & Kim Nottingham	Emma Ann Loreno Kierstin & Kyle Barger	W. Beh P. Meehan	B. DeCiancio, P. Foulk, C. Lewis, G. Richardson, C. Shusteric, S. Weaver
12/08 at 11 AM	Armida & DeAnna Santilli	Madison Pflieger Kayleigh Tishov Mackenzie Marsh	J. Yurisc J. M. Yurisc	Wm. & N. Carr, G. & M. Gladysz, Gage Gladysz, B. Stubert
Coordinators:	Sharen Seiple 724-815-5361	Frank Luciani 724-588-1245	Linda Hajtol 724-588-3289	Martin Aubel 724-866-7432
SIGN IN!		GET A SUB	IF YOU	CANNOT SERVE!

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 Sergeant Jason Morgan, US Army, Ft. Hood, TX
 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: Is 4:2-6; Ps 122:1-9; Mt 8:5-11
 Tuesday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Lk 10:21-24
 Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a; Ps 23:1-6; Mt 15:29-37
 Thursday: Is 26:1-6; Ps 118:1, 8-9, 19-21, 25-27a;
 Mt 7:21, 24-27
 Friday: Is 29:17-24; Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14; Mt 9:27
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 Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26; Ps 147:1-6;
 Mt 9:35 — 10:1
 Sunday: Is 11:1-10; Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17;
 Rom 15:4-9; Mt 3:1-12

Please pray for the sick of our parish and for the families & friends of our parishioners: 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.

<u>SANCTUARY CANDLES</u>	
<u>DATE</u>	<u>INTENTION & DONOR</u>
December 1 - 15 (St. Margaret Mission)	Bernard Bickerton (Family)
December 1 - 15	Rae Ann Hughes (Uncle Bull)
December 1 - 15	Tom Gessler (Rose and Family)
December 1 - 15 (St. Margaret Mission)	Special Intention (Paul & Raylene)

**First Sunday of Advent
 December 1, 2019
 "You . . . must be prepared,
 for at an hour you do not expect,
 the Son of Man will come."
 — Matthew 24:44**

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 _____
 PHONE NUMBER _____ UNLISTED YES / NO Today's Date _____