St. Michael Parish

Mass Schedule – St. Michael Saturday (Vigil) 4:30 p.m. Sunday 7:00 a.m. and 11:00 a.m. Holy Day 9:00 a.m. and 6:30 p.m.

Mass Schedule - St. Margaret Sunday 9:00 a.m. Holy Day (Vigil) 6:30 p.m.

Week Day Mass ScheduleMondayNo MassTuesday, Wednesday & Friday9:00 a.m.Thursday6:30 p.m.1st Saturday Only9:00 a.m.Please refer to inside bulletin for any changes.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Saturdays 3:00 p.m. - 4:00 p.m. St. Michael's

Baptism: Make arrangements at church office.

Marriages: Make arrangements with Pastor at least six months prior.

Church Office Hours: Monday thru Friday 8:30 a.m.-12 and 1:00 p.m.-4:30 p.m.



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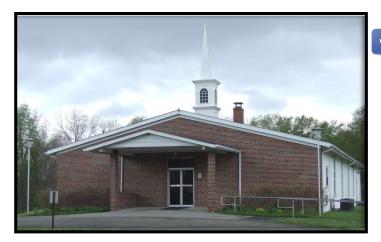
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Catholic Community of Northern Mercer County

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29-ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Saint Michael Church: Joseph Stark (Children)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 30-SAINT ANDREW

9:00 A.M. Saint Michael Church: Patrick Kozminski (Family)

THURSDAY, DECEMBER 1-ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Saint Michael Church: Mary Jane Anderson (Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 2-ADVENT WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Saint Michael Church: Ronald Beh (K. of C.)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3-SAINT FRANCIS XAVIER

9:00 A.M. Saint Michael Church: Stephen Bratina (Conrad & Kathy Cost)

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

4:30 P.M. Saint Michael Church: Vigil Frank Eber (Anniv.) (Jean Eber)

SUNDAY, December 4 7:00 A.M. Saint Michael Church: Jack Williams (Mark & Londa Adams) 9:00 A.M. Saint Margaret Mission: For the People of the Parish 11:00 A.M. Saint Michael Church: Martha Loreno (Ed Lorenco)





ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin on Friday, December 2, 2022 after the 9:00 A.M. Mass with the school students. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at 6:30 P.M. Benediction will be at 7:00 P.M. Please sign up in Flocknote for your hour to spend with Our Lord. Every hour needs at least one person to be

present. Please make sure you attend the time that you committed or get a sub so there are no unattended hours.

TREASURE (NOV 20, 2022) Annual Offertory Budget

Annual Budget	\$ 546,000.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 10,500.00

Received through November 20, 2022Total Offertory\$ 8,253.50

Year to Date Budget	\$ 220,500.00
Year to Date Actual	\$ 208,835.57

We are **\$11,664.43 BELOW** our Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

St. Michael Church: In memory of Jack Williams (\$100). **St. Michael School**: In memory of Edward Bresnan (\$50).

2022 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Thank you to those who have generously responded to the 2022 Catholic Services Appeal. St. Michael's Parish goal for this year's campaign is \$88,529. To date, 173 families have made pledges totaling \$131,690, with payment to date of \$121,765. If you have not yet made a pledge, please prayerfully consider supporting this year's CSA with your gift, as all amounts received over our goal will remain in our Parish. Thank you for your continued annual support of this diocesan service effort.

	FINAL <u>2021</u>	<u>2022</u>
Commitments:	210	174
Pledged:	\$130.950.00	\$ 132,040.00
Paid:	\$129,435.00	\$ 123,655.00

<u>UPCOMING EVENTS</u>

Franciscan Holy Spirit Fraternity
prays the Divine Mercy Chaplet at
3:00 P.M. in the Church
Confessions at 8:00 P.M.
Grief Share 6:00 P.M. McElhinny
Hall.
TMIY meets at 6:00 A.M. in
McElhinny Hall.
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
begins after the 9:00 A.M. Mass.
Pastoral Council meets at 6:00 P.M.

MASS INTENTION REQUESTS

The 2023 Mass Calendar is open for requests. Please use the form to request up to 3 Masses to allow as many to participate as possible. The form helps in scheduling. Remember that there are no Monday Masses.

<u>A WORD FROM FR. BRANDON</u>

One of the ways I spend a significant amount of my time in prayer is by creating in my mind's eye what I feel Heaven will one day be like. Perhaps it's a useless and foolish pursuit, and there are indeed many spiritual traditions that would caution greatly against that: if the mind is fallen, then it can't be trusted to reveal such revelations. Maybe, I lack the wherewithal to know if what I think of is anywhere near reliable, but I can't but help allow imagery to enter my deepest and intimate prayer with The Lord, and the Father. With the images that come to me in prayer, some are intensely personal and unique to me – burgeoning out of specific experiences of prayer or knowledge I have come to have of Christ or the Father. One, though, that simply comes from what I find beautiful, and 'spirit-inducing' is the season of Advent. Yes, in a lot of ways, Heaven, to me, is like an eternal Advent with everything that comes with it! Darkness, frigidity of the air, slowing down of creation, a sense of expectation, magnified joy and sense of meaning, and a time where we naturally are drawn to those that we love. Everything about Advent is what I want heaven, at the very least, to offer and be all about! If I could find someplace on earth that was nearly always both dark and frigid, we'd be having a moving party for me – I do not like to be in sunshine and warmth – I really don't! I feel most alive and hope-filled when it's dark, grey, blowing snow, and all you can really do is hunker down indoors. I feel most melancholic when Spring begins to wield its ugly sunshine on the earth! So, once Advent comes around, not only are the liturgical and spiritual elements most dear to my heart – and what I desire to feel in Heaven – but also the shortening of our days and lengthening of our nights that take place in this season as we barrel into the belly of winter. I wish some element of darkness and chill to cloak my heavenly experience! I also desire that a sense of longing and expectation for Jesus that never leaves also punctuates my heaven, for I never want to not desire Him.

That longing and desire for the Lord are what makes this holy season so unique and palpable. A temptation that we need to resist with Advent is that it never becomes just four short weeks to either prepare for Christmas (getting our shopping done or cookies made) or to think about past events and people (Bethlehem, mangers, and wise men). Advent has a wholly and entirely unique gift it wishes to offer us, and we as Catholics need to resist those other distractions to the point where they don't replace or body-check the beautiful offerings of this season. This will be my focus and efforts this Advent – both for me and you. Please take advantage of the daily missals/devotionals I have for you this weekend. Some daily prayer and meditation outside of the ordinary are incredibly helpful to draw every bit and piece of what Advent has to offer you. There are nearly 30 man-hours of Confessions offered in Advent here in the parish – not to mention the Penance services throughout the deanery. Get rid of all gunk and lies from your soul! As you feel the desire for Christ in this season, also feel His desire for you! Let Him draw you into Himself by eradicating all the sludge and grime of life from your soul through the powerful moment of Absolution. If you can do anything else that draws you out of routine and distraction – reading the various Infancy Narratives in the Gospels, visiting those alone over these weeks, assuring that those without will have a beautiful and meaningful Christmas, writing letters and cards to shut-ins or those serving overseas who will be away from loved ones - anything! Let the Lord guide your heart to what you ought to do but do something to honor the beauty of your desire for God and His desire for you so that Advent can be all that it needs to be for you in your life and soul.

Take note that after all weekend Masses, until the drawing on Feb 4, we will be selling chances for the side-by-side / \$20,000 raffle after weekend Masses. This is a huge opportunity for you to win a remarkable prize and to supply some needed funding to the school. If you would like to take tickets to sell to friends or family over the holidays, too, we can supply you with some to take and sell. I already needed to draw from savings at the beginning of the school year, but I do not want to dip anymore, so I ask that you do whatever you can to support this raffle. Also, we will have SCRIP available for sale after weekend masses throughout Advent that you can use for both holiday shopping and gifts. SCRIP is a mammoth way to earn money for the school and parish, and one that I want to better utilize as time goes on. For now, though, for those who do not understand it, you purchase gift cards at face value, but the school gets a percentage of that cost. For instance, Sheetz offers 3%. If you buy a \$25 Sheetz gift card, you pay \$25 and you get a \$25 Sheetz gift card. Easy and done. But, on the other end of that transaction, Sheetz lets St Michael's keep 3% of that sale, or \$0.75. That may not sound like a ton but think about if 100 people decided to use SCRIP to buy their gas all year. 0.75×100 people x 52 weeks = 3,900. For merely 100 people deciding to use Sheetz to buy \$25 of gas a week, the school profits nearly four grand! That's just that simple example – there are hundreds of merchants! Again, I really want us to begin to become a parish that supports this and introduces a game changer into our funding of the school! For now, though, please know that it is available all Advent for your Christmas shopping and gift-giving.

Love, Fr Brandon

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Scheduled Faith Formation Classes:

FAITH FORMATION FAMILIES- The Faith Formation would like to say we hope you and your families have a very Happy & Blessed Thanksgiving Holiday! November 27, 2022: Family Advent Activity Day At-Home for Kindergarten – 11th Grade. No classes. Happy Thanksgiving from the Faith Formation Office! Kindergarten- 11th Grade: December 4, 2022, from 8:45 A.M. to 10:45 A.M. Reminder today your youngest child should be turning in your Family Advent At-Home Activity Packet to their Faith Formation Catechists for class credit!

December 8, 2022, Class Make-up at 6:15 P.M.- This will be in the small meeting room of the church for 7th- 11th graders who have missed more than two days this Faith Formation year. It will include Mass at 6:30 P.M. Please be sure to fast one hour prior if your student plans on going to Holy Communion. This is a Holy Day of Obligation. Class will end at 8:15 P.M.

Faith Formation Meetings or Events:

Next Church Service Hour Opportunity & Faith Experience Opportunity for 2022/2023 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, & 11th Grade Confirmation Students:

November 29, 2022, at 3:00 P.M.- Faith Experience Opportunity- This is a new requirement for our Confirmation Students in 7th through 9th Grade. Come and join the Franciscans in praying the Divine Mercy Chaplet for our Church & the world. This is every Tuesday at 3:00 P.M. in the Church all year round

December 2, 2022, from 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. – First Friday Holy Hours- Will be counted as <u>Faith Experience</u> <u>Opportunity for 7th-9th Grade & Church Service for 10th &</u> <u>11th Grade still!</u> - This is a new requirement for our Confirmation Students in 7th through 9th Grade however 10th & 11th Grade will still be able to count these for their Church Service Hours this year! 7th through 9th Graders will need at least 2 hours of this each year till you are confirmed! *First Friday Holy Hours* will count as one of these Please be sure to sign in on the Student Sign-sheet not the Adult Sign-in Sheet.

December 4, 2022, following Faith Formation Classes in McElhinny Hall: Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner Prep classes for 7th-11th 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 hour! **December 5, 2022, Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner-**Students in 7th through 11th Grade can help serve meals or deliver meals with a parent for your Active Service Hours. Please contact the Faith Formation Office or return your paper to let us know if you can help!

December 11, 2022, from 8:45 A.M. to Noon this includes 11:00 A.M. Mass- 4th, 5th, & 6th Grade Retreat-Please drop off your child in the Large Meeting Room of the Church at 8:45 A.M. Please return to pick them up at 10:45 A.M. from the same place! There will be reserved seating for the children and their families to sit together for Mass at 11:00 A.M. The children will be given a light snack at the retreat.

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS

SHAMROCK SHOUTOUTS-Thank you to all of the school families, friends, teachers and parishioners who attended, volunteered your time, and/or donated an item/dessert for our Spaghetti Dinner! We appreciate your support of the PTO and St. Michael School!

St. Michael PTO

The Holy See's Teaching on Catholic Schools

According to Archbishop J. Michael Miller, in his <u>The Holy</u> <u>See's Teaching on Catholic Schools</u>, the fourth mark of a Catholic school is that it should be:

4. Imbued with a Catholic Worldview

Catholicism should permeate not just the class period of catechism or religious education, or the school's pastoral activities, but the entire curriculum. The Vatican documents speak of "an integral education, an education which responds to all the needs of the human person."

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

• Pancakes with Santa will be on Saturday, December 3 Lateran Hall from 9:00-11:00am. Later that day, join us for the Greenville Christmas Parade!





JOIN OUR SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL FAMILY!

St. Michael School serves students in PreK3 and 4 classes as well as Kindergarten through Grade 8. Enrollment is always open! Follow

us on Facebook! Please visit our website: <u>www.saintmichael1.org</u> and call the school office for more information! We look forward to welcoming you to the SMS Family!

PARENTING THOUGHTS

The Friday after Thanksgiving is often called "Black Friday" because it starts the frenzy of holiday shopping. It's especially challenging for kids not to get sucked into Christmas wish lists. Ask your children one gift they might like for Christmas that doesn't cost any money.

<u>ST. MICHAEL FORTY CLUB</u> <u>109 Chances to Win Prizes Totaling</u> <u>\$26,150</u>

Ticket cost is \$100. There are 3 weekly winners for \$100, \$100 & \$50. There are 8 winning numbers drawn at Christmas and Easter week for \$500, \$250, \$125, \$75 (2 each prize). One SPECIAL drawing on October 20 for people that have fully paid for their ticket. The final drawing is May 28, 2023 with 57 winners for a total cash prize of \$13,400. Only 600 tickets sold. Tickets still available. Please contact any seller listed to purchase tickets:

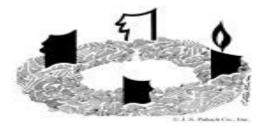
Wes Bates @ 724 699-6255 Walter Beh @724-588-3108 Natalie Higbee @724-699-9021 Mark Holian @ 724-932-5937 Fran Krachkowski @ 724-588-3749 Roseanne McConnell @ 724-588-3254 Judy McKay @ 724-456-5654 Charles Stepp @724-588-2127

40 CLUB WINNERS-NOVEMBER 16

\$100-Bob Gentile; \$100-Mary Donegan; \$50-Jimmy White.

GIVING TREE NOW ADVENT GIVING

The time has arrived for the Annual Giving Tree project. Starting this year, we are renaming it the Advent Giving project, since we no longer use ornaments on a tree. This project is done during the Advent season, and it 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 couple of 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 11th. Thank you to all who make this parish activity a blessing for so many!





<u>GOOD SHEPHERD</u> <u>DECEMBER REQUESTS</u>

St. Michael will be supporting the CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY meal. Our parish is asked for 50 boxed desserts by December 8. There will be boxes in the Gathering Space for the dessert donations. We will be delivering

the desserts to the Center early on December 9th. All other donations should be taken to the Food Pantry at 35 S. Water St., Greenville, PA. Food Pantry hours are Monday-Friday, 8:30 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Monetary donations as well as gift cards to Walmart or Sparkle Market are welcome. Your support is appreciated.

<u>THAT MAN IS YOU-</u> <u>The Vision of Man Fully Alive</u>

The semester is flying by fast and we are only a few weeks away from the end! Let's resolve to finish strong! This week we continue contemplating the Word of God but transition to the Gospel of John. The most beloved Apostle John, who rested upon the chest of Christ and deeply contemplated the very hear of God, passes on for Christians the most contemplative account of Christ's life.

Join us, even if this is your first time, in McElhinny Hall with a social gathering and refreshments at 6:00 A.M., the video at 6:10 A.M., followed by a group discussion with conclusion at 7:20 A.M. Join us and bring a friend!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF DECEMBER 3-4, 2022			
DATE/TIME	READER	CANTOR	ACCOMPANISTS
12/03 at 4:30 PM	Linda Hajtol	Bruce Turcic	Kathy
12/04 at 7 AM	Joe Presto	N/A	N/A
12/04 at 9 AM St. Margaret's	Dawn Richter	Bob Hutchinson	Lisa Demarest
12/04 at 11 AM	Charlie Demarest	Kloe Soros	Natalie Serrano

TIME OF PREPARATION

This life is the time of our preparation for our future state. Our souls will continue for ever what we make them in this world.

-John Tillotson, Archbishop of Canterbury

NOVEMBER 27, 2022

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY

Staff Sgt. Steven Mortimer, Army, Fort Drum, New York Cdr. Kari (Szewczyk) Cummins, USN, TACRON22/USS Kearsarge, Norfolk, VA 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 Maior Paul Ochs. Kirtland AFB. Albuquerque. NM SSat. Andrew L. Gilmore Major Dustin Knaus, Army, Vandenberg AF Base, CA Major Samuel Burns, Army, Kansas Staff Sgt. Jason Morgan, 101st Airborne, Ft Hood. TX Captain James Stubert, US Army, Pentagon Specialist Shelby McElhinny, US Army Reserve, Fairview 2nd Lt Jeremy Fowler, Fort Bragg, NC Captain Edward (Eddie) Bardella, Jr., Quantico, VA ITC (SEL) David C. Thomas, USN, Naples, Italy Captain David Ochs, Moody AFB, Valdosta, GA Master Sqt. George Madrid, Japan Major David Zgonc, Los Angeles, CA 1st Lt Orrin C. Suich, Army, 82nd Airborne, Fort Bragg 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, E7, Air Force, Spokane WA 2nd Lt. Daniel Walton, Fort Rucker, AL Petty Officer 2nd Class Jeffrey Allen, US Navy, San Diego Master Sgt. Douglas Kost, Air Force, San Antonio, TX Master Sgt. Jennifer Sloan Kost, Air Force San Antonio, TX A1C Ashlev Curtician, USAF, Eielson AFB, Alaska Petty Officer 3rd Class, Kyle Moore, Pentagon Airman 1st Class Mason Nathanael Tyree, MacDill AFB, FL

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT November 27, 2022

"You...must be prepared for at an hour you do not expect, the Son of Man will come."

Matthew 24:44

Please pray for the sick of our parish and for the families of our parishioners: Mary Jo Lipani, Paul Szallar, Marcy Beckman, Erik Kurelko, Larry Anderson, Jameson Stepp, Danielle Parks, Connor Pressler, Tricia Allen, Kimberly Hopf, Gilda Hertel, Rita Stell, Patrick Calvin, Piper Farr, Kathy Larkin, Kim Shellhamer, Antonia Patton, Kathy Boyer, Candace McKee, Stacey Moats, James Power, Debbie Dart, Kathy Hilton, Dana Edwards, Jim Ruffing, Chuck North, Leroy Burns, Pete Leskovac, Kevin McCann, Carol Mick, Mercedes Zemeki, Jean Lesko, Mitchell Johnston, Tom Pektas, Tony Guy, Cindy Beagley, Deane DeCiancio, Peggy Mansfield, Theresa Rufener, Marsha Quarles, Janet Collins, Johanne Slattery, Matt & Lauren Urey, John Shelhamer, Jessica King, Daniel Santilli, Jerry Dull, Caiden McKee, Raylene Selnekovic, D. J. Sheridan, Ron Kuhn, John McElhinny, J. P. Morgan, Liz Kuhn, Lee Ann Soltis, Dennis Durkos, Gary Smolknic, Gordon Frissora, Lynette Hendrickson, Tom Duda, Herb Fischer, Mike Jellots, Pat Bator, Sonya Stepp, John & LuAnn Miller, Rachel Lang, Irene Neustupa, Jack Kalchthaler, Kristi Kirkner, Jodi Lewis, Charles Gaus, George Johnston, Jim Micsky Sr., Jay Pacansky, Fred & Mary Jo Bartnicki, Ginny Chaklos, Sue Brennan, Betty McCorkle Wasser, Bill Kerpan, Donald Shine, Tim Edwards, Marion Krieder, Tom Kysor, Catherine McCall, Carol Moore, Steve Kenworthy, Paul Delgros, Patty Jo Uplinger, Carmel Longiotti, Chuck and Renata Toth, Bernard Barbarossa, Stephanie Smith, Mary Alice Walsh, Susan Reda, John Ceremuga, Helen Volpe, Jim Berger, Corrine Miller, Bob Woodley, Dawn DeTullio Rollins, Roseanne Millward, Donna Carl, Dave Sweeny, Beth Yurisic, Nancy Micsky, Joe Korcinski, Paul Chianese, Janice Uzarski.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

<u>DATE</u>	INTENTION & DONOR
Nov 16-30	David Muscarella Sr. & Son, David Muscarella Jr. (Mert Muscarella family)
Nov 16-30 St. Margaret	Bernard Bickerton (Family)
Dec 1-15	Judy Kalchthaler (Uncle Bennie & Aunt Bonnie & Family)
Dec 1-15	ReyAnn Hughes ("Uncle Bull")
Dec 1-15 St. Margaret	Sis Pruchnitzky (Family)

N	EW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION
PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM A	IND RETURN TO THE RECTORY OR DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS.
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