

Masses for  
the Week



**MONDAY, DECEMBER 9 - IMMACULATE CONCEPTION (Not a Holyday of Obligation)**

9:00 A.M. Florence Peden (Peden Family)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 10 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. Tom (Anniv.) & Meredith Reda (Family)

**WED., DECEMBER 11 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. Jack Lewis (Family)

**THURS., DEC. 12 - OUR LADY OF GUADALUPE**

6:30 P.M. Theresa Campoli (Nicklin Family)

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 13 - SAINT LUCY**

9:00 A.M. David Meadors (Kathy Martorelli)

**SATURDAY, DEC. 14 - ST. JOHN OF THE CROSS**

4:30 P.M. Vigil: Rose McElhinny (Family)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 15 - 3RD SUNDAY OF ADVENT**

7:30 A.M. For the People of Our Parish

9:15 A.M. **St. Margaret:** Mildred Schwartz (Patton Fam.)

11:00 A.M. Denny Swartz (Murrin Family)

**THE LONG-AWAITED ONE**

As the Sundays of Advent unfold the scriptures shift focus from the final coming of the Lord to his historical birth. Today's scriptures blend the two. Isaiah's disillusionment with the kings of his own day led him to envision an ideal king who would rule with divine approval and be led by divine wisdom. For centuries the Jewish people anticipated the arrival of that Messiah, who would usher in a blessed age when the whole world would finally dwell in justice and peace. After centuries of such growing expectation, the preaching of John the Baptist about the imminent arrival of the Messiah could not help but provoke intense interest. The Baptist's message about preparation for "the one who is coming" (Matthew 3:11) makes clear that Jesus is, in fact, the long-awaited one who is ushering in the new age foretold by Isaiah and all the prophets. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**REST IN PEACE**



Please pray for the repose of the souls of Richard Liszka, Thomasine Russ, and Margaret Mezaros, daughter of Margaret Varley. May their soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

**CALENDAR:**

**DECEMBER 7/8:** Retirement Fund for Religious.

**DECEMBER 8:** Please turn in gifts for the Giving Tree.

**DECEMBER 9:** Followers of Mary meet at 6 PM.

**DECEMBER 15:** Youth Choir practice after 11 AM Mass.

**DECEMBER 15:** Advent Penance Service at 1 PM.

**DECEMBER 17:** Stitchers Club 6:30 - 8 PM.

**DECEMBER 23:** Men's Adoration at 7 PM.

**TREASURE (DECEMBER 1, 2019)**

**Annual Offertory Budget**

Annual Budget \$ 628,000.00

Weekly Budget: \$ 12,077.00

**Received through December 1, 2019**

St. Michael \$ 6,817.00

St. Margaret \$ 1,200.00

Electronic Giving \$ 1,107.00

Total \$ 9,124.00

**Year to Date Budget** \$ 277,767.00

**Year to Date Actual** \$ 263,995.70

We are **(\$13,771.30)** below our Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

Campaign for Human Dev. \$ 100.00

**St. Michael Church:** In Memory of Thomasine Russ (\$25); Richard Liszka (\$10).

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

**FINAL 2018**

**2019**

Commitments: 216 229

Pledged: \$126,002.00 \$134,632.00

Paid: \$122,957.00 \$125,978.00

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**Nothing is impossible for God and his Blessed Mother.**

—Don Bosco

**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

**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 this week's second collection.

We ♥ having you as part of our Flock

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

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**AM I "IN FOR GOOD" IF I SIGN UP?**

Nope! The nice thing about this great service from the Church is that it's always free, and you can unsubscribe at any time.

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



- 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 10:** Attention Retreat Team: The Retreat Team Meeting is rescheduled to today at 5 - 7 PM in the Small Meeting Room. We need to work on the 7th & 8th Grade Retreat.
- 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.
- December 15:** Faith Formation Classes for K - 11th Grade from 8:45 - 10:45 AM.
- December 18:** Today the 9th, 10th & 11th Grade Report Cards will be mailed home.

**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.**

**ADVENT/CHRISTMAS PROGRAM**

The school invites the parish and community to attend our annual Advent/Christmas Celebration on Tuesday, Dec. 17 from 6 - 8 PM. 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.

**FOLLOWERS OF MARY PRAYER GROUP WITH ROSARY**



Come & join our prayer group on Monday, December 9th at **6 PM** in the Church. Everyone is invited. If you need more information, please call Karen at 724-866-1035.

**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.**



If you took an ornament from the Giving Tree, please return your gift by December 8th. Thank you to all who make this parish activity a blessing for so many.

**WHAT'S HAPPENING**

- Dec. 8: Second Sunday of Advent
- Dec. 9: Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary  
Lunch: Chicken Parmesan with chips  
School Advent Prayer Service – noon  
EAC meeting at 7 PM-SMR of Church  
6:00 Boys Basketball Practice
- Dec. 10: PTO Hot Lunch  
5:30 Cheer Practice  
7:00 Girls' Basketball Practice
- Dec. 11: Lunch: Pepperoni Roll with chips  
Grades 7/8 – St. Paul's  
6:00 Boys' Basketball Practice
- Dec. 12: Our Lady of Guadalupe  
No SAFE after school  
Jeans Day  
Faculty Christmas Party  
5:30 Girls' Basketball Practice
- Dec. 13: Feast of St. Lucia

**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

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**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 27**

**\$100 - Dave & Hope Couch; \$100 - Nancy Clinger; \$50 - John F. Scott**

**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.

**ST. MICHAEL STITCHERS**

St. Michael's Stitchers Club meets on Tuesday evening, December 17th from 6:30 PM to 8:00 PM in McElhinny Hall. Our charity project this month is newborn and premie hats and baby blankets, but you can bring any project that you are working on and stitch with us. For more information, contact Sharen at 724-815-5361. Please Note: There will be no Stitchers meeting on December 27th.

**SPAGHETTI DINNER**



The Scouts of Unit 100, chartered to St. Michael Church, are holding a Spaghetti Dinner to help pay Re-Charter fees. The dinner will be held at the Greenville American Legion next Sunday, December 15th from noon

until 5 PM. For tickets, please call 724-588-9399. Adults: \$8; Senior Citizens: \$7; Children under 12: \$5. Tickets at the door: \$10.

**COOKIE WALK & SOUP SALE**

Immaculate Heart of Mary Parish in Mercer is sponsoring a Cookie Walk & Bake Sale on Sunday, December 15th from 9 AM to noon. Cookies are \$6/dozen (specialty cookies slightly more). Soup is \$8/quart. Take-out only.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF DEC 9, 2019			
DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	READER	EMHC
12/09 at 9 AM	Lily Thomas Autumn Leonard	Patty Meehan	Jack Kalchthaler
12/10 at 9 AM	Tierney Scullin Alexis Stephens	Vern Swartz	Patty Meehan
12/11 at 9 AM	Grace & Isabel Wingard	Walter Beh	George Soros
12/12 at 6:30 PM	Drew & Maggie Leskovac	Jerry Chizmar	JoAnn Chizmar
12/13 at 9 AM	Christopher Cooper Kyle Barger	School Students	Nancy Kremm

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF DEC 14 & 15, 2019				
DATE/TIME	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCHARISTIC MINISTERS
12/14 at 4:30 PM	Tom & Veronica Bayer	Luke Faber Aiden & Casey Resek	M. Giardina K. Ondo	S. Giardina, J. Kalchthaler, T. Kurelko, R. Lauffer, J. Ondo, P. Tymochko
12/15 at 7:30 AM	Ron & Sandy Weaver	Aaron Wasser Nora Serrano Pereston Peterson	M. A. Marshall T. Redfoot	P. Meehan, G. Richardson, E. & I. Serrano, G. Soros, J. Svirbly
12/15 at 11 AM	Amanda Leonard family	Theresa & Julia Hogan Lily Thomas	D. Wallace S. Wallace	L. DiBucci, B. & P. Kerlik, J. McLane, D. & C. Ruffing, T. Szewczyk
<b>Coordinators:</b>	<b>Sharen Seiple 724-815-5361</b>	<b>Frank Luciani 724-588-1245</b>	<b>Linda Hajtol 724-588-3289</b>	<b>Martin Abuel 724-866-7432</b>
<b>SIGN IN!</b>		<b>GET A SUB</b>	<b>IF YOU</b>	<b>CANNOT SERVE!</b>

**Justice is the insurance we have on our lives,  
and obedience is the premium we pay for it.**  
—William Penn, English Quaker

**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: Gn 3:9-15, 20; Ps 98:1-4; Eph 1:3-6, 11-12;  
 Lk 1:26-38  
 Tuesday: Is 40:1-11; Ps 96:1-3, 10ac, 11-13; Mt 18:12-14  
 Wednesday: Is 40:25-31; Ps 103:1-4, 8, 10; Mt 11:28-30  
 Thursday: Zec 2:14-17 or Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab;  
 Jdt 13:18bcde, 19; Lk 1:26-38 or Lk 1:39-47,  
 or any readings from the Common of the  
 Blessed Virgin Mary, nos. 707-712  
 Friday: Is 48:17-19; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Mt 11:16-19  
 Saturday: Sir 48:1-4, 9-11; Ps 80:2ac, 3b, 15-16, 18-19;  
 Mt 17:9a, 10-13  
 Sunday: Is 35:1-6a, 10; Ps 146:6-10; Jas 5:7-10;  
 Mt 11:2-11

*Please pray for the sick of our parish and for the families & friends of our parishioners:* Mike Ceremuga, 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, Theresa Travnikar, Kara Kuhn.

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>INTENTION &amp; DONOR</u></b>
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)

Second Sunday of Advent  
 December 8, 2019  
 The earth shall be filled with knowledge of the  
 LORD, as water covers the sea.  
 — Isaiah 11:9

***NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION***

*PLEASE FILL OUT THIS FORM AND RETURN TO THE RECTORY OR DROP IT IN THE COLLECTION BASKET AT MASS.*

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