Saint Michael Parish

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SUNDAY NOVEMBER 5

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 7 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3:00PM.Nov. 9 Men's Group at 6:00 AM.Nov. 11 PTO Spaghetti Dinner.

Nov. 13 Young at Heart meets at 11:30.

Wednesdays Confessions 8-8:30 PM. Saturdays Confessions 3-4 PM.



ST. MICHAEL PARISH MEN'S GROUP

This week's Into-The-Breach video, titled "Life", discusses how protecting the vulnerable of society—widows, orphans, the unborn, persons with disabilities, the poor, the elderly, the oppressed—is a fundamental responsibility of men. Please consider joining us! There is no requirement to have participated in any previous sessions. We meet Thursday morning with McElhinny Hall opening before 6 AM, video at 6:20, conclude by 7:20. Light breakfast, coffee, and juice provided.

SIDE BY SIDE TICKET SALES

If you want to buy tickets "in person" there will be a ticket sales table after the Masses this weekend. You can always stop in the office during the week to pick up, turn in, or buy a ticket during the day.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 7

Special Intention for Chester Wilson Roberts Jr. (Family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEBER 8

Teresa Murrin (Tom Murrin Family)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 9 DEDICATION OF THE LATERAN BASILICA

John & Catherine Kost (Conrad & Kathy Kost)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 10 SAINT LEO THE GREAT

Norman Giardina (Joseph & Ann Marie Fry)

THIRTY-SECOND SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, November 11

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church* Anita Dilts Alfera (Family & Friends)

SUNDAY, November 12 7:00 AM Saint Michael Church William Micsky (Mark & LeeAnn Micsky)

9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mission For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Saint Michael Church Steve Varga (Children)

STEWARDSHIP

Thirtieth Sunday Ordinary Time \$8,600.61

CSA Pledged: \$134,115

Paid: \$117,125

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY YOU SHOW TO OUR PARISH

40 CLUB WINNERS-OCTOBER 25 TWO DRAWINGS

\$100-Mary Donnegan; \$100-Dot Holzapfel; \$50-Anne Walton; \$100- Keeley Scullin; \$100 Larry Quillen; \$50-Sharon Labonski

SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

Nov 1-15 Deceased Family Members

(Gail Naab)

Nov 1-15 Thomas Reda (Daughter)

Nov. 16-30 Raymond Taylor (Dan & Kim

Mercuri)

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

Date / Mass	Lector	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Nov 11 / 4:30 PM	Jane Turcic	Bruce Turcic	Lisa Demarest	Mason M., Krystal W., Lily
Nov 12/ 7:00 AM	George Soros	N/A	N/A	N/A
Nov 12 / 9:00 AM	Patty Hayes	Anne Liszka	Kathy Williams	Avery & Waylon W., Duncan M.
Nov 12/ 11:00 AM	Brenda DelMaramo	Susan Swartzbeck	Lisa Demarest	Ava & Sophia M., Maggie L.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

I have begun working with a handful of people in their preparation for entering into the Church this coming Easter Vigil. As I wrote about a few months back, anyone who is interested in coming into the Church, those who are Catholic but not yet Confirmed, those in invalid marriages and need that healed to come back to the sacraments - or anything else I am missing - please let me know and we can delve deep into that process! Especially for those who would like to be received into the Church or to receive their sacraments at Easter, I would really need you to get in touch with me before long - let's say before Thanksgiving - so we can begin to get things set into motion. Some things may take longer than others, so it is important that we meet and talk soon. As I said previously, the primary means of RCIA, for me, is the Liturgy. Going to Mass on Sunday is infinitely more powerful and valuable than anything else I could do. The Mass is the highest of heights, summit of our faith, and the most profound means that we receive and experience the love of The Holy Trinity. We can, and will, meet for discussions on the theology of the Church and how to begin thinking more in line with the Magisterium, the Church Fathers, the Saints, and with Scripture, but those are all reinforced only through a liturgical life. So, for the one seeking and aspiring to be members of the Holy Church, that is the case, and so it only stands to reason that it must be the case for you and I who have already been initiated into the Sacred and Divine Mysteries of our Faith. I think the month of November is a great context to examine our dedication and devotion to the Mysteries of our Faith and the true Theology we both believe through an ascension of the mind and through the intimate power of prayer and a healthy spiritual life.

November is a little liturgical season all unto itself. It begins with the twin feasts of All Saints and All Souls and roughly ends with Christ the King and the beginning of a new Liturgical Year with the beginning of Advent. As I've mentioned the last few weeks in my preaching, the Liturgical Year is coming to a close and we, in the Sunday cycle, are reading through 1 Thessalonians and the latter chapters of Saint Matthew's Gospel where Our Lord is nearing His Passion; the First Readings will be Old Testament parallels to the Gospel as it always is. There is a mounting sense in the readings that there is an end in sight, and yet the hope for a new beginning in glory. In this context of coming to a close and preparations for something new, do a spiritual and intellectual self-examination of where you are and are not with your personal devotion to The Faith, to The Church, to The Holy Trinity...where are your relationship with those wobbly and where are they mighty? Amid everything else that we can get away from and distracted from in life - do you even remember what your new year's resolution this year was?! - our spiritual life in all its dimensions can so easily be sacrificed on the altar of the noise and chaos of this world we exist in. As the Church contemplates in these weeks the last things, let that awaken each of us to realize that the noise and chaos and cacophony of our fallen world does not and will not save or satisfy - only The Truth, The Church, the Holy Trinity! Allow a hunger and excitement to arise within you for all that is Good, True, and Beautiful, and let these weeks be a period of preparation for a new Liturgical Year and a new commitment to those Things that really do satisfy and save.

November 16 is the feast day of Saint Margaret of Scotland, the patron of our mission church (remember, the church, not the parish. A church is a building, a parish is the people). In commemoration of our mission church's feast day, we will have donuts, muffins, coffee, and juice following the 9:00 AM Mass next Sunday, Nov 12 at Saint Margaret. All are invited!

Love, Fr. Brandon

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

Faith Formation Office hours 9:30AM to 2:30 PM

Scheduled Faith Formation Classes

November 5 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. Remember the time changes this week, set your clocks back one hour.

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!*

Faith Formation Meetings or Events

November 12 9th & 10th Grade Confirmation Students Mandatory Retreat starts with 11:00 A.M. Mass in the Church concluding at 5:30 P.M. Please contact Mrs. Barger at 724-718-2061 if you cannot make this Retreat. This Retreat is a must and if you cannot attend our Retreat, you will have to attend a Confirmation Retreat with a different Church within our Diocese!

YOUNG AT HEART-NOVEMBER

The next meeting of Young at Heart will be on November 13 at 11:30 AM in the Large Meeting Room. We will have our Thanksgiving feast so bring a dish to share. Deacon Frank will be the speaker.

SECOND COLLECTIONS

Second collection donations may be made by cash, electronic, or by **check made payable to St. Michael Church.** Please do not make your check payable to the recipient of the extra collection. The parish sends one check to the Diocese for the total giving.

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.

MARTO HOUSE

We are officially forming a NEW Saint House! On November 1, all PreK students will be sorted out of the K-7th Grade Houses and into a House of their own! When students come to Kindergarten, they will be sorted into Badano, Galgani, Frassati, or Acutis House. The new House is named in honor of the youngest/non-martyr Saints in the Church to whom Our Lady of Fatima appeared and gave a special message to the world: especially to pray the Rosary. These two little Saints were brother and sister and just 9 and 10 years old when they died.

Election Day!

Election Day is Tuesday, November 7. Along with the nation, SMS students will also be voting... for their favorite food: chicken nuggets, pizza, or mac and cheese?! AND favorite super hero: Batman, Superman, or Captain America?! What and who will be voted in?!?

PTO Spaghetti Dinner

The PTO will be hosting a Spaghetti Dinner open to all on Saturday, **November 11**, from 4:00-7:30pm at Lateran Hall. In addition to the dinner, the PTO will also be hosting a basket raffle.

GOOD SHEPHERD - NOVEMBER REQUESTS

The November requests are breakfast foods. You may drop off Food Donations ONLY at the receptacle in the Gathering Space of the Church. Any Monetary donations or gift cards should go directly to the Good Shepherd Food Pantry at 35 S. Water Street, Greenville.

2024 CHURCH CALENDARS

We have 2024 Church Calendars this year. Please take only 1 per family until everyone has a chance to get a copy.