



**CALENDAR:**

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 23 - ADVENT WEEKDAY**

9:00 A.M. Helen Peterson (Bill Peterson)

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 24 - CHRISTMAS EVE**

4:30 P.M. **Vigil:** Jay & Kim McMillen (Family)  
 7:30 P.M. **Vigil:** Toni McElhinny (Natalie Higbee)  
 10:30 P.M. **Vigil:** Leonard & Lenny Grasso (Family)

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 25 - CHRISTMAS**

8:30 A.M. **St. Margaret:** Tom Holian (Family)  
 10:30 A.M. Paul Varley (Family)

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 26 - ST. STEPHEN**

6:30 P.M. **No Mass will be offered today**

**FRIDAY, DECEMBER 27 - SAINT JOHN**

9:00 A.M. **No Mass will be offered today**

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 28 - HOLY INNOCENTS**

4:30 P.M. **Vigil:** Wally Johnson (Family)

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 29 - THE HOLY FAMILY**

7:30 A.M. For the People of Our Parish  
 9:15 A.M. **St. Margaret:** Dr. John McParland (Family)  
 11:00 A.M. Martha Loreno (Tony & Joanne DiSalvo)

**TRUST IN GOD**

On this final Sunday of Advent our scriptures focus on the historical birth of Jesus, who is son of David and Son of God, child and king, Jesus and Emmanuel.

Isaiah the prophet begs Ahaz to ask for a sign, to allow God to offer him reassurance of the survival of the Davidic dynasty. The king hypocritically refuses to “tempt the LORD” in that way (Isaiah 7:12), but the prophet foretells the birth of a son, an heir to the throne, who will prove the Lord’s enduring protection of God’s chosen lineage on the throne of David. The child will be called Emmanuel.

Matthew’s reference to this history in his description of the birth of Jesus highlights the contrast between the faithless refusal of trust shown by Ahaz, and the complete trust in God shown by Mary and Joseph in bringing about the birth of Jesus Christ. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

**REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Neil McDonald, brother of Sister Phyllis McDonald and for Larry Kuhn.

**DECEMBER 22:** Penance Service at 1:30 PM at Beloved Disciple Church in Grove City.

**DECEMBER 23:** Followers of Mary at 7 PM.

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

**MARCH 17:** The Young at Heart meets at noon.

**TREASURE (DECEMBER 15, 2019)**  
**Annual Offertory Budget**

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

**Received through December 15, 2019**

St. Michael \$ 7,513.50  
 St. Margaret \$ 1,287.00  
 Electronic Giving \$ 3,707.00  
 Immaculate Conception \$ 25.00  
 Total \$ 12,532.50

**Year to Date Budget** \$ 301,921.00  
**Year to Date Actual** \$ 290,220.70

We are **(\$11,700.30)** below our Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

Religious Retirement Fund \$ 260.00

**St. Michael Church:** In Memory of Richard Liszka (\$235); Stephen Bayuk (\$25); Margaret St. John (\$125)

**CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL**

	<b><u>FINAL 2018</u></b>	<b><u>2019</u></b>
Commitments:	216	229
Pledged:	\$126,002.00	\$134,697.00
Paid:	\$122,957.00	\$128,212.00

**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.

**Don’t forget to pick up your Church envelopes in the Small Meeting Room.**



Thanks to all those who took one or more names from our Giving Tree. The response of our parishioners is always inspiring. Your generosity & kindness will bring joy to families throughout the area this holiday season.

**ATTENTION PARISHIONERS**

The following list of students from our Faith Formation & St. Michael's School will be making their First Reconciliation on February 22nd. Please keep them in your prayers as they draw near this most Holy Sacrament. **St. Michael Faith Formation Students:** *Alivia Banic, Carter Irvine, Jackson Kendall, Sophia Leskovic, Giuliana Miller, Salvatore Reino and Ashton Schuver.* **St Michael School Students:** *Jonathan Pflieger*

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

- Monday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-34; Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-10, 14; Lk 1:57-66
- Tuesday: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16; Ps 89:2-5, 27, 29; Lk 1:67-79
- Wednesday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5; Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29; Acts 13:16-17, 22-25; Mt 1:1-25 [18-25] Night: Is 9:1-6; Ps 96:1-3, 11-13; Ti 2:11-14; Lk 2:1-14  
Day: Is 52:7-10; Ps 98:1-6; Heb 1:1-6; Jn 1:1-18 [1-5, 9-14]
- Thursday: Acts 6:8-10; 7:54-59; Ps 31:3cd-4, 6, 8ab, 16bc, 17; Mt 10:17-22
- Friday: 1 Jn 1:1-4; Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12; Jn 20:1a, 2-8
- Saturday: 1 Jn 1:5 — 2:2; Ps 124:2-5, 7cd-8; Mt 2:13-18
- Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14; Ps 128:1-5; Col 3:12-21 [12-17]; Mt 2:13-15, 19-23

**FOLLOWERS OF MARY PRAYER GROUP**



Come & join our prayer group on Monday, December 23rd at 7 PM in the Church as we join the Men's Adoration Group. Everyone is invited. If you need more information, please call Karen at 724-866-1035.

**CHURCH OFFICES CLOSED**

Our Church Offices will be closed on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday next week. Offices are also closed on Fridays. Please note that Mass will not be offered at 9 AM on Christmas Eve and Mass will not be offered on Thursday and Friday.

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](http://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](http://flocknote.com/txt).

**Need assistance? Questions? Call Sandy Ohl at 724-456-5209 or Sue Lauffer at 724-813-2502. If you haven't signed up to Flocknote yet, it's never too late!**

**CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS**

**Keeping God's Children Protected & Safe:** To know that we are children of God is to live in complete love, with deep abiding security & the ability to dream, to sing, to create, to laugh & to play without worry. As we grow older, we face a new reality - we cannot approach all God's creation with the same trust & confidence. We learn, through sometimes hurtful & damaging experiences, that some people reject the ability that God gave them to love & respect others - they ignore God's call. The Diocesan Program to safeguard children helps remind us of these very facts. With the help of this program, the faithful are guided & educated about the responsibility of how to keep God's children protected & safe. To see what the Erie Diocese is doing to maintain safe environments, go to [www.eriecd.org/childprotection](http://www.eriecd.org/childprotection).

**FAITH FORMATION NEWS**



**Attention Faith Formation Families: There will be no Faith Formation Classes until after the New Year! Have a very Blessed Christmas and New Year.**

- January 5:** Faith Formation Classes K - 11th Grade 8:45 - 10:45 AM.
- January 7:** Attention Retreat Team: Meeting today from 5 - 7 PM in Small Meeting Room.
- January 12:** Today is the 7th & 8th Grade Retreat from 8:45 - noon & includes 11 AM Mass. Please drop students off in the Large Meeting Room at 8:45 AM. Pick up following Mass in the Gathering Space. No class today for any other grade level.
- January 16:** Class Make-Up Day for all 9th, 10th & 11th Graders who have missed a class & need a make-up class. Please come to the Small Meeting Room by 6:15 PM so we can attend Mass together. Once Mass is over, we will say a Rosary & then Bible Study follows ending at 8:15 PM.
- January 19:** Faith Formation Classes for K - 11th grade 8:45 - 10:45 AM. **Attention 7th Grade Families. Today is 7th Grade Class Mass at 11 AM.** Students leave their Classroom at 10:30 AM to greet Parishioners before Mass. If you need to pick up your student before Mass, please pick them up in the Gathering Space. **Attention 11th Graders: Your 1st draft of your Bishop Letter is due today in Class!**
- January 26:** Faith Formation Class today for 11th Grade only!!!

**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 made this

week will be listed in the December 29th bulletin.

**GOOD SHEPHERD REQUEST**



Good Shepherd Request is for canned meals, soups and stews. Any and all contributions are gratefully accepted. Please put your donations in

the barrel in the Gathering Space. Don't forget the Treasure Chest where good, useable items can be purchased at very reasonable prices.

**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.**

***Saint Michael School Family wishes Everyone a very blessed Christmas.***

**This Week's Happenings**

**Dec. 21-Jan. 1:** Christmas vacation

**Upcoming Events**

**Erin Scullin Tournament – Jan. 10-12**

This year is our largest tournament to date with 16 teams signed up to participate & 2 teams placed on a wait-list. If you can volunteer to help – it would be greatly appreciated. Call Nancy Kremm – 724-588-7050 or 724-699-5472

**9<sup>th</sup> Annual Steak Dinner**

**Saturday, February 1, 2020**

**Lateran Hall**

**Benefits St. Michael School**

Serving from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.

**Tickets:** \$20 (limited sales)

**Dinner:** Locally raised 8 oz. Black Angus Steak, Baked Potato, Salad Bar, Vegetable, Bread & Butter; **Deserts:** featuring Gelato from U'll Scream and a variety of cakes; **Drinks:** Soft Drinks, Wine, Coffee, Take Out orders are available. **For tickets:** Call Robin Bates 724-699-0899 or the school office 724-588-7050.

**CHRISTMAS TUITION ANGELS NEEDED  
NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL!**

There are more families in financial need than the tuition assistance that is available. If you wish to give the gift of Catholic education to a child, please contact the school for more information: 724-588-7050

**WHY SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL?**

- \*SAFE, FAITH-BASED ENVIRONMENT
- \*ENRICHED ACADEMIC CURRICULUM
- \*REMEDIAL INSTRUCTION
- \*SMALL CLASS SIZE PROVIDES FOR INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION
- \*FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE
- \*EXTRACURRICULAR ACTIVITIES THAT INCLUDE BAND, CHOIR, ACADEMIC GAME COMPETITIONS – LOCAL, REGIONAL, AND STATE LEVEL, AND SPORTS (cheerleading, swim team, track and field, golf, boys and girls basketball, pep squad)
- \*STREAM LAB – Science, Technology, Religion, Engineering, Arts, Math

**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 - DECEMBER 11**

**\$100** - Jose & Natalie Serrano; **\$100** - Mary Ann Waleff; **\$50** - Bob & Joanna Faber



The time has come to give birth to the Christ Child. Mary, like mothers the world over, has endured 9 months of worry, difficulty and sacrifice. As she brings

forth her newborn Son, the distant words of the angel are embodied: "Blessed are you among women, blessed is the fruit of your womb Jesus." Likewise blessed is every mother who has nurtured a child to birth, especially through a difficult or unplanned pregnancy.

**A NOTE OF THANKS**

Our deepest thanks to our St. Michael Family for the outpouring of love & kindness in the loss of Richard on Thanksgiving Day. Your prayers & cards are so appreciated. Thank you to the Resurrection Choir & the Funeral Ministry for your gracious care on the day of the funeral..... The Tom & Anne Liszka Family



**The best Christmas gift ever was wrapped in a manger.**

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF DEC 23, 2019			
DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	READER	EMHC
12/23 at 9 AM	Lily Thomas Christopher Cooper	Susan Wallace	Deacon Marty Aubel
12/24 at 9 AM	No Mass	---	---
12/25 at 10:30 AM	Aaron Wasser Callie Straub Pereston Peterson	Linda Hajtol Mark Giardina	See Sundays & Holydays
12/26 at 6:30 PM	No Mass today	---	---
12/27 at 9 AM	No Mass today	---	---

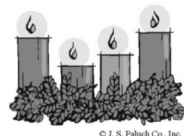
ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES FOR CHRISTMAS & THE WEEKEND OF DEC 28 & 29, 2019				
DATE/TIME	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION
12/24 at 4:30 PM	Robert & Rhonda Soros	Julianne & Jacob Johnson Paul Cianci	Amy Leskovac Tess Redfoot	V. Bayer, L. DiBucci, Braden Gladysz, Briley Gladysz, M. F. Krachkowski, R. & S. Lauffer, V. Manganello, T. Szewczyk
12/24 at 7:30 PM	Phillip & Linda Reash	Kierstin & Kyle Barger Sarah Cooper	M. A. Marshall K. Ondo	W. Beh, K. Hoover, J. Ondo, J. Presto, G. Soros, D. Woodley
12/24 at 10:30 PM	Rod Paul Tina Cascio	Madison Pflieger Lily Thomas Luke Faber	L. Hajtol S. Ohl	J. McLernane, C. Ruffing, D. & C. Ruffing, M. & C. Shusteric
12/25 at 10:30 AM	Tom & Sandy Cheuka	Aaron Wasser Callie Straub Pereston Peterson	L. Hajtol M. Giardina	P. Foulk, S. Giardina, B. & P. Kerlik, P. Meehan, J. Runkle
12/28 at 4:30 PM	Ken & Kathy Ammann Sherry Bortz	Drew Leskovac Jacob & Julianne Johnson	J. Kalchthaler J. Turcic	T. Kurelko, S. Lauffer, K. Lema, J. & K. Ondo, B. Turcic
12/29 at 7:30 AM	Ron & Sandy Weaver	Emma Ann & Henry Loreno Carmen Surano	B. Moore J. Coburn	D. & S. D'Urso, J. DiSalvo, P. Foulk, J. Giardina, L. Miller
12/29 at 11 AM	H. Lee & Lynne McCrillis	Paul Cianci Alaina & Anna Harpst	J. Yarzab R. Woodley	F. & P. Amato, B. DelMaramo, J. Runkle, M. Shaughnessy, S. Thomas
<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>Marty Aubel 724-866-7432</b>
<b>SIGN IN!</b>	<b>PLEASE</b>	<b>GET A SUB</b>	<b>IF YOU</b>	<b>CANNOT SERVE!</b>

**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 Sgt. Jason Morgan, 101st Airborne, Afghanistan,  
 2nd Tour  
 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  
 Master Sgt. Douglas Kost, Air Force, San Antonio, TX  
 Technical Sgt. Jennifer Sloan Kost, San Antonio, TX

*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, 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, Janet Collins, Johanne Slattery, Delores Hauley, David Phillips, Matt & Lauren Urey.

**Fourth Sunday of Advent**  
**December 22, 2019**  
 They shall name him Emmanuel,  
 which means "God is with us."  
 — Matthew 1:23



<b><u>SANCTUARY CANDLES</u></b>	
<b><u>DATE</u></b>	<b><u>INTENTION &amp; DONOR</u></b>
December 15 - 31	GiGi Weaver (Natalie Higbee)
December 15 - 31	Mike Prezioso (Family)
January 1 - 15	William G. Millward, Jr. (Michelle & Dennis Durkos)
January 1 - 15	Zarecky Family (Mert Muscarella)

**Please note that January dates are available for Candle requests.**

**NEW PARISHIONER REGISTRATION**

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

NAME \_\_\_\_\_

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CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP \_\_\_\_\_

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