



MONDAY, FEBRUARY 24 - WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Elizabeth Amato (Family)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 25 - WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Ralph Capone (Wife, Joan)

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 26 - ASH WEDNESDAY

9:00 A.M. Rose Dolecki (Mary Jo)
 6:30 P.M. **St. Margaret Mission:** Florence Schwartz
 (Shirley & Tom Patton)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27 - WEEKDAY

6:30 P.M. Timothy Doughton (Mother)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 28 - WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Ellen Kinsey (George, Becky & Dave)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 29 - WEEKDAY

4:30 P.M. **Vigil:** Nelson Murrin (M/M Bill Moder)

SUNDAY, MARCH 1ST - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 A.M. Joseph & Natalie Korcinsky (Family)
 9:15 A.M. **St. Margaret:** For the People of Our Parish
 11:00 A.M. Lenny Grasso (M/M Ron Coates)

FOOLISHNESS

Sometimes the idea of repentance seems old-fashioned, naïve, even foolish. But if you're looking for real foolishness, you'll find it in today's readings.

We begin with Leviticus and the admonition, "Take no revenge & cherish no grudge" (Leviticus 19:18). We've heard that message before, of course, so we might forget how far it is from the so-called "practical realities of life." Saint Paul warns us about being practical, though. Whoever considers oneself wise had better "become a fool," because "the wisdom of this world is foolishness in the eyes of God" (1 Corinthians 3:18, 19).

This "foolishness" continues in the Gospel: "Offer no resistance to one who is evil" (Matthew 5:39). In fact, offer the other cheek when you've been slapped. Hand over your coat as well as your shirt. Be like God, who sends sunshine & rain on the bad as well as the good. "So be perfect," says Jesus, "just as your heavenly Father is perfect" (5:48). Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Dolores Morrison, daughter of Howard & Theresa Kameron. May her soul & the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

CALENDAR:

- FEBRUARY 24:** Men's Adoration 7PM
- FEBRUARY 26:** Ash Wednesday.
- FEBRUARY 27:** Bible Timeline Study in the Large Meeting Room after the 6:30 PM Mass.
- FEBRUARY 28:** Stitches at 10:30 AM in McElhinny Hall.
- FEBRUARY 28:** Lenten Fish Dinner at the K. of C.
- MARCH 2:** Bible Timeline Study at 1 PM at St. Margaret Mission.
- MARCH 2:** Pastoral Council meets at 7PM.
- MARCH 8:** Mercer County Women's Retreat.
- MARCH 17:** The Young at Heart meets at noon.

TREASURE (FEBRUARY 16, 2020)
Annual Offertory Budget

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

Received through February 16, 2020

St. Michael	\$ 6,783.50
St. Margaret	\$ 2,185.00
Electronic Giving	\$ 1,015.00
Total	\$ 9,983.50

Year to Date Budget	\$ 410,614.00
Year to Date Actual	\$ 435,815.20

We are **\$ 25,201.20** above our Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

	<u>FINAL 2018</u>	<u>2019</u>
Commitments:	216	229
Pledged:	\$126,002.00	\$136,277.00
Paid:	\$122,957.00	\$132,757.00

COMMITMENT SUNDAY

Today is Commitment Sunday for the 2020 CSA. The theme of this year's CSA is "Forward Together...doing the work of Christ." Together, we make it possible for parishes, Catholic schools, Catholic Charities, clergy and the Catholic faithful to live and share Christ's teaching. You may wonder why you should support the CSA. The truth is, as members of the Erie Diocese, we play an important role in the diocesan activities of Catholic education, evangelization, promoting justice and serving people in need throughout our diocese. Our diocese has work to do on behalf of the Lord and we are all asked to share our gifts to help advance the mission of the church. Our Bishop assures us that CSA donations are strictly designated to fund the projects, ministries and departments of the Erie Diocese. Your gift is so important. Thank you for giving.

NOTICE - LENTEN PRACTICES 2020

The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 26th and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death and Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, April 9th at 6:30 PM.

The following practices and regulations are binding for all Latin Rite Catholics in the Erie Diocese for Lent and the Paschal Triduum.

1. Traditional Lenten practices of **Prayer, Fasting & Almsgiving**, and other forms of self-denial are recommended by the Church. Daily Mass is particularly encouraged.
2. **Ash Wednesday, all Fridays in Lent and Good Friday** are days of **abstinence** from eating meat for those 14 years of age and older.
3. **Ash Wednesday & Good Friday** are also days of **Fasting** for those ages 18 to 58 inclusive. *On these days, those bound by the law of fasting may take one full meal. Two smaller meals sufficient to maintain strength are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk and fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.*
4. On **Holy Thursday**, no celebration of the Mass is to begin anywhere in the Diocese earlier than 4:30 PM without the approval of Bishop Persico.
5. Although it does not include the Liturgy of the Eucharist, by its very nature the **Good Friday** Service is celebrated by a priest only.
6. All celebrations of the **Easter Vigil** are to begin *after nightfall*. Nightfall is about 9 PM this year. All Easter Vigil celebrations in the Erie Diocese are to begin at 9 PM or later.

LENTEN PENANCE SCHEDULE

- Sunday, March 15** at 1 PM at Beloved Disciple in Grove City.
- Sunday, March 22** at 1 PM at St. Michael, Greenville
4 PM at Immaculate Heart of Mary, Mercer.
- Tuesday, March 31** at 6:30 PM at Notre Dame in Hermitage, PA
- Thursday, April 2** at 7 PM at St. Joseph, Sharon
- Sunday, April 5** at 6:30 PM at Good Shepherd, West Middlesex

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Fridays during Lent at 7 PM beginning February 28 until April 3.

HOLY WEEK SCHEDULE

Holy Thursday	6:30 PM	St. Michael
Good Friday	12:00 PM	St. Michael
Easter Vigil	9:00 PM	St. Michael

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The St. Michael Parish Community Fish Fry is fast approaching. The dates this year are Fridays, February 28th to April 10th from 4:00 - 7 PM at the **K. of C.** If you can help on any of these evenings, please contact Mary Lou Mathias at 724-927-6634 or Linda Hajtol at 724-588-3289 to let them know when you are available. Also needed are set-up & clean-up crews. Call Marty Aubel at 724-866-7432 if you can help. We need bakers who can help make desserts for the dinners. **Please bring your baked goods to the K. of C. Hall by 3:30 PM on the day of the Fish Fry.** As always, thanks for helping with this dinner. **Fish Fry Menu is: Baked or Fried Fish, French Fries, Mac & Cheese, Cabbage & Noodles, Cole Slaw, Green Beans, Salad, Apple Sauce, Bread & Butter, Desserts & Drinks.** Adults: \$10; Youth to age 12: \$7. Extra Items: \$5. Take out is available from 4 - 7 PM by calling the K. of C. at 724-588-9911.

BIBLE TIMELINE STUDY



Join us for the final 6 week session of "The Bible Timeline Study" beginning Thursdays after 6:30 PM Mass (7:00 - 8:30 PM) February 27 - April 2nd in St. Michael Large Meeting Room and Mondays March 2 - April 6 (1:00 - 2:30 PM) at St. Margaret Mission. Participants should do #18 for the first session.

FOLLOWERS OF MARY PRAYER GROUP

Come & join our prayer group on **Monday, February 24th at 6 PM** in the Church. Everyone is invited. If you need more information, please call Karen at 724-866-1035.

GOOD SHEPHERD EASTER REQUEST

Good Shepherd Easter Request is for non-perishable dessert items. Please leave your donations in the barrel in the Gathering Space.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

- February 23:** Faith Formation Class today from 8:45 - 10:45 for 11th Grade Only.
- March 1:** **Family Lenten Activity Day.** Faith Formation today is a Family Day. Please don't drop students off without a parent or grandparent. If a parent or grandparent is unavailable to attend this event with any of the 9th, 10th or 11th grade students, please contact the Faith Formation Office prior to this event. This event is at Lateran Hall 8:45 AM - 12 PM and includes 11 AM Mass.
- March 3:** **Retreat Team Meeting** in the Small Meeting Room from 5 - 7 PM.
- March 8:** **Faith Formation Classes** for K - 11th Grade 8:45 - 10:45 AM.
- March 15:** **Faith Formation Class** today for 11th Grade Only.
- March 19:** **Attention 9th, 10th & 11 Graders** - Class Make-up Day from 6:15 - 8:15 PM. Please come to the Small Meeting Room with your Bibles. We will attend the 6:30 PM Mass, pray the rosary and end with Bible Study.
- March 22:** **Faith Formation Classes** for K - 11th Grade from 8:45 - 10:45 AM. **Attention Families: today is the 7th Grade Class Mass at 11 AM.** Students leave their classroom at 10:30 AM to greet the parishioners before Mass. If you need to pick up your student before Mass, please come to the Church Gathering Space.
- March 24:** **Retreat Team Meeting** in the Small Meeting Room from 5 to 7 PM.
- March 29:** **Today is the 9th & 10th Grade Retreat.** We start with the 11 AM Mass. Please sit in the reserved seating at the front of the Church. We will end in the Church Gathering Space at 4:30 PM.
- April 3:** **Faith Formation Classes** for K - 11th Grade 8:45 - 10:45 AM.

ATTENTION PARISHIONERS

The following list of students from St. Michael Parish have made their First Reconciliation this weekend. Please keep them in your prayers. **St. Michael Faith Formation Students:** *Alivia Banic, Carter Irvine, Sophia Leskovic, Giuliana Miller, Salvatore Reino and Ashton Schuver.* **St. John Paul II Student:** *Jonathan Pfeleger.*

FORGIVENESS

Of all human acts, repentance is the most divine. The greatest of all faults is to be conscious of none.

—Thomas Carlyle

CELEBRATING 121 YEARS!

Mission Statement: Saint Michael, an accredited Catholic Elementary school, partners with families in the education of the body, mind, and soul of each child.

SMS Principal Position

12-month, permanent position available for 2020-2021 school year. Grades PreK - 8. Qualifications include commitment to Catholic School Education. Deadline for application is February 28 to Diocese of Erie. For more information:
<https://www.eriecd.org/schools/Administrator.html>

**Now enrolling PreK 3 - Grade 8
2020-2021 School Year
PreK 3 and PreK 4
5 days – Full Time**

Or

**M – W – F or T – Th Programs
Class size limited to 10 students.
Financial Aid Packets available by calling
724-588-7050**

We are Irish Proud

Atarah Huntsberger & Ziva Brocklehurst for placing in the Diocesan Swim Championship. Atarah placed 10th in Backstroke & 20th in Freestyle, while Ziva placed 3rd in Backstroke & 12th in Freestyle.

This Week's Happenings

- Feb. 24:** Lunch-Chicken Parmesan with chips
Feb. 25: Fat Tuesday lunch
Grade 7/8 carnival
PTO/Youth Activity Parent Meeting
6:00 pm in Grade 6 homeroom.
Feb. 26: Ash Wednesday
Feb. 27: Jeans day
Feb. 28: Pizza

TUITION ANGELS NO GIFT IS TOO SMALL!

There are more families in financial need than there is tuition assistance available. The "Tuition Angel" program is for families where Catholic education is a priority to their child but are unable to pay full tuition payments based on their financial income. If you wish to give the gift of Catholic education to a child, please contact the school for more information: 724-588-7050.

SCHOLARSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Annual scholarships are a great way to provide tuition assistance to students by honoring or memorial to a loved one. Any donation amount is greatly appreciated. Call Mrs. Kremm - Principal or Mrs. Morimando - Advancement 724-588-7050.

ST. MICHAEL FORTY CLUB
109 CHANCES TO WIN PRIZES TOTALING
\$26,150

Call one of the following sellers for your ticket: **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! **Three numbers** are drawn **weekly** for prizes of **\$100, \$100 & \$50.** Special Drawings are held throughout the year: **Easter prizes are two \$500's, two \$250's, two \$125's & two \$75's.** *It's not too late to purchase a ticket. Still many chances to win!*

40 CLUB WINNERS - FEBRUARY 12TH

\$100 - Kim & Kathy Williams; \$100 - Mary Ann Waleff; \$50 - Greg McCann

7TH ANNUAL 22:32 MEN'S CONFERENCE

Be strengthened & strengthen your brothers! This men's conference will be held on Saturday, Feb. 29th from 8:30 AM until 3:30 PM at Our Lady of Peace Church in Erie. All faiths welcome. Group rates for 8 or more. Registration includes lunch and free parking. For more details go to www.2232men.com or email info@2232men.com.

WOMEN'S RETREAT LEAGUE....

Day of Recollection on Sunday, March 8th at St. Joseph Parish in Sharon. Fr. Glenn Whitman will serve as Retreat Master. Doors open at 12:30 PM. Dinner begins at 1 PM & the day closes with Mass at 4 PM. Tickets are available until Feb. 29th for \$12. No tickets will be sold at the door. Contact Betty Grasso 724-588-4704; Mary Edna Regan 724-588-6843 or Barbara Miller 724-646-0310.

40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS PROJECT



Starting Ash Wednesday February 26th, the Knights of Columbus Council #1446 and Assembly #967 will conduct this program to benefit the Good Shepherd Center and the Jamestown Food Pantry located at St. Margaret Mission. The project will last until Easter. Last year was a success as we donated over 3,200 pounds of canned

goods between the Good Shepherd Center and Jamestown Food Pantry. Over 100 families donated last year and this supported over 600 families. **Please help us with this worthy project.** Our Council and Assembly also donated and cooked a meal for the Hot Meal Program.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 3:13-18; Ps 19:8-10, 15; Mk 9:14-29
 Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10; Ps 55:7-11a, 23; Mk 9:30-37
 Wednesday: Jl 2:12-18; Ps 51:3-6ab, 12-14, 17; 2 Cor 5:20 — 6:2; Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
 Thursday: Dt 30:15-20; Ps 1:1-4, 6; Lk 9:22-25
 Friday: Is 58:1-9a; Ps 51:3-6ab, 18-19; Mt 9:14-15
 Saturday: Is 58:9b-14; Ps 86:1-6; Lk 5:27-32
 Sunday: Gn 2:7-9; 3:1-7; Ps 51:3-6, 12-13, 17; Rom 5:12-19 [12, 17-19]; Mt 4:1-11

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF FEB 24, 2020			
DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	READER	EMHC
2/24 at 9 AM	Lily Thomas Christopher Cooper	Susan Wallace	Deacon Marty Aubel
2/25 at 9 AM	Isabel & Grace Wingard	Vern Swartz	John Svirbly
2/26 at 9 AM Ash Wednesday	Lily Thomas Henry & Emma Ann Loreno	Students	Mary Fran Krachkowski Jack Kalchthaler Patty Meehan Walter Beh John Svirbly
2/27 at 6:30 PM	Casey & Aiden Resek	Joe Presto	George Soros
2/28 at 9 AM	Tierney Scullin Kyle Barger	Students	Walter Beh
2/28 at 7 PM Stations of the Cross	Olivia Giardina Anna & Alaina Harpst		

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEB 29 & MAR 1, 2020				
DATE/TIME	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
2/29 at 4:30 PM	Gerald & Janice Uzarski	Grace Cano Ben Leonard Luke Faber	L. Hajtol R. Lewis	J. Derrick, R. & D. Jannetti, J. Johnson, M. A. Marshall, L. Miller
3/01 at 7:30 AM	Tom & Sandy Cheuka	Kasey Williams Carmen Surano Kyle Barger	G. Soros B. Moore	F. Bartnicki, W. Beh, S. D'Urso, J. DiSalvo, E. & I. Serrano
3/01 at 11:00 AM	Phillip & Linda Reash	Casey & Aiden Resek Christopher Cooper	J. M. Yurisc J. Yurisc	V. Manganello, C. Ruffing, J. Runkle, R. & R. Soros, D. Woodley,
Coordinators:	Sharen Seiple 724-815-5361	Frank Luciani 724-588-1245	Linda Hajtol 724-588-3289	Marty 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
 Cdr 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

**Seventh Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 23, 2020**

Be holy, for I, the LORD, your God, am holy.
 — *Leviticus 19:2b*

Please pray for the sick of our parish and for the families & friends of our parishioners: Mary Jo Lipani, 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, 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, Jean Lesko, Chuck Maietta, Linda Collins, Mitchell Johnston, Tom Pektas, Dana Edwards, Gretchen Kuhn, Tony Guy, Cindy Beagley, Andrea Roberts, Deane DeCiancio, Doug Zimmerman, Dan Ballech, Jack Lengacher, Lena Bruno, Lois Metzger, Marian Shafer, David & Debra Yokubeak, Jean Black, Peggy Mansfield, Theresa Rufener, Marsha Quarles, Theresa Travnikar, Kara Kuhn, Janet Collins, Johanne Slattery, Delores Hauley, Matt & Lauren Urey, John Shelhamer, Irene Neustupa, Jessica King, Daniel Santilli, Joe Allison, Jo Ann Caruso, Steve Uhrin, Kevin Gilfoyle, Jerry Dull, Caiden McKee, Bev Reimold, Annette Strosser, Joan Mowry.

SANCTUARY CANDLES	
DATE	INTENTION & DONOR
February 15 - 29	Toni McElhinny (Ed & Lori Nicklin)
February 15 - 29	Deceased of DeLaurentis Family (Family)
February 15 - 29 (St. Margaret)	Walt Godleski (M/M Robert Moore)
March 1 - 15	Betty & Jean (Marlene)
March 1- 15	Jeanne Mong (Tom & Patty)



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 _____