

Saint Michael Parish

OUR LORD
JESUS
CHRIST,
KING OF THE
UNIVERSE

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UPCOMING EVENTS

Nov. 28 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
Dec. 1 Adoration of the Blessed Sacra-
 ment begins after 9 AM Mass.
Dec. 8 Holyday of Obligation.
Dec. 11 Young at Heart meets at 11:30.
Wednesdays Confessions 8-8:30 PM.
Saturdays Confessions 3-4 PM.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Josephine Fitch, sister of Theresa Sunseri. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will begin after the 9:00 AM Mass on Friday, December 1. Remember to commit to your hour to visit through Flock Note. The Knights of Columbus will lead the Rosary at 6:30 PM. Benediction will be immediately after the conclusion of the Rosary.

GOOD SHEPHERD

Thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the St. Michael's Thanksgiving meal at the Good Shepherd Center. Meals were provided to 270 people who would not have had a holiday dinner. Next event: St. Michael's is asked to provide 125 boxes of stuffing for the Christmas Dinner. Donations should be dropped off in the Gathering Space by December 4.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 28

Joseph Stark (Family)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 29

Dorothy Smith (Dan & Susan Wallace)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 30

SAINT ANDREW, THE APOSTLE

Patrick Kozminski (Anniv.) (Family)

FRIDAY, DECEMBER 1

Tim McElhinny (Family)

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

Millie Burke (Matt & Jill Ross)

FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 2

4:30 PM Saint Michael Church

Tom Gessler (Family)

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 3

7:00 AM Saint Michael Church

Norman Giardina (Judy Moroco)

9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mission

Frank Eber (Jean)

11:00 AM Saint Michael Church

For the People of the Parish

There are 4 intentions will be impacted by the Mass schedule change in February, 2024. You will be contacted on an alternative choice.

STEWARDSHIP

Thirty Third Sunday Ordinary Time
\$10,536.41

CSA

Pledged: \$135,365

Paid: \$124,195

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY YOU SHOW
TO OUR PARISH

St. Michael School Endowment: In memory of
Norma Langiotti (\$95)

40 CLUB WINNERS-NOVEMBER 8

\$100– Denny Doyle; \$100– Marcia White; \$50
Michelle Meyer

40 CLUB WINNERS-NOVEMBER 15

\$100-Barb Walton; \$100-Ryan & Brittany
Junk; \$50-Marlene Eheman

SANCTUARY CANDLES

INTENTION & DONOR

Nov. 16-30 Raymond Taylor (Dan & Kim
Mercuri)

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

Dec 1-15 Judy Kalchthaler (Uncle Benny &
Aunt Bonnie)

Dec 1-15 James & Edith Barbarossa (Ben,
Bonnie & Family)

Dec 1-15 John Potase, Sr. (Saulsbery Family)
St. Margaret

Date / Mass	Lector	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Dec 2 / 4:30 PM	Tess Redfoot	Susan Swartzbeck	Lisa Demarest	Kyle B., Mason M., Maggie L.
Dec 3 / 7:00 AM	Bea DeCancio	N/A	N/A	N/A
Dec 3 / 9:00 AM	Cindy Saulsbery	Bob Hutchinson	Lisa Demarest	None Scheduled -FF Class
Dec 3 / 11:00 AM	Linda Hajtol	Bruce Turcic	Kathy Williams	Ava & Sophia M., Lily T.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

This weekend, the last of the Liturgical Year, is my favorite Sunday of each year. No, it's not just because it is the week before my favorite season, Advent, but rather because it hits on an aspect of reality that I find most compelling for the faith we profess and strive each day to give our lives to.

To me, Christ the King is the Solemnity that sums up all that we do and battle for in the world. For all of us, we are born with a nature that has inherited the consequence of Adam. As you are well aware, you and I live in a world and in a fleshly nature that is crippled with a propensity towards sin and a failure to give honor to the Image of God you and I were created in. The cumulative time we spend battling this fallenness, examining our fallenness, asking pardon from God and others for our fallenness is pretty insane if you sit back and think about it! Then, if you put the battles of our physical nature aside, and look at the spiritual battles we endure, it, too, is insane. Think about the amount of time you spend thinking of where God is when you need Him, why He let ABC happen, how do I pray and is He even listening to me, and then let's not even mention all the thoughts and temptations that ravenously reign in our thoughts and memories. Think about how much of our lives are consumed with variations of those realities and struggles - it's disheartening to really take an account of that in our lives. Then, on top of all that, you think about the role disease and illness, broken families and relationships, and grief and loss hold in our lives. Let's not, also, forget the ravages of war, poverty, hunger, thirst, injustice, greed, manipulation, and sheer human tragedy that pervades every corner and crevice of our world and politics. To say it yet again, it's just *insane* and sobering to really think about how pervasive the sin of Adam has been in the daily existence of every soul - religious or not. There is no escape of this sin of Adam here in this life. Even the most acerbic of atheists engaging in the most debauched life with an absolute apathy towards anyone - a man entirely untethered to anything of the spiritual or supernatural - will ultimately be taken down and obliterated by Adam's sin. It's not a religious vs non-religious conversation or reality - it's simply how we live and find ourselves. The great lie of the world - this same world so soggy with sin - is that we need to liberate ourselves from punitive and archaic religion so that we may be free, and experience the bliss and heights of human pleasure and achievement. Many have left, are leaving, and will leave their home, the Church, for the pursuit of that lie. Why? Not because of the evidenced results, but rather, they are trying to escape Adam and The Fall, and 'the world' seems to be offering a way out. The truth is, sadly, that they, too, will realize the annihilation that awaits those who flee from the *only* source and power that can offer us true freedom: Christ, The King of the Universe!

What I love so much about this Solemnity is that we are not only conjuring images of Christ with a crown of gold on his head and a scepter in his hand while seated upon a priceless throne. More importantly, we are celebrating the King that will and can and has offered us a true freedom from Adam's sin and has invited us to live in a Kingdom where the sin has no welcome! You and I are loved by this King; you and I were so desired that this King came off his throne, threw aside his crown and scepter, and went to the depths of Hell to battle for us Himself - He was both King and Warrior! Throughout our lives, we not only give honor to this King, but unlike any other King, He also offers therapy for our wounds inflicted in this earthly kingdom. He gives us His love, His touch, His Grace, His Mercy, His very Body and Blood to consume so that we may know of what awaits us if we never flee this King. May you and I not live in a regal fear of the King, rather run to the King and fall in love with our King! That is His vocation, mission, and desire - let's enjoy the fruit and the freedoms offered by Him!

*Love,
Fr. Brandon*

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

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

Scheduled Faith Formation Classes

November 23-November 26 Be sure to complete your At-Home Advent Activity Packet and return it for your class attendance credit on December 3rd!
Happy Thanksgiving to all!

December 3 Faith Formation Class- K-5th Grades, Edge (6th-8th Grade) & Confirmation (9th & 10th Grade)/ Lesson 12 & 13 for K-5th (Reminder-Please return your family's Completed Advent Activity Packet for class credit for 11-26 class).

Faith Formation Meetings or Events

December 1 3:00 P.M. to 5:30 P.M. – **First Friday Holy Hours**- Can be used as *Faith Experience Opportunity for 7th-10th Grade!* - 7th through 10th Graders will need to do different things like this until they are confirmed! **Please be sure to sign in on the Student Sign-sheet not the Adult Sign-in Sheet.**

December 3 Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner Prep in McElhinny Hall following classes for 7th-10th 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!

December 4 Good Shepherd Christmas Dinner at the Good Shepherd Center for all Faith Formation Families and St. Michael School Families! Students in 7th-10th Grade who help with this event will get credit for a church service opportunity, but a parent must attend with them!

ST. MICHAEL PARISH MEN'S GROUP

The Men's fellowship group will take a pause for Thanksgiving and Advent. We will recommence the "Into-The-Breach" video series on Thursday January 4, 2024. Have a peaceful, joyful, and prayerful holiday season with your family and friends. If you have never attended a session, please feel welcome to join us next year

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.

#iGiveCatholic

You've heard of Black Friday, Small Business Saturday, and Cyber Monday! You've probably also heard of Giving Tuesday! These days come right after Thanksgiving and get us thinking about giving to those we love. This year, SMS is participating in Giving Tuesday, November 28. You can financially support SMS on Giving Tuesday by participating in #iGiveCatholic by visiting our website: www.saintmichael1.org and clicking on the banner. Gifts can be made in increments of \$50, \$100, \$500, \$1,000, or an amount of your choosing. You may also participate in the advanced giving period: November 13-27. Money raised will go toward resources and materials the students need for our Nature Studies/Science Program as well as our Fine and Performing Arts Departments. Thank you in advance for your generosity!

Thanksgiving Break

School will not be in session from Thursday, November 23, to Monday, November 27 in honor of Thanksgiving. Classes will resume on Tuesday, November 28.

ADVENT GIVING PROJECT

The time has arrived for the Annual Advent Giving project (formerly called the Giving Tree project). This 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 few 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 10th.** Thank you to all who make this parish activity a blessing for so many!