



*Love
one another as I love you*

Saint Michael Parish

**SIXTH
SUNDAY
OF
EASTER**

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**SUNDAY
MAY
5
2024**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 5 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
- May 9 Ascension Thursday Holyday of Obligation.
- May 11 Cemetery Cleanup at Cemetery 9AM.
- May 13 Young at Heart meets at 11:30 AM.

Confessions on Wednesday's from 8-8:30 PM and Saturdays from 3-4 PM.

Cemetery Cleanup on May 11 at 9 AM. Help is needed to clear the old decorations from the Cemetery. The more help the less time spent to prepare for Memorial Day. Meet at the Chapel at 9.

STEWARDSHIP

Fifth Sunday of Easter
\$ 8,545.50

CSA
Pledged: \$88,555
Paid: \$65,307.50

THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY YOU SHOW TO OUR PARISH!

St. Michael School Endowment: In Memory of Adelaide Giangiorando (\$120). In Memory of Tom Duda (\$825).

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
May 8/6:30 PM	Patti Hayes	Tom & Kenda Hoover	Joe Presto	Kathy Williams	John G. & Duncan M.
May 9/9:00 AM	Vern Swartz	Mary Ann Marshall George Soros	Mary Smart	Lisa Demarest	Krystal W. Mason M.
May 11/4:30 PM	Mary Ann Marshall	LeeAnn Micsky Patty Meehan	Susan Swartzbeck	Lisa Demarest	Mason M. Maggie L.
May 12/8:00 AM	Bob Moore	Patti Hayes Cindy Saulsbery			John & Gab. G.
May 12/11:00 AM	Bob Woodley	Anita & William Carr	Kathy Williams	Natalie Serrano	Callie, Tucker & Liza

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, MAY 7

Vince Cardaman (John & Mary Reimold)

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

Anne Rich (Helen Berger)

SOLEMITY OF ASCENSION of the LORD

WEDNESDAY, MAY 8

6:30 PM *Saint Margaret Church*
Tom Duda (Joanie & Eddie Pickens)

THURSDAY, MAY 9

9:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*
Isaiah John Perry (John & Gianna)

FRIDAY, MAY 10

Saint John Avila
Paul Chianese (Anne)

SEVENTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

SATURDAY, MAY 11

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*
For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MAY 12

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**
Florence Schwartz (Tom & Shirley Patton)

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*
Pauline Vargo (Ann.) (Children)

40 CLUB WINNERS – APRIL 24

\$100–Marlene Renwick; \$100–Michael Prunka;
\$50–Carole Langiotti.

SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

May 1-15 Beth Yurisc (M/M Robert Moore)
St. Margaret

May 1-15 Darla Prezioso (Mom)

May 16-31 Darla Prezioso (Mom)

May 16-31 Sean Morgan (Chris Pander)

GOOD SHEPHERD MAY REQUESTS

Good Shepherd Food Pantry request for May is Peanut Butter, Jelly and Breakfast items. Donations can be left in the designated bin in the entrance of the Church. As always, thank you for your generosity.

YOUNG AT HEART

The Young at Heart will meet on Monday May 13 in St Michael's Large Meeting Room at 11:30 AM. Join us for lunch- please bring a dish of your choice to share. The guest is Fr. John Miller sharing his trip to Rome and the Holy Land. Anyone age 50 and over is welcome, bring a friend!

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Dale Dick, who died this week. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

FAITH FORMATION

The Faith Formation Office hours are 9:30 A.M. to 2:30 P.M. Monday through Thursday. If for any reason you need to contact the office after hours, please call Teia Barger at 724-718-2061

Please congratulate the following students who were Confirmed on April 22:

Kyle Barger, Cooper Bonadio, Skyler Bonadio, Kathryn Engles, John Graham, John Hake, Tanner Irvine, Michael Leonard, Autumn Leonard, Drew Leskovac, Duncan Mayer, Logan McGonigal, Ava Murcko, Casey Resek, Jacob Rust, Addison Ruth, Jaden Schuver, Tierney Scullin, Katelyn Swingle, Lily Thomas, Grace Wingard, & Isabel Wingard.

Please keep the following 3rd Grade Faith Formation Students in your prayers as they make their First Holy Communion at the 11:00 A.M. Mass today:

St. Michael Faith Formation 3rd Grade Students: Jameson Brown, Serci Graham, Brett Myers Jr., and Gabriel O'Hara,

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

We've only got one more Sunday of Easter after today, and then we arrive at Pentecost! It's amazing Easter was so many weeks ago, and we are beginning to wind down the Season. I hope you have picked up on the common thread, the though line, of the Holy Season, namely that the victory of the Resurrection is the only thing we need in order for us to be who we were made to be – that there is no reason to hold back from sharing with others the Joy of our Faith! Period. There is nothing you and I need to first learn, or earn, or achieve. There is nothing you and I need to somehow prove to others or classes we need to first go through and matrixes to advance through. Jesus is all we need. Done! If anyone ever tries to make it more complicated than that, walk away and shake the dust from your feet! The whole reason and mission and purpose of The Church is to proclaim and worship – and eat – Christ Crucified and Resurrected, because He is the way to The Father – our ultimate destination and desire. This is all we exist for and all that we do in The Church is only good and holy and congruent with Its Divine Mission when and only when we are ministering and serving and sacrificing and dying for the sake of others knowing this victory and seeing the Face of The Father. Again, a church or religion that makes it more than that..walk away. When this is the singular focus, everything else naturally falls into place. We could look at it another way. If you want to overcome sin or simply grow in holiness and become more of an icon of Jesus, then hyper fixation on how unlike Christ you are or how unholy you are is only going to drive you nuts and keep you where you are. Rather, if you desire to grow in holiness and become a more profound icon of the Living God, then focus on...the Living God! It's amazing what happens when we daily have time of intimate prayer, when we prayerfully contemplate the Scriptures, when we read spiritual books or even just great literature or other art that elevates our minds, when we turn off unnecessary noise and disengage from unnecessary drama, and when we don't live like we're in a constant crisis. We can bring any fallen heathen into that daily reality; and because he was focusing on prayer, Scriptures, solitude, contemplation, simplicity, and littleness, he becomes like Christ and his sin begins to melt. Focus on Christ will lead us to Christ. Focus on Christ will lead us to be like Christ. Focus on Christ will lead us The Father!

Last weekend I acknowledged our newly Confirmed in the parish, and this weekend we celebrate First Eucharist for our third graders (I do enjoy the flurry of Sacraments done within the Easter Season). There is nothing more powerful for man to contemplate than the idea that we are created and invited to *eat* our God! Our existence is incomplete and left hungering or wanting without Eucharist; It is truly the food for which the soul yearns. Bringing new names and faces to the Banquet is such a fun thing! For sure, pray for the kids as they come to the Banquet of their Souls for the first time this weekend. But also pray for those who have walked away from that Banquet or who have not yet been given the invitation or who may have lost the invite! There are just hoards who are scattered all over the place and who lay in carnage and dysfunction from fall out from such an array of reasons and issues from within the Church and without. For whatever reason the Wedding Guests are delayed, scattered, lost - have wandered from the party – we need to, as a Church, bring them home! How do we do that? Yell at them or shame them? Well, that's the tactic of many...how's that going!? No, the *tactic* is Jesus Christ! Again, the Church's one foundation and singular mission is Jesus! If you have been (I hope you have!) reading Acts of the Apostles this Easter Season, it is remarkable just how simple the faith of The Church was in those early days and years of our history. The Apostolic Faith, the Apostolic Church, is such a beautiful thing in its precision at remaining faithful to the Deposit of Faith and the preaching of the Resurrected Lord who came to – again – take us home to The Father through means of Grace found in the Sacraments, namely, The Eucharist.

May these final two weeks of the Easter Season be a time where we simply recommit ourselves to the beauty of simplicity. May we commit ourselves to cultivating a Church, not caught in the weeds of every earthly debacle, but one in which we are called forth from the world into a place of Divine Nature, Divine Intimacy...to the Wedding Banquet of The Lamb where we will feast upon the Glory of God for eternity!

Love,
Fr. Brandon