



CALENDAR:

- FEBRUARY 14:** Ash Wednesday Prayer Service at Thiel College at 7 PM.
- FEBRUARY 15:** Adult Choir Practice at 7 PM.
- FEBRUARY 16:** Lenten Fish Dinner 4:30 - 7 PM.
- FEBRUARY 16:** Stations of the Cross at 7 PM.
- FEBRUARY 18:** Youth Choir & Ensemble practice after the 11 AM Mass.
- FEBRUARY 21:** Stations of the Cross at 6:30 PM at St. Margaret Mission.
- FEBRUARY 25:** Mercer County Women's Retreat League Day of Recollection.
- MARCH 1:** Lenten Series begins at St. Michael.
- MARCH 5:** Lenten Series begins at St. Margaret Mission at 1 PM.
- MARCH 29:** Christian Seder Meal at 5:30 PM in Lateral Hall.
- APRIL 8:** Confirmation.

MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12 - WEEKDAY

7:00 A.M. Rudy & Helen Kosnac (M/M Tim Rieu)

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13 - WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Rose Dolecki (Mary Jo)

WED., FEBRUARY 14 - ASH WEDNESDAY

7:00 A.M. Clara Freisel (Carolyn Rolewski)
 9:00 A.M. Mary Mechenbier (MCAR & ARC)
 6:30 P.M. **St. Margaret:** Cyril Marshall (Girizzo Fa.)

THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15 - WEEKDAY

6:30 P.M. Bonnie Hilko (Family)

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16 - WEEKDAY

9:00 A.M. Paul Bayuk (M/M John Holiga)

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17 - WEEKDAY

4:30 P.M. **Vigil:** Tom Gessler (Rose and Family)

SUNDAY, FEB. 18 - FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

7:30 A.M. For the People of Our Parish
 9:15 A.M. **St. Margaret:** Richard Link(Anniv.)(Family)
 11:00 A.M. George & Louise Rounds and Agnes Downing (Lynn Ann Meyers Jeffrey)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Toni McElhinny. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.



The season of Lent begins this year on Ash Wednesday, Feb. 14th and concludes when the Paschal Triduum of the Passion, Death & Resurrection of the Lord begins at the start of the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper on Holy Thursday, March 29th.

Ash Wednesday, All Fridays in Lent and Good Friday are days of **abstinence** from **meat** for those 14 years of age & older.

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 are also permitted. Eating between meals is not permitted, but liquids including milk & fruit juices are allowed. When health or work is seriously affected, the law does not oblige.)*

TREASURE (FEBRUARY 4, 2018)

Annual Offertory Budget

Annual Budget:	\$ 625,456.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 12,028.00
Received thru February 4	
St. Michael	\$ 11,411.00
St. Margaret	\$ 853.00
Electronic Giving	\$ <u>1,715.00</u>
Total	\$ 13,979.00
Catholic Communication	\$ 95.00
Year to Date Budget	\$ 384,896.00
Year to Date Actual	\$ 408,043.31

We are **\$ 23,147.31** ahead of our Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

	<u>2016</u>	<u>2017</u>
Commitments:	232	261
Pledged:	\$ 117,452	\$ 130,901.25
Paid:	\$ 115,052	\$ 127,746.25

St. Michael School: In Memory of Paul Bayuk (\$135)

2018 ENVELOPES

The 2018 boxed sets of Offertory envelopes may be picked up at St. Michael Small Meeting Room after all Masses. As an alternative to envelope use, please consider electronic giving. Forms are available from the Church Business Office. Also, please call the Church Office to request your 2017 year-end statement.

2018 LENTEN SERIES

Lent is fast approaching and during this Lent, Father David is providing a Lenten series focusing upon sin and our relationship with God. This series will occur on Thursdays following the 6:30 PM Mass and will last about ninety minutes each night discussing the topic of sin and our desire to live in a loving relationship with God. The series, which is free of charge, is open to parishioners and non-parishioners alike. We will gather in the Large Meeting Room unless a larger area is needed. Please consider joining in this wonderful time of growth and understanding during this Lenten season.

Session 1:
March 1
6:30 PM

A Teaching Mass

During this Mass, Fr. David will break down the Mass & explain each part, prayer and action in detail. This Mass will probably last 60-75 minutes but should enhance the understanding of what we can do when gathering in worship.

Session II:
March 8 @ 7 PM

Topic: What is sin?
A lesson and topic on what constitutes sin & our failures in following Christ in His Church.

Session III:
March 15 @ 7 PM

Topic: The Sacrament of Reconciliation
Why do we go to confession and why is this Sacrament needed in our present and ever changing day and age?

Session IV:
March 22 @ 7 PM

Topic: Having a Vital Relationship with God.
How does each one of us establish & live a vital and life giving relationship with God?

This 2018 Lenten Series, focusing upon sin and our relationship with God, will be led by Deacon Frank at St. Margaret Mission at 1 PM on the following Mondays: March 5th, March 12th, March 19th and March 26th.



Collection boxes for your Lenten donations to local food pantries are available in the Gathering Space. All funds collected will be given to the Good Shepherd Center and the Jamestown Food Pantry. Please make out any checks to St. Michael Church.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Busy life? Spend a few minutes with God each day. Try the FREE links below to find your favorite.

Free Daily Gospel Reflections from Bishop Robert Barron at DailyCatholicGospel.com

Daily Reflections at DynamicCatholic.com/daily-reflections

Divine Mercy-Daily Reflections from the Diary of St. Faustina thedivinemercy.org/dmsignup

Women's Retreat - March 9-11 at Villa Maria Education & Spirituality Center. Retreat Master is Fr. Nick Rouch. Cost of \$145 includes meals & private room. Call Julia House at 814-520-8559.

4th Annual Women's Conference "Intimacy with God & Love for One Another" on Sat., April 21st from 9 AM - 3:30 PM at Our Lady of Peace Parish in Erie. For more details, see www.138women.com or call 814-455-7364.

**FOOD FOR FAMILIES!
40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS PROJECT****Food Drive**

Starting Ash Wednesday, February 14th, the Knights of Columbus Council #1446 will conduct this project to benefit the Good Shepherd Center and the Jamestown Food Pantry located at St. Margaret Mission. The 40 Cans for 40 Days Project will continue until Easter. Last year was a success as we donated 3,000 pounds of canned goods to the Good Shepherd Center and 749 pounds to the Jamestown Food Pantry. We also were able to donate \$1,500 in 2017 towards the Good Shepherd Center Hot Meals Program. Over 100 families donated last year. These food pantries support over 600 families. Please help us with this worthy project. The coordinator for this year is Joe Presto, OFS. Bring your donations to the Gathering Space at St. Michael Church and St. Margaret Mission.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

February 11: PreK - 1st Grade & Grades 3 - 8 Faith Formation at St. Michael Church from 9:15 - 10:45 AM. (No class for 2nd Grade today!)

February 11: PreK - 8th Grade Faith Formation for St. Margaret Mission from 10:15 - 11:45 AM. It is Family Day!

February 11: CREED & Confirmation Faith Formation Classes from 4 - 6 PM.

February 16: CREED & Confirmation Make-Up Class is cancelled.

February 17: Mini Retreat & First Reconciliation for 2nd Graders that were unable to make the February 10th Retreat. Please arrive in the Small Meeting Room at 2 PM. Parents are asked to stay since it should not take too long. Reconciliation is scheduled for 3 PM.

February 18: No Faith Formation, CREED or Confirmation. Off for Presidents Day!

February 23: CREED & Confirmation Make-up Class starts with Stations of the Cross at 7 PM in the Church and ends at 9 PM with Youth Bible Study in the Small Meeting Room of the Church.

February 25: PreK - 8th Grade St. Michael Faith Formation. Today is Family Lenten Activity Day! Students must be accompanied by a Parent or Grandparent in Lateran Hall from 9:15 to 10:45 AM.

February 25: PreK - 8th grade Faith Formation at St. Margaret Mission from 10:15 AM to 11:45 AM.

February 25: CREED & Confirmation have classes from 4 PM to 6 PM. Confirmation Class, **please** turn in last draft of Bishop Letter today! You will not be allowed to have your interviews until we have your Saint Paper & Bishop Letter turned in! Today you will be watching the movie *The Shack* in class! CREED students must turn in your 5 hours of service as soon as possible!

February 25: Retreat Team Meeting from 4 - 6 PM in the Small Meeting Room of McElhinny Hall.

February 26: CREED & Confirmation preparation progress reports will be mailed home today.

March 4: PreK - 8th Grade Faith Formation for St. Michael Church from 9:15 - 10:45 AM.

March 4: CREED Retreat starting with 11 AM Mass and ending in the Church Gathering Space at 3 PM.

March 4: Confirmation class from 4 - 6 PM.

March 4: PreK - 8th Grade Faith Formation at St. Margaret Mission from 10:15 - 11:45 AM.

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

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK
SPECIAL THANKS TO...

- *PTO for the endless hours volunteered to provide a special week to the students and staff.
- *Bates' family for preparing lunch for the Veterans' Program and the Steak Dinner School Fundraiser. To all the parents who volunteered for these events.
- *Mrs. Reimold, Mrs. Pflieger, and Mrs. Scullin for planning the Pep Assembly.
- *Mrs. Williams and Mrs. Brown for helping with the pep squad for the Pep Assembly.
- ***All the volunteers**, too many to name, that made the week enjoyable for the students.

THIS WEEKS EVENTS at SMS

- Feb. 11: Boys JV home game @ 1 pm
Swim Championship (Gr. 1-4)
- Feb. 12: Lunch: Turkey Sub with chips
- Feb. 13: Mardi Gras Carnival – (Gr. Prek-7)
Fat Tuesday Lunch by Bates Family
St. Valentine's Day Class Parties
- Feb. 14: Ash Wednesday
Lunch: Grilled Cheese and Soup
- Feb. 15: Boys JV home game @ 6 pm
8th grade winter sports recognition
- Feb. 16: Lunch: Pizza
Fish Fry
- Feb. 17: SMS hosting of Cheer Competition
Kennedy Catholic @ 2 PM

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL

- *FAITH AND ACADEMIC BASED CURRICULUM
- *ACCREDITED PROGRAM BY MIDDLE STATES ASSOCIATION COMMISSION
- *CLASS SIZE LIMITED
- *FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

REASONS TO CHOOSE ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael, a Middle States Accredited School, has been educating students for over 118 years, promoting excellence through spiritual, academic, and social growth of our students in a Christ Centered environment. We welcome students of all denominations to learn our Catholic faith and attend weekly Masses, in addition to our daily religion classes. Visit our website: www.saintmichaell.org. **Parents and students are invited to come spend time at the school by scheduling a visit day.**

40 CLUB WINNERS - JANUARY 31ST

\$100 - John Cascio, Jr.; \$100 - Carolyn Campbell; \$50 - Tom & Shirley Patton

UPCOMING BUS TRIP

An upcoming bus trip to Salamanca, NY is being planned for Friday, March 2nd. Bus leaves Anderson's at 8:00 AM, stops at Cracker Barrel for breakfast and returns approximately at 7:30 PM. Incentives are \$25/slots and \$5/food. Cost: \$28/person. Call Roseanne at the Church Office to make your reservations. Money must be turned in before February 22nd.



LENTEN FISH FRY DINNERS

The St. Michael/St. Margaret Mission Fish Fry begins February 16th to March 30th from 4:30 - 7 PM. Menu includes: Baked or fried fish, French fries, mac & cheese, cabbage & noodles, cole slaw, apple sauce, green beans, salad, bread & butter, desserts & beverages. Prices are: Adults: \$10; Children to age 12: \$7; Extra items: \$3. **Call 724-588-7082 after 4 PM for take outs.** If you can help on any of these days, please contact Mary Lou Mathias at 724-927-6634 or Linda Hajtol at 724-588-3289. If you can help with set-up or clean up, please call Marty Aubel at 724-866-7432. Bakers also needed. Please bring your baked goods to Lateran Hall by 3 PM on the day of the Fish Fry. As always, thanks for helping with these dinners.



Project Linus get together on Sat., February 17th from 10 AM to 3 PM in the Large Meeting Room. If you have been to one of these before, welcome back. If you would like to learn more about what we are all about, stop in. **This is also the National Project Linus Make a Blanket Day.** Every chapter in the US tries to get together on this day. Snacks, drinks & lunch provided. Bring your machine & sewing supplies. Patterns & kits will be made up for you as well. We also do tie & crochet blankets. If you need more information, call Linda @ 724-588-3289.

DAY OF RECOLLECTION

Mercer County Women's Retreat League is hosting a Day of Recollection on Sunday, February 25th at St. Joseph Parish in Sharon. Doors open at 12:30 PM. Luncheon begins at 1 PM & the day closes with the celebration of Mass at 4 PM. Tickets available until **February 18th** for \$12. **Tickets will not be sold at the door.** For tickets call: Betty Grasso 724-588-4704, Mary Edna Regan 724-588-6843, Bernie Link 724-932-3416 or Sharon Aiello 724-927-2142.

PRO-LIFE ANNUAL BREAKFAST

Pro-Life 16th Annual Prayer Breakfast on Sat., February 17th at 9 AM at the Park Inn by Radisson in West Middlesex. Tickets are \$16 for adults and \$10 for children through age 19. Please contact Susan Wallace at susanwallace@hotmail.com or 724-815-5221.

FREE-TAX-AIDE FOR LOW INCOME AND ELDERLY

AARP volunteers are available to e-file Federal, State & PA Property Tax Rebate forms this year. Make an appointment by dialing 2-1-1 or outside Mercer County 888-665-6923. Choose Option 1 at either number. You must bring your Social Security Card and a Photo ID for everyone on the return in order to file your taxes.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF FEB 12, 2018			
DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS
2/12 at 7 AM	Aaron Wasser	2/15 at 6:30 PM	Ben Leonard Lily Svirbly
2/13 at 9 AM	Anna Harpst Julianne Johnson	2/16 at 9 AM	Kasey Williams Noah DelMaramo
2/14 at 7 AM Ash Wednesday	Sarah Cooper Kasey Williams	Stations of the Cross 2/16 at 7 PM	Alaina, Alex and Anna Harpst
2/14 at 9 AM Ash Wednesday	Hayden Bates Kyle Barger Alana Utlak		

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES FOR THE WEEKEND OF FEB 17 & 18, 2018				
DATE/TIME	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	E. M. of HOLY COMMUNION
2/14 At 9:00 AM	St. Michael School students	Hayden Bates Kyle Barger Alana Utlak	St. Michael School students	E. Holabaugh, N. Kremm, E. Zgonc, F. & P. Amato
2/17 At 4:30 PM	Ken & Kathy Ammann	Kierstin Barger Casey Resek Tierney Scullin	J. Thiel M. Holian	R. & D. Jannetti, S. Lauffer, J. Lysek, M. A. Marshall, J. Runkle
2/18 at 7:30 AM	Ron & Sandy Weaver	Elisa, Isabel & Nora Serrano	T. Redfoot M. Aubel	B. Gladysz, P. Meehan, Angela Pacifico, C. Riffe. G. Soros, J. Svirbly
2/18 at 11 AM	Tulio & Clara Estrada	Gina Maloney Julia & Theresa Hogan	L. Hajtol C. Demarest	B. & P. Kerlik, J. McLernane, D. & C. Ruffing, T. Szweczyk
Coordinators: SIGN IN!	Sharen Seiple 724-588-3852 PLEASE	Frank Luciani 724-588-1245 GET A SUB	Mary Ann Marshall 724-588-1905 IF YOU	Marty Aubel 724-866-7432 CANNOT SERVE!

If you are *unavailable* to serve at any time in *March or April*, please contact **Sharen Seiple** either at the phone number above, via e-mail OR go to the Web Terminal *by the 15th of this month.*

PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR MILITARY



Sgt. Steven Mortimer, Army, Iraq
 Master Sergeant David P. Santell, AF, Ft. Dix, NJ
 LCDR Kari (Szewczyk) Cummins, USN,
 Point Mugu NAS, Ventura, CA
 MSgt. Brian Gearhart, Jacksonville, NC
 Lt. Col. Raymond Millero, Jr., USAF, Germany
 TSgt. USAF, Matthew Mong, Patrick AFB, Florida
 TSgt. USAF Sara Knight Mong, Patrick AFB, Florida
 Captain Paul Ochs, Davis-Monthan AFB, Tucson, AZ
 AB Andrew L. Gilmore, Lackland, Air Force Base
 Major Dustin Knaus, Army, Vandenberg AF Base, CA
 Major Samuel Burns, Army, Kansas
 Sergeant Jason Morgan, US Army, Ft. Campbell, KY
 Captain James Stubert, US Army, Fort Hood, TX
 Pvt. Shelby McElhinny, US Army, Fort Sam Houston, TX
 2nd Lt Jeremy Fowler, Fort Bragg, NC
 Specialist Eddy Nottingham, Fort Bragg, North Carolina
 Airman Nicholas Nottingham, Hill Air Force Base, Utah
 1st Lt. Edward (Eddie) Bardella, Jr. Camp Legeune, NC
 IT 1 David C. Thomas, USN, Bahrain
 Lt. David Ochs, Fort Rucker, Alabama
 Tech Sgt. George Madrid, Japan
 Major David Zgonc, West Point
 2nd Lt Orrin C. Suich, Army, Ft. Sill, OK

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Monday: Jas 1:1-11; Ps 119:67-68, 71-72, 75-76;
 Mk 8:11-13
 Tuesday: Jas 1:12-18; Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19;
 Mk 8:14-21
 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 9:8-15; Ps 25:4-9; 1 Pt 3:18-22;
 Mk 1:12-15

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time
 February 11, 2018**

Whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do,
 do everything for the glory of God.
 — 1 Corinthians 10:31

Please pray for the sick of our parish and for the families & friends of our parishioners: John Genovesi, Betty Burns, Georgeann Fox, Marcy Beckman, Erik Kurelko, Larry Anderson, Jameson Stepp, Danielle Parks, Connor Pressler, Connie Sweeney, Tricia Allen, James Power, Caiden Nottingham, Kathy Karwowski, Kimberly Hopf, Ed Palmer, Gail Hightree, Jim Woods, Michael D’Alfonso, Walt Kelly, Liz O’Neill, Jack Pressler, Linda Yancar, Gary Roberts, Kirk Faught, Carol Mick, Dorothy Steiner, John & Liz Johanson, Connie Brant, Paul Clark, Gilda Hertel, Betsy Butler, Rita Stell, Amy Hatfield, Patrick Calvin, Michael Garnack, Ken Humphrey, Robert & Paul Chianese, Josephine Selnekovic, John Davis, Piper Farr, George Johnston, Kathy Larkin, Kim Shellhamer, Jim Barnett, Garrett Valimont, Tom, Teresa & Mary Murrin, Robert Overmen, Lindsay Ruff, Fred & Tom Holzer, Christine Gravatte, Calvin Fisher, Ellen Kinsey, Willie Yoder, Antonia Patton, Paulette Farkas, Madison Griffin, Patty & Roger Shafer, Paul Clark, Kathy Boyer, Jim Ruffing, John Giffin, Candace McKee, Harriet Liszka, Anna Weber, Sarah Kuhn, Tony Crognale, Stacey Moats, Ginie Morgan, Larry Kuhn, Nancy Carr, Ralph & Addie Giangiardano.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

DATE	INTENTION & DONOR
February 1 - 14	Dave Muscarella (Wife)
February 1 - 14	Judy Kalchthaler (Dave and Family)
February 15 - 28	George & Louise Rounds & Agnes Downing (Lynn Ann Meyers-Jeffrey)
February 15 - 28	George & Louise Rounds & Agnes Downing (Lynn Ann Meyers - Jeffrey)
February 15 - 28 (St. Margaret)	Larry Eheman (Mother)
February 15 - 28 (St. Margaret)	Walt Godleski (M/M Robert Moore)
March 1 - 15	Zarecky Family (Daughter)
March 1 - 15	Edward Miloser (Susan Swartzbeck)
March 15 - 31	Darla Prezioso Hellyer (Mother)

Family life is about decisions. The leper in today’s Gospel knew this when He said to Jesus, “If you will, you can make me clean.” Jesus knew this when He said, “I do will it.” Love is not an emotion. It is a decision to be with and for another person in “good times and bad,” even when we don’t feel like it.

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 _____