



CALENDAR:

- MONDAY, MARCH 26 - HOLY WEEK**
7:00 A.M. George Frkonja (Family)
- TUESDAY, MARCH 27 - HOLY WEEK**
9:00 A.M. Dec. of Krajcovic Family (Family)
- WEDNESDAY, MARCH 28 - HOLY WEEK**
7:00 A.M. Helen Mikos (Shirley D'Urso)
- THURSDAY, MARCH 29 - HOLY THURSDAY**
7:30 P.M. Mass of the Lord's Supper
- FRIDAY, MARCH 30 - GOOD FRIDAY**
3:00 P.M. Passion of Our Lord
- SATURDAY, MARCH 31 - HOLY SATURDAY**
9:00 P.M. Vigil: Tony Guerrini (Anniv.) (Family)
- SUNDAY, APRIL 1 - EASTER SUNDAY**
7:30 A.M. Nancy Crash (M/M Aaron Rhodes)
9:15 A.M. **St. Margaret:** For the People of Our Parish
11:00 A.M. Richard McGrath (McConnell Family)

PASSION

The contrast between the processional reading in today's liturgy and the proclamation of the Passion is striking. We are given a glimpse of how profoundly the word of God is fulfilled in Jesus.

First he must be hailed as the Messiah, the One who is to come. He must be acknowledged by all, though they do not know what they are saying. They think he is the promised king, a worldly king of the Jews who will free them from the Roman occupation. They do not yet understand, even the disciples, exactly where this triumphal procession is leading. In our lives, we too do not know where we are going. It is in faith that we can follow Christ wherever he may lead us, trusting that death is not the end, nor evil the victor. Copyright © J. S. Paluch Co., Inc.



The Passion of Jesus makes it clear, no one escapes suffering. Suffering is inevitable, but no one should suffer alone. That is one of the primary roles of families, to stand with and support each other in suffering.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Ralph Giangiordano, Msgr. William Karg and for James Napolitan, brother of Sally Prezioso. May their souls & the souls of all the faithful departed through the mercy of God rest in peace.

- MARCH 28:** St. Margaret Guild meets at 1 PM.
MARCH 29: Cleaning of St. Margaret Mission at 9:00 AM. (Please bring buckets and rags).
MARCH 29: Christian Seder Meal at 5:30 PM in Lateralan Hall.
APRIL 8: Confirmation at 11 AM Mass. This will be a longer Mass and seating may be limited.
APRIL 12: Ultreya in the Large Meeting Room after the 6:30 PM Mass.
APRIL 16: Cemetery Board in Small Meeting Room at 7 PM.
APRIL 29: Fifth Sunday Rosary at 6 PM.
MAY 26: St. Margaret Mission Annual Chicken BBQ.
MAY 7: Pastoral Council at 7 PM.
SEPTEMBER 30: Car Cruise & Car Raffle.

TREASURE (MARCH 18, 2018)

Annual Offertory Budget

Annual Budget:	\$ 625,456.00
Weekly Budget:	\$ 12,028.00
Received thru March 18	
St. Michael	\$ 7,847.50
St. Margaret	\$ 1,274.00
Electronic Giving	\$ <u>1,890.00</u>
Total	\$ 11,011.50
Year to Date Budget	\$ 457,064.00
Year to Date Actual	\$ 475,162.81

We are **\$ 18,098.81 ahead** of our Offertory Year-to-Date Budget

CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

	<u>2017</u>	<u>2018</u>
Commitments:	261	105
Pledged:	\$130,901.25	\$ 62,177.00
Paid:	\$127,921.25	\$ 24,897.00

St. Michael School Endowment Fund: In Memory of Gloria Valentine (\$500). **St. Michael Church:** In Memory of Donald Splichal (\$50).

2018 CATHOLIC SERVICES APPEAL

Our Parish Goal for the 2018 Catholic Services Appeal is **\$89,565**. We appeal to **every** parishioner to make a pledge to this Appeal. Sincere thanks to the 105 families who have made a commitment to this Appeal. All gifts, regardless of the size, are important, needed & greatly appreciated. Your contribution will inspire a continuation of the love & concern Jesus taught us as believers. We play an important role in helping to meet the many needs of our families, our parish, & our diocese. Thank you for your sacrifice and support. Fr. David

CUSTOMS OF THE TRIDUUM

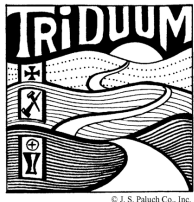
The Mass of the Lord's Supper: The first day of the Triduum begins in the Upper Room with Jesus sharing His Body and Blood in bread and wine. We reenact the Washing of the Disciples' Feet during this Mass as well.

The Stripping of the Altar: At the end of Mass on Holy Thursday, all the altar coverings and decorations are removed, symbolizing the fact that Christ was stripped of His garments upon His arrest.

The Veneration of the Cross: The Good Friday liturgy features a reading of the Passion according to St. John, veneration of the cross and Holy Communion as well as prayers for the Church and the whole world.

Fasting: A tradition in the first centuries of the Church was to fast throughout the Triduum or for 40 hours before Easter sunrise. Today we fast and abstain from meat on Good Friday.

Easter Vigil: The selected set of readings for the Easter Vigil follows the story of salvation from God's creation of the world, the sparing of Noah and his family from the flood and the deliverance of God's people from Egypt to the Gospel accounts of Jesus' rising from the grave to redeem all people.

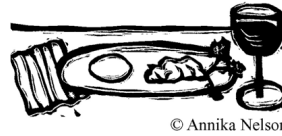


Lent officially ends at sunset on Holy Thursday, giving way to the most important days of the Liturgical Year, the Easter Triduum from the Latin for "three days". We can see most clearly why Easter itself is so important: Christ's resurrection from the dead signals our own liberation from sin and death. Just as obviously, without Jesus' death on the cross on Good Friday, there would be no need for him to rise from the dead.

Between the despair of Good Friday and the exaltation of Easter morning comes the silence of waiting. Because we know what is coming, we may not look at Saturday as the first disciples did. For them, uncertain of the next step or direction, it was agony of loss, a sense of abandonment by God. In our own moments of deepest grief, we certainly know how that feels.

In your own observance of this day, keep in mind those people, perhaps including yourself, who are grieving loss at this time. Commend them to the loving care of the Father who brought such great joy out of the tragedy of the suffering and death of Jesus. The hope of Easter is that we too might share this joy at the end of our suffering. On Holy Saturday, that is only a hope, not a certainty. (Why We Celebrate the Triduum by Mark Neilsen for Creative Communications.)

SEDER MEAL



Plan to attend the Christian Seder Meal beginning at 5:30 PM in Lateran Hall on March 29, Holy Thursday. Meat and potatoes will be provided but tureens of salads or vegetables are needed. Please, no desserts as we remember the Penitential Spirit of the season. If you are able to bring food, please make sure it is dropped off by 5:00 PM in Lateran Hall. The meal will be concluded in time to attend the Mass of the Lord's Supper at 7:30 PM at St. Michael. See Holy Week insert in today's bulletin for more details.

FOOD FOR FAMILIES! 40 CANS FOR 40 DAYS PROJECT



During Lent the Knights of Columbus Council #1446 will conduct this project to benefit the Good Shepherd Center & 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 & 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.

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

BestLentEver.com

Divine Mercy-Daily Reflections from the Diary of St. Faustina thedivinemercury.org/dmdsignup

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.

FAITH FORMATION NEWS

March 25: PreK - 8th Grade Faith Formation for St. Michael Church from 9:15 - 10:45 AM.

March 25: PreK - 8th Grade Faith Formation at St. Margaret Mission from 10:15 - 11:45 AM.

March 25: No Class for CREED.

April 1: No Faith Formation Classes for St. Michael & St. Margaret Mission. *Happy Easter from the Faith Formation Office!*

April 7: Confirmation Practice at 6 PM in the Church. Sponsors should come to practice or at least have an adult stand in. Please bring two dozen cookies for the reception that will follow the Mass on April 8th.

April 8: PreK - 8th Grade Faith Formation at St. Michael Church from 9:15 - 10:45 AM.

April 8: Confirmation at 11 AM. All Confirmation Candidates and Sponsors will meet in McElhinny Hall at 10:40 AM.

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

April 8: Creed Class from 4 - 6 PM.

April 15: PreK - 8th Grade Faith Formation at St. Michael Church from 9:15 - 10:45 AM.

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

April 15: No CREED Class today.

April 22: PreK-8th Grade Faith Formation at St. Michael Church from 9:15 - 10:45 AM.

April 22: 10th Grade Confirmation Sponsor Meeting starting with 11:00 AM Mass at Saint Michael Church– All 10th grade St. Michael Church/St. Margaret Mission students planning to be confirmed in 2019 must attend with their sponsors. After Mass, we will move to the Large Meeting Room in the church for a lunch and meeting until 2:30 PM. If your sponsor cannot attend please bring another confirmed adult in their place! If you cannot attend please contact the Faith Formation Office as soon as possible!

April 22: 9th Grade Creed Class from 4 - 6 PM. No 10th Grade class this evening.

April 22: PreK - 8th Grade Faith Formation at St. Margaret Mission from 10:15 - 11:45 AM. This is year end Family Day.



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

NEW STUDENT OPEN HOUSE

Saint Michael School is having an **Open House to tour the school on Tuesday, March 27 from 6 – 7 PM for prospective students and families.** Currently accepting new student registration, grades Pre-kindergarten – 8, for the 2018-2019 school year. Interested parents or guardians may call the school office to schedule a tour. **Informational packets and financial aid application will be available.** Classroom size is limited for Pre-kindergarten and Kindergarten. Financial aid applications need to be returned by end of March. Call 724-588-7050 for more information.

SMS PROUD

Shadow Stations Presented by Grade 4: St. Michael families and parishioners are invited to attend Shadow Stations in Lateran Hall on Wednesday, March 28 at 1:15 PM.

National History Day: Nine students from Grades 7 and 8 competed in Regional level of competition at Westminster College. Congratulations to the following students who are advancing to State Competition in May: Julianne Johnson, Halle Murcko, Jude Yuriscic, Rachel Varga, Anna Harpst, Alaina Suhar, Julia Toth, Alana Utlak

THIS WEEKS EVENTS at SMS

March 25: Palm Sunday

March 26: Lunch – Turkey Sub with Chips

March 27: Earth Day @ Thiel Gr. 4-5-6 PreK/Kindergarten
Open House 6 PM – 7 PM

March 28: Shadow Stations – 1:15 PM

Lunch – Pepperoni Rolls

Jeans Day – no charge

March 29 – April 8: Easter Vacation

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL

*SAFE, FAITH-BASED ENVIRONMENT

*ENRICHED ACADEMIC CURRICULUM

*INDIVIDUALIZED INSTRUCTION

*FINANCIAL AID/SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE

REASONS TO CHOOSE ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael, a Middle States Accredited School, has been educating students for over 118 years and promotes excellence through spiritual, academic, and social growth of our students in a Christ Centered environment. We welcome students of all faiths to learn our Catholic faith and attend weekly Masses, in addition to our daily religion classes. www.saintmichael1.org.



The St. Michael/St. Margaret Mission Fish Fry is on Fridays during Lent 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, 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, 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.

GOOD SHEPHERD EASTER REQUEST

The Good Shepherd Easter Request is for cans of fruit. Please place your Easter Donation in the barrel in the Gathering Space. Your donations help the Good Shepherd Center extend a helping hand to those experiencing difficult times in our community.

40 CLUB WINNERS - MARCH 14

- \$100 - Judy Lysek
- \$100 - John & Linda McElhinny
- \$ 50 - Ray & Sue Holiga

2018 CAR RAFFLE



The 2018 Car Raffle has begun. This year's prize is a 2018 Shelby Mustang GT350 or **\$35,000** cash. Tickets have been mailed to parishioners. *If you didn't receive your tickets, call*

the Church Office. If you cannot sell your tickets or do not wish to participate, please return them to the Church Office.



If you didn't get a Lenten collection box, please put your donations in an envelope marked **Lenten Donations for Local Food Pantries.** All funds collected will be given to the Good Shepherd Center and the Jamestown Food Pantry. Please make any checks payable to St. Michael Church.

SUFFERING

Jesus did not come to do away with suffering or remove it. He came to fill it with his presence.
—Paul Claudel



If you wish to contribute to the Easter Flower Fund in memory of a loved one, please place your donations in the Easter Flower Fund Envelopes found on the table in the Church Gathering Space. Drop these envelopes in today's collection or bring them to the Church Office before Tuesday morning of Holy Week. Contributions will be used towards the flowers at St. Michael & St. Margaret Mission. A complete listing of those memorials will be published in the Easter bulletin.

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES DAILY MASS SCHEDULE FOR WEEK OF MARCH 26, 2018			
DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS	DATE/TIME	ALTAR SERVERS
3/26 at 7 AM	Aaron Wasser	3/29 at 7:30 PM Holy Thursday	Alaina & Anna Harpst Patricia Surano
3/27 at 9 AM	Ava Lynn Murcko Julianne Johnson	3/30 at 3 PM Good Friday	Lauren DiBucci Paul Cianci Madison Pflieger
3/28 at 7 AM	Kasey Williams	3/30 at 7 PM Stations of the Cross	Ben, Noah & Grace Cano

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH SCHEDULE FOR MINISTRIES FOR HOLY WEEK & EASTER SUNDAY MARCH 29, 30, 31 & APRIL 1, 2018				
DATE/TIME	GREETERS	ALTAR SERVERS	LECTORS	EUCCHARISTIC MINISTERS
3/29 at 7:30 PM Holy Thursday	Dan & Susan Wallace	Alaina & Anna Harpst Patricia Surano	Alex Harpst Walter Beh	Missy, Gage, Greg & Braden Gladysz, J. McLane, C. Riffe
3/30 at 3:00 PM Good Friday		Lauren DiBucci Paul Cianci Madison Pflieger	M. Holian R. Lewis M. Giardina P. McIntosh	Wm. Carr, S. Giardina, T. & K. Hoovler, J. & A. Pacifico
3/31 at 9:00 PM		Lily Thomas Gina Maloney Evan Cianci	L. Demarest C. Demarest J. Derrick E. Derrick D. Chase	P. Amato, C. Chase, M. Kosloski, R. Maloney, L. Miller, S. Thomas,
4/01 at 7:30 AM	Mike & Cindy Shusteric	Carmen Surano Kathy & Kasey Williams	B. Moore G. Soros	F. Bartnicki, W. Beh, T. & J. DiSalvo, P. Meehan, A. Lauffer
4/01 at 11:00 AM	Shawn & Jill Harpst	John Michael Yurisc Casey Resek Sarah DelMaramo	R. Woodley A. Leonard	V. Manganella, J. Runkle, R. & R. Soros, J. Turcic, D. Woodley
Coordinators:	Sharen Seiple 724-588-3852	Frank Luciani 724-588-1245	Mary Ann Marshall 724-588-1905	Marty Aubel 724-866-7432
SIGN IN!		GET A SUB	IF YOU	CANNOT SERVE!

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: Is 42:1-7; Ps 27:1-3, 13-14; Jn 12:1-11
- Tuesday: Is 49:1-6; Ps 71:1-6, 15, 17; Jn 13:21-33, 36-38
- Wednesday: Is 50:4-9a; Ps 69:8-10, 21-22, 31, 33-34;
Mt 26:14-25
- Thursday: Ex 12:1-8, 11-14; Ps 116:12-13, 15-16bc,
17-18; 1 Cor 11:23-26; Jn 13:1-15
- Friday: Is 52:13 — 53:12; Ps 31:2, 6, 12-13, 15-17, 25;
Heb 4:14-16; 5:7-9; Jn 18:1 — 19:42
- Saturday: a) Gn 1:1 — 2:2 [1:1, 26-31a]; Ps 104:1-2, 5-6,
10, 12, 13-14, 24, 35; or Ps 33:4-7, 12-13, 20-
22; b) Gn 22:1-18 [1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18]; Ps 16:
5, 8-11;
c) Ex 14:15 — 15:1; Ex 15:1-6, 17-18;
d) Is 54:5-14; Ps 30:2, 4-6, 11-13;
e) Is 55:1-11; Is 12:2-6;
f) Bar 3:9-15, 32 — 4:4; Ps 19:8-11;
g) Ez 36:16-17a, 18-28; Ps 42:3, 5; 43:3-4 or
Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 or Ps 51:12-15, 18-19;
h) Rom 6:3-11; i) Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Mk 16:1-7
- Sunday: Acts 10:34a, 37-43; Ps 118:1-2, 16-17, 22-23;
Col 3:1-4 or 1 Cor 5:6b-8; Jn 20:1-9
or Mk 16:1-7

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, Caiden Nottingham, Kathy Karwowski, Kimberly Hopf, Ed Palmer, Gail Hightree, Jim Woods, Michael D’Alfonso, Walt Kelly, Liz O’Neill, Linda Yancar, Carol Mick, Dorothy Steiner, Paul Clark, Gilda Hertel, Betsy Butler, Rita Stell, Amy Hatfield, Patrick Calvin, Michael Garnack, Ken Humphrey, Robert & Paul Chianese, 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, Antonia Patton, Paulette Farkas, Madison Griffin, Kathy Boyer, John Giffin, Candace McKee, Anna Weber, Sarah Kuhn, Stacey Moats, Ginie Morgan, Larry Kuhn, Nancy Carr, Addie Giangjordano, Sue Glosner, Bill Paxton, Helen McDonald, Marie Turner, LuAnn Miller, Larry Napolitan, Jim Ruffing.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

<u>DATE</u>	<u>INTENTION & DONOR</u>
March 15 - 31	Darla Prezioso Hellyer (Mother)
March 15—31	Toni McElhinny (Patti Strosser)
March 15 - 31 (St. Margaret)	Rev. James A. Hayes (McParland/Cianci Fam.)
March 15 - 31 (St. Margaret)	Gina Rock (McParland/Cianci Fam.)
May 1 - 15	Mike Flack (Jenny & Family)
May 1 - 15	Elizabeth Lutch (Brown Family)
May 1 - 15 (St. Margaret)	Marge Zarecky (Cianci/McParland Family)
May 15 - 31	Tom Gessler (Rose & Family)
May 15 - 31	Special Intention (Paul S.)

**Palm Sunday of the Passion of the Lord
March 25, 2018**

[Christ Jesus] humbled himself,
becoming obedient to the point of death,
even death on a cross.
— *Philippians 2:8*

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 _____