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NO ONE
KNOWS**

Saint Michael Parish

**THIRTY –
THIRD
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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**SUNDAY
NOVEMBER
17
2024**

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

INTENTION & DONOR

Nov 16-30 Dennis Durkos (Dan & Susan Wallace)
Nov 16-30 Mary Lou DiSalvo (Family)

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS DINNER REQUEST

One hundred boxes of scalloped potatoes are needed for the Christmas Dinner. Please drop off by November 30 in the Gathering Space of the Church.

KENTUCKY MISSION GIVING

A few ornaments remain for the Kentucky Mission project. Gifts should be wrapped. Please attach the ornament & name label to the gift. Gifts need to be returned by Dec. 2 to the Small Meeting Room.

STEWARDSHIP

Thirty-Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$15,893.56

CSA

Pledged: \$102,990

Paid: \$ 97,440

**THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR
PARISH!**

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of J. P Morgan and Dorothy Holiga. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Nov. 23/ 4:30 PM	Sandy Ohl	Patty Meehan LeeAnn Micsky	Mary Smart	Pat Shaughnessy	Krystal W. & Mason M.
Nov. 24 /8 AM	Bob Moore	Cindy Saulsbery Patti Hayes			Avery W. & Duncan M.
Nov. 24/ 11 AM	Bea DeCiancio	Marilyn Kosloski Doug Ruffing	Susan Swartzbeck	Natalie Serano	Ella & Lance P. Andrew H.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

THE WEEKDAY MASSES LISTED BELOW WILL
BE HELD AT THE CEMETERY CHAPEL AT 9 AM.
WEEKEND MASSES WILL BE AT THE CHURCH.

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 19

Mert Muscarella (Don Pacifico)

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 20

Elaine Rothstein (Robert Woodley)

THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
David Chase (Family)

FRIDAY, NOVEMBER 22

Saint Cecelia
Norma & Joseph Stark (Children)

OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST,
KING OF THE UNIVERSE
ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 23

4:30 PM Saint Michael Church

Deceased Members of the D'Alfonso Family (Family)

SUNDAY, NOVEMBER 24

***8:00 AM** Saint Margaret Mission*
For the People of the Parish

11:00 AM Saint Michael Church
Dolores Taylor (Melissa)

ADULT EDUCATION SESSION

Saint Michael Parish adult education series, "Jesus and the Eucharist" concludes the Fall Series Nov. 20. The program begins at 6:30 in the Large Meeting Room of the Church. Sign up is not required to attend. Come whether this is your first session or you made all the previous sessions. Next installment begins in January.

40 CLUB NOVEMBER 6TH WINNERS

\$100-Shirley D'Urso; \$100-S. J. Chason; \$50-Claire Walton.

UPCOMING EVENTS & ROOF WORK

The roof work continues. The front entrance to the Church will not be accessible during the week. If you have business at the office or are attending an evening group or picking up hosts for homebound visits, **you must enter the Church at the side door. Please ring the door bell and someone will answer. If there is a change to access for evening groups, the group coordinator will be notified.**

Nov. 20 Adult Education 6:30 PM.

Nov. 21 Men's Group at 6 AM.

Nov. 28 Thanksgiving Mass at 9 AM St. Michael.

No CONFESSIONS ON WEDNESDAY, Nov. 20, due to the roof work. Confessions will be heard Saturday, Nov. 23 from 3-4 PM, regular schedule.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Bullying is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.org. For additional resources visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection.

SAINT MICHAEL & SAINT MARGARET MENS FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Can one man make a difference in the world? Join us Thursday morning 21 November as we learn more about Father Kapun's story and how his example can help us with our faith and roles as leaders in our families, church, and community. There is no need to have attended previous sessions. The door opens to McElhinny hall by 6 AM, the video at 6:15, followed by group discussion and conclusion by 7:20. Light breakfast and refreshments provided. Contact Steve Kerch at stevekerch@yahoo.com for questions.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

In this month of November, as we contemplate on, and prepare for, the Last Things (Death, Judgement, Heaven, and Hell), it is good to take note of the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. It is a Sacrament that has sort of evolved in the Catholic mind over the last century, and it's helpful to take stock of what the Sacrament is -and is not – and how best to partake of it.

I think the biggest hurdle or hiccup in many of our minds is the change in terminology and recommended frequency of reception of the Sacrament. For a long time in our history, Catholics sought Last Rites when death was near, calling for the priest when someone was in danger of death. The Sacrament has broadened in a sense in the last several decades and the actual Sacrament has been distinguished from Last Rites. It's important to note that Last Rites is *not* the Sacrament, Anointing is. Let me repeat that, Last Rites is not equal to the Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. Last Rites are a set of prayers that accompany Anointing that often also includes Viaticum (the final reception of the Eucharist). Anointing of the Sick is the prayers and anointing with the Oil of the Infirm by the Priest. So, again, Last Rites is not synonymous with The Sacrament of Anointing of the Sick. This can be confusing because the timing of both The Sacrament & Last Rites were, for a long time, at the same time!

I draw this distinction because it is the mind and desire of the Church that Her children not only wait to the moment of death to receive *The Sacrament*. Anointing of the Sick is meant for the sick, not simply the dying. The Sacrament is here for us who are physically or emotionally ill, about to have surgery, and entering the final stages of life. At any point in your life you can receive the Sacrament, it is not a Sacrament just for the dying, so it does not stand to reason that we wait till the 11th hour to call for a priest to administer the Sacrament. It is a Sacrament that we partake in to help sustain us in this life, not only prepare for death. This is why if someone received Anointing & Communion on a Tuesday, and they are now suddenly near death on a Friday, there isn't a *necessity* for Last Rites. This is the gray area that does exist, for there isn't some hard way to quantify how many times, nor qualify when is most appropriate or necessary to receive The Sacrament. Receiving the Sacrament is important, but it's a risk to wait till the very end to call for the priest. In a way, it's the sheer scale of the diocese and Her priests. There are about 200,000 Catholics in our diocese, over 13 counties, being served by only 93 active priests! Just here in Mercer Co., we have only 7 pastors, in the entire county! (About a month ago, 5 of the 7 of us happened to out of town over the same two-day period. It's just bound to happen). So, to *only* wait till the moment of death for the call to the priest simply puts you and your loved one at risk of calling when Father is away, and the neighboring pastor, 20-30 minutes away, has his own slew of people he's caring for in his parish territory. To help mitigate this risk, I will plan to do an Anointing Mass twice a year – Easter time & Fall – moving into 2025 so there'll be two annual opportunities to have a large group receive the Sacrament.

It's worth noting, too, that Salvation does not hinge on a priest's availability to administer the Sacraments! Through no fault of Father and the family who called looking for a priest, sometimes it simply won't work out. That is unfortunate, but nothing about that impacts Salvation! PLEASE hear that, Father's unavailability at a given moment does not impede Salvation! Think about those regions of the world or epochs of history where a priest would come through maybe once a month to offer Mass and Sacraments. Those people were not in danger of damnation for not receiving the Eucharist weekly! We are simply in mission territory and missionary times, and we need to pray for and promote more vocations to the priesthood to bring more men into the fold to labor in the vineyard of our diocese. I hope that brings some clarity to the Sacrament and understanding the Church's desire that Her children partake of that Grace throughout life, not only near death.

Love
Fr. Brandon