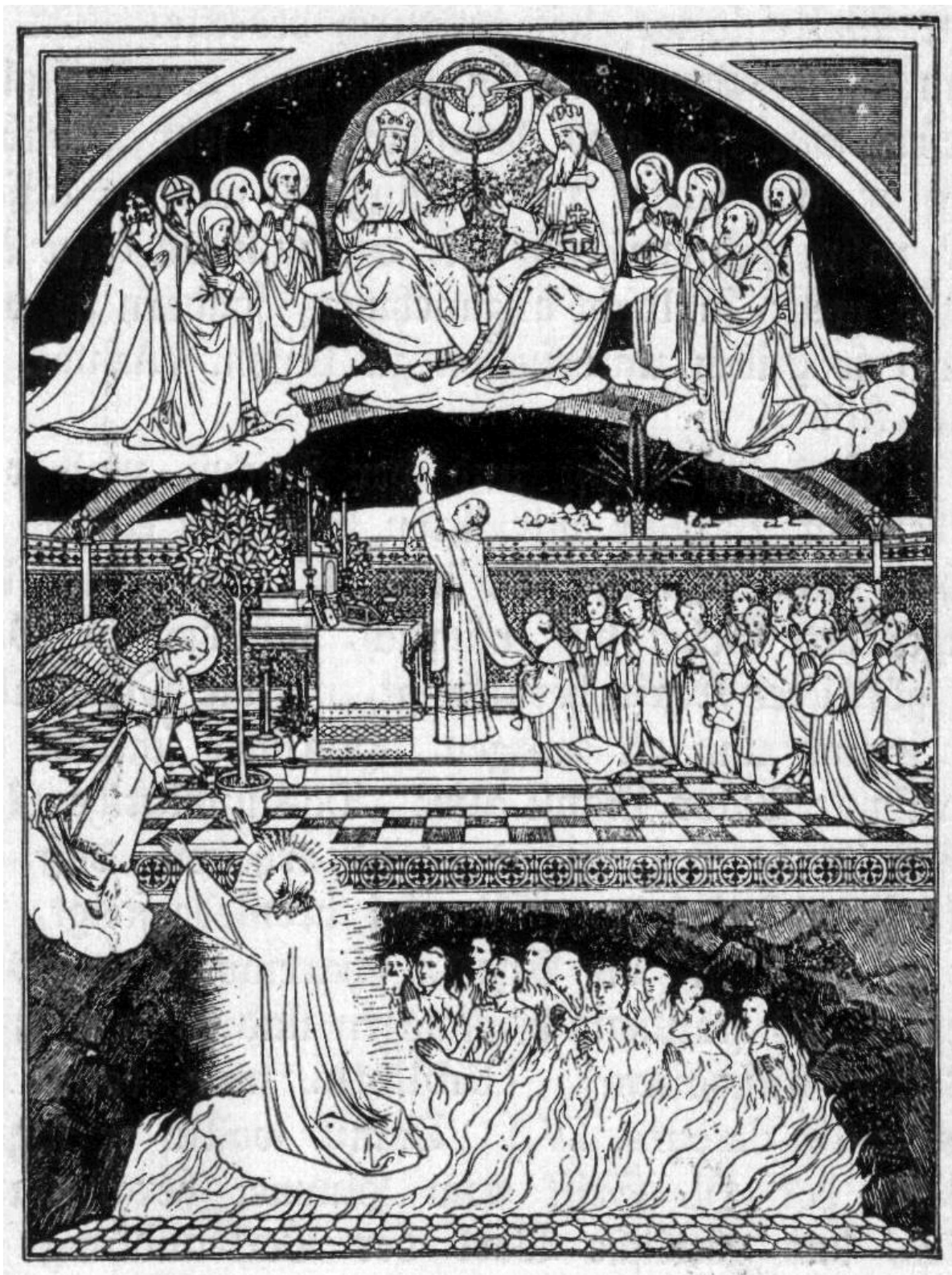




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	MASS TIMES Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>) First Saturday, 9:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>) Saturday, 4:30pm (<i>Saint Michael</i>) Sunday, 8:00am (<i>Saint Margaret</i>) Sunday, 11:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>)	
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BINGO MARATHON The Knights of Columbus is holding its annual bingo marathon on November 8, 2025. Doors open at Noon with games beginning at 2pm. We are looking for basket donations for the basket raffle. Please call Dot at 724-815-8864 for more information or to donate baskets. All profits are distriubuted to local charities.	ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9 AM Mass on Friday, November 7, 2025. Adoration concludes at Noon with Benediction.	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 4

Saint Charles Borromeo
Joey Bonaquist (Sarah Bonaquist)

Wednesday, November 5

Grace Meyer (Tom & Shirley Patton)

Thursday, November 6

Pauline Varga (Children)

Friday, November 7

Michael D. Allen (Jack & Ronda Erdesky)

DEDICATION OF THE LATERN BASILICA

Saturday, November 8

4:30 pm Robert Williams (Robin Lewis)

Sunday, November 9

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00am Charles & Agnes Dangrow
(Christine Hanna)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

November 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Deceased members of the
Bonaquist Family (Sarah Bonaquist)
Shawn Holzapfel (Mom & Dad)

November 1-15 (Saint Margaret)

Jack & Helen Meehan (Patty & Tom)

HOUSEKEEPER WANTED!



We are seeking a qualified individual to serve as Rectory Housekeeper. This is a part time position with flexible hours.

This individual would provide cleaning, laundry and housekeeping services for the pastor or visiting clergy/guests as required. Must have a valid drivers license. If interested please contact the Parish office.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 3: Season's of Hope 5:30.

November 4: Adult Education Series "Luke" @6:30pm.

November 6: Men's Fellowship Group
6am in McElhinny Hall.

November 7: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament.

November 8: Confessions 3-4 pm.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Session 4 of the Fall season of the Men's Fellowship group is Thursday, November 6. The door to McElhinny Hall opens before 6 AM. Video and discussion at 6:15. This session covers Chapters 7-9 of Luke. There is no need to have attended past sessions! For questions, call Steve Kerch at 440-228-5884.

UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

This Advent St. Michael church will be hosting a **Mass at Dawn or Rorate Caeli Mass**. The Mass will be at 6:50 am Wednesday mornings in Advent, (Dec 3rd, 10th, 17th). This will take place of the regularly scheduled 9am Mass.



Join Fr. Tom for this 6 session **Bible study** where we will delve deeper into the readings of Advent and Christmas as we await the coming of our savior.

Sessions will meet on Weds at 6pm starting on Dec 3rd. Please call the office to sign up!

A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

November is the month we as Catholics devote to remembering and praying for the Dead. We start on Nov. 1 by celebrating All Saint's Day, a holy day for all the saints (known and unknown) who have died and are in heaven.

On All Souls' Day, Nov. 2, we gather in cemeteries to light candles and pray not only for our beloved deceased, but for all who have died.

Throughout the rest of the month, we are encouraged to continue praying for souls in purgatory so that they can obtain heaven more quickly.



We do this because, "From the beginning the Church has honored the memory of the dead and offered prayers in suffrage for them, above all the Eucharistic sacrifice, so that, thus purified, they may attain the beatific vision of God." (Catechism of the Catholic Church 1032). When loved ones die, we grieve at being separated, but our faith gives us hope and assurance for them and we pray for their souls.

Some ways in which we can remember our loved ones who have gone before us is to write their names in the Book of Remembrance. Another way is to have a Mass offered in memory of that deceased loved one. Also to light a candle for them at any of the devotional areas in either church.

Since I am on the subject of lighting candles I would like to explain a little bit on why we as Catholics light votive candles. We light them to symbolize our prayers or devotion. The candle continues to burn for some days and signals the prayer and love of the person who lit it, long after they must go.

Biblically, the root of this practice is the notion of a "burnt offering." In the Old Testament, things of value (usually sacrificed animals) would be burned and thereby offered to God. The smoke was a symbol of the sacrifice of praise ascending to God.

We are making an offering to God of prayer and praise. The fire of the candle symbolizes ardent love.

The consuming of the candle symbolizes the offering of something of value to God: our time, our praise, our resources and so forth. The lingering quality of the candle symbolizes the fact that our prayers, praise, and concerns continue in our heart even when we must leave the church. The flickering light also seems to say "Remember me, Lord, remember my prayer and those for whom I pray."

So during this month of November let us make a conscience effort to remember all those who have gone on before us. May the souls of all the faithful departed rest in peace!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom