



Saint Michael Parish

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**FIRST
SUNDAY IN
LENT**

Saint Margaret, Parish's Mission Church
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**SUNDAY
MARCH 9,
2025**

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SANCTUARY CANDLES

STEWARDSHIP

Mar. 1-15 INTENTION & DONOR
St. Margaret Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)
Mar. 1-15 Sr. Barbara Regan (Stephanie & James
Hayes)

Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$14,980.02

CSA 2025
Pledged: \$54,795
Paid: \$26,100

40 CANS FOR LENT

The Knights of Columbus are again conducting the annual "40 Cans For Lent" program during the Lenten season. Please consider donating any canned goods (vegetables, soups, fruit, sauces, beans, peanut butter, tuna, chicken). Donations will be given to the Good Shepherd food-bank and to the Jamestown Food Pantry which is distributed at St. Margaret Mission.

Donations may be dropped off in the Gathering Area of either church.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

St. Michael Church: In memory of Paul Langiotti(\$25).

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of Jack Kalchthaler, Ann Angeline Augustine, and Joseph C. Bonaquist. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

Date / Mass	Lector	EMHC	Cantor	Accompanist	Altar Servers
Mar. 15/ 4:30 PM	Linda Hajtol	Mary Ann Marshall John Svirbly	Lily T.	Pat Shaughnessy	Maggie L. Krystal W.
Mar. 16/8:00 AM	Dawn Richter	Patti Hayes Patty Meehan	Cindy Saulsbery	Lisa Demarest	Avery W. Duncan M.
Mar. 16/11:00 AM	Susan Wallace	Marilyn Kosloski Doug Ruffing	Susan Swartzbeck	Natalie Serrano	Ava & Sophie M. Andrew H.

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, MARCH 11

Lenten Weekday

Priests Day of Recollection- No Mass

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 12

Lenten Weekday

Jack Kalchthaler (Jerry & JoAnn Chizmar)

THURSDAY, MARCH 13

Lenten Weekday

Theresa Scherrer (LouAnn Oatman)

FRIDAY, MARCH 14

Lenten Weekday

Patty Palko (Scott Liszka)

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

SATURDAY, MARCH 15

4:30 PM Saint Michael Church

For the People of the Parish

SUNDAY, MARCH 16

***8:00 AM** Saint Margaret Mission*

Janet Liszka (Tom & Shirley Patton)

11:00 AM Saint Michael Church

Bob Canady (Mark & Kate Cianci)

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar. 10 Passion Play Rehearsals 6 PM Lateran Hall.

Mar. 11 Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3 PM.

Mar. 12 Stations of the Cross begin at St. Margaret.

Mar. 13 Men's Group Meets beginning at 6 AM.

Mar. 14 Fish Fry begins at 4:00 PM.at the K. of C.

Mar. 14 Stations of the Cross at 7 PM at St. Michael.

See Confession Schedule for the daily times for Confession during Lent at the top right of this page.

40 CLUB WINNERS- FEBRUARY 24

\$100- Molly Walton; \$100-Katie Roe; \$50- Sandy Ohl.

HAZERDOUS CONDITIONS

The snow is on break so the south lot is open at this time. If the weather changes, the orange cones will be back in place. The cones signal use of the north lot only.

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE

Please note the weekly confession times for Lent:

Mondays **4:30 - 5:45 PM** (April 14 6:30 - 7:30PM due to Chrism Mass)

No Confession on March 11.

Wednesdays 8:00 - 9:00 PM

Thursdays 9:30 - 10:45 AM

Fridays 11:00 AM - 12:00 PM

Saturdays 3:00 - 4:00 PM (both Fr Ray and Fr. Brandon.

ST. MICHAEL/ST. MARGARET PARISH MEN's GROUP

Our Lenten program continues on Thursday with the video series titled "No Greater Love: A Biblical Walk Through Christ's Passion". Narrated by Dr. Edward Sri, the video examines Old Testament prophecies, messianic expectations, biblical symbolism, and historical context of this event. Join us at 6 AM in McElhinny Hall.- prior attendance is not required.

YOUNG AT HEART

Young at Heart is sponsoring a special St. Patrick Lunch as part of the 175th Celebration of St. Michael Parish. Everyone 50 or older is invited to the K. of C. at 11.30 AM on March 17 for corned beef and cabbage, entertainment, and Irish Music. RSVP to Deacon Frank at 724-854-1579 by **March 7th**.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Pledge to Heal: The Diocese of Erie remains committed to helping survivors of clergy sexual abuse heal and recover. The diocese will provide counseling assistance for those who have been abused by a member of the clergy. For more information, please contact Dr. Gerard Tobin, our Victim Assistance Coordinator, at 814-451-1521. *The diocese encourages anyone who has experienced abuse or misconduct by a member of the clergy or any employee or volunteer of the church to contact their local law enforcement. To report abuse to the independent investigators retained by the diocese, email ErieRCD@KLGates.com. Victims/survivors or concerned individuals can report abuse directly to the diocese by calling 814-451-1543.*

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

I will have taken a few days off this past week, meeting up with a friend of mine who is on spring break from the university where he teaches, so I am writing this early in the week, and still not yet in Lent. But, fast forward, and when we're reading this, we are in Lent! This weekend we pray through the Gospel passage of the 'Temptation in the Desert'. Each of the three Synoptic Gospels (Matthew, Mark, and Luke) give us unique perspectives of this scene – the scene that really is the genesis and template for our Lenten Season. One thing that strikes me among these differences is not just highlighted here in this week's Gospel, but among the totality of the Saint Luke's Gospel, and that is the role of The Holy Spirit. I mean, you could write volumes on this topic, but simply stated, Saint Luke's Gospel (as well as Acts of the Apostles, part two of his Gospel account) is in a lot of ways the story of the Holy Spirit's role in Salvation History. You could also think of "Luke-Acts" as the Gospel, or Book, of the Holy Spirit. Remember, Saint Luke gives us a privileged look into the life of Christ through eyewitnesses – probably among them, The Blessed Mother- and offers us the image of Jesus as Divine Physician; Jesus Most Merciful; Jesus, Friend of the Poor. These holy and merciful and filial attributes of Christ are guided by and offered to us through the power of The Holy Spirit. The Lord, in Luke's context, is not merely being affected by The Spirit – an external force for good - nor is He doing things simply in tandem with The Spirit, rather Our Lord is filled with the Holy Spirit and from what fills His Heart, The Lord acts and speaks! Who is the Holy Spirit and where do we find Him? Well, He is the public ministry of Jesus Christ; He is the work of the Church! I know that can sound vague and airy, but there is a lot to unpack there.

Unique to the Gospel of St Luke, the Holy Spirit 'fills' people: John the Baptist, and then he leapt in his mother's womb; Elizabeth, when she meets Mary; Zechariah, then prophesied the birth of his son and the his future heralding of the Messiah; Simeon, so that he would not die before he saw the Lord; and Jesus, upon His Baptism and being lead into the desert for forty days – His Lent! This being filled with Holy Spirit will, of course, culminate at Pentecost many weeks from now, but along the way, Saint Luke offers us glimpses of what Pentecost will be all about, and, by result, what the Church is all about! Without being too overt or unnatural about it, I would like to let the idea of the Holy Spirit, not just directing us, but filling us, be an overarching theme for our weekends of Lent this year. I have had a deeper desire to see the Holy Spirit more in the Scriptures and know Him more in my prayer, so I hope to prayerfully see Him and know Him through our Lenten Liturgies this year. Again, not forced or canned, but wherever my prayerful preparation leads each week, we will go there together. For me, having a running theme or focus for Seasons is often a aide for me in both my leadership of and participation in these holy days and weeks. So, I hope you don't mind.

Please remember that we begin Monday – Saturday confessions for Lent this week. The times are in the bulletin. Again, I want to stress that you take advantage of the entire Season. I pray you are fully engaging in and leaning into your Lents – if you ever need help with prayer – inside or outside of Lent – please let me know! I am always here to help.

Love
Fr. Brandon