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<div>MASS TIMES</div> <div><div>Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)</div><div>First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)</div><div>Saturday, 4:30pm (Saint Michael)</div><div>Sunday, 8:00am (Saint Margaret)</div><div>Sunday, 11:00am (Saint Michael)</div></div>		
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<div>SANCTUARY CANDLES</div> <div><div>July 1-15 (Saint Michael)</div><div>Shawn Holzapfel (Family)</div><div>Havidich Family (Carla Myers)</div><div>July 1-15 (Saint Margaret)</div><div>Carol Moore (Robert Moore)</div><div>Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)</div></div>	<div>REST IN PEACE</div> <div>Please pray for the repose of the soul of Marjorie McElhinny. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.</div>	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 1

Saint Juipero Serra
Dr. Robert Dreisbach (Helen Dreisbach)

Wednesday, July 2

Patricia Sherbondy (Husband)

Thursday, July 3

Saint Thomas
Isaiah John Perry (Anniv.) (Noni & Bop)

Friday, July 4

Independence Day
Jack Kalchthaler (Dan & Susan Wallace)

Saturday, July 5

Christine Giardina Davis
(Diane Suschek Formanski)

FOURTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, July 5

4:30pm For The People of the Parish

Sunday, July 6

8:00am Ed Marini (Rick & Terri Bachner)

11:00am Dennis Durkos (Debbie & Joe)

FIRST FRIDAY REMINDER

The Church will be closed on July 4th except for Morning Mass. Homebound visits will have to be scheduled for earlier in the week so that the hosts are delivered immediately as is the rule. Bulletins will be available on Thursday morning as usual.

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament will return August 1, 2025.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 1: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm.

July 2: Confessions - 8pm-8:30pm.

July 4: OFFICE CLOSED

July 5: Confessions 3pm-4pm.

July 6: Breakfast after the 8am Mass at Saint Margaret.

PASTORAL COUNCIL ELECTION RESULTS

I thank all of you for voting last weekend and for those who put their names forward as being interested in being on Parish Council. After counting the ballots, here are the top 8:

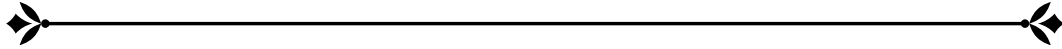
Brian Arthur
Steve Kerch
Sue Lauffer
Mary Jo Lipani
Kelli Mayer
Kloe Soros
Susan Wallace
Emily Zgonc

I will be reaching out and setting up our first meeting.

For the others who were nominated, I appreciate your desire and openness to serve our parish in this capacity. As I begin the new Council, I will be looking for even more to help and be involved with parish leadership and vision.

To all who participated, thank you!

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON



I wanted to use this space to try and explain a non-historical, non-traditional, non-apostolic, non-patristic, non- first 19 centuries teaching that is out there among most Evangelicals, and I would suspect many Catholic minds - out of a sense of duty more than conviction. This idea is called Dispensationalism, and a close overlap of many of the same concepts is Christian Zionism. I introduce all this because in the global conversation right now there is much attention to and conversation over the conflict between Israel and Iran, and since the US entered the conversation, it percolated a false and made-up theology that many in US politics and media house. It was really brought under scrutiny in a recent interview with Sen Ted Cruz with Tucker Carlson. *(Note - this is not about politics! I don't care about anyone's politics! I can't think of many things less interesting than someone's adherence to a political party...like, get a hobby or a prayer life!)* This isn't about the war, the politics, Mr Carlson or Sen Cruz - it's about a false teaching that many Americans assume is true. Ok - what is this?

In short, Dispensationalists - and their cousin ideology of Christian Zionism - holds that the political body we call the Nation of Israel, formed in 1948, is divinely anointed and set apart and needs to be strong and free for the purpose of being the stage for a series of events that are, to be honest, really confusing and perplexing to follow and understand...because it's not at all part of The Tradition - it's grossly anti-Catholic and anti-Sacramental, and just plain strange! A Protestant scholar named James Nelson Darby, in the 1830s, created a system of time called dispensations in which God acts within. Salvation unfolds through a series of dispensations, and those were put on hold with the destruction of the Temple in 70AD. In 1948, with the Nation of Israel having been created, we could say the clock began ticking again. Now we are in a period where a strong and free Israel will be the scene of a New Jerusalem, a Rapture, a 1,000 Rule of Christ, Tribulations, anti-Christ, and the final judgement and...I don't know what else! It's really fantastical! That popular series, "Left Behind" was a Dispensational literary series. This umbrella of thought introduces ideas of millennialism, rapture, tribulation, Israel v Church, and other things I just don't really care to waste my time with.

Like I said, this has nothing at all to do with your politics and who you think the US ought to ally with and war with - I couldn't care less, it's not the point of this. In that interview with Mr Carlson, Sen Cruz said that he supports the nation of Israel because it 'instructs him to do so in the Bible'. No, it doesn't. It is the position of Catholics, Orthodox, mainline Protestants - historical Christianity - that **Israel is fulfilled in The Church**. In Christ, there is no Greek or Jew, slave or free person; we are all one in Christ Jesus! From the time of the Apostles to 1830, no Christian spoke of nor understood a political country was set apart from the Church for a separate destiny and that the Church Herself was insufficient. I hope you can see from just this very short snippet how anti-Liturgical and anti - Sacramental this is! It's not the Church that saves, not the Sacraments that impart Grace, not the foundation of the Apostles we are built upon...we are just insufficient in ourselves and we need the Israeli army to win wars so we can be saved...umm...you see how crazy and anti-everything we believe in that is! But, because of the rise and presence of so many Evangelicals in politics, this idea has obviously shaped foreign policy -and skewed the minds of politicians.

I just wanted to briefly address this because that interview made a lot of headlines, and I really feel this is something many Catholics fall into - not out of conviction, but out of a sense of feeling bad for the Jewish people with the history they have endured and assume that it's the moral thing to equate the nation of Israel with the Jews...very very different. A very complicated political history , and I think an even more so a hard and convoluted home spun theology here, too, just makes this such a hot button issue. But if you take a step back, you realize you can love all people, think for yourself, and not be guilted into anything by heretics and politics!

Love,
Father Brandon