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Saint Michael Parish

**TWENTIETH
SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY
TIME**

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**SUNDAY
AUGUST 18
2024**

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UPCOMING EVENTS

STEWARDSHIP

Aug. 20 Divine Mercy Chaplet 3 PM.
Aug. 24 Franciscan Works Speaker all 3 Masses.
Aug. 27 Beep Beep Bingo 5:30 PM.

Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time
\$23,285.10
CSA
Pledged: \$101,890
Paid: \$91,075

Confessions are heard on Wednesdays from 8-8:30 PM and Saturdays from 3-4 PM.

**THANK YOU FOR THE GENEROSITY YOU SHOW TO
OUR PARISH!**

TYLER'S ADDRESS

REST IN PEACE

Tyler Smart is at St. Mary's Seminary to begin his seminary formation. Cards of encouragement may be sent to: Tyler Smart, c/o St. Mary's Provincial House, 5408 Roland Ave., Baltimore, MD 21210.

Please pray for the souls of Mert Muscarella and Theresa Webber who died this week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

| Date / Mass | Lector | EMHC | Cantor | Accompanist | Altar Servers |
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| Aug. 24/4:30 PM | Charlie Demarest | Sandy Ohl John Svirbly | Bob Hutchinson | Lisa Demarest | Krystal W. & Mason M. |
| Aug. 25/8 AM | Cindy Saulsberry | Gabby Saulsbery Patty Meehan | | | John & Gab G. |
| Aug. 25/11 AM | Susan Wallace | Bea DeCiancio Marilyn Kosloski | Lily T. | Natalie Serrano | Ava & Sophie M. |

MASSES FOR THE WEEK

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

TUESDAY, AUGUST 20

Saint Bernard
Debbie Chess (Uncle Benny & Aunt Bonnie)

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 21

Saint Pius X
Cecelia Kettering (Family)

THURSDAY, AUGUST 22

Queenship of the Blessed Virgin Mary
Deceased Members of the Kuta & Manganello Families
(Family)

FRIDAY, AUGUST 23

Saint Rose of Lima
Pam Cianci (Cianci Family)

TWENTY-FIRST SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

SATURDAY, AUGUST 24

4:30 PM *Saint Michael Church*
Florence & Benedict Schwartz (Tom & Shirley Patton)

SUNDAY, AUGUST 25

***8:00 AM** *Saint Margaret Mission**
64th Wedding Anniversary of Robert & Carol Moore

11:00 AM *Saint Michael Church*
For the People of the Parish

40 CLUB

The Forty Club benefits St Michael School. Tickets are available now for 2024-2025 by contacting one of the ticket sellers:

Wes Bates: 724-699-6255
Walter Beh: 724-588-3108
Natalie Higbee: 724-699-9021
Mark Holian: 724-932-5937
Fran Krachkowski: 724-588-3749
Roseanne McConnell: 724-588-3254
Judy McKay: 724-456-5654
Charles Stepp: 724-588-2127

AUGUST 7TH WINNERS

\$100-Daniel Mowery; \$100-Richie Kalchthaler; \$50-Annie Keller.

SANCTUARY CANDLES INTENTION & DONOR

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| Aug 16-31 | Fr. Christopher Barnes (Tom & Patty) |
| Aug 16-31 | Judy Kalchthaler (Benny & Bonnie & Family) |
| Sept 1-15 | Vincent Cardamon (Mary Jo Lipani) |
| Sept 1-15 | Cecelia Kettering (Family) |
| Sept 16-30 | Debbie Chess (Benny & Bonnie & Family) |
| Sept 16-30 | Cecelia Kettering (Family) |
| Sept 16-30 | Edward & Helen Novak (Holian Family) |
| St. Margaret | |

SPECIAL COLLECTION FOR FRANCISCAN WORKS AND LIBERIA MISSION

Franciscan Works is a Chicago-based Catholic nonprofit that provides financial and operational support to Liberia Mission, a community of love, learning, and prayer for poor and orphaned children in Liberia, West Africa. Liberia Mission provides a quality Catholic education for over 470 students, a loving home on the Mission for 30 residential children, and job-skills training opportunities. A representative from the Franciscan Works will be visiting the weekend of August 24/25. Please consider supporting their mission in the special collection.

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL

School will be starting at SMS on September 3. If you haven't registered your child, now is the time. Educating mind, body and soul, St. Michael is the school for your child. Call 724-588-7050 to register or arrange a tour.

Please remember our students and faculty in your prayers as we continue to provide a Catholic Education for the 2024-2025 school year.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

Before I left for my retreat, I ran out of time to thank Ms. Emily Zgonc for her 4 years as Principal of Saint Michael School. Emily brought such a tremendous heart for students and for Catholic Education in a way that I have never experienced! As a parish priest and pastor, I have worked now with five principals over twelve years at three different schools. I can truthfully say that none of them – for all their gifts, talents, and passion for students and Catholic Education – have had a heart and fiery passion for our schools like Ms. Zgonc. None of them! It was a joy to work alongside her as a teammate in making our school thrive in its mission of providing a Catholic Education for any student who came to us looking for the opportunity. The challenges of leading and growing SMS are many, and have been and are unique, but so has been the heart and passion of Ms. Zgonc! She is such a unique minister in this ministry and loves students with pure genuineness. I don't think it's lost on anyone what she brought to SMS throughout these years. I could not have done what I have done without her, and I am truly grateful for what she has helped me accomplish here! I am nothing but pleased and grateful to have had the time to work alongside her in this amazing ministry and mission of fighting to keep these Catholic Schools alive and viable for all children for ages to come! Please know that I have nothing but admiration and respect for Emily. Though, at the direction of the Diocese, the school is moving in another direction with other curriculum, her years of service and devotion to our school and her many students over the years will continue to bear fruit!

Faith Formation is moving forward with tremendous speed and progress as that takes on new leadership under Chris & Meg Straub and Jaimie Knicely. I thank Deacon Frank, too, for working closely with them while I was away on retreat. I am pleased and grateful for all the work they have been putting into the coming year of Faith Formation.

Only six times, over the course of a three-year Sunday Cycle and a two-year Weekday Cycle, does the Book of Proverbs ever appear in our Catholic Lectionary. I often praise our Lectionary, and I indeed love it over what the Church had for so many years, but there is a disappointing scarcity of certain books, and Proverbs is among them. Proverbs falls under the category or genre of The Wisdom Books of the Bible. The Wisdom Books (Proverbs, Job, Psalms, Ecclesiastes, Song of Songs, Wisdom, and Sirach) probe at the same questions that you and I still ponder about. The authors of those varied books employ genres and literary tools such as poetry, aphorisms, songs, and dialogue to get at and grasp life's -and God's – deeper truths and realities. These books are hands down my favorite and ones I find myself going back to time and time again. Proverbs, in particular, is popular among many for both its readability and relevance, but also because it can conveniently be incorporated into a daily reading plan of the Bible. I cannot emphasize enough how imperative and crucial daily exposure to Scripture is to our spiritual life and health. No, Scripture is not just for the clergy and academics, nor just for Protestants who have an amazing proficiency in The Word. The Holy Word of God is for all of us and all of us need to be feeding ourselves with Its sweetness, daily. Going back to Proverbs, it is a book with 31 easily read and digestible chapters. Many people will read a chapter a day and, loosely, read the book through on a monthly basis, almost reading it a dozen times over the course of a year. I can't recommend enough how helpful it is to find tricks like that to help build and incorporate a reading plan. Calculate chapters and find a rhythm that works. Maybe tally up the number of chapters in the Wisdom Books (163 without Psalms!) and see how many chapters a day you need to read to read them through in a month (5-7 depending on the month). Or maybe you read one chapter a day, along with a Psalm, and you can read through all of Wisdom with Psalms more than twice over the year at a less aggressive pace. There are so many ways, tricks, and methods to employ...just play around and employ *something* that works for you and your life and the time you can commit! There is a huge sense of accomplishment when you have read through a book or a section of the Bible! Just stay the course and experience the sweet joy of The Word!

*Love,
Fr. Brandon*