

St. Michael Byzantine Catholic Church
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Holy Mystery of Reconciliation Saturdays 3:30 p.m., holydays, or by appt.
Holy Mysteries of Initiation Contact the church office.
Holy Mystery of Anointing Ask prior to surgery or serious illness.
Holy Mystery of Marriage Contact the church office at least 8 months prior to wedding.
Religious Education Classes Sundays at 10:15 a.m.
GCU See Bill Dzurisko.
St. Michael's Activity & Recreation Team (SMART) Everyone encouraged to help out.
Bethany Ministry Ministry to the sick; see Joan Walker for info.
St. Michael's Social Center Call parish office for rentals.
St. Michael's Cemetery, 2296 Longview Rd., Hermitage Steve Sherman II, manager.
Your Will Please be so kind as to remember St. Michael's in your last will and testament. Secure our future.

WEEKEND LITURGIES: Sat eve: 4:00 p.m. Sun: 9:00 a.m. **HOLYDAYS:** 10:00 a.m.

Prayer is Answering the Word of God

Isidore said:

'Anyone who wants to be always united to God must pray often and read the Bible often. For in prayer it is we who are speaking to God, but in the readings it is God speaking to us.'

'All spiritual progress is based on reading and meditation. What we do not know, we learn in the reading; what we have learned, we preserve by meditation. Reading the Bible provides us with a two-fold advantage. It instructs our minds, and introduces us to the love of God by taking our attention off vanities.'

'None can understand the meaning of the Bible if they do not acquire familiarity with it through the habit of Bible reading.'

Augustine said:

'Nourish your soul with Bible reading. It will prepare a spiritual feast for you.'

Jerome said:

'Anyone who is assiduous in reading the Word of God becomes weary while reading, but afterwards is happy because the bitter seeds of the reading produce sweet fruits in the soul.'

'Let us study while we are on earth that Reality which will stay in our minds also when we are in heaven.'

Defensor Grammaticus (ca. 7th century)



NINETEENTH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST



Icon of the Holy Prophet Joel -- October 19th

Glory to Jesus Christ!
Glory Forever!
Slava Isusu Christu!
Slava Na Viki!



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St. Michael
the Archangel
BYZANTINE
Catholic Church
founded 1905
Hermitage, Pennsylvania



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SAT., OCT 18
4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)
+Irene Stemock
(remembrance of 97th birthday 10.19)



requested by: Son: Jimmy

SUN., OCT 19
9:00 a.m.

THE 19TH SUNDAY AFTER PENTECOST
+Mary Miller
requested by: +Lucy Mallick



Home Traveling Vocation Icon Participants for October 19-25:
Joe & Melissa Fry

MON., OCT 20 -
FRI., OCT 24

No divine services scheduled



SAT., OCT 25
4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) – Fr. Ian McElrath, celebrant
+Pauline Lazor
(remembrance of 105th birthday 10.21)
requested by: Daughter: Stephanie Longstreet

SUN., OCT 26
9:00 a.m.

THE SUNDAY OF CHRIST THE KING
+John C. Tomko
(30th anniversary of passing 10.18)
requested by: Randy & Patty Tomko



The Sanctuary Candle
for this week of:

October 19 – 25, 2025

signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is

In Loving Memory of

+JOHN & +MINNIE VASIL
(remembrance of their 67th wedding anniversary October 25)

From: Valerie & Steve Barber



The Mother Of God
Candle for this week of:

October 19 – 25, 2025

signifying her Intercession is for

Health & God's Blessings for
BOB & MARY ANN
POLOCHAK

(celebrating their 63rd wedding anniversary October 20)



Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery *updated: October 17, 2025*

RESIDING AT HOME – Dan Huscroft, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Hank & Anne Pajak, Mary Ann Polochak, George Sewecke, Irene Shaffer, Ethel Wahal, Frank Wahal.

Cleveland VA Medical Center (10701 E. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106) – David Chesmar Jr.

The Lakes At Jefferson (7271 West Market St., Mercer, PA 16137) – Michael Kennis.

Avalon Springs Place (745 Greenville Rd., Mercer, PA 16137) – Dolores Vasil.

Ridgecrest At Cranberry Woods (3020 Fairport Ln., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066) – Richard Will.

St. Paul Homes (339 East Jamestown Rd., Greenville, PA 16125) – Lillian Sulick.

The Ridgewood at Shenango Valley (1 Elston Way, Hermitage, PA 16148) – Katherine Asafaylo.

Offerings from Oct. 11 & 12, 2025

Sunday Offering.... \$1,800.00

Candles.... \$307.75

Holydays.... \$25.00

TOTAL: \$2,132.75

Restoration

Pledged \$149,415

Deposited \$133,233

Pledges 68

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

Date	Collection	Required	(Shortage) Overage
Oct. 12	\$2,133	\$4,500	(\$2,367)
YTD	\$144,906	\$184,500	(\$39,594)

Church Attendance

Saturday 10/11 – 55 (4:00 pm)

Sunday 10/12 – 62 (9:00 am)

Quote of the Week

"We are not asked merely to call ourselves Christians; we are asked to be Christians through our deeds."

- St. Ignatius of Antioch



Halloween Costumes

P	O	X	Z	L	T	W	X	L	S	K	E	L	E	T	O	N
Y	C	U	S	O	V	H	I	R	X	H	X	Z	U	U	M	T
M	M	P	B	W	X	V	D	Z	V	A	M	P	I	R	E	X
M	E	O	L	Z	E	F	Z	P	A	C	O	W	B	O	Y	G
U	R	V	Q	D	A	W	R	Q	K	R	N	E	S	W	S	T
M	M	S	T	I	Y	I	G	H	F	A	D	X	W	J	M	Q
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F	I	Y	U	C	W	U	B	E	I	Y	R	R	I	U	G	A
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A	G	R	P	U	S	E	O	R	E	H	R	E	P	U	S	C
N	U	H	S	A	N	D	J	R	L	M	N	I	N	J	A	T
Z	C	L	O	W	N	I	Z	O	M	B	I	E	A	R	D	I
Q	H	F	Y	S	R	P	M	S	C	A	R	E	C	R	O	W
M	D	T	Z	K	T	S	A	A	B	E	C	D	C	C	F	Q

ANGEL	MUMMY	SCARECROW
CLOWN	NINJA	SKELETON
COWBOY	NURSE	SPIDER
DEVIL	PIRATE	SUPERHERO
FAIRY	POLICEMAN	VAMPIRE
FIREMAN	PRINCESS	WITCH
GHOST	PUMPKIN	WIZARD
MERMAID	ROBOT	ZOMBIE



Some Parish Statistics

Every year, I have to send information about our Parish to what's known as "The Catholic Directory." The Catholic Directory is an annual publication that provides comprehensive information on the Catholic Church, most notably the Official Catholic Directory (OCD) for the United States. It serves as an authoritative resource for contact information and lists details for clergy, parishes, diocesan offices, and various Catholic organizations like schools and hospitals. These directories are crucial for official use, helping to verify non-profit status, facilitating communication among church members, and providing statistical data for analysis.

I have to send in several statistics, such as baptisms per year, funerals per year, marriages per year, number in our ECF program, etc. Below is some current statistical information of our parish.

As of October 1, 2025, our St. Michael Parish, Hermitage, has:

119 households who are registered at our church and are mailed out contribution envelopes. When it comes to attending Sunday Divine Liturgy (or Saturday vigil) at our church, out of the 119 households:

- 60 households are weekly attendees *(at least one or more from the household)*
- 8 households attend one weekend a month *(at least one or more from the household)*
- 4 households have attended once within the last 6 months *(at least one or more from the household)*
- 47 households have not attended in over 1 year or longer

Within this year of 2025 thus far, our St. Michael Parish, Hermitage, has had:

- 4 Baptisms (Sacraments of Initiation)
- 2 First Confessions & Solemn Communions
- 0 Marriages
- 7 Funerals of registered parishioners

Fr. Kevin

120th Ann & Patronal Feast 3 weeks away - RSVP's due by next Sunday

--Invitations should've been received by ALL registered households. Send back the RSVP for the dinner along with your payment of \$30 per adult (kids under 12 are free) by next Sunday, October 26th. The dinner will be held at the Corinthian Event Center, Sharon, beginning at 4:00 p.m.

--If you did not get an invitation, please let Father know immediately. Also, if you know of someone who would really like one, let Father know NOW.

--The only Liturgy that weekend will be held on Sunday, November 9th at 2:00 p.m. There will be NO Saturday evening or Sunday morning Liturgies this weekend only.

--Volunteers are needed to help with set-up of the Church and The Corinthian. There is a sign-up list in the narthex.

Iconography workshop soon here



Our Saint Michael Church will sponsor an iconography workshop at the beginner's level for adults the **October 31st-November 2nd**. You will write an icon of our Lady of Sorrows on an 8 X 10 gesso covered board. Using a pre-prepared prototype, you will learn techniques for faces, garments, gilding and background. The theology of iconography will also be presented. The class will be Friday 3:00 – 9:00, all day Saturday and Sunday, after Liturgy until finishing. You must be able to attend all three days to have a completed icon. There will be the opportunity to attend Liturgy Sunday morning at 9:00 a.m. The cost of \$155.00 will cover all supplies: an 8 X 12 gesso board, paints, brushes, gold leaf, polyurethane and miscellaneous supplies. Pastries, coffee and tea will be provided on Saturday and Sunday morning. Lunch will not be provided. A deposit of a check for \$25.00 made out to Saint Michael Byzantine Catholic Church is required and the class will be limited to 20 people. For further information, call Marylyn Barone at 412-678-9453 or email her at mwbarone@comcast.net.

Two parish community holiday projects begin

(1) Food drive collection

Our St. Michael Church will have a food drive of non perishable foods and personal items for the Second Harvest Food Bank. Second Harvest Food Bank's mission is to solicit, store, and distribute food to hunger-relief organizations in neighboring Counties; and to provide education and advocacy. They believe that no one should go hungry, and they are dedicated to building a community food pantry that is accessible to all people. You may place items in the proper bins in the narthex of the church.

(2) Toys for Tots

Our St. Michael Church, will once again this year begin a "Toys For Tots" drive. Through the gift of a new toy or book, Marine Toys for Tots programs bring the joy of Christmas and send a message of hope to America's disadvantaged children. You may bring an unwrapped new toy or book and place it in the cardboard box to donate to this cause. All donations will be picked up December 1st.



Parishioner falls asleep in the Lord

+RICHARD J. MARKOVICH, 82, of Vienna, fell asleep in the Lord on Saturday, October 11, 2025. There will be a Memorial Divine Liturgy for +Richard at our St. Michael Church on Sunday, November 2, 2025 at 4:30 p.m. May God grant to His departed servant, +Richard, blessed repose and eternal memory, *vicnaja jemu pamjat*.



Welcome new altar server

Our St. Michael Church welcomes RAFAEL GIBBONS to the ministry of being an altar server. Thank you Rafael for your willingness in doing this important ministry. May God grant to His servant, Rafael, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, *na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!*

S.M.A.R.T. meeting on Wednesday

A brief SMART meeting will be held on **Wednesday, October 22nd at 5:30 p.m.** in the church narthex kitchen area.

Seminary benefit dinner

The 68th Annual St. Nicholas Celebration is **Sunday, December 7th** at the Cathedral of St. John the Baptist, Munhall, PA. If you would like to attend this year, please let Bill Dzuricko know. Father is sponsoring 10 tickets, so 10 parishioners may attend.



Trick or Treat Hermitage hours

The time for Trick or Treat in Hermitage is 5:00 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. on Friday, October 31st.

Get your kids
in church.

Not just when it's convenient.

Not just on holidays.

Not just when life is a mess.

Get them in consistently.

One day, they'll need
what you planted.

Don't wait. Start now.