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The Shepherd's Family

The mark of Christ's sheep is their willingness to hear and obey, just as the sign of those who are not His is their disobedience. We take the word "hear" to imply obedience to what has been said. People who hear God are known by Him. No one is entirely unknown by God, but to be known in this way is to become his kin. Thus, when Christ says, "I know mine," He means, "I will receive them, and give them permanent mystical kinship with Me."

It might be said that inasmuch as He has become man, He has made all human beings His kin, since all are members of the same race; we are all united to Christ in a mystical relationship because of His incarnation. Yet those who do not preserve the likeness of His holiness are alienated from Him. "My sheep follow me," says Christ. By a certain God-given grace, believers follow in the footsteps of Christ. No longer subject to the shadows of the law, they obey the commands of Christ, and guided by His words

rise in grace to His own dignity, for they are called children of God. When Christ ascends into heaven, they also follow Him.

Christ promises His followers as a recompense and reward eternal life, exemption from death and corruption, and from the torments the judge inflicts upon transgressors. By giving life Christ shows that by nature He is life. He does not receive it from another, but supplies it from His own resources. And by eternal life we understand not only length of days which all, both good and bad, shall possess after the resurrection, but also the passing of those days in peace and joy.

We may also see in the word "life" a reference to the Eucharist, by means of which Christ implants in believers His own life through their sharing in His flesh.

St. Cyril of Alexandria

**SUNDAY OF THE FATHERS OF THE
 SEVENTH ECUMENICAL COUNCIL**



Icon of Saints Philip, Theophan, and Zena -- October 11th

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

St. Michael the Archangel Byzantine Catholic Church



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SAT., OCT 10

4:00 p.m.

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy)

+Martha Anne Chovan Kelley requested by: Sister: MaryAnne Bajorek
(5th anniversary of passing 10.13)



SUN., OCT 11

9:00 a.m.

The Sunday of the Fathers of the Seventh

Ecumenical Council — Pastor Appreciation Sunday

+Mary Elizabeth Liscio requested by: Liscio Children:
(remembrance of 83rd birthday 10.12) Becky, Mike, Chris



**Mon., Oct 12 -
Fri., Oct 16**

No services scheduled this week

SAT., OCT 17

1:00 p.m.



Wedding Ceremony & Nuptial Divine Liturgy Of:
Nathaniel Dowell & Alessandra Montanez

(Vigil Sunday Divine Liturgy) Fr. Ian McElrath, Celebrant

+Agustin Herrle requested by: Grandparents: Bob & Sherry Marriotti
(born into heaven 5.15.26)

SUN., OCT 18

9:00 a.m.

The Twenty-First Sunday After Pentecost

+John C. Tomko requested by: Subdeacon Randy & Patty
(31st anniversary of passing today)



**The Sanctuary Candle for
October 11 – 17, 2026**
signifying the Real Presence of our Lord is



**In Loving Memory of
+KATHLEEN MARCEAU**
(9th anniversary of passing October 12)

By: The Marceau & Gibbons Families

**The Theotokos Candle for
October 11 – 17, 2026**
signifying her Intercession is for



**Health & God's Blessings For
GINNY & MATTHEW WOJCIK**
(Celebrating their 10th wedding ann. October 17)

By: Dawnya Marceau

Pray For Our Homebound, Sick, Hospitalized, & In Recovery updated: October 9, 2026

RESIDING AT HOME – Charlotte Bruce, Robert Druga, Jo Ann Kessler, Greta Marks, Judy McBride, Mary Ann Polochak,
Martha Stambaugh, Carolyn & Bill Vasko, Ethel Wahal, Joan Walker.
Cleveland VA Medical Center (10701 E. Blvd., Cleveland, OH 44106) – David Chesmar Jr.
Avalon Springs Place (745 Greenville Rd., Mercer, PA 16137) – Dolores Vasil.
Ridgecrest At Cranberry Woods (3020 Fairport Ln., Cranberry Twp., PA 16066) – J. Richard Will.
Liberty Arms Assisted Living (1353 Churchill-Hubbard Rd., Youngstown, OH 44505) – Anne Pajak.
St. Paul's (339 East Jamestown Rd., Greenville, PA 16125) – John Schaner.

Offerings from October 3 & 4, 2026

Sunday Offering.... \$4,055.00

Loose Currency.... \$98.00

Candles.... \$148.00

Holyday (Oct. 1).... \$305.00

TOTAL: \$4,606.00

Weekly Requirement to Meet Yearly Expenses

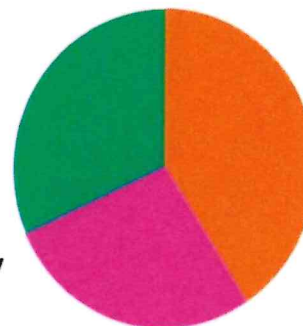
Date	Collection	Required	Overage (Shortage)
Oct. 4	\$4,606	\$4,100	\$506
YTD	\$140,985	\$164,000	(\$23,015)

Restoration

Pledged \$205,360
Deposited \$196,940
Pledges 69

Benefits of being a pastor

- Great Pay
- Lots of time off
- Everyone is always happy with you



Church Attendance

Saturday 10/3 – **65** (4:00 pm)

Sunday 10/4 – **60** (9:00 am)

Quote of the Week

“Life starts all over again when it gets crisp in the fall.”

— F. Scott Fitzgerald

Pumpkin Patch

Word Find

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5 major intercessions by the Theotokos



The Siege of Constantinople (626 AD) — Saved the Capital of Christendom

When a massive alliance of Avar and Persian forces besieged Constantinople by land and sea, the situation appeared hopeless. The city's patriarch, St. Germanus, led the faithful in daily processions around the city walls carrying a venerated image of Mary. A sudden, violent storm tore through the invading fleet, scattering the enemy and forcing them to abandon the siege.

The Battle of Lepanto (1571) — Saved Christian Europe

As the expanding Ottoman Empire threatened to invade and conquer mainland Europe, Pope St. Pius V formed a defensive coalition known as the Holy League. Outnumbered, the Pope ordered all of Rome's churches to remain open day and night and commanded Catholics across Europe to pray the Rosary. On October 7, 1571, the Christian fleet won a stunning, unexpected naval victory against the Ottomans after the wind miraculously shifted 180 degrees in their favor.

The Siege of Jasna Góra (1655) — Saved Poland

During a period known as "The Deluge," the Protestant Swedish Empire invaded Poland, capturing nearly the entire country. A tiny garrison of roughly 70 monks and 180 volunteers at the Jasna Góra Monastery—home to the Our Lady of Częstochowa icon—stood against a Swedish siege force of several thousand soldiers. The monks credit a series of miraculous fog coverings and altered bullet paths to Mary's protection. The monastery held out, inspiring the entire nation to rise up and successfully repel the invaders.

The Battle of Vienna (1683) — Defended Central Europe

Over 100,000 Ottoman troops laid siege to Vienna, the gateway to Central Europe. Polish King John III Sobieski marched to the city's rescue, placing his entire army under the protection of the Blessed Virgin. Sobieski launched the largest cavalry charge in history, completely shattering the Ottoman lines and liberating the city. Upon entering Vienna, Sobieski famously declared, "*We came, we saw, but God conquered.*"

The Battle of New Orleans (1815) — Saved the American South

During the War of 1812, a vastly superior British force marched on New Orleans. On the eve and morning of the battle (January 8, 1815), the citizens and Ursuline nuns spent the entire night on their knees praying before a statue of Our Lady of Prompt Succor ("Quick Help"). During the Liturgy, a courier burst in to announce that General Andrew Jackson's vastly outnumbered forces had achieved an impossible, decisive victory in less than half an hour. General Jackson himself went to the convent to personally thank the nuns for their prayers.

Pastor Appreciation Day today



Pastor Appreciation Day began with the establishment of Clergy Appreciation Month. In Timothy 1 (5:17), St. Paul began the concept of clergy appreciation when he stated that the elders of the church are worthy of a double honor. He reiterated this idea in Thessalonians 1 (5: 12-13) when he stated that those who work hard among you should be held in the highest regard for their work. This idea became Clergy Appreciation Month in 1992, established by pastors and religious workers. Eventually, Pastor Appreciation Day would form out of the second Sunday in October.

Celebrating the 7th Ecumenical Council today

The Seventh Ecumenical Council was held in Nicea September 24-October 23, 787. It was the Second Ecumenical Council held in the city of Nicea and is also known as the Second Council of Nicea. In the eighth century an outburst of heated controversy concerning the sacred images, the holy icons: Were they true worship, or were they idolatry which is forbidden by the Ten Commandments? The conflict broke out in 730 when Byzantine Emperor Leo III order the destruction of icons. This action met with great opposition especially from the monastic community. This controversy raged through the succeeding decades. Upon the accession to the throne of Empress-Regent Irene who favored the veneration of the holy icons, an Ecumenical Council was called to judge what the teaching regarding the holy images should be. The Seventh Council did not merely declare that using the holy images was acceptable. Rather, they went so far as to declare that refusal to use the holy icons and to venerate the holy images is a denial of the incarnation of the Word of God, Jesus Christ! The Council went on to solemnly define that the veneration of images is quintessentially true worship. The seventh session of the Council held on October 13 formulated this decree which is why the Church still reserves the Sunday between October 11-17 for the commemoration of the Holy Fathers who participated in this 7th Ecumenical Council.



Food drive commences

In conjunction with the GCU, our parish is participating in a food drive to donate to the Mercer County Food Bank. The GCU will match donations up to \$500.00. You may bring in non-perishable food items and set them in the special marked boxes. Enclosed in today's bulletin is a list of items most needed. For any questions, you may see Bill Dzurickso.

S.M.A.R.T. meeting next month

A SMART meeting is scheduled for **Wednesday, November 4th at 4:00 p.m.** in the narthex kitchen area. All are welcome. Discussion will be a wrap up of the Harvest Moon Bingo Mania, possible upcoming food sales, and items for next year of 2027.

Chicken parm dinner in Campbell

There will be a Chicken Parm dinner **next Sunday, October 18th from 12:00 noon – 2:00 p.m.** You can either EAT IN or TAKE OUT. \$15 per dinner. Drinks will be available for eat in only. Pre-Order by contacting Regina by calling or texting at 330-720-2100.

REBORN IN WATER & SPIRIT

Our Saint Michael Parish offers our prayerful best wishes and Congratulations to **LENA BELLE WANSACK** who received the Holy Mysteries of Initiation (Baptism, Chrismation, and Eucharist) on Saturday, October 10, 2026. She is the daughter of Kelsey & Tyler Wansack and sister of Capri & Joey. May God grant to His newly enlightened handmaid, Lena Belle, peace, health, and happiness for many blessed years, na mnohaja i blahaja l'ita!

Final Banns of Marriage

Nathaniel Dowell and Alessandra Montanez to receive the Holy Sacrament of Crowning (Marriage) at our St. Michael Church next Saturday, October 17, 2026.

"Maryfest" Concert

At 2:30 p.m. **next Sunday October 18th**, the Pittsburgh Byzantine Catholic Archeparchial Choir (PBCAC) will present a short "Maryfest" program at St. Elias Church, 4200 Homestead- Duquesne Road in Munhall. The PBCAC's choral tribute features hymns and songs dedicated to the Theotokos. Following the program, clergy of the Greater Pittsburgh Deanery will serve their annual Pasta Dinner from 3:00 to 5:00 p.m. in the parish social hall. There is no advance ticketing nor set charge for this come-as-you-are event; a free-will offering is suggested and most appreciated. Proceeds benefit the Clergy Retirement Fund.

Pray for our future priests

The Archeparchy of Pittsburgh has 7 candidates who are studying for the priesthood at our Byzantine Catholic Seminary. Please remember in your prayers our seminarians as they journey to the altar of Christ as future ordained priests:

Subdeacon Alex Broussard (3rd Theology)
Seminarian Harrison Otto (1st Theology)
Seminarian Evan Groom (1st Aspirancy)
Seminarian Jordan Sonnett (1st Aspirancy)

Subdeacon Chad Durante (3rd Theology)
Seminarian David Augustini (1st Aspirancy)
Seminarian Owen Jarvis (1st Aspirancy)

THE (Spiritual) DOCTOR IS IN

We drag with us to Liturgy on Sunday...our small failures and large ones. The guy who finds himself wishing his boss would lose his job. The woman who is consumed with resentment against someone who did her wrong. The kid who cheated on a test. The wife who realizes she has begun to fill her emptiness by buying things. The dad who tortures himself with the harsh words he flung at the son who disappointed him.

So when you come to Liturgy lugging your little sack of sins and regrets, you've come to the right place. We can lay our failures at the feet of Christ, who is the Doctor for what ails us. His message, after all, has always been called the "good news." Sin and death aren't the end of the story. Life is more than it seems. Grace abounds. Change is possible; forgiveness can be had for the asking. Mercy overflows. The good Doctor's office hours are 24/7, but He hosts a special meal every Sunday at our Church.

HARVEST MOON BINGO MANIA WRAP-UP
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 26, 2026

Submitted by Rozanne Voisey

SMART'S Annual Autumn event was an awesome success! All ticket sales were Up! A very friendly & energetic crowd! We thank them for supporting St. Michael's Church! The giveaways were 13 Top Shelf Bingo Prizes, a Supersized Harvest Moon Basket Raffle + Door Prizes, 50/50, Jackpot Raffle + A Multitude of Gift Cards!

The SMART committee, *Father Kevin Marks and Chairpersons, Megan Pisarcik, Renee Manilla, Rozanne Voisey, Donna Volsko and Alyson Hardman* would like to thank our Parishioners who took time out to assist with General Set-up and the Day of the Event: Mary Ann Bajorek, Bill Dzuricko, Joey & Melissa Fry, Brandon Hardman, Marcia Hunter, Bob & Teena Kovach, Ryan & Sharon Kudelko, James Manilla, David Martin, Jason & Sherry Marriotti, Mike Molchan, Monica Petrick, Kristen Piccirilli, Madeline, Michael & Mike Pisarcik, Brenda & Dan Tomko, Patty & Randy Tomko, Monica Walls, Lori Wansack, Bob Ward, Michael & Alyssa Vasil, Lew Voisey and James Zawacki.

A Round of Applause to Alyson for her hard work in preparing some crowd-pleasing homemade food and desserts! Major props to Stephen Sherman for generously donating his time as Bingo Caller! A High Five to the Solicitation Crew who assisted: Sharon Kudelko, Sherry Marriotti and Lew Voisey! Lending Hands! Lifting Hearts!

Our Deepest Gratitude to the following Parishioners, Friends and Local Businesses (listed below) who generously gave Monetary & Gift Donations: 1 Anonymous, Rick & Peggy Dunder, Bill & Barb Dzuricko, Gealy Memorials, Sharon Kudelko, Luigi's Pizzeria, Renee Manilla, Sherry Marriotti, Mercer County State Bank, Barbara Seaman Ochs, Megan Pisarcik, Cheryl & Russell Semchee, Stephen Sherman, Nick & Betty Simko, Brenda & Dan Tomko, Patty & Randy Tomko, Norbert Vasil, Lew & Rozanne Voisey, Jeff & Donna Volsko, Monica Walls, Bob Ward, Joe & Joanne Wansack and John Yensick. God Loves a Cheerful Giver!

Financial Report:

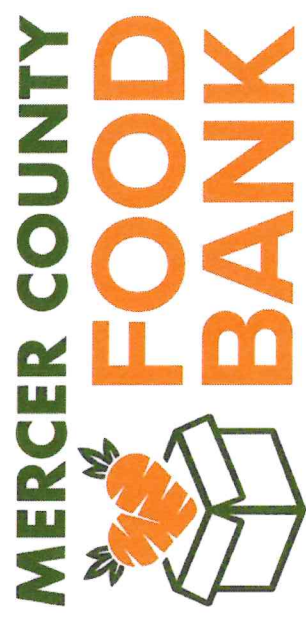
Reservations and Door Admission: \$5,700.00
Extra Bingo Packets: \$610.00
Harvest Moon Basket Raffle Tear Sheets: \$3,190.00
50/50 Raffle: \$775.00 (Total \$1,550.00/winner receives half)
Jackpot Raffle: \$1,870.00
Monetary Donations: \$725.00
Gifts-in-kind (Business) Donations: \$5,413.38
Gross Income - \$18,283.38
Less Expenses: \$5,257.77
Net Income - \$13,025.61
Food Sold - \$1,096.00
Desserts Sold - \$906.00
Gross Food Income - \$2,002.00
Less Food Expense - \$537.26
Net Food Income - \$1,464.74
Profit: \$14,490.35!

Renee Manilla, Smart Treasurer

LOCAL AREA BUSINESS CONTRIBUTORS

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THE FRAMING LOFT, THE HEALING TREE, THE WINNER, VALLEY KITCHEN, VALLEY
YMCA, VEY'S PUB & GRILLE, WESTERN RESERVE BINGO, WEST SIDE BEVERAGE,
WHEATON DRY CLEANERS & YANKEE RUN GOLF COURSE.

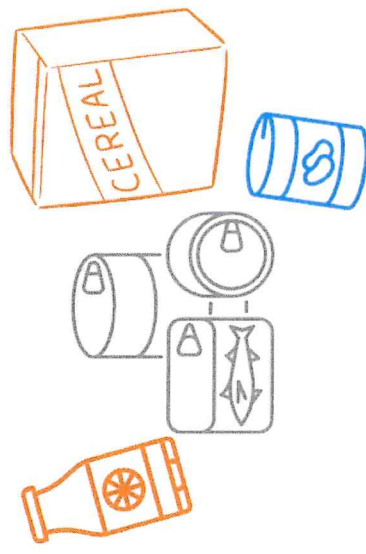
MOST NEEDED ITEMS



Thank you for helping to feed our neighbors!

Most needed FOOD items:

- Canned vegetables (especially low salt/no salt)
- Canned stews or soups
- Canned tuna, chicken, and ham
- Peanut butter and Jelly
- Spaghetti Sauce
- Pasta
- Rice
- Cereal
- Canned fruits (*in own juice*)
- 100% juices



Most needed holiday-FOOD items, :

- Gravy
- Mashed Potatoes
- Canned Cranberry Sauce
- Stuffing
- Canned Corn, Peas, Green Beans
- Cornbread Mix
- Macaroni and Cheese
- Canned Yams

