

PAPAL CONCLAVE BEGINS MAY 7



Veni Sancte Spiritus!



<div>Third Sunday of Easter</div>	<div>Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish</div> <div>85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800</div> <div>Saint Margaret, Mission</div> <div>701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134</div> <div>Saint Michael School</div> <div>(724) 588-7050</div> <div> OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</div> <div> WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</div>	<div>Sunday, May 4, 2025</div>
<div>MASS TIMES</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>		
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<div>REST IN PEACE</div> <div>Please pray for the soul of Florence Garrett. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.</div> <div>CEMETERY FLOWERS</div> <div>All Christmas flowers must be removed from the cemetery by May 1, 2025.</div>	<div>ORDINATION BUS</div> <div>The parish is chartering a bus to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Brandon Feikles and Michael Scanga on Friday, May 23. There are still several seats open. Please call Patty at the Church this week to reserve your seat.</div> <div>Plan to arrive at St. Michael north lot by 4:45pm so the bus can depart at 5pm for the Ordination.</div>	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, May 6

Jennifer Turner (John Turner)

Wednesday, May 7

John Bresnan (Family)

Thursday, May 8

Deceased Members of the Rich Family
(Helen Berger)

Friday, May 9

Sr. Barbara Regan (The Burns Family)

FOURTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 10

4:30pm Frank D'Urso (Anniv.) (Family)

Sunday, May 11

8:00am For The People of the Parish

11:00am Pauline Varga (Children)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

May 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Deceased Members of the Bonaquist Family
(Sarah Bonaquist)
Pope Francis (Anonymous)

FAITH FORMATION

Please welcome our newly initiated members
of the Church- Darren, Leanne & Lucas!

Pray for the members of our First Holy
Communion Class receiving the Eucharist for
the first time today!

EASTER FLOWERS

In memory of Carol Moore- Robert Moore

Deceased Family Members-Donald Shine
Family

WEEKLY CALENDAR

May 5: Seasons of Hope-Season 3 begins at
6pm (Large Meeting Room)

May 6: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

May 7: Confessions 8pm-8:30pm

May 10: Confessions 3pm-4pm

SEASONS OF HOPE

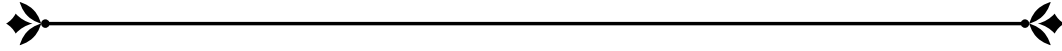
Announcing our new Seasons of Hope
Season 3. If you or someone you know has
been struggling with grief after the death of
a loved one, be comforted. Join us Monday
nights at 6pm in the Large Meeting Room
May 5 thru June 16 (taking Memorial Day
off). All interested, please contact Patty to
secure your spot. More info and testimonials
will be forthcoming in brochures available in
the Gathering Space. There is no need to
have attended previous Seasons.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Reporting Child Abuse: It is every adult's
moral responsibility to report known or
suspected abuse or neglect of a minor to
the responsible authorities. Physical and
sexual abuse of minors are pervasive
societal problems, and only concerted and
sustained efforts by all adults in every
segment of society can help to protect
children and youth. In the 2023

Pennsylvania statewide report there were
5,129 substantiated reports of child abuse.
1,749 or 34.1% of the substantiated reports
were for sexual abuse, 1,350 were physical
abuse. Parents remain the persons most
responsible for abuse of their children. To
report child abuse, call Childline at 1-800-
932-0313 (anytime 24/7). For particular
questions on reporting abuse in the
Diocese of Erie, you may call the Office for
the Protection of Children and Youth at
814-824-1195.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON



We are certainly in wild times in the world and in the Church. It feels like every day and every thing amounts to a headline of breaking news proportions. Honestly, I don't really know what breaking news is anymore - it's so overused that it's nothing more than a worn out cliché. If you lived by the tempo of news 'entertainment', you'd think we were living in a world on fire, in a world hurling down the chutes of doom and destruction. The world has commissioned us to have affixed ourselves firmly in a camp, or a wing, or a 'denomination' of just about everything, that we have honestly lost sight of Truth - as a nation, as a culture, as society, and, yes, for many, as a church. Living on the edge of our seats, with chronically furled brows of consternation is simply no way to live and not at all the posture or disposition of the Christian. It's just not, especially in the Easter Season and with what we have going on in the Church right now in Rome!

We are in the Season of Easter - 50 days of celebrating the Resurrection of our Lord from the grave; nearly two months of rejoicing that Our God has won and we are set free; many weeks to plumb the depths of the Truth and Beauty of our redemption and salvation! This is the greatest and realest aspect of our existence - you and I can partake of the eternal and divine nature of God and live with Him forever in Paradise - why be furled browed about anything?! What evil or peril is possibly greater than how good this is? The cross is real and the wounds of the enemy are for sure real - there is no diminishing any of that. What is even more so real is the Victory you and I are configured into through Christ and the Kingdom we are invited to run into through the love of The Father. Let the only news you take in this Holy Season be the 28 chapters of the Acts of the Apostles which is St Luke's marvelous newscast of the Holy Spirit working in the life of the Apostles and early believers. What is more magnificent and worthy of our attention and devotion and energy?

Also, marvel at the present day working of the Holy Spirit in the life of those who have newly received the Sacraments this Easter Season - from the Easter Vigil through our First Communicants this weekend, and soon our Confirmation candidates - here and all throughout the world - and Deacon Brandon Feikles' Priestly Ordination! Myriads are being filled with and cooperating with The Spirit and with Grace and the world is being made anew through each interaction with Grace! Marvel at that! Let that be your Good News, not what media conglomerates tell you is most imperative and urgent! Nothing is greater than God - express that and live that these days!

Then, even on top of all of that, we have a Papal Conclave at our doorstep! Only a few times a lifetime any of us get to experience this ancient and beautiful tradition of the Church where She fills the Seat of St Peter! Let the Holy Spirit taking care of us, guiding us, and prohibiting the gates of Hell from ever prevailing over us be your news, not the noise of the world! Pray for the Cardinals; implore the Grace of the Holy Spirit to pour into the hearts of the Cardinals and to flood that ominously beautiful Sistine Chapel! Don't be praying for a camp, or a wing, or a 'denomination' of Cardinal to be elected, just pray for the holiness of our next Holy Father and delight in being home in and safe within the embrace of Our Mother, The Church, who will always feed us, protect us, and love us to the last breath and take us home to Our Father. Assuming we have a Holy Father by this time next week, regardless of who he is, he will be our Holy Father, so already start loving him, praying for him, and get ready to daily intercede for him by name once we have that.

This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and are glad! Don't push aside any of this Good News this Holy Season of Easter, and leave the world and its camps and wings and noises to itself. Give your heart to those things that save, not what pollutes the mind.

Love,
Father Brandon