



<div>The Third Sunday of Advent</div>	<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><div><div></div></div>OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</div><div><div><div></div></div>WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</div></div>	<div>Sunday, December 14, 2025</div>
<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><div>CONFESSION SCHEDULE</div><div><div>Fr. Ray will be hearing Confessions on Mondays from 5-6 pm during Advent-December 15 and December 22 are the last two Mondays.</div><div>Fr. Tom will have the Saturday confessions on December 13 & 20.</div></div></div>	<div><div>CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE</div><div><div>Mass Times for the Soleminity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ:</div><div><div>Wednesday December 24</div><div>4:30pm Saint Michael</div><div>Midnight Saint Michael</div><div>Thursday December 25</div><div>9am Saint Margaret</div></div></div></div>	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 16

Mildred Schwartz (Tom & Shirley Patton)

Wednesday, December 17

6:50 am Lucille Christopher

Thursday, December 18

Edward Shelley (Betty Shelley)

Friday, December 19

Steve Sr. & Ted Zawistowski (Anniv.)
(Family)

Fourth Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 20

4:30 pm Margaret Thickey
(John & Barbara Miller)

Sunday, December 21

8:00 am For the People of the Parish
11:00am George Stanfa (Sue, Nick & Chris)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

December 16-31 (Saint Michael)

James & Edith Barbarossa
(Bennie & Bonnie Barbarossa & Family)
W. H. Welton (Family)

December 16-31 (Saint Margaret)

John R. Potase Sr. (Daughter & Family)
Carol Moore (Robert Moore)

CHILD PROTECTION

Bullying is defined as any unwanted aggressive behavior by another youth or group of youths that involves an observed or perceived power imbalance and is repeated multiple times or is highly likely to be repeated. 20% of youth ages 12-18 experience bullying. When adults respond quickly to bullying behavior, they send the message that bullying is not acceptable. There are ways parents can make a positive difference. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being bullied or is a bully. Parents should keep the lines of communication open with their child and model for their child how to treat others. Encourage your child to be inclusive by welcoming others to join their activities and groups. For more information on how to prevent bullying in your community visit www.stopbullying.org.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 15: Confession 5-6 pm. (St. Michael)

December 17: Bible Study at 6pm. (St. Michael)

December 19: Flower Fund due for December 21st bulletin.

December ?: Christmas Cleaning of Church at St. Michael.

December 20: Confessions 3-4 pm (St. Michael)

BISHOP PERSICO'S PRAYER FOR THE SELECTION OF THE NEW BISHOP FOR THE DIOCESE OF ERIE

O Almighty God,
Pour forth the Holy Spirit upon the Holy Father
and those who assist him
in the discernment of our new bishop.
May the one chosen have the strength
to be a compassionate leader,
who models humility and joy.
Grant him the wisdom of Solomon,
the courage of the apostles,
and the tenderness of your Son, the Good
Shepherd.

We also pray for the Diocese of Erie
that he is called to serve.
May we welcome him with open hearts
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

Through the intercession of the
Blessed Virgin Mary, Mother of the Church,
St. Joseph, the protector of the Church,
and St. Patrick, the patron of our diocese,
may we journey the path of life
with an unwavering focus
on the hope we have in Christ.

For he lives and reigns forever and ever.
Amen.

Imprimature, October 28, 2025
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie

A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

“When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord commanded him and took his wife into his home.”

At this time of the year we are so focussed on Mary and the Baby Jesus that we often overlook what a remarkable figure Joseph was in responding to his mysterious call in a dream to take the pregnant Mary into his home as his wife.

I suspect that if I had a dream where an angel commanded me to do something similar that I would wake up thanking heaven that the message was only a dream. Yet the Christmas story would have had a very different outcome if St. Joseph had done the first century equivalent of taking two aspirin and moving on because Mary’s explanation of her situation was crazy. St. Joseph obviously had a lot more faith than most of us.



So what can we learn from his response to this call? While I am no mystic, I think of the times that I have felt God calling me to do something important. For example, when called me to enter the seminary and later priesthood. I felt God’s hand at work in my decision to enter into parish ministry as a diocesan priest instead of entering a monastery. God is at working our lives just as he was in St. Joseph’s.

I encourage you to take a few moments to reflect on your own life to identify a time when God has called you to do something that has made all the difference. You just have to listen and act in faith when this happens even if the meaning is unclear.

What great gifts we have already received and it is still a week and a half before we plow into the presents under our trees! I hope you all continue to have a blessed

Advent and say a prayer thanking St. Joseph for showing us how to respond to calls from God.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom