



Nineteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish 85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800 <i>Saint Margaret, Mission</i> 701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134  OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM  WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM FB @St. Michael Catholic Church Greenville Pa YouTube St. Michael Greenville	Sunday, August 9, 2026
MASS TIMES Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>) First Saturday, 9:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>) Saturday, 4:30pm (<i>Saint Michael</i>) Sunday, 8:00am (<i>Saint Margaret</i>) Sunday, 11:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>)		
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SANCTUARY CANDLES August 1-15 Ben Barbarossa (Bonnie & Children) Tracel Pickens (Joni and Eddie) August 1-15 (Saint Margaret) Carol Moore (Robert Moore) Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore) REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the soul of Patrick Baker. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.	BIRTHDAYS The following parishoners celebrate birthdays this week. Wish them a happy birthday if you see them. Lance, Mary Bresnan, Betty Grasso, Matt Ross, Nick DiBucci, John Graham, Elaine Gaus. If we missed your birthday it is because your date of birth is not in the data base.	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, August 11

Saint Clare
Tracel Pickens (Joni & Eddie)

Wednesday, August 12

Saint Jane Frances de Chantal
Dorothy, Millie, & Ruth Ochs
(Thomas & Barbara Ochs)

Thursday, August 13

Saints Pontian & Hippolytus
Glen Augustine (Patty)

Friday, August 14

Saint Maxmilian Kolb
Benedict Schwartz (Tom & Shirley Patton)

Saturday, August 15

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed
Virgin Mary
9:00 am Mary Ann Marshall (Frank & Pat Amato)

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 15

4:30pm Joseph Walton
(M/M Joseph Krachkowski)

Sunday, August 16

8:00am For the People of the Parish
11:00am Judy Kalchthaler
(Aunt Bonnie & Family)

CHILD PROTECTION

Child Protection and Creating Safe Environments- Diocesan Requirements for working with children: The Diocese of Erie takes child safety seriously. Working with the Bishop, the Office for the Protection of Children and Youth ensures that policies and procedures are in place to protect children. All clergy, employees and volunteers who work with children must complete state mandated criminal record checks. They must also follow screening guidelines and complete abuse prevention training. These steps help ensure that everyone who has access to children in our schools and parishes is properly vetted and trained. Parents: stay vigilant! Make sure anyone who interacts with your child has completed the application process and obtained the required clearances and training. For details on what's required for those working with children and youth in our parishes, schools, and agencies, visit: www.eriercd.org/childprotection/.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 10: Morning prayer at 9 am.

August 15: Mass at 9am for the Solemnity of Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary. Not a holyday of obligation. Confessions 3-4 pm.

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

THANK YOU

I appreciate all the cards and good wishes you
sent my way for my birthday. Your
thoughtfulness is appreciated.

Father Ray

A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

Peter got out of the boat and began to walk on the water toward Jesus.

*But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened;
and, beginning to sink, he cried out, "Lord, save me."*

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Peter's encounter with Jesus is so much like our own. Jesus had just shown them how to feed the crowds, not paralyzed by their emptiness, but trusting in his power. Now he sends them out onto the sea alone. When the wind and the waves get rough, he is there with them - right where they are, at sea.



They are afraid, fearing it's a ghost. Isn't this so often the case with us? No matter how buffeted by rough seas we might be, we tend to be wary of believing Jesus could really be with us. *Am I just talking to myself? Is he really here, in the midst of this? What good does it/he do anyway?*

He assures them and tells them not to be afraid. This is so wonderful. If I ever wonder what Jesus is saying to me, in the midst of a stormy sea, I can be sure he is saying this: "Take courage, it is I; do not be afraid."

Peter gets some courage. Well, at least with a slight "test" involved. "Lord, if it is you, command me to come to you on the water." Jesus doesn't get put off by "tests." He loves to act on our desires - to empower even our smallest amounts of courage. If I want to know what Jesus is saying to my deepest desires, I can be sure he is saying, "Come."

So, Peter gets out of his boat. A fisherman. Nobody knows the sea better. He starts walking across the water toward Jesus. This is us, when we trust Jesus' invitation to come to him. But something happens.

"But when he saw how strong the wind was he became frightened." Peter takes his eyes off of Jesus. He let the wind and the waves get to him. For a moment he thought he was walking on that water by his own power. And fear ended this walk toward Jesus, and he sank. Haven't we all had this same experience? We are moving toward Jesus, in the midst of some stormy conditions in our lives, and we become self-conscious, self-absorbed, and discount the whole thing.

Fortunately, Jesus was there. And Peter, a bit wet and embarrassed, didn't drown. We won't either. We, too can stand in humble, grateful awe before him.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom

