



Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time	Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish 85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800 Saint Margaret, Mission 701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134 OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM FB @St. Michael Catholic Church Greenville Pa YouTube St. Michael Greenville	Sunday, July 26, 2026
MASS TIMES Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael) First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael) Saturday, 4:30pm (Saint Michael) Sunday, 8:00am (Saint Margaret) Sunday, 11:00am (Saint Michael)		
PARISH DIRECTORY Father Thomas Trocchio, Pastor ttrocchio@eriercd.org Deacon Marty Aubel, Parish Deacon Ext. 138 MAubel@eriercd.org Deacon Frank Luciani, Parish Deacon Ext. 139 FLuciani@eriercd.org Patty Meehan, Office Manager Ext. 133 pmeehan@stmichaelgreenville.com Susan Swartzbeck, Business Manager Ext. 135 saintmichaelbiz@gmail.com Chris & Meg Straub, Faith Formation Ext. 136 MStraub@stmichaelgreenville.com	STEWARDSHIP Sixteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time \$8,191,73 CSA 2026 Pledged \$ 133,740 Paid \$ 101,500 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH! REST IN PEACE Please pray for the repose of the souls of Mary Ann Marshall and Dorothea Resek. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.	
SANCTUARY CANDLES July 16-31 (Saint Michael) Jack Meehan (Patty & Tom) OPEN July 16-31 (Saint Margaret) Carol Moore (Robert Moore) Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)	BIRTHDAYS The following parishoners celebrate birthdays this week. Wish them a happy birthday if you see them. Roseanne Hershberger, Lauren DiBucci, Debra Bobish, Pete Longiotti, Mark Maietta, Barbara Miller, Brian Arthur, Fr. Ray Gramata If we missed your birthday it is because your date of birth is not in the data base.	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 28
Steve Varga (Children)

Wednesday, July 29
Saints Martha, Mary, & Lazarus
Tim & Kathy Zgonc (Emily Zgonc)

Thursday, July 30
Saint Peter Chysologus
John Edward Calior (Friends)

Friday, July 31
Saint Ignatius of Loyola
Joseph P. Walton (Mary Jo Lipani)

Saturday, August 1
Saint Alphonsus Liguori
Steve Zawistowski Jr. (Chris)

Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, August 2
4:30pm Ben Barbarossa (Daniel Mowry)

Sunday, August 3
8:00am For the People of the Parish

11:00am Deceased members of the
McParland & Cianci Families
(Mark & Kate)

PARISH PICNIC

Please join us at the Parish Picnic Sunday,
August 9, 2026, beginning at 12 pm. Food
served until 2:30pm. This is a fun, free event
for family, fellow parishioners, and friends.

Music by DJ Shawn Beise.
Looking forward to seeing you!!

Menu:

BBQ Chicken by the Knights of Columbus,
hamburgers, hot dogs, side dishes, desserts,
Gelato, and cold drinks!

Please consider volunteering or contributing
food. RSVP lists to attend are at the Church
along with sign up boards to volunteer to help,
or bring food, or both.

Thank you for joining in making this a huge
success!

WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 27: Morning prayer at 9 am.

July 30: Parish picnic meeting 6pm.

August 1: Confessions 3-4 pm (St. Michael).

August 9: Breakfast at St. Margaret after
8 am Mass. All are welcome.

August 9: Parish Picnic from 12-2:30pm
North Yard at 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,

We have three more parables to ponder in our Gospel for today. The kingdom of heaven is a kind of treasure which a person, just digging around, happened to find among the other “stuff” buried in the field. Some questions arise in my mind. What was the person looking for in the first place, and what was the treasure? Why did he bury it again and go to buy the whole field?



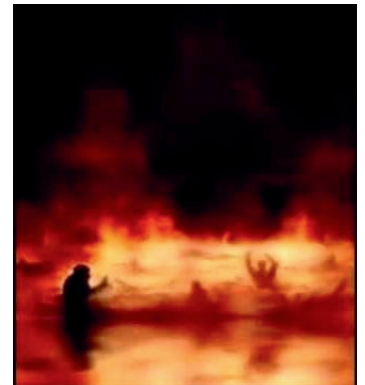
The finding is one thing, but buying the whole field is the center meaning for me. No matter what we are searching for, if we keep digging we will find God. Buying into God and all that this relationship invites us to, is buying the whole field including those things we do not understand or want. The person bought the field for what he believed to be treasure and later could have found other things which time revealed to him as perhaps even more a treasure.

The second parable pictures a merchant who knows what he wants - a pearl - and he finds it and the other possessions he sells off to buy the pearl. My question of this parable is about what the merchant was going to do with the newly-purchased pearl. I suspect he will gain something even more important to him by selling the pearl. He did not buy it just to look at it or be known as a Fine-Pearl haver.

The kingdom of heaven, that is, the way of Jesus required for entering, a letting go or selling off of the importance of “pearls” for the great pearl of allowing Jesus to be Savior and Lord.

The Gospel ends, as a professor might end their semester. Jesus asks if the disciples understand these teachings, even the last parable about the net’s catching all kinds of good fish and less good. They answer they do. They do for now, but will learn the deeper realities as they walk along with the Master. He tells them that like a good storekeeper, He brings out the good of the old and the good of the new. Jesus is not negating the former revelations, but building on them and the disciples will be the scribes of the new who cherished the old.

So the question for the last parable is about the ultimate worry. Is each of us a “good” or “bad”. Do we get placed in the heavenly “bucket” or thrown into the fiery ocean and grind our teeth for eternity without any Novocaine? The net is the words of Jesus, but who are the bad? Can anything be bad that God made? Parables are meant to help us ask questions and try to come up with answers based on the call of Jesus to allow Him to be our Savior, Instructor, and priceless pearl, treasure and bucket.



Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom