# Pope Leo XIV In the One, we are one







# Fifth Sunday of Easter

### Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish

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#### **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*)

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#### **STEWARDSHIP**

Fourth Sunday of Easter \$ 10,960.20

CSA 2025

Pledged: \$116,115

Paid: \$69,065

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

If you have not yet pledged to this year's CSA, please consider what you may be able to offer.

#### **CEMETERY FLOWERS**

American flags will be placed on the graves of veterans next week with the help of the students.

The outside contractor who does our mowing trims around the graves.

However, if there are multiple pots and decorations, they will only trim around the edge of the monument and outside of the decorations. They are not under contact to trim around each item.

#### **OFFERTORY ENVELOPES**

The offertory envelopes are mailed directly from the printer in Salem Ohio using bulk rate rate processing. We cannot trace the misdelivered envelopes.

Please contact the office if you did not receive your envelopes, a temporary set can be made with extra sets or you may place your contribution in a plain envelope with your name and number if known on it.

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

#### Tuesday, May 20

Saint Bernardine of Sienna William Micsky (Anniv.)(Paul & Janet Micsky)

#### Wednesday, May 21

Saint Christopher Magallanes Grace Samios (Robert Samios)

#### Thursday, May 22

Saint Rita of Cascia Cindy Paulakos (LouAnn Oatman)

#### Friday, May 23

Judy Turner (SMS Faculty, Staff, Students, & Nick)

#### SIXTH SUNDAY OF EASTER

#### Saturday, May 24

4:30pm For the People of the Parish

#### Sunday, May 25

8:00am Camella & Sam Presto (Sheryl & Joe Presto)

11:00am John & Olga Manganello (Family)

#### **REST IN PEACE**

Please pray for the repose of the soul of Fr. James Doran, cousin of Thomas Hayes and nephew to several St. Michael families. May his soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

#### **SANCTUARY CANDLES**

#### May 16-31 (Saint Michael)

Pope Leo XIV Fr. Christopher Barnes (Friends)

#### **40 CLUB WINNERS**

May 7

\$100-Mark Maietta; \$100- Dan Mowery; \$50-Ashley Kearney.

#### WEEKLY CALENDAR

**May 19:** Seasons of Hope-Season 3 6pm (Large Meeting Room)

May 20: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

May 21: Confessions 8pm-8:30pm

May 23: Ordination-7pm

St. Peter's Cathedral Erie

May 24: Confessions 3pm-4pm

#### **ORDINATION**

The bus chartered by the parish to the Ordination Mass was canceled due to lack of interest. Everyone is welcome to attend the Mass at St. Peter Cathedral at 7pm on May 23. Remember that parking is limited so plan your travel time accordingly. Deacon Brandon (soon to be Fr. Brandon Feikles) will be at Saint Michael Parish to celebrate Masses the weekend of May 31-June 1.

# PARISH APPRECIATION PICNIC

Monday, June 2 at Noon

St. Michael Lawn (Site of Parish Picnic)

All are invited to come out to a special lunch with picnic food and entertainment provided by St. Michael School children and staff. The students want to show their appreciation for the support of the parish towards the school.

The event is free, no reservations necessary. Enjoy lunch and student entertainment.



### A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON

**>** 

I have been thrilled and full of 'Paschal Joy', as our Easter Liturgies have been expressing, over the election of Cardinal Robert Prevost as Pope Leo XIV, the 267th successor of Saint Peter! There are just so many novelties about his election and none of them distracting, only highlighting and keeps an eye on all that he will say and do over these coming days, months, and probably decades - and I wholly believe that he knows this, too, and is going to be masterfully measured in all his actions.

It's novel and fascinating that he is American - but has absolutely little to no pastoral experience here in America. He is Chiago born - what is more iconically American than that? - but has no story here beyond that. He went into seminary in high school and has been 'in the system' ever since. He was never a pastor nor bishop in the States, so he doesn't have baggage here nor are there fifty thousand voices that can commentate on him and claim him as this or that...all we really have are his two brothers that still treat him like their younger brother! No drama, no baggage, no this or no that, just some brothers who love him and pick on him. Then you have the fact that he has only been a bishop for a decade and a Cardinal for all of eighteen months! There was a picture the Diocese released of Bishop Persico at 'new bishop school', which all new bishops attend in Rome. In the picture he is on a coffee break at this, and standing off to the side, alone, is then Bishop Prevost. Persico and Prevost were at 'New Bishop School' together, and now one of them is a Pope! The ascendency of Robert Prevost is just staggering! Then there is the fact that he has lived and touched just about every aspect of Church life. He is a Religious, a Canonist, steeped in Patristics and the Church Fathers (most notably, Augustine), a Missionary, a Superior General, a Bishop, a head of a Vatican Dicastery, a man with a deep love of the Scriptures and the Liturgy, and appears to have a rich life prayer and reliance on God and the Blessed Mother. The grafting of all of those into one man has given us, I feel, a revolutionary and watershed Holy Father!

I don't expect loud crescendos of disorienting change, but I see the Church under the helm of a Pastor whose love for the Church is unaffected by Roman or American politics, and loves preaching the Gospel to the world. Not some version or interpretation of the Gospel, but *the* Gospel that is the source of our Salvation! When the Gospel is preached and lived, authentically, that is the stuff of revolution! I believe that in Pope Leo, we are going to see a man that will slowly frustrate the masses - especially America and those who think of everything in terms of left v right - because I firmly believe Robert Prevost, like all of us, have seen where those wars have taken us, is going to be someone that no one side will be able to claim as their own, because...well, he is going to be simply Catholic - fully and unapologetically!

He also chose the name Leo! Leo XIII is one of my three papal heroes (others being Gregory the Great and Benedict XVI) and it was Leo that I was hoping our new Holy Father would choose! Among many things, Leo XIII taught us that The Church is not yet another non-profit or NGO - it is the Body of Christ, the Kingdom of God, and we boldly, charitably, and unreservedly preach the Gospel into the world! This Gospel impels the world to act and order itself accordingly; on earth as it is in Heaven. A Christian, for instance, can't be 'Pro'Life' and yet fight against fair wages. As Christians, we don't speak party or politics; we always speak The Gospel, and no side claims It! The Gospel is not to be bent to the ways of the world, and neither shall the Church bow to the influences of the enemy in the world. In Pope Leo, we are - I trust - going to see a man wholly in love with the authentic message of the Gospel, a man steeped in the rich patrimony of the Magisterium and the singular voice of the Fathers, and a man who is eager to decrease so Christ may manifestly increase! Assuming Pope Leo is brought to his repose by means of old age, he is only 69...we could have a Leo papacy for 20+ years! We are at a new beginning - a fresh start. Let us daily pray for him and watch the Holy Spirit transform Robert Prevost of Chicago into Pope Leo XIV, Successor of Saint Peter, Pontifex Maximus, and bearer of the Keys to the Kingdom!

Love, Father Brandon