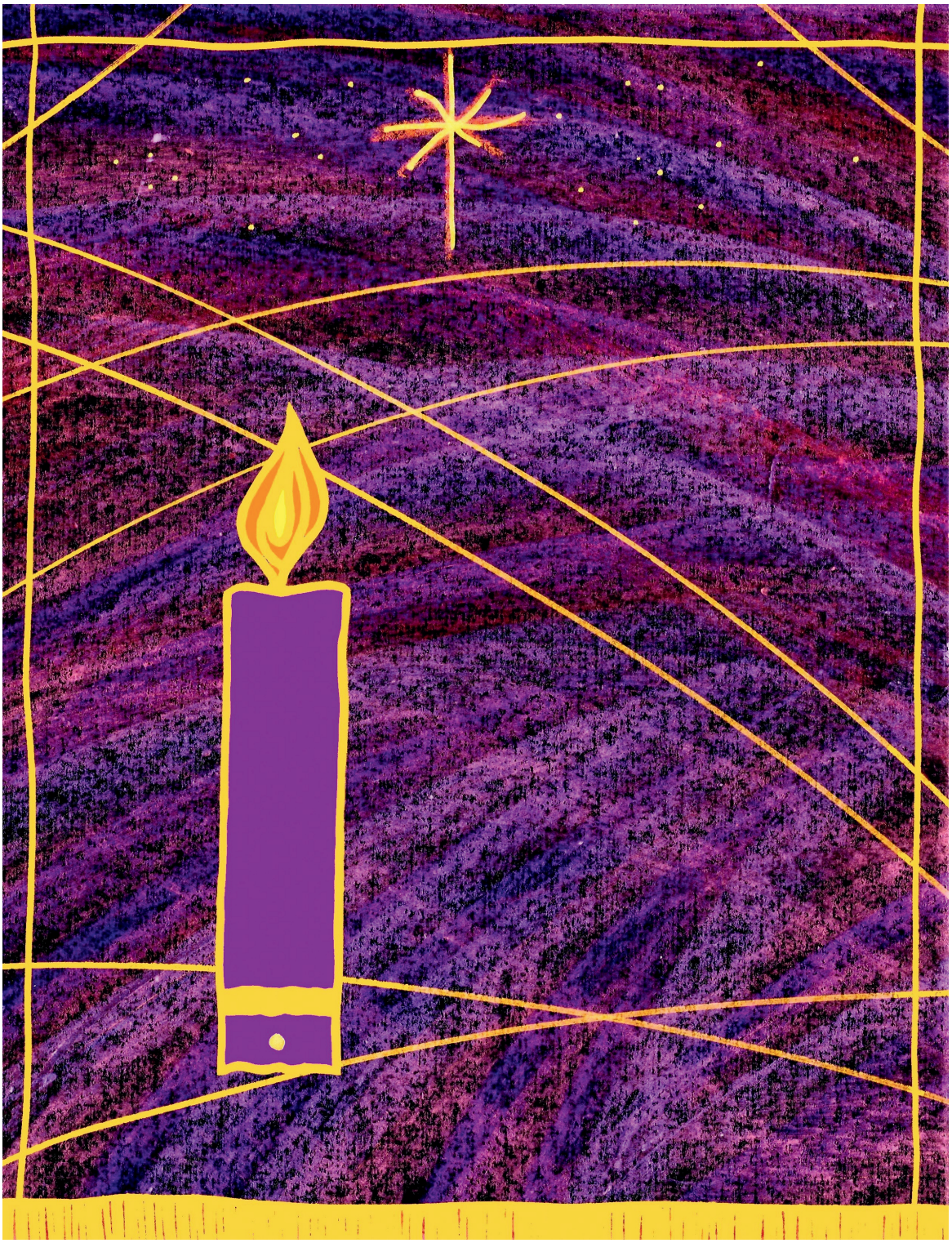

SAINT MICHAEL
CATHOLIC PARISH

First Sunday of Advent	**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, November 29, 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*)

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STEWARDSHIP

Solemnity of Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe
$7,848.50
Campaign for Human Development
$641.00

CSA 2026
Pledged $ 137,595
Paid $ 119,710

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS REQUEST

St. Michaels is asked for **75 cake mixes** by December 5, 2026

SANCTUARY CANDLES

December 1-15 (Saint Michael)
Norene Carney (family)

December 1-15 (Saint Margaret)
Donald & Sissy Pruchnitzky
(In loving Memory from Family)
John R. Potase, Sr. (Daughter & Family)

BIRTHDAYS

The following parishioners celebrate birthdays this week. Wish them a happy birthday if you see them.

Betty Jean Bardella, Duncan Mayer, Craig Swingle, Kathleen Holian, Mark Svirbly, Peter Calenda, Nancy Jeffries

If we missed your birthday it may be that we do not have your date in the data base.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 1
Dennis Durkos, Sr. (Michelle)

Wednesday, December 2
Frank Eber (Anniv.) (Jean)

Thursday, December 3
Saint Francis Xavier
Carol Moore (Robert Moore)

Friday, December 4
Saint John Damascene
Martha Loreno (Ed Loreno)

Saturday, December 5
Millie Burke (Matt & Jill Ross)

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 5
4:30pm William "Whitey" Ruffing
(Jack & Ronda Erdesky)

Sunday, December 6
8:00am For the People of the Parish
11:00am Dorothea Resek (Sally Prezioso)

REMEMERANCE PHOTOS

Please be sure to pick up the photos of your loved ones that were a part of the Rememberance Tables at Saint Michael and Saint Margaret this weekend.

Thank you to all who participated.

CEMETERY NEWS

Thank you to the volunteers from Scouting America Troop 52 and Pack 52 and friends who removed all approximately 700 American Flags from Saint Michael Cemetery and helped in other cemeteries in our area.

If you have summer decorations still on the graves, please remove them now. Pots should be taken home rather than dumped in the trash containers at the cemetery.

Reminder to use the main cemetery entrance, Rooney Street gate is locked for security.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

Nov. 30: Morning prayer at 9 am.

Nov. 30: Confessions 5-6 pm.

Dec. 4: No Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament due to a funeral.

Dec 5. : Confessions 3-4 pm.

Dec. 8: Solemnity of the Immaculate Heart of Mary-Holyday of Obligation.

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,

On this First Sunday of Advent, we tune in on an Emergency 911 call from the Prophet Isaiah to God in our first reading. There has been some serious straying from God's ways and we hear some serious confessing to go with it. Then while reminding God about the divine identity, the whining begins, or is it praying? Hard to tell sometimes.

The whole reading is somewhat of a yes-no, or we-are and we are not and as for God, once God is angry and then he is a father. The Prophet seems to be looking first at one side and then turns it all over. Ultimately, God is the potter and we are the clay. We want to be found by God while we are doing good things, but we are all the work of your hands.

The verses we hear in today's Gospel are taken from an entire chapter dedicated to Jesus telling his disciples about the coming distractions. It is lucky for our spirits that we do not hear the whole chapter. It deals with disasters and wars and terrible natural misfortunes of which we read and hear about every day. We should pray often for peace and justice in this world, but for this First Sunday in Advent we are invited to pray about his coming in the midst of all these.

It is a bit strange that while we are praying to prepare for his coming, Jesus is speaking about his leaving. The disciples are reminded that they have tasks to do and a basic attitude of watchfulness to preserve. After hearing about all the horrific things which are going to take place it will seem that God has abandoned them and us.



It is helpful to remember that this Gospel by Mark was written for a community in Rome under tremendous persecution. This particular chapter is an encouragement to the members to stay faithful by staying busy yet prayerful. These are verses for those who assume that faith in Jesus allows a subtraction from human misery and natural discouragement. Watching and staying alert are invitations to keep praying and stayingattentive to the news around us and the spirit within us.

I have a friend who when leaving a group gathering, while heading for the door will say, "It may appear as if I were leaving". It always makes people laugh. Jesus is saying the same thing to us. Pain, troubles, worries, confusion and all other kinds of natural, physical and spiritual sufferings can move us to feel alone and even abandoned. There are all these terrible things going on in our world and our lives these days and we can hear Jesus say, "It may appear that I am leaving". What we pray with these days of Advent is He may appear at any time, no, at every time if we have the faith-eyes to hold on and hold out. There just are times when the promised green of the Advent wreath and the candles of light are not as visible as the darkness of the empty hole. For some of us, waiting and watching is what life is. Faith is the believing in the promised and the Promiser.

The grass, bushes and trees in our part of the world speak to us of the passing and the approaching. Advent for us comes at a great time in nature. It is darkening and nothing isgrowing except our expectation of Jesus promised arrival at a time we do not have in ourcalanders. Is the empty really empty or full of promise?

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom