



Twenty-second 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, August 30, 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 Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time \$8,655.70. Church in Latin America \$180.82 CSA 2026 Pledged \$ 134,210 Paid \$ 105,680 THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH! OCIA CLASSES The Order of Christian Initiation of Adults (formerly known a RCIA) will be forming next month. Please contact the office 724-588-9800 x 133 with any questions or to sign up.	
SANCTUARY CANDLES September 1-15 (Saint Michael) Helen Meehan(Family) — September 1-15 (Saint Margaret) Carol Moore (Robert Moore) Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)	BIRTHDAYS The following parishoners celebrate birthdays this week. Wish them a happy birthday if you see them. Mark Cianci, Brenda DelMaramo, Kierstin Barger, Jeanette Fenn, Sandra Potase, John Bresnan, David D’Urso, Alice Matusz, Mary Jo Irvine. If we missed your birthday it is because your date of birth is not in the data base.	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, September 1

Lawrence Cianci (Estate)

Wednesday, September 2

Joseph P. Walton (Bob & Emily Nicholson)

Thursday, September 3

Saint Gregory the Great
Mary Ann Marshall (Judy Moroco)

Friday, September 4

Deceased Members of the Moore,
Ramsey, McGodrick, & West Families
(Robert Moore)

Saturday, September 5

Saint Teresa of Calcutta
Marge Zawistowski (Chris)

Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, September 5

4:30pm Helen Henkel & Leonard Anglin
(Theresa Varas Anglin)

Sunday, September 6

8:00am Relatives & Friends
(Tom & Shirley Patton)
11:00am For the People of the Parish

PROMISE OF LIFE

The Secular Franciscans Holy Spirit Fraternity of Greenville is collecting items for the Promise of Life Network (a prolife organization). Items collected for infants and toddlers will greatly help moms in need in Mercer and Lawrence Counties. Please see the poster at receptacle in the Gathering Space for a list of items most needed. Leave any donations in the receptacle by September 19. If you have any questions, call or text George Soros 814-282-3682.

ST MICHAEL DINNER

We will be holding the 4th annual St. Michael Dinner on September 27, 2026
Invitations are in the mail.
The meal will have dinner choices so RSVP is a must! Watch for your invitation and make your reservation.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

August 31: Morning prayer at 9 am.

Sept. 4: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9 am Mass. Benediction at Noon.

Sept. 5: Confessions 3-4 pm.

Sept. 7: Labor Day, Offices are closed.

Sept 27: St. Michael Dinner at Lateran Hall.

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.

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The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.
Bishop of Erie

A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

*If you wish to come after me, you must deny yourself, and take up your cross and follow me.
For if you wish to save your life, you will lose it.
If you lose your life for my sake, you will save it.
What would it profit you to gain the whole world and forfeit your life?
Or, what could you give in exchange for your life?*



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Jesus tells his disciples that he is going to Jerusalem, and that he will be rejected and killed there. It must have been an incredible shock to these guys who thought they were following someone who would usher in the "Reign of God." They had just assumed that meant success. And, they must have assumed that their own sacrifices, in leaving home to follow him, would lead to some rewards. They were sure that the honor and glory he would receive would be something they would share in.

Peter just takes Jesus aside and argues with him. It just can't happen this way. Jesus must be wrong about what will happen or must resist it, if the opposition is that strong. But certainly, his mission will succeed and not end in death for him.

In perhaps the strongest language Jesus has used, he tells Peter how he is acting. Like the Tempter he encountered in the desert, as he began his mission. As an obstacle in the path of his mission. Peter is thinking only in worldly terms, and not the way God thinks. Then Jesus turns to his disciples and takes them to the core of the mystery of life and their discipleship. Following Jesus means being with him in the pattern of who he is - total gift of self for us. It involves taking up a mission - a mission given and borne out of loving self-sacrifice.

The instinct for *self-preservation* is deep within all of us. However, we don't have a natural ability to discern what choices will preserve our life and which will not. We all want to "live" and thrive and succeed and be happy with every fiber of our being, yet we make bad choices all the time. What "appears" to make us happy, often doesn't. We do self-defeating things, develop unhealthy patterns, find our way into unhappiness over and over. We know this to be true about our everyday lives. Jesus can't love us without wanting us to be happy and truly alive. So, he surrenders his life, to show us the way to preserving ours. Jesus opens our eyes to see our lives from a transformed perspective with eternal life as our central focus and desire.

How can we lose our life with him? What is the cross we must take up? Who are we being invited to love, with more and more of our very self? The answers to those questions will lead us to the happiness and the life we most deeply desire. Answering those questions will bring us to face to face with the relationships of our life, the choices we make about lifestyle and all our possessions, the way we use power or manipulation to get what we want, what we do or fail to do for and on behalf of the poor. The answers will invite self-sacrifices as small as deferring to the needs of others before ours, to some decisions that could change the ways we live our life and how we see ourselves in relation to others in the world.

In John's Gospel, at a point when people are turning away from Jesus because he describes himself as life-giving bread we can eat, giving us his very flesh for the life of the world, Jesus turns to his disciples and asks, "Are you going to go away, too?" At that point Peter says, "Lord, where would we go? You alone have the words of everlasting life."

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom

