

*If you pull  
up the  
weeds*

*you might  
uproot the  
wheat along  
with them*



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| <div>Sixteenth<br/>Sunday in<br/>Ordinary<br/>Time</div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                         | <div><div>Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish</div><div>85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800</div><div>Saint Margaret, Mission</div><div>701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134</div><div><div><div></div><div>OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</div></div><div><div></div><div>WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</div></div><div><div></div><div>FB @St. Michael Catholic Church Greenville Pa</div></div><div><div></div><div>YouTube St. Michael Greenville</div></div></div></div> <td><div>Sunday,<br/>July<br/>19,<br/>2026</div></td> | <div>Sunday,<br/>July<br/>19,<br/>2026</div> |
| <div>MASS TIMES</div> <div><div>Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)</div><div>First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)</div><div>Saturday, 4:30pm (Saint Michael)</div><div>Sunday, 8:00am (Saint Margaret)</div><div>Sunday, 11:00am (Saint Michael)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                             |                                              |
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| <div><div>SANCTUARY CANDLES</div><div>July 16-31 (Saint Michael)</div><div>Jack Meehan (Patty &amp; Tom)</div><div>OPEN</div><div>July 16-31 (Saint Margaret)</div><div>Carol Moore (Robert Moore)</div><div>Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)</div></div>                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                              | <div><div>BIRTHDAYS</div><div>The following parishoners celebrate birthdays this week. Wish them a happy birthday if you see them.</div><div>Mary Free, John Scelsi, Pat Amato,<br/>Darlene Murcko, Susan Friedman, Robin Fisher,<br/>Chris Straub, Jon Loreno, Noah Cano,<br/>Judith Scibetta, Mary Edna Regan</div><div>If we missed your birthday it is because your date of birth is not in the data base.</div></div>                                                                                                                                  |                                              |

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, July 21**

Saint Lawrence of Brindisi  
Albert Millero (Phyllis & Joe)

**Wednesday, July 22**

Saint Mary Magdalene  
David Roller (Jennifer Jedrych)

**Thursday, July 23**

Saint Bridget  
Jack Meehan (Patty & Tom)

**Friday, July 24**

Saint Sharbel Makhluf  
Terry Benfield (Dan & Lana)

## Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

**Saturday, July 25**

4:30pm James Berger (Helen)

**Sunday, July 26**

8:00am Bill Emmett (Anniv.)  
(Matt & Jill Ross)  
11:00am For the People of the Parish

## PARISH PICNIC

Please join us at the Parish Picnic Sunday,  
August 9, 2026, 12 pm-2:30 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 20:** Morning prayer at 9 am.

**July 25 :** Confessions 3-4 pm (St. Michael).

**July 30:** Picnic Committee meeting 6 pm  
(St Michael).

**August 9:** Parish Picnic 12-2:30pm North Yard.

## 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,

The farmer plants good seed in the field. Weeds start to come up, planted by an enemy. The workers want to tear up the weeds. So as not to ruin the crop as well, the owner exhorts patience and will let the crop and the weeds grow up together. It will be enough to separate them at harvest time.

We all know this story. We know the experience. Those weeds are familiar. They represent any part of our life that is *mixed* or *disappointing* or *messy* or *contaminated by evil*. The story reminds us of how, if we don't blame God for life's weeds, we certainly have had the instinct to want to pull up the weeds or reach for the weed-killer.

Our everyday life brings us encounters with people or situations that seem wrong or are a terrible annoyance to us. Every morning's news confronts us with a world sewn with evil and forces at odds with God's Spirit of unity and love. Our closest relationships are complex. Who doesn't know the experience of frustration at the limitations of loved one? And, of course, we have daily reminders that we ourselves are not perfect. We have habits or patterns that are neither attractive or helpful in our growth as disciples of Jesus.

It is tempting - sometimes dangerously or tragically so - to desire a perfect world. We have all tried to *fix* flaws in our friends and loved ones. And, we have all gone through cycles of disliking or hating parts of ourselves - followed by periods of *resolutions, reform, or chronic unhappiness with ourselves*.

It is remarkable and consoling that Jesus is familiar with the movements in us and put the dynamics into a parable. He knows and understands. He also reveals to us that while God certainly grieves the evil that is in the world, and in us, God is not interested in pulling up all evil. God is able to love. And God teaches us to love. God embraces the whole world in love. God loves each and every one of us, unconditionally. God's redemptive plan - God's ultimate victory over the power of sin and death - can allow us to live more peacefully in a messy world.

In the parable of the mustard seed, Jesus gives us hope. From the smallest of seeds God is at work in us and in our world. God's work - love itself - is not violent or overnight. Only a little love brings tremendous growth and new life.

Perhaps this is a wonderful time for us to pray the Serenity Prayer:

God,  
Grant me  
the Serenity to accept the things I cannot change,  
Courage to change the things I can,  
and the Wisdom to know the difference.

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom

