

<h2>Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time</h2>	<p><b>Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish</b> 85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800</p> <p><b>Saint Margaret, Mission</b> 701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134</p> <p>✉ OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</p> <p>🌐 WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</p>	<p><b>Sunday, February 8, 2026</b></p>
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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 in Ordinary Time**  
\$ 8,543.15

**CSA 2025**  
Pledged: \$133,845  
Paid: \$130,560

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!*

**Saint Michael Parish:** *In Memory of Barbara Goldbach (\$50).*

### SANCTUARY CANDLES

**February 1-15 (Saint Michael)**  
Sophie Arnold (Natalie Higbee)  
**February 1-15 (Saint Margaret)**  
Carol Moore (Robert Moore)  
Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)

### REST IN PEACE

Pray for repose of the soul of Barbara Goldbach, who died last week. May her soul and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

### OUR LADY OF LOURDES

The Blue Army of Mercer County will hold a devotion service to honor the feast of Our Lady of Lourdes following 9 AM mass on Wednesday, February 11. include the Rosary and crowning of the Pilgrim Virgin statue of Our Lady of Fatima. All are welcome!

### AGAPE, LENTEN AND EASTER BIBLE STUDY

The Lenten and Easter Bible study is an intense six lesson study, focusing on the Gospel of Matthew chapters 21-28, but we will also study other relevant and related passages in the other three Gospels.

Study begins on Ash Wednesday at 6pm in the Large Meeting Room during Lent including March 25. Please call the office if you plan to attend so we can prepare the proper materials.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, February 10

Saint Scholastica  
David Chase, Sr. (Chase Family)

### Wednesday, February 11

Our Lady of Lourdes  
Paul Langiotti (Carole Langiotti)

### Thursday, February 12

Tom Bresnan (The Christopher's Group)

### Friday, February 13

James Hogan (Jane Hogan)

### Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday, February 14

4:30 pm George Macho (Becky)

### Sunday, February 15

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
11:00 am Bonnie Hilko (Callihan & Hilko Families)

## CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

### AI-GENERATED EXPLICIT IMAGES.

With the rising use of AI, explicit nonconsensual images can be generated easily and without the victim's knowledge. An offender may not even need an explicit image to work from. When threatened with explicit AI-generated images being published or distributed online, victims often succumb to demands for money, in-person meetings or worse. This can affect anyone, regardless of age or gender – but children are most at risk. The National Center for Missing and Exploited Children provides a free service called, "Take It Down," that can help one remove or stop the online sharing of nude, partially nude, or sexually explicit images or videos of minors. For information visit <https://takeitdown.ncmec.org/>. For additional resources visit [www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/).

## ST MICHAEL/ST MARGARET MEN'S GROUP

The men's fellowship group continues Bishop Barron's presentations on "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues". Thursday, 12 February, is a video and subsequent discussion on "Sloth and Zeal". All men are invited! Join us and bring a friend! Light breakfast items will be available. Any questions please call Steve Kerch at 440-228-5884.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**February 8:** 95<sup>th</sup> Birthday Celebration for Posie Millward after the 11am Mass McElhinny Hall. Stop down!

**February 9:** Passion Play Rehearsals 6 pm Lateran Hall.

**February 11:** Our Lady of Lourdes devotional service after the 9 am Mass.

**February 12:** Men's Group at 6 am. (Saint Michael).

**February 13:** Confessions 3-4 pm (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.

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

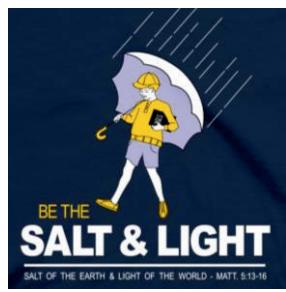
My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As William Shakespeares Merchant of Venice draws to a close, Portia and Lorenzo, her bridegroom, travel at night to their home. Nearing home, they hear sweet music carried softly on the nighttime breeze and Portia sees a distant light burning in the window of their home. She exclaims, How far that little candle throws his beams So shines a good deed in a naughty world(Act 5, Scene 1, lines 90-91).



Good deeds shine brightly like diamonds and lift the human heart in this world -- a world both naughty and charged with the grandeur of God. The quality of merciful deeds done as the work of our hands can remind us of the quality of Gods own tender mercies toward us. The Prophet Isaiah attests to the bright lightness of this mercy:

*Thus says the Lord:  
Share your bread with the hungry,  
shelter the oppressed and homeless;  
Clothe the naked when you see them,  
and do not turn your back on your own.  
Then your light shall break forth like the dawn.*



Encouraging us to put the words of scripture into action, the Gospel of Matthew amplifies Isaiah's urgent call to serve the weakest members of the family of God. Acting for the good of others. In the Sermon on the Mount and in Chapter 25 of the Gospel of Matthew, the evangelist urges followers of The Way to act promptly. Feeding the hungry and slaking peoples thirst. Visiting the sick and imprisoned. Truly welcoming the stranger and the alien, and sharing clothing with those in need. All these deeds done for the weakest around us are what shine a great distance and greet Gods eye.

Show your love in deeds not just in words advises St. Ignatius of Loyola, founder of the Jesuits. For the Gospel of Matthew and for St. Ignatius, our identity as believers is all wrapped up in Christian service given for the good of others. For Matthew it is an urgent doing, an urgent action. Matthews imperative invites us to recognize how we are already serving the neediest among us. For the Holy Spirit is already powerfully active in the Church inspiring us to serve the neediest and to invite all to deeper faith. Somehow in the doing God draws near. Somehow in the doing mercy shines forth to lift the spirits of all people. The gospel passage closes with the evangelist's words saying that they set a light on a stand where it gives light to all in the house. In the same way, your light must shine before all people so that they may see goodness in your acts and give praise to God.

Yours in Christ,

*Fr. Tom*