



<p>The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary & Joseph</p>	<p>Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish 85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800</p> <p>Saint Margaret, Mission 701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134</p> <p>✉ OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</p> <p>🌐 WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</p>	<p>Sunday, December 28, 2025</p>
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<p>MASS TIMES</p>		<p>Saturday, 4:30pm (Saint Michael) Sunday, 8:00am (Saint Margaret) Sunday, 11:00am (Saint Michael)</p>
<p>Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)</p>		
<p>First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)</p>		

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<p>ADORATION OF THE BLESSED SACRAMENT</p> <p>Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9am Mass on Friday, January 2 until Noon. Benediction begins at Noon. Start the New Year with some time with the Lord.</p>	<p>REST IN PEACE</p> <p>Please pray for the souls of Walter Galekovic, Kathleen D'Urso, and Nancy Banic who died this week. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.</p>
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MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 30

Donald Liszka (Tom Liszka Family)

SOLEMNITY OF MARY, MOTHER OF GOD

WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 31

4:30 @*Saint Margaret*
Frank Eber (Jean Eber)

THURSDAY, January 1

9:00 AM@ *Saint Michael*

Jack Kalchthaler (Mark & LeeAnn Micsky)

Friday, January 2

Saints Basil the Great & Gregory Nazianzen
In honor of Mark & Karen Geo & Family
(Jim & Ann Marie Kwaiser)

Saturday, January 3

Most Holy Name of Jesus
Dennis Durkos, Sr. (Anniv.) Friends

THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

Saturday, January 3

4:30 pm
For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 4

8:00 am Rose Mary Stumpff (Tim Toplisek)
11:00am John D. Williams (Mary & Don Smith)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

January 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Jonathon Mong (Family)

January 1-15 (Saint Margaret)

Carol Moore(Robert Moore)
Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)

STATUES

The statue of Saint Joseph was taken down to
repair its shelf on the wall.

Saint Thérèse of Lisieux was placed this past
week. Did you notice where she is?

WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 1: Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God, a holy day of obligation.

January 2: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament after the 9am Mass.

January 3: 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

A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

The Holy Family of Jesus, Mary and Joseph is a model for all families. Being a Holy Family does not mean that everything was smooth for them. It was a family with many ups and downs.

Mary conceived by the power of the Holy Spirit. Mary's pregnancy was a troubling situation for both Mary and Joseph. They, however, accepted the situation when each of them was ministered to by the angel of the Lord. Mary said, "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word" (Luke 1:38). "When Joseph awoke, he did as the angel of the Lord had commanded and took his wife into his home. He had no relations with her until she bore a son" (Matthew 1:24-25).

Mary gave birth to Jesus in a very difficult circumstance. After a long journey from Nazareth to Bethlehem, a distance of about 100 miles, there was no inn to lodge in. They went to a shed in a farm where Mary gave birth to Jesus. There was no nurse or midwife; only Mary and Joseph. We can only imagine how tough it was for the two of them.

At the presentation of Jesus in the temple, Mary was told that a sword would pierce her heart. No mother would be glad to hear such a prediction concerning her baby. Her first experience of the sword piercing her heart was when the Holy Family fled to Egypt to save Jesus from Herod's wrath. It was another traumatic experience when Jesus got separated from them after the feast of Passover in Jerusalem. Mary and Joseph found Jesus in the temple after searching for him for three days.

In all their ups and downs, Mary and Joseph remained together. As the Gospels says, Jesus grew under them and became strong, filled with wisdom; and God's favor rested upon him. When a family puts their faith in God, the Spirit of God easily ministers to the members to support one another, encourage one another and be present for one another.

Love for one another increases with time when members of a family put their faith in God. When they lose faith in God, love for one another decreases with time.

Faith in God makes us, humbly, listen to God through listening to one another. Faith in God makes us realize that life is better as 'us' not as 'me.' Faith in God encourages us to value self-denial and self-sacrifice for the good of those in need.

Faith in God enables us to be obedient to God and to one another. Members of a family experience peace when they respect and obey each other. Disobedience is one of the vices that disintegrate families. One of the signs of faith in God is prayerful-ness. A family that prays together, stays together. There is power in prayer. A prayerful Christian is a faithful Christian and a powerful Christian.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom

