

<h2>First Sunday of Lent</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   WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM  FB @St. Michael Catholic Church Greenville Pa  YouTube St. Michael Greenville </p>	<h2>Sunday, February 22, 2026</h2>
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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

**Sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
\$ 10,531.55

**CSA 2026**  
Please remember to turn in Pledge Cards even if you plan to pay electronically. The cards help keep the pledge records accurate.

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

**February 16-28 (Saint Michael)**

Isaiah John Perry (Noni & Bop)

**February 16-28 (Saint Margaret)**

Carol Moore (Robert Moore)

Barbara Goldbach (Family)

## FORTY CANS FOR LENT

The local Greenville Council of the Knights Of Columbus is once again conducting the 40 cans for Lent program. Please consider donating one can for each day of Lent. You may drop off your donation in the gathering area of Saint Michael's. All donations will be given to the Good Shepherd food bank, and to Jamestown Food Pantry which is distributed at Saint Margaret Mission. Thank You!

## BIRTHDAYS

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

Bev Reimold, Sheila Zuschlag, Jessica Palko, Jack Erdesky, Tom Mong, William Harpst, and Mike Walton.

If we missed you it is because your date of birth is not in the data base.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, February 24

John McElhinny (Ralph & Roseanne McConnell)

### Wednesday, February 25

Barbara Giebner (The Christophers Group)

### Thursday, February 26

Diane Drexler (Shirley D'Urso)

### Friday, February 27

Saint Gregory of Narek

Don Smith (SMS Class of 1965)

### Second Sunday of Lent

### Saturday, February 28

4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

### Sunday, March 1

8:00 am Web & Eloise McCullough  
(Dan & Lana Mesley)

11:00 am Ann Augustine (Pyrdek Family)

## LENTEN OBSERVANCES

Fr. Ray will be hearing confessions beginning Monday, February 23 from 5-6 pm. He will also be helping with Saturday confessions most Saturdays in Lent.

### Stations of the Cross

Wednesdays at **6:30pm** at St. Margaret  
Fridays at 7 pm at St. Michael

Fish Fry begins on Friday February 20 at 4:00 at the K of C Hall at 170 Clarksville Rd  
Eat in or take out orders are available.

“Make Us Believers Passion Play”  
at Lateran Hall on Friday March 27 at 7:30\*  
and Saturday March 28 6pm

## 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, 26 February, is a video and subsequent discussion on "Guttony and Asceticism". All men are invited! Join us and bring a friend! Light breakfast items will be available. Any questions can be directed to Steve Kerch at 440-228-5884.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**February 23:** Confessions 5-6 pm St. Michael.  
Passion Play Rehearsals 6 pm  
Lateran Hall.

**February 25:** Bible study at 6pm St. Michael.  
Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm  
Saint Margaret.

**February 26:** Men's Group at 6 am. (Saint Michael).

**February 27:** Fish Fry at K of C 4-6:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm  
(Saint Michael).

**February 28:** 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 preface for the Mass at the beginning of Lent refers to this season as a “Joyful Season.” Now many of us may be startled by this reference. For most, Lent has always been a season of sacrifice, of penance, a time when we focus on the Cross.

As you look at the Cross, did you ever ask yourself the question, “Why did Jesus die like this?” If He had been a mere man, it would have made sense. He could not avoid it. He was up against impossible odds, and the cards were stacked against Him. But, it is different for the Son of God.

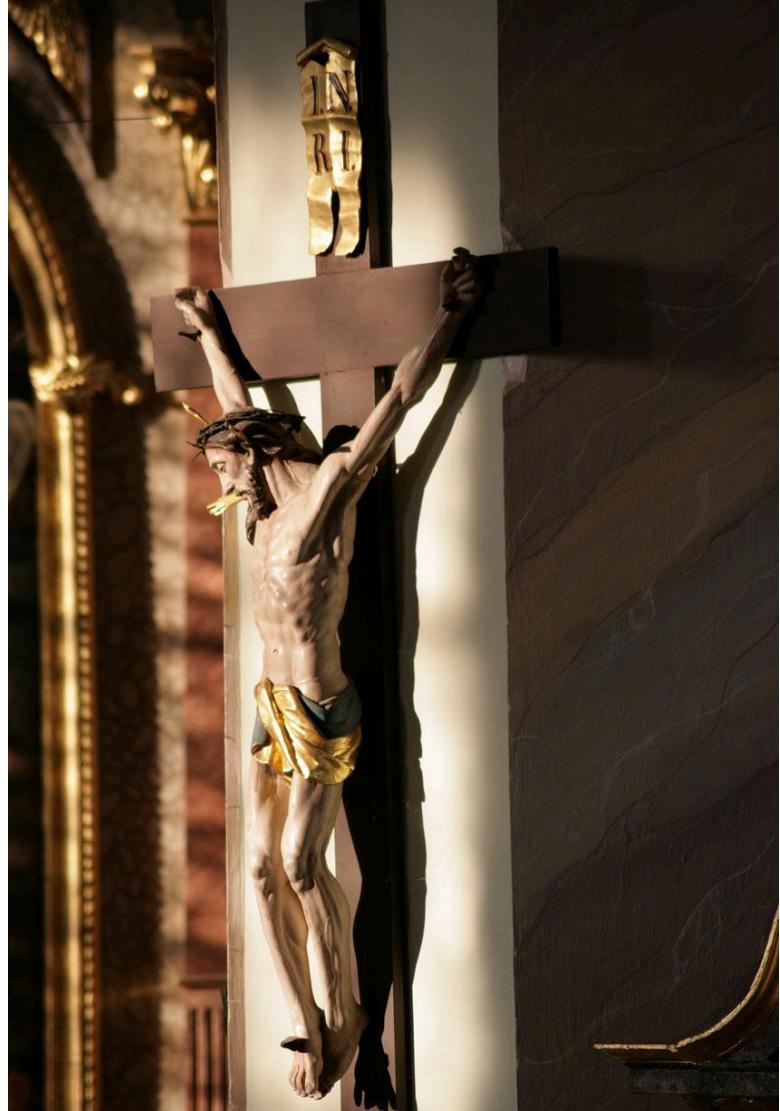
He did not have to become like us and be born into our world. He did not have to get tired and thirsty or dusty and angry. He did not have to take insults from His own creatures. He did not have to sweat blood in a garden and beg his Father, “Don’t let me die.” He did not have to be condemned like a common criminal. He did not have to die.

Why then did he die? A clue comes from the Gospel of John –“God so loved the world that he gave His only Son, and that whoever believes in Him should not perish, but have eternal life.” St. Paul says in amazement, “He loved me and gave himself for me.” Yes, Jesus did it all because He loved you. If you were the only person in the world, He would have died for you.

But then you might say, “Couldn’t God have discovered a different way, a way less difficult than death on Calvary?” Couldn’t God have simply forgiven us and asked only that we be sorry for having offended Him? If this were not enough for Divine Justice and if God’s son had to somehow touch our earth in person, why didn’t He come as the King of Kings and Lord of Lords?

Why did He have to become human like us? Why did he have to experience meekness, fear and weakness? If God, the Father, wanted Him to die, why couldn’t He have died in bed and died with dignity? Why ask Him to die in a bloody disgrace, mocked by the world for which he was dying and the world He created? Frankly, I do not know. I suspect no one knows, save the God who invented the Passion. But it certainly got our attention...

As we journey through Lent let us keep our eyes fixed on the cross and all that Christ sacrificed for **us**.



Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom