



Thirty-Third 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	Sunday, November 16, 2025
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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WINTER PARKING REMINDERS The north parking lot will be the ONLY lot plowed and salted for weekday Masses. Please do not park in the school lot or the south lot. They will not be treated. All the lots will be plowed and salted for weekend Masses.	EXTRAORDINARY MINISTERS OF HOLY COMMUNION & LECTORS WORKSHOPS If you missed the workshops for either of these ministries, please call the office to schedule a time to view the recordings. Please schedule before November 24 for the trainings. The commissioning letter will be submitted to the Bishop on November 25, 2025 for EMHCs.	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 18

Dedication of the Basilicas of
Saints Peter & Paul

Jack Kalchthaler (Dan, Lori, & Ryan Micsky)

Wednesday, November 19

James Micsky, Sr. (Dan & Susan Wallace)

Thursday, November 20

In Honor of Cereana Roberts (Joyce Wilkes)

Friday, November 21

Presentation of the Blessed Virgin Mary
David Chase (Family)

Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

Saturday, November 22

4:30 pm Joseph & Norma Stark (Their Children)

Sunday, November 23

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00am Deceased Members of the
Liszka Family (Family)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

November 16-30 (Saint Michael)

Dorothy Yahner (Shirley D'Urso)

November 16-30 (Saint Margaret)

Carol Moore (Robert Moore)

Beth Yuriscic (Robert Moore)

UPCOMING ADVENT EVENTS

This Advent St. Michael church will be hosting a Mass at Dawn or **Rorate Caeli Mass**. The Mass will be at 6:50 am Wednesday mornings in Advent, (Dec 3rd, 10th, 17th). This will take place of the regularly scheduled 9am Mass.

BIBLE STUDY

Join Fr. Tom for this 6 session Bible study where we will delve deeper into the readings of Advent and Christmas as we await the coming of our savior.

Sessions will meet on Weds at 6pm starting on Dec 3rd. Please call the office to sign up- packets will be prepared.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

November 17: Season's of Hope 5:30pm.

November 20: Men's Fellowship Group
6am in McElhinny Hall.

November 22: Confessions 3-4 pm.

MEN'S FELLOWSHIP GROUP

Session 6 of the Fall season of the Men's Fellowship group is Thursday, November 20. The door to McElhinny Hall opens before 6 AM. Video and discussion at 6:15. This session covers Chapters 13-16 of Luke. There is no need to have attended past sessions! For questions, call Steve Kerch at 440-228-5884.

CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS

Know the Warning Signs of a Predator:
Perpetrators are not waiting on the street to snatch kids; only 10% of sexually abused children are abused by strangers. 90% are abused by someone known and trusted by the child/child's family. Perpetrators integrate themselves into everyone's life, not just the child. They build relationships so that they are trusted to be alone with the child. One of the most important ways to ensure the safety of children in our environments is to know the warning signs of adults who present a risk of harm to children. Among these signs are when the person (1) always wants to be alone with a child in areas where no one can monitor the interactions, (2) allows a child to do things their parents would not permit, (3) is always more excited to be with children than with adults, and (4) discourages others from participating in activities involving kids. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ for more information and resources.

A WORD FROM FATHER TOM



My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

As we come to the end of the liturgical year, these end-times readings invite us sit with the questions: What does God's justice look like? What does God's justice feel like, to me?

In scripture, over and over, God's justice is often upside-down to our sense of fairness. God seems most unfair when we fall into looking at our actions like an ethical business exchange: I did "A" for God / my fellow humans / the earth, so God owes me "B." (Often we find we have decided what we are owed without talking much to God.) If God doesn't give me "B," it feels as though God is unjust. If we lose "C," it feels even worse. That's not how God's justice works, Jesus tells us. God's justice lifts up the poor; holds servants in highest esteem; forgives the unforgivable; loves when it hurts most to love.

Both the first reading and Gospel describe God's justice as one experience from different perspectives. Justice is a sun: it destroys with a blazing heat and heals with rays of light. Justice is witness to God: it leads to martyrdom *and* eternal life. With end-times readings I always come back to C.S. Lewis' *The Great Divorce*, my favorite allegory of the afterlife. In it, when people arrive in heaven, even the softest grass in heaven feels like knives to their feet: it is more real than they are. Those who let go of what is not real (that is, not of God) enter fully into God's reality, and the grass feels soft. In the same way, perhaps the "sun of justice" burns away what is not of God. We would feel destroyed if our entire identity were wrapped up in something that is not of God, even in something beautiful that we seek to own (like the temple in the Gospel). But, if our identity were wrapped up in a relationship with God, we would feel healed with the removal of whatever distracted from that relationship. Jesus reminds us similarly in the Gospel: don't get too attached to the present state of the world - even the beautiful parts, even your life here - because it all pales in comparison to the life God has in mind.

How, then, can we cultivate a disposition from which to meet God's justice and feel healed rather than destroyed? We would need to align our identity with God's idea of justice, rather than our own. We would need to practice mercy, to forgive others and ourselves. We would need to practice love, to choose the good of another. We would need to practice service, to meet people who awaken our compassion and grow in kinship with them. As our own ability to empathize and feel compassion grows, we will begin to see people as precious, the way God does. We will come to know that others' healing is our healing, too. Maybe then the sun of justice will feel like healing rays.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom