



<p style="text-align: center;">Palm Sunday</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish 85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800 Saint Margaret, Mission 701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134</p> <p style="text-align: center;">  OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM  WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM FB @St. Michael Catholic Church Greenville Pa YouTube St. Michael Greenville </p>	<p style="text-align: center;">Sunday, March 29, 2026</p>
<p style="text-align: center;">MASS TIMES</p> <p>Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>) Saturday, 4:30pm (<i>Saint Michael</i>) First Saturday, 9:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>) Sunday, 8:00am (<i>Saint Margaret</i>) Sunday, 11:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>)</p>		
<p style="text-align: center;">PARISH DIRECTORY</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Father Thomas Trocchio, Pastor ttrocchio@eriercd.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deacon Marty Aubel, Parish Deacon Ext. 138 MAubel@eriercd.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Deacon Frank Luciani, Parish Deacon Ext. 139 FLuciani@eriercd.org</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Patty Meehan, Office Manager Ext. 133 pmeehan@stmichaelgreenville.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Susan Swartzbeck, Business Manager Ext. 135 saintmichaelbiz@gmail.com</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chris & Meg Straub, Faith Formation Ext. 136 MStraub@stmichaelgreenville.com</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">STEWARDSHIP</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Fifth Sunday of Lent \$ 20,317.50</p> <p style="text-align: center;">CSA 2026 Pledged \$ 93,080 Paid \$51,915</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Saint Michael Church: In memory of Ben Barbarossa (\$60).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!</p> <p style="text-align: center;">SANCTUARY CANDLES</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 1 - 15 (Saint Michael) Dennis Durkos, Sr. (Michelle)</p> <p style="text-align: center;">April 1 - 15 (Saint Margaret) Carol Moore (Robert Moore) Special Intention</p>	
<p style="text-align: center;">FIRST RECONCILIATION</p> <p>Please pray for our parish children receiving their First Reconciliation on March 28th. May they feel God's loving mercy, joy, and peace as they make their first confession and learn the grace of forgiveness. These students are: August Luciani, Addison Jamison, Emelia Ruth, Emily Barr, Filomena Cantone, John Wai-Keung Gahring, Lucas Santell, Natalia Myers, Nicco Salatino, and Morgan Forsythe.</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">BIRTHDAYS</p> <p>The following parishoners celebrate birthdays this week. Wish them a happy birthday if you see them.</p> <p>John Miller, Maureen Jones, Mary Fran Krachkowski, Russ Lauffer, Anna Hockett, Sylvia Prugh, Tyler Smart, Cheryl Sabo, Joe Krachkowski, Patricia Hayes, Steve Maietta, Mary Ann Gross.</p> <p>If we missed your birthday it is because your date of birth is not in the data base.</p>	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, March 31

Robert & Louise Mensler
(Joseph & Marilyn Kosloski)

Wednesday, April 1

Deceased Members of the Galus & Yokubeak
Families (Frank & Barb)

TRIDUUM

Thursday, April 2

6 pm **Mass of the Last Supper**
Isaiah John Perry (John & Gianna)

Friday, April 3

3:00 pm **Passion of the Lord**

Saturday, April 4

8:30 pm **Easter Vigil**
For the People of the Parish

EASTER SUNDAY

Sunday, April 5

8:00 am Edward and Helen Novak
(Holian Family)
11:00 am Fr. Christopher Barnes (Friends)

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the repose of the souls of
Agnes Irene Maietta and Lois J. Walker. May
their souls and all the souls of the faithful
departed rest in peace.

EASTER FLOWERS

Easter flower donations deadline is Tuesday,
March 31 at Noon to be part of the Easter
Sunday bulletin listing.

FAITH FORMATION

Prayers Needed: Parishioners are invited to
take a rosary from the cross in the gathering
space. Each rosary has a tag with the name of
a student from our parish who is making their
First Communion in May. Please take the
rosary home, pray for that student, and return
it to the same spot the following weekend. We
would love to gift them with a well worn-in
rosary on their special day.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

March 30: Confessions 5-6 pm St. Michael.

March 31: Church cleaning for Easter 6 pm.
Please bring rags and buckets.

April 2: Men's Group meets at 6 am,
McElhinny Hall.

April 3: Divine Mercy Novena Begins.
No Stations.

April 4: Blessing of Food Baskets 11 am
No Confessions No 4:30 pm Mass
Easter Vigil Mass 8:30 pm.

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,

Today is one of the most prominent days in the Christian calendar. I think we remember it because it is one of those days when, from our youngest days, we got something at church: a palm to display somewhere in our homes. That palm may be the way to enter prayerfully into this profound day's celebration.



People laid palms before Jesus as he entered into Jerusalem. The palm was their way to show tribute a man who awakened their hopes. In our culture we do not have people riding into town on donkeys but we have plenty of experiences that touch on that palm celebration back then. A presidential candidate celebrates with their cheering followers on the night of their nomination or election; a basketball team returns triumphant from the Final Four to a wild homecoming among the school's students and backers. "Yes!" we shout and raise our arms: that is today's palm.



Jesus knew well not only that he deserved a triumphal celebration but also that the victory would be won at a frightening price. In a flash of realism so different from the first Palm Sunday, the church today turns immediately from celebration of a victory to contemplating the price of that victory. The Church calls this day both Palm Sunday and Passion Sunday, and its worship is a surprising and wonderful blend of the glory and the pain.

The challenge for us as we enter Holy Week is not to forget either of those two moments, the glory or the pain. The ugly events we are about to recall and celebrate are not only a terrible injustice. They are also the triumph of a God who gave and gives God's very self into our hands.

As Jesus approached these frightening events, his biggest concern was that his followers perceive their meaning. He wanted them to see that his suffering was not the killing of all that had given them hope. It was rather his courageous entry into and victory over all that could take away their hope.

We will labor with Jesus this week--recalling his suffering and living ours. Let's look each day to our palm to say both "Yes" and "Thank you!"

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom