



**Third  
Sunday  
of Lent**

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**Sunday,  
March  
8,  
2026**

**MASS TIMES**

**Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am** (*Saint Michael*)

**Saturday, 4:30pm** (*Saint Michael*)

**First Saturday, 9:00am** (*Saint Michael*)

**Sunday, 8:00am** (*Saint Margaret*)

**Sunday, 11:00am** (*Saint Michael*)

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**STEWARDSHIP**

**First Sunday of Lent**  
\$ 9235.81

**CSA 2026**  
Pledged \$ 81,505  
Paid \$40,815

**CSA 2025 Final**  
Pledged \$135,095  
Paid \$131,810

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR  
PARISH!

**SANCTUARY CANDLES**

**March 1- 15 (Saint Michael)**  
Jean Mong (Family)

**March 1- 15 (Saint Margaret)**  
Carol Moore (Robert Moore)  
Beth Yuriscic (Robert Moore)

**LENTEN OBSERVANCES**

Confessions on Mondays from 5-6 pm.

Stations of the Cross  
Wednesdays at **6:30pm** at St. Margaret  
Fridays at **7 pm** at St. Michael

Fish Fry on Fridays 4:00 -6.30pm at the K of C Hall  
at 170 Clarksville Rd through March 25.  
Eat in or take out orders are available.

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

**BIRTHDAYS**

The following parishoners have birthdays coming  
up this week:

Ron George, Mike Shusteric, Klp Hoffman, Doug  
McElhaney, Letha McElhinny, Bob Soros, Susan  
Swartzbeck, Mary McGarvey, Todd DePree, Cherry  
Shaffer.

Wish them a happy birthday if you see them.

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

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, March 10**

Florence Schwartz (Tom & Shirley Patton)

**Wednesday, March 11**

Judy Turner (Anniv.) (John Turner)

**Thursday, March 12**

James Micsky (Mark & LeeAnn Micsky)

**Friday, March 13**

Deceased Members of the Fritz Family  
(Paul & Janet Micsky)

**Fourth Sunday of Lent**

**Saturday, March 14**

4:30 pm Frank Wahal (Sandy Ohl)

**Sunday, March 15**

8:00 am For the People of the Parish  
11:00 am Bernie Maycher (Anniv.) (Family)

## CHILD PROTECTION

### CHILD PROTECTION AND CREATING SAFE ENVIRONMENTS – CYBERBULLYING

The widespread use of mobile devices causes more children to be susceptible to cyberbullying. Cyberbullying can take many forms, including cruel messages via text or social media, the distribution of photoshopped pictures designed to mock an individual, forwarding “private” photos or videos, and pretending to be someone else on a social media site. Victims of cyber bullying often suffer from depression, isolation, and can even become suicidal. Parents can educate themselves on the signs that a child is being cyberbullied or is a bully by visiting:

[www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/](http://www.StopBullying.gov/cyberbullying/) For more resources visit

[www.eriercd.org/childprotection/](http://www.eriercd.org/childprotection/).

## GOOD SHEPHERD EASTER REQUEST

St. Michael Parish is being asked to provide 75 boxes of mashed potatoes for the Easter dinner distribution. Please drop off your donations by March 20. Please place boxes under the table by the office.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**March 9:** Confessions 5-6 pm St. Michael.  
Passion Play Rehearsals 6 pm  
Lateran Hall.

**March 11:** Bible study at 6pm St. Michael.  
Stations of the Cross at 6:30 pm  
Saint Margaret.

**March 12:** Men’s Group meets at 6am,  
McElhinny Hall.

**March 13:** Fish Fry at K of C 4-6:30 pm  
Stations of the Cross at 7 pm  
(Saint Michael).

**March 14:** 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.

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,

I would like to address the psalm and the response in today's Mass: "If today you hear his voice, harden not your hearts."

"If" is the problematic word here: "when" would be better, but best (I think) would be something like "when you actually pay attention what the Lord is saying to you."

The Samaritan Woman, one of the many feisty people whom John describes in his portrayal of the Christ whom he had encountered, is quick to hear what Jesus has to say and to engage him in conversation on the deepest level: he challenges her and she ups his ante, challenging him in return: they quickly arrive at the most important questions about who Jesus is, who she is, and what it means for her.



Jesus wants us to come to grips with his questions, his challenges, his invitations to a deeper understanding, both of him and of ourselves, and love. That can mean that we struggle with intellectual questions and moral problems, but when it comes down to it we must, like the Samaritan Woman, admit that we are sinners and in need of revival, forgiveness, healing, re-creation.



Hardening our hearts is the spiritual equivalent of a two-year-old pout, a refusal to be loved and given life. Do we trust our Father's call? Can we abandon ourselves to the invitations of the Spirit? Can we indeed forget our petty personal fixations to "acclaim the Rock of our salvations," "to greet him with thanksgiving," and all the rest that the psalm proposes?

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom