




<div>Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time</div>	<div><div>Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish</div><div>85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800</div><div>Saint Margaret, Mission</div><div>701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134</div><div><div></div>OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</div><div><div></div>WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</div></div>	<div>Sunday, July 27, 2025</div>
<div>MASS TIMES</div> <div><div>Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)</div><div>First Saturday, 9:00am (Saint Michael)</div><div>Saturday, 4:30pm (Saint Michael)</div><div>Sunday, 8:00am (Saint Margaret)</div><div>Sunday, 11:00am (Saint Michael)</div></div>		
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<div><div>PARISH PICNIC NEWS</div><div><div>Plan to attend the parish picnic, Sunday, August 17 (note the date change) from 12-3 pm. Bring a dessert or side dish to serve 10 people. Sign up boards are in the Gathering Spaces of both churches to volunteer your time and/or food.</div></div></div>	<div><div>REST IN PEACE</div><div><div>Please pray for the repose of the souls of Frances “Jean” Woods, sister of Joan Mowry, and Gaynell Ashley. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.</div></div></div>	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, July 29

Saints Martha, Mary & Lazarus
Steve Zawistowski, Jr. (Family)

Wednesday, July 30

Saint Peter Chrysologus
Cathy Little (Dave & Hope Couch)

Thursday, July 31

Saint Ignatius of Loyola
John McElhinny (Larry & Kay Riley)

Friday, August 1

Saint Alphonsus Liguori
George Stanfa (Mary Williams Smith)

Saturday, August 2

Paul Selnekovic (John Turner)

EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

Saturday, August 2

4:30pm Charles Hawks, Jr.
(Larry & Linda Peterson)

Sunday, August 3

8:00am For The People of the Parish

11:00am Deceased Members of McParland
& Paine Families (Mark & Kate)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

July 16-31 (Saint Michael)

Gigi Marshall Weaver (Marshall Family)
Beth Yurisc (Mom)

July 16-31 (Saint Margaret)

Carol Moore (Robert Moore)
Beth Yurisc (Robert Moore)

WEEKLY CALENDAR

July 30: Confessions - 8pm-8:30pm.

August 1: 9:30am - 12:00pm Adoration
12:00pm Benediction

August 2: Confessions 3pm-4pm.

FIRST FRIDAY ADORATION CHANGE

Beginning in August, First Friday adoration will be amended. We will begin adoration as usual after 9am Mass but we will now end with Benediction at 12 noon. This will be the new First Friday schedule going forward.

SAINTS JOACHEM & ANNE

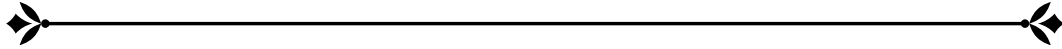
The parents of the Blessed Virgin Mary are rarely mentioned in Scripture. The first mention of them was over a century after Jesus' death. They are known as the patron saints of grandparents.

This is the "feast of grandparents." It reminds grandparents of their responsibility to establish a tone for generations to come: They must make the traditions live and offer them as a promise to little children. But the feast has a message for the younger generation as well. It reminds the young that older people's greater perspective, depth of experience, and appreciation of life's profound rhythms are all part of a wisdom not to be taken lightly or ignored. (Taken from Franciscan Media- Saints of the Day).

OFFERTORY ENVELOPES

The new package of envelopes are in the mail. Envelopes are sent from the printer via bulk mail to keep costs down. If you do not receive the August -October envelopes in the next few days, please contact the office. A small number of blank packets are available to be personalized.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON



About this time of year, articles pop up about the year's crop of Priestly Ordinations and what the numbers and trends say. As with any set of data, you can extrapolate any number of conclusions and observe a flurry of trends, up or down. No matter how you slice it: nationally, the number of Catholics *are* going up, but the number of priests *are* going down. There are some remarkable stories of dioceses in the midwest, great plains, and the Dakotas that are bastions of young priests! There is much to glean and learn from them, but those are more 'institutional' trends and lessons for bishops to ponder and enact. Trends and data points aside, what matters at the end of the day is what is happening on the ground where you and I live and serve and practice parish life! For the Erie Diocese, its trends of vocations were acutely felt this past week as something like forty assignments were announced ranging from new pastorates to leave of absences. From all that I have surmised, this was truly the first time - I would say- the shortage of priests was remarkably real and felt! There are several parishes that, without a 'pastoral planning buildup', were left without a full time pastor!

I attempted to do a head count of priests in the diocese to see what things look like after Aug 12. Here is what I found (*note- these are not official numbers, so I could be off. Take this as an approximation*): There will be 62 pastors serving 76 parishes; 5 parochial vicars; 6 in diocesan administration or education; 7 in chaplaincy; 2 on leaves of absence. This is roughly a 1 : 2,800 parish priest to parishioner ratio. What nuances that count, though, is that there are many retired priests who serve as administrators, senior associates, and allies in the ministry to support the pastors. We'd be lost without them!

I hope you have picked up over these years that I take very little stock in data like that. When we are dealing with the spiritual and the sacred, different metrics are being employed. Yes, the diocese is an institution and organization and tracking those numbers gives us a snapshot of the earthly trends and challenges, but they simply don't tell the whole story. Despite, admittedly, uninspiring and sobering data, so much good is happening and the faith is alive and roaring within thousands upon thousands of faithful throughout these rural and expansive thirteen counties of our diocese! Are families in our diocese not giving the Church enough priests to more adequately minister? Absolutely! Is there a lot more pastoral planning and change in parish structures moving forward? The reality is, yes. But, is the Holy Spirit still doing some earth shaking and heavenly rocking amazing things in the lives of people in our parishes? I'm moved to awe, daily, to what is happening in the lives of our people! Like I said last week to you, what is happening between you and God is the only metric and thing that I find inspiring, interesting, and meaningful in life! At the end of the day, nothing else really matters. Give me three parishes, four churches, a school, a prison, and several thousand people sprawled over many many beautiful and rural square miles - I'll take it! I'll take it because though I can't remain here with you, I get to continue to admire the beauty of faith in the life of this amazing Diocese I have pledged my obedience to serving till my last day. Though you and I will soon depart, I know that the Holy Trinity will remain here with you and and the holy work of the Church will triumph on in each of you and within this parish community that will always have claim to a piece of my heart !

Love,
Father Brandon