



<p>The Baptism of the Lord</p>	<p>Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish 85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800</p> <p>Saint Margaret, Mission 701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134</p> <p> OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</p> <p> WWWSTMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</p>	<p>Sunday, January 11, 2026</p>
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<p>MASS TIMES</p>	
Tuesday-Friday , 9:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>)	
First Saturday , 9:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>)	Saturday , 4:30pm (<i>Saint Michael</i>)
	Sunday , 8:00am (<i>Saint Margaret</i>)
	Sunday , 11:00am (<i>Saint Michael</i>)

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<p>ST MICHAEL/ST MARGARET MEN'S GROUP</p> <p>The men's fellowship group shall reconvene on Thursday, January 15 in McElhinny Hall at 6 AM. We shall view and discuss Bishop Barron's presentations on "Seven Deadly Sins, Seven Lively Virtues". 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.</p>	<p>AARP TAXES</p> <p>AARP TaxAide volunteers will be preparing and e-filing Income tax returns at Four Locations, this year Greenville, Hermitage, Mercer, & West Middlesex. This is a FREE service, by APPOINTMENT only. Text or Call (724) 815-0206. Please leave your name, phone number, preferred site, and the best time to call back.</p>

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, January 13

Saint Hilary

Bernie Maycher (Family)

Wednesday, January 14

John (Jack) Smith (Karen Augustine)

Thursday, January 15

E. Tracel Pickens (Anniv.)(Joanie & Eddy)

Friday, January 16

Deceased Members of the Loreno Family
(Ed Loreno)

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

Saturday, January 17

4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, January 18

8:00 am Irene Perman

(Marlene & Walt Renwick)

11:00am Carmen Scibetta (Joanna Faber)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

January 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Jonathon Mong (Family)

January 1-15 (Saint Margaret)

Carol Moore (Robert Moore)

Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)

CHILD PROTECTION

January is Human Trafficking Prevention Month

In 2024, the National Center for Missing & Exploited Children received over 27,800 reports of possible child sex trafficking. The average age of child sex trafficking victims is 15 years old. Child sex trafficking is child abuse. It occurs when a minor is advertised, solicited, or exploited through a commercial sex act—where sex is exchanged for money, food, shelter, drugs, or anything of value. Traffickers can be family members (even parents), friends, gangs, foster parents, trusted adults or boyfriends. Talk openly with your child about this reality and build resiliency. Address myths that glamorize the commercial sex industry. Warn about online risks: social media and gaming platforms are used by traffickers to target, groom, and recruit victims. Prepare your child: at some point they will likely encounter inappropriate messages or harmful content online. Teach them how to respond safely. Report suspected child sex trafficking by calling 1-800-843-5678 or visit CyberTipline.org. For additional resources visit www.ericd.org/childprotection/.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

January 14: Bible Study at 6pm. (St. Michael).

January 15: Men's Group begins at 6am.
Fish Fry Meeting at 7 pm.
(Both events at St. Michael).

January 17: Confessions 3-4pm (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

CALENDARS

There are a few 2026 calendars available. If you
need an extra copy please take one.

A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

My Dear Brothers and Sisters,

It is somewhat ironic, that for most of us, the day of our baptism, is not something that we remember. Most of us were infants when we were baptized. Our parents brought us to church. Usually we were dressed up in some special, white baptismal garments. And almost always, lots of pictures were taken. They almost always, took pictures of us with our godparents. They took pictures of us with our grandparents. They took pictures of us with the priest or deacon that baptized us. We may not remember the actual event. But thanks to Kodak and Polaroid, and now the cameras on our phones, we've got pictures to prove the event took place. The pictures make the event that much more real for us, who can't remember that far back.



Of course, as we just heard, at Jesus' Baptism, they didn't need to take any pictures to make the event memorable. St. Matthew tells us today that at Jesus' Baptism the heavens opened up for Him. And He saw the Spirit of God descending like a dove and coming upon Him. And then of course there's that loud voice from the heavens, booming across the sky, "This is my Beloved Son with whom I am well pleased". You talk about the dramatics of it all! It is interesting that for a baby born in a simple stable, on a quiet night, a silent night. That same baby all these years later, has a pretty dramatic Baptism in the Jordan River. Christmas begins with a Silent Night. But the Christmas season ends with God's voice echoing across the sky, telling the world how pleased He is with His Son!

We know, of course, that Jesus didn't need Baptism. Baptism is for us. Sinners need Baptism. The Son of God did not. St. Matthew points this out for us also in his version of the story, as even St. John the Baptist, wonders whether or not he is doing the right thing. By His Baptism though, Jesus makes holy the water of every Baptism that will take place following His. Because of Jesus' Baptism, we are baptized! And we also know how important Baptism really is. Baptism is our way of beginning our walk with Jesus Christ. It all starts with water, and oils, and fire, and promises. That is the way that we begin the walk that eventually will lead all of us to Heaven. It all starts with Baptism.

And yet, how important is it that all of us remember our baptisms! That's a big part of this Feast Day today and every year. As we come to the end of our Christmas season, before we head into Ordinary Time, we take the time to remember that we ARE baptized people. And that, my brothers and sisters, makes us different. We aren't like everybody else. We are a unique creation of God. We have died to Christ. From the moment that all that water poured off our heads, we were a new creation in Christ. We were born again. Everything started a new! How important it is for us to NOT forget that! Today we celebrate Jesus' Baptism and the beginning of His public ministry. But today demands that we also remember our own baptisms and the beginnings of our own walks with Christ.



Today, becomes the perfect day to get out pictures from everyone's baptisms. Watch the video or get out the old movies. Dig out your Baptismal Candle. Talk to your parents or your Godparents today about your Baptisms. But we can't forget. We must never forget. We like Christ, were washed clean in the waters of Baptism. Now it is time to live as baptized people, working together in the Church, for the salvation of all people. Our Baptisms not only buys us a whole new way of life, but our Baptisms also get us the job and responsibility of carrying the Good News of Jesus Christ out to many others. Just like for Jesus, following His Baptism, it was time for Him to go to work. So too for us, it is time for all of us to go to work, building the Kingdom of God, and bringing His Gospel to every person that we come in contact with. This is a great day. On this Feast Day, we are sent out to a world that so desperately needs us, just like Jesus was, two-thousand years ago!

May we bear witness to our Baptisms with our lives, not just with our words. May we live out our Faith every day. And may we put into action, Jesus' good news, by the way that we care and get involved!

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom