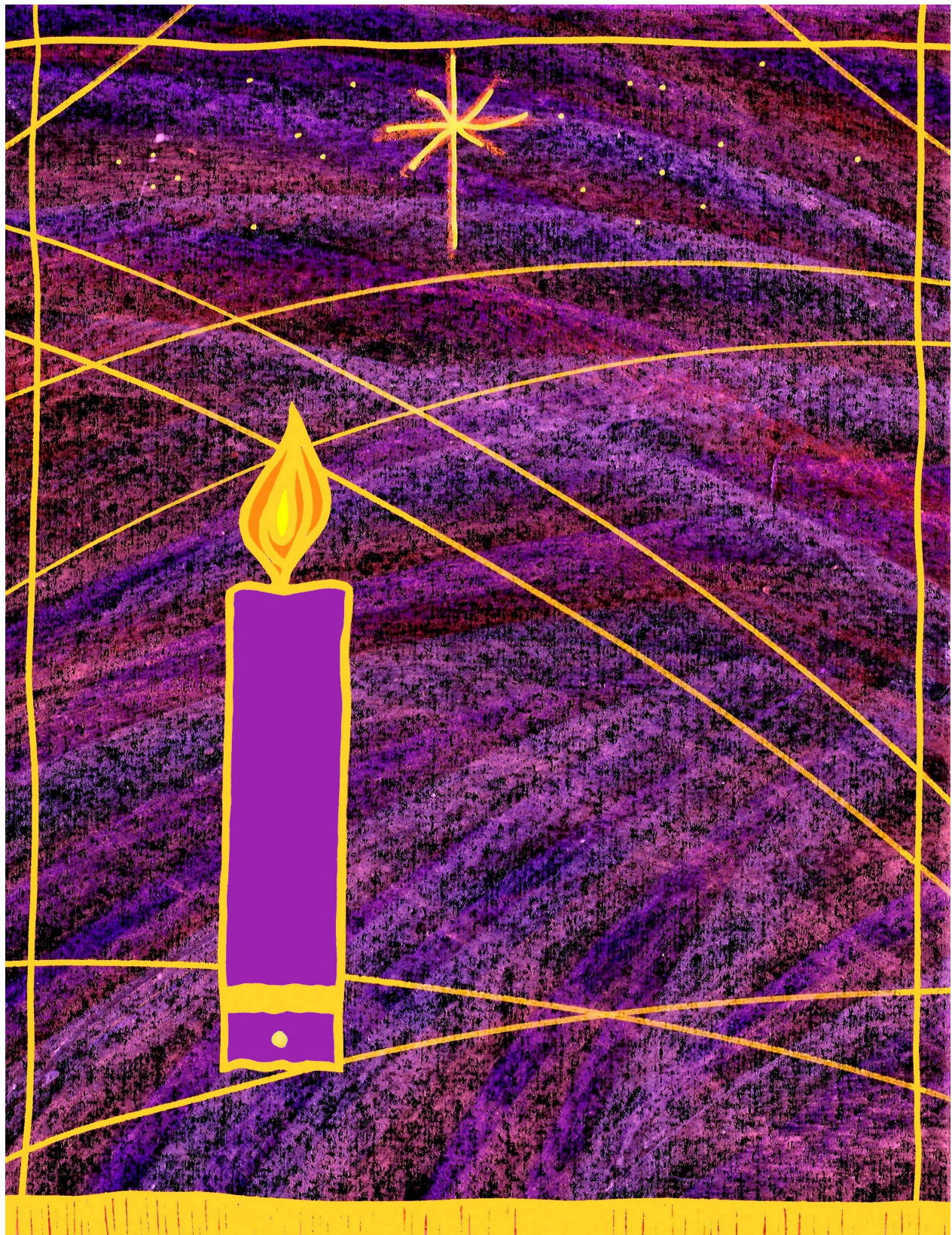




The First Sunday of Advent	Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish 85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800 Saint Margaret, Mission 701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134 OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM	Sunday, November 30, 2025
MASS TIMES Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (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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CONFESSION SCHEDULE Fr. Ray will be hearing Confessions on Mondays from 5-6 pm during Advent. In addition, Fr. Ray will be helping Fr. Tom on Saturdays from 3-4 pm during Advent. Spread the word!	MASS SET UP Fr. Tom will hold a workshop for individuals who are interested in volunteering to help set the altar for daily Mass and weekend Masses at Saint Michael. Please call the office if you are interested or have questions, 724-588-9800 ext 133.	

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, December 2

Glenn Augustine (Tony Luciani)

Wednesday, December 3

Saint Frances Xavier

6:50 am Frank Eber (Jean Eber)

Thursday, December 4

Saint John Damascene

Carol Moore (Anniv.) John Turner

Friday, December 5

Living Members SMS Class of 1965

(Mary & Dan Smith)

Saturday, December 6

Saint Nicholas

Millie Burke (Matt & Jill Ross)

Second Sunday of Advent

Saturday, December 6

4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, December 7

8:00 am Edward & Helen Novak (Holian Family)

11:00am Tom & Richard (Anne & Children)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

December 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Judy Kalchthaler

(Uncle Bennie & Aunt Bonnie & Family)

Joanne Gouker (Sue D'Urso)

December 1-15 (Saint Margaret)

John R Potase Sr. (Daughter & Family)

GOOD SHEPHERD CHRISTMAS DISTRIBUTION

St. Michael has been asked to provide 75 sugar cookie mixes for the Good Shepherd Christmas distribution. Please put your items in plastic tub under the table in the Gathering Space at St. Michael by December 5.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

December 1: Confession 5-6 pm.

December 3: Bible Study begins at 6pm.

December 4: Men's Group meets at 6am.

December 5: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament. Benediction at Noon.

December 6: Confessions 3-4 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,

The word "advent" originated from the Latin "adventus" which means coming. The season of Advent, is the preparation for the coming of Jesus, first through the incarnation and ultimately, his coming again in glory at the end of time. This year it runs from Dec. 1 to Dec. 24. Advent marks the beginning of the liturgical year in the Catholic Church. Unlike the secular year, which marks the passage of time, the Liturgical year celebrates the sacred mysteries of the birth, life, death and resurrection of Jesus. The liturgical color of Advent is violet or purple, except on the Third Sunday of Advent, called Gaudete Sunday, when rose vestments may be worn. Like Lent, the Gloria is not recited during Advent liturgies, but unlike Lent, the Alleluia is retained.

During Advent, we are invited to reflect on the wondrous mystery of Jesus' birth as well as look with joy and hope to his return. We are called to repent of our sins, pray and draw ourselves closer to God. The Christmas season begins on Dec. 25, Christmas Day and runs through the feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This year, it will be celebrated on Jan. 12. The word "Christmas" comes from the Middle English "Christemasse," which literally means Christ's Mass. This feast commemorates the birth of the Messiah, Jesus Christ. He was conceived by the Holy Spirit and born of the Virgin Mary. In doing so, God became flesh, making the salvation of the world possible.

Whether you are single, a busy parent with kids, or empty-nesters, you can celebrate Advent like you are actually anticipating the coming of Christ—which is the whole point. It's a spiritual journey! Here are some ideas to help you celebrate the season of Advent.

1. **Advent Wreath:** One of the most popular ways to celebrate Advent is with an Advent wreath. Four candles (three purple and one pink), are used to count down the weeks until Christmas. Each Sunday of Advent one of the candles is lit and special prayers are said. Each Sunday of Advent has a particular theme leading up to the birth of Christ.
2. **Advent Dinners:** Make the Sundays of Advent into something special. Prepare a nice dinner or host a potluck and invite over family & friends. This would be a great time to light the candles on your Advent wreath and invite all to join in the special prayers for that week.
3. **Advent Devotional Reading:** There are lots of great Advent books that take you deeper into the profound theology of Advent. God comes to us as a Child, and this is amazing to think about! Going through each day with devotional reading is one of the best ways to spiritually prepare yourself for Christmas, the birth of the King of Kings.
4. **Special Prayers:** Adopt special prayers during the Advent season. You can often find them in Advent devotional books. There is also the St. Andrew Christmas Novena which is traditionally prayed from the feast of St. Andrew (November 30th) until Christmas Eve. Another tradition is praying the O Antiphons from the Liturgy of the Hours in the eight days leading up to Christmas. The O Antiphons are the antiphons of the Evening Prayers (Vespers) during the week before Christmas. Each antiphon welcome the birth of the Savior by heralding one of the resplendent Biblical titles of the soon-to-be-born Son of God as foreshadowed in the Old Testament by the prophet Isaiah.
5. **Advent Calendars:** Another popular way to celebrate the Advent season, especially popular with children, is the Advent calendar. Counting down the days to Christmas helps children to anticipate patiently and to focus on waiting for the baby Jesus to be born. You can purchase one, or make one as a fun craft time for kids.

Look for five additional ideas in next week's thoughts.

Yours in Christ,

Fr. Tom