



<p><b>The Fourth Sunday of Advent</b></p>	<p><b>Saint Michael Roman Catholic Parish</b> 85 North High Street, Greenville, PA 16125 • (724) 588-9800</p> <p><b>Saint Margaret, Mission</b> 701 Denver Street, Jamestown, PA 16134</p> <p>✉ OFFICE@STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</p> <p>🌐 WWW.STMICHAELGREENVILLE.COM</p>	<p><b>Sunday, December 21, 2025</b></p>
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## 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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## STEWARSHIP

**The Third Sunday of Advent**  
\$ 12,350.86

**Retirement for Religious**  
\$1,297.00

**CSA 2025**  
Pledged: \$133,495  
Paid: \$122,620

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO  
OUR PARISH!*

**Saint Michael Parish:** In memory of Frances Orris (\$50).

## IMPORTANT SCHEDULES

Fr. Ray will be hearing **Confessions** on Monday from 5-6 pm on December 22. This will be the last Confession time before Christmas.

**Homebound visits** will need to be made on Monday or Tuesday. The Church will not be open during the day on Wednesday or Friday, except for Mass.

## CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

Mass Times for the Solemnity of the Nativity of our Lord Jesus Christ:

**Wednesday December 24**  
4:30pm Saint Michael  
Midnight Saint Michael

**Thursday December 25**  
9am Saint Margaret

## MASS INTENTIONS

**Tuesday, December 23**

Saint John of Kanyt

Mary Lou DiSalva (Family)

### SOLEMNITY OF THE NATIVITY OF THE LORD

**WEDNESDAY DECEMBER 24**

**4:30 Saint Michael Church**

Jay & Kim McMillan (Anniv.) (Family)

**12:00 AM(Midnight), Saint Michael**

For the People of the Parish

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 25**

**9:00 AM Saint Margaret Mission**

Florence & Benedict Schwartz

(Tom & Shirley Patton)

**Friday, December 26**

Saint Stephen

Isaiah John Perry (John & Gianna)

### THE HOLY FAMILY OF JESUS, MARY, AND JOSEPH

**Saturday, December 27**

4:30 pm Wally Johnson (Family)

**Sunday, December 28**

8:00 am Tom & Janet Holian (Holian Family)

11:00am For the People of the Parish

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

**December 16-31 (Saint Michael)**

James & Edith Barbarossa

(Bennie & Bonnie Barbarossa & Family)

W. H. Welton (Family)

**December 16-31 (Saint Margaret)**

John R. Potase Sr. (Daughter & Family)

Carol Moore(Robert Moore)

## CHURCH CLEANING

Volunteers are needed to do cleaning in the Church in preparation for the Christmas Masses. Please bring buckets and rags. Work will begin after the 9AM Mass on Tuesday.

Thank you for your help!

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**December 23:** Christmas Cleaning of Church at St. Michael after Mass.

**December 24:** Office is closed until Dec. 29. Church will be open for Mass only during that time.

**December 27:** 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.

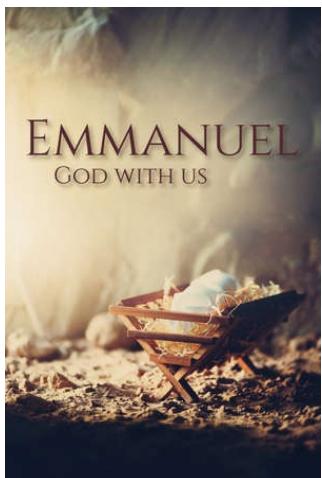
May we welcome him with open hearts  
and work with him in a spirit of synodality,  
called to listen, collaborate, and build unity.

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.

Imprimatur, 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,

“Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace to those on whom his favor rests.” These words end the gospel which we all know so well in our celebration of “Christmas”, the Mass to celebrate the arrival of the long-awaited Messiah.

But the Israelite hopes for the messiah, i.e., another savior like a King David, is celebrated by all Christians in even a fuller way: “for today in the city of David a savior has been born for you who is Messiah AND LORD.” He is more than just another king like David, but one who shares divinity with Yahweh – truly God with us, “Emmanuel.”

In our society today we celebrate this great feast as “the holidays” as we greet one another with “Have a happy holiday!” What is different in this feast is that we celebrate the love of God for us that He has sent his Son to take on our human nature in order to show us a way to salvation. In a word, we celebrate “Emmanuel” – God-with-us.

This moment of history is the ever-present form of unconditional love of God for us which we find “hidden” in the Mass. The gifts of bread and wine are presented to the priest at the beginning of the Liturgy of the Eucharist. Silently, the priest or deacon adds water to the wine with these words, “By the mystery of this water and wine may we come to share in the divinity of Christ who humbled himself to share in our humanity.” What a wonderful Christmas reflection! And it is present in every Mass now even as we remember the event of twenty centuries ago.



What does this mean to us? This moment brings the historical event we celebrate today to our present day. As we become more Christ-like we take on the role of sharing in our messiah’s mission foretold in the first reading from Isaiah: “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light … for the yoke that burdened them… will be burned as fuel for flames ....”

God’s gift to us in this love for us, this invitation to share with his Son in his mission among us “to bring good news to the poor … new sight to the blind, to set the downtrodden free....” (Lk 4:18)

We celebrate this invitation in every Mass but it begins in the Christmas liturgy as we remember how God came among us – Emmanuel – to save us and show us the way.

Merry Christmas!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom