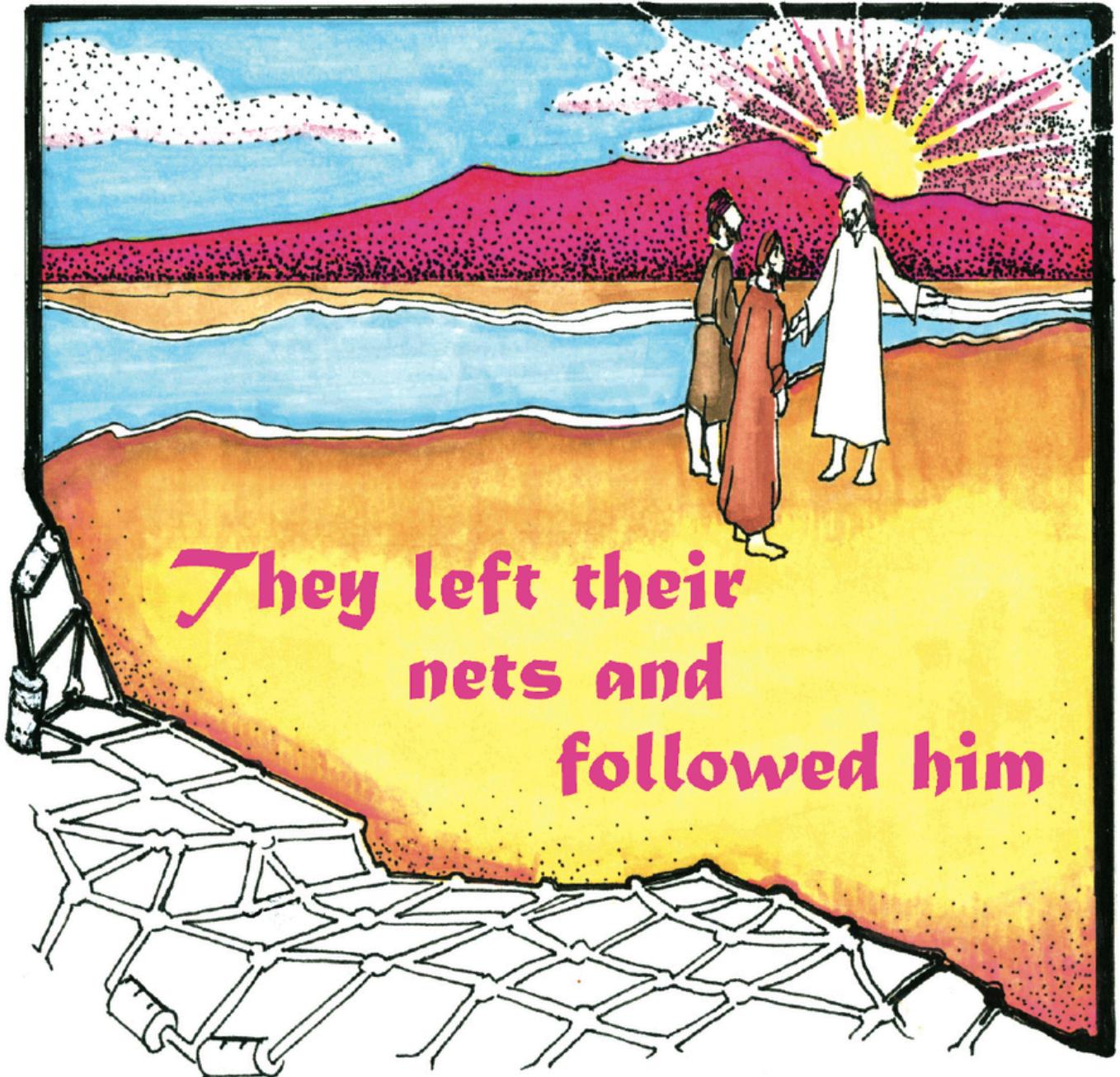


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**They left their  
nets and  
followed him**



<h2>Third Sunday in Ordinary Time</h2>	<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, January 25, 2026</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

**Second Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
\$ 10,814.10

**CSA 2025**  
Pledged: \$133,720  
Paid: \$130,210

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO  
OUR PARISH!*

## SANCTUARY CANDLES

**January 16-31 (Saint Michael)**  
Special Intention

**January 16-31 (Saint Margaret)**  
Carol Moore (Robert Moore)  
John McElhinny (Michael & Elizabeth Szugye)

## TONI MCELHINNY ADVERSITY SCHOLARSHIP

Applications are now open for the 8th Annual Toni McElhinny Adversity Scholarship, awarded to a Greenville High School senior who has faced adversity and shown courage, resilience, and hope. This scholarship honors Toni's legacy and supports students who bravely share their story and continue forward despite life's challenges. More information can be found on the website <https://www.comm-foundation.org/scholarships>  
📅 Deadline: March 1, 2026.

## AARP TAXES

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.

## MASS INTENTIONS

### Tuesday, January 27

Saint Angela Merici

James Micsky, Sr. (Mark & LeeAnn)

### Wednesday, January 28

Saint Thomas Aquinas

John B. McElhanny (Mary Ellen Zahniser)

### Thursday, January 29

No Mass

### Friday, January 30

Michael Leskovac (Mary Jo Lipani)

### Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time

### Saturday, January 31

4:30 pm Shawn Holzapfel (Family)

### Sunday, February 1

8:00 am For the People of the Parish

11:00am Toni Marie McElhinny (Natalie Higbee)

**\*REMINDER TO USE THE NORTH  
PARKING LOT FOR DAILY MASS.  
THE SOUTH LOT IS CLOSED\***

## PASSION PLAY

Calling all Actors and helpers! Everyone is welcome to participate in any role on and off stage - Community members, all denominations and churches. You don't want to miss this chance to participate in this wonderful Passion Play. Contact Sam Shadle at 412-770-5084 or just plan to come to Lateran Hall on Monday, Jan. 26 from 6 - 7:30 pm. Hope to see you there!

## ST MICHAEL/ST MARGARET MEN'S GROUP

Join us on 29 January (6 am, McElhinny Hall) as we discuss Bishop Barron's presentation on "Anger and Forgiveness". The seven deadly sins of pride, envy, anger, sloth, gluttony, avarice, and lust are presented as patterns of dysfunction within us that lead to unhappiness. Bishop Barron shows us how to counteract these seven sinful patterns through the seven lively virtues. All men are invited! Join us and bring a friend! Light breakfast items will be provided.

## WEEKLY CALENDAR

**January 26:** Passion Play Rehearsals begin 6 pm Lateran Hall.

**January 29:** Men's Group at 6am.(St. Michael).

**January 31:** 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.

Imprimatur, October 28, 2025  
The Most Reverend Lawrence T. Persico, J.C.L.  
Bishop of Erie

## 2025 GIVING STATEMENTS

Call the Patty at the office x133 if you  
would like a copy of your 2025 giving  
statement for income taxes.

## A WORD FROM FATHER TOM

My Dear, Brothers and Sisters,

I have always loved the passage where Isaiah says, “The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light; upon those who dwelt in the land of gloom a light has shown.”

All of us by now are aware of the many ways in which people experience despair: personally, professionally, and politically. It can be a huge burden to be open to the pain of others in our lives, as well as the pain of all humanity. But we can take on the big task of helping to dispel the darkness with the light of Christ. In fact, we must. It is the call to discipleship for each of us who experience that light to share it in our private and public relationships with others.



Now, it is not our job to solve all those problems, but rather to shed the light of Christ on them so that people will have greater insights into all these problems. Still, sharing that light can be a daunting task at every level. But why should we be afraid? The Psalmist sings, “The Lord is my light and my salvation,” with joy, hope, and courage. The Lord is our refuge, so why should we fear? In-the-midst of a world that holds great gloom and despair, we can focus instead on the bounty of the Lord in our lives and the lives of others.

Yet, there is difficulty ahead, reminds Paul, in focusing the light of Christ. Well we know that it is so easy to take different positions in the way we think about how our problems should be solved, personally, professionally, and politically. Paul reminds us that it is not about the wisdom of human eloquence. It is about the humility of the cross.

Today in our Gospel Matthew's focus is on what Jesus proclaimed regarding living in the Kingdom of God. Jesus was about healing diseases. In my experience, the greatest disease we have in our world today is the disease of hate. It cuts through families, communities, and nations. It has placed the world in great darkness.

Jesus understands this. He knows our darkness and how much it brings us to despair and death. He calls us to repent, or turn away, to focus away from the darkness and to focus on the light, which is the kingdom of heaven in our midst. Look for the light! In this new year, I pray that we will draw on the courage of our faith to share the Gospel light of Christ with others. We can share the good news that the kingdom of heaven is indeed at hand!

Yours in Christ,  
Fr. Tom