

SOLEMNITY OF OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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Sunday, November 22, 2026

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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STEWARDSHIP

Thirty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time
$7,001.29

CSA 2026
Pledged $ 137,595
Paid $ 118,910

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH

GOOD SHEPHERD REQUESTS

Calling all bakers! We need 63 doz cookies for the GS Christmas meal provided by St Michael parish. Bring your cookies in a disposable bag or container either Sat Dec 5th 4-5:30pm or Sun Dec 6th 9:30am-12Noon and place them in the church kitchen. Signup in FN newsletter or on clipboard in the Gathering Space if you can help please.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

November 16-30 (Saint Michael)
Ben Barbarossa (Bonnie)
Tom Duda (Bonnie Barbarossa)

November 16-30 (Saint Margaret)
Carol Moore (Robert Moore)
Beth Yurisic (Robert Moore)

BIRTHDAYS

The following parishioners celebrate birthdays this week. Wish them a happy birthday if you see them.

Gabby Saulsbery, Dan McCloskey, Anne Hallowell, Darren Johnson, Roy Krepp, Robert Tenekewich, Dina Janetti, Carole Daniello

If we missed your birthday it may be that we do not have your date in the data base.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, November 24
Saint Andrew Dung-Lac & Companions
Deceased Members of the D'Alfonso Family
(Anthony & Lucia)

Wednesday, November 25
Saint Catherine of Alexandria
Colleen Wilson Hamilton (Family)

Thursday, November 26
Thanksgiving Day
John & Florence Kalchthaler (Joan Johnson)

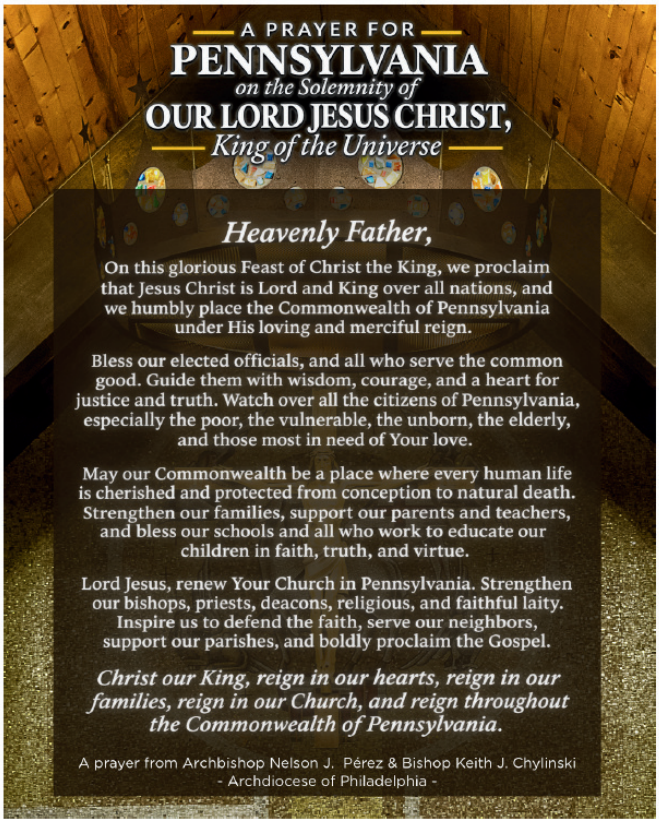
Friday, November 27
Joe & Norma Stark (Children)

First Sunday in Advent

Saturday, November 28
4:30pm Stephanie Romine (Bill)

Sunday, November 29
8:00am Patrick Kozminski (Anniv.)
(Brian & Cindy)
11:00am For the People of the Parish

PRAYER FOR THE PENNSYLVANIA



WEEKLY CALENDAR

Nov. 23: Morning prayer at 9 am.

Nov. 26: Mass at 9am. Church office closed.

Nov. 27: Mass at 9am. Church Office closed.

Nov. 28: Confessions 3-4 pm.

Good Shepherd Center Christmas Request Item- 75 cake mixes by December 5, 2026.

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,



What comes to mind when you think about how we will be judged when we die and about the general judgement at the end of the world? Do you, for example, believe in heaven as a state of eternal happiness in God's presence and hell as a state of eternal alienation (and, in this sense, damnation) from God? These may seem rather gloomy questions but they are the questions that must be asked after hearing the parable about the Son of Man coming to separate the virtuous from the wicked as the shepherd separates sheep from goats.

Sadly many people no longer believe in life after death or in the existence of heaven. They insist that earthly life is the only life and that there is nothing after death. Even sadder is that some Christians — who are meant to believe in life after death — question the existence of hell. They argue that if God is all loving and compassionate, then God will save everyone from the consequences of their sins and ensure that they will be in heaven. How could such a merciful God not save everyone?

However, there is a error in this argument. It disregards the uncompromising words spoken by Jesus in the parable. This argument also ignores a basic Christian belief regarding free will. While God certainly wants all his children to share eternity in heaven with him, he respects our freedom and accepts the outcomes of **our** choices and decisions.

If we knowingly and freely ignore the fundamental needs for sustenance, kindness, well-being and friendship of other people we meet, we are making a statement about our selfishness and self-interest. In deciding not to respond to these people, we are also deciding not to respond to God who lives in them. We disregard those people who need our help and encouragement.

In effect, we are judging ourselves to be self-centered rather than God-centred, to be uncaring and indifferent. If such practices continue throughout our lives without repentance, we will be judged accordingly when we die. If **we choose** not to respond to God during this life, then why would we choose to respond to God in the next life? Thus we will be our own judges on the day of general judgement.

In other words, we are largely in control of our own eternal destiny. Blaming God or God's "harsh" judgement will be pointless if heaven is not to be our final destiny. We will not be able to claim being shocked about our final fate because we ourselves will already have determined that fate by our attitudes and behavior during this life.



So ultimately, there are two basic types of people in the world: those who care about God and others, and those who focus their attention solely on themselves. To which type do you belong?

Jesus taught that when we help the needy we are actually helping him. That is why when Mother Teresa of Calcutta was asked how she could touch a disease-ridden man, she said that she was not touching him but touching Jesus.

Are we ready for judgement? If we consistently ignore Christ in this life, on the Last Day he will be consistent and treat us the same. Remember that while our salvation depends on the grace of Christ, it also depends on our choices during this life.

Yours in Christ,
Fr. Tom