

*Pope Francis
1936 - 2025*



**Divine
Mercy
Sunday**

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**Sunday,
April
27,
2025**

MASS TIMES

Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am (*Saint Michael*)

Saturday, 4:30pm (*Saint Michael*)

First Saturday, 9:00am (*Saint Michael*)

Sunday, 8:00am (*Saint Margaret*)

Sunday, 11:00am (*Saint Michael*)

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STEWARDSHIP

Easter Sunday
\$16,646.56

Holy Land
\$1,339.18

CSA 2025
Pledged: \$104,755

Paid: \$57,795

*THANK YOU FOR YOUR
GENEROSITY TO OUR PARISH!*

If you have not yet pledged to this year's CSA, please consider what you may be able to offer.

REST IN PEACE

Please pray for the soul of Richard See and Joan F. Evans. May their souls and all the souls of the faithful departed rest in peace.

CEMETERY FLOWERS

All Christmas flowers must be removed from the cemetery by May 1, 2025.

ORDINATION BUS

The parish is chartering a bus to the Ordination to the Priesthood of Brandon Feikles and Michael Scanga on Friday, May 23. There are 40 seats available; first come, first serve. Departure is at 5pm from the north parking lot of St. Michael arriving at St. Peter's Cathedral about 6:30pm. Please call Patty at the Church office 724-588-9800 ext 133 to reserve your seat. Plan to arrive at St. Michael north lot by 4:45pm so the bus can depart at 5pm.

MASS INTENTIONS

Tuesday, April 29

Saint Catherine of Siena
Ralph & Helene Zimmerman (Helene Dreisbach)

Wednesday, April 30

Saint Pius V
Judy Turner (Anne Liszka)

Thursday, May 1

Saint Joseph the Worker
Scott Fenn, (Larry & Kay Riley)

Friday, May 2

Saint Athanasius
Paul DeLaurentis (Paulette DeLaurentis Conner)

Saturday, May 3

Saints Phillip & James
Valjean Armor (John & Barbara Miller)

THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

Saturday, May 3

4:30 pm For the People of the Parish

Sunday, May 4

8:00am Mildred Schwartz
(Tom & Shirley Patton)
11:00am Joseph DiFede
(Friends from the Greenville Senior Center)

SANCTUARY CANDLES

April 16-30 (Saint Michael)

Deceased Members of the Meehan Family

April 16-30 (Saint Margaret)

Carol Moore (Robert Moore)
Beth Yuriscic (Robert Moore)

May 1-15 (Saint Michael)

Deceased Members of the Bonaquist Family
(Sarah Bonaquist)

FAITH FORMATION

First Communion is May 4, 2025. Please return the student rosaries that you selected from the Cross to the Church by April 30.

WEEKLY CALENDAR

April 29: Divine Mercy Chaplet 3pm

April 30 Confessions 8pm-8:30pm

May 2: Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament begins after the 9am Mass

May 3: Confessions 3pm-4pm
First Communion Retreat 9am

May 4: First Communion at 11am Mass

SEASONS OF HOPE

Announcing our new Seasons of Hope Season 3. If you or someone you know has been struggling with grief after the death of a loved one, be comforted. Join us Monday nights at 6pm in the Large Meeting Room May 5 thru June 16 (taking Memorial Day off). All interested, please contact Patty to secure your spot. More info and testimonials will be forthcoming in brochures available in the Gathering Space. There is no need to have attended previous Seasons.

CHILD ABUSE PREVENTION MONTH

Throughout the Gospel, Christ calls upon His followers to care for the most vulnerable among us, especially children. Mandated Reporters in the Diocese of Erie are people who hold positions of trust in our schools, parishes, agencies, and institutions and are mandated by Pennsylvania law and the diocesan Policy for the Protection of Children to report suspected abuse of a minor. All employees and volunteers working/serving for the Diocese of Erie, in our parishes, schools or agencies are mandated reporters both legally and morally obligated to report any reasonable suspected or known child abuse to ChildLine, the local police, or other appropriate agency. Visit www.eriecd.org/childprotection/ to learn the specific reporting procedures required by the diocese.

A WORD FROM FATHER BRANDON



I'd like to express my immense gratitude to all who poured their love, faith, talent, and time into our Holy Week, Triduum, and Easter Liturgies. Those who cleaned the church, our liturgical ministers, choir, cantors, servers, and of course all of you who prayed with us, as a family, those most holy and sacred days of our faith! I would hope and assume that those days - through your service towards them and your prayerful participation in them - allowed for and invited Easter to be far more than just a Sunday with extra people in the pews. It was truly remarkable simply being a participant and benefactor of the talent and faith of so many. Simply, thank you and I really do love you!

Last weekend, unbeknownst to us, was the final time we prayed for 'Francis, our Pope'. Like you, I have just been in a bit of awe to have seen him make his 'farewell tour' over the last week, especially on Easter with his Urbi et Orbi blessing and drive through the Square! To think that within hours he'd be deceased...it's just wild that we have that footage of him in his final hours in the Father's vineyard. By the time we will have gotten to this weekend, Francis' funeral will have happened and he will be interred at St Mary Major, Rome. We are now, as you're reading this, in anticipation of the Conclave to elect our next Holy Father. I simply encourage you to take in the grandeur of the ceremonies that will continue to unfold. We only ever witness these, presumably, a handful of times in a lifetime, so just love the beauty and reverence of it. Keep the news pundits who will play papal pundits turned to mute, and just appreciate the work of the Church and pray for the discernment of the Cardinal Electors. It really is anyone's guess who will succeed Francis - and no news outlet has any inside scoop. Just pray, love the Church's Liturgies and Rites, and just be full of Easter joy as the Holy Spirit continues to take care of the Church!

I have been reflecting on my appreciation for Pope Francis. He was a different pope, for sure, from his immediate predecessors - I don't know who could have been a perfect successor to the almost forty years of John Paul II and Benedict XVI. I just don't think the Cardinal Electors were looking to complete that triad, but sought someone who brought a different humanity to The Office. That is not a bad thing, and judging his papacy against the nature of JP2 & B16 is just not fair. Over the dozen years of his papacy, I had come to see him as, perhaps, the world's confessor, spiritual director, or lead physician of the field hospital that is the Church. All of those roles necessarily deal with and engage in the messiness, complexity, imperfection, injustice, cruelty, bloodiness, and immense suffering of the human experience - often privately, but as pope, it was publicly. I think Francis understood himself as the one who, deep down, was called to simply take away the hurt, sin, and suffering of the world. There are - and you know them - countless stories and anecdotes of him being this ambassador of mercy and refuge for those suffering in the world (I love that he, for over a year, made almost nightly calls to the lone Catholic Church in Gaza). Was it wrong? No, I think it was tremendously beautiful because it clearly flowed from his impassioned love and desire for Christ and The Father! This search for God in the suffering of humanity was in his spiritual DNA - as well as in his formation in the Jesuits. When he was ordered to recoup for two months once released from the hospital, he couldn't help himself but to be out among the suffering and broken world to do what he could to lead them to Christ. I think it's a fair question of whether that is the best role or approach for a pope, but the papacy is and always will be an Office held by a sinful and inadequate man trying to figure those things out on his own with The Lord. It's probably true to say the Cardinals will pick someone a little less inclined towards that role this time, but I don't know. All I do know is that Francis was simply a man in love with The Lord, pined for The Father, and just wanted people to stop suffering and hurting, to not know the isolation of pain, but the embrace of The Father ...he was just a man who loved the Gospel and tried to share that love, in his own way, on the front lines of the world stage. May his soul be glorified among the saints and may he know that embrace of the Father!

*Love,
Father Brandon*