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Current Schedules

Weekend Masses:
Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm

Weekday Masses: 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation:
in the Day Chapel
Monday and Wednesday:
6:00pm—7:00pm

Pastoral Center Hours:
Sunday: 9:00am—3:00pm
Monday—Thursday: 9:00am—7:00pm
Friday—Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Parish Directory

Parish Phone:
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St. Michael School:
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Pastor: Rev. Kevin Deeley
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Jiwon Yoon
Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Hubbard

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Deacon: Deacon Vincent Gatto
Deacon: Deacon Daniel Sheridan
Deacon: Deacon Eugene Schaeffer

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Mary Alice Rock

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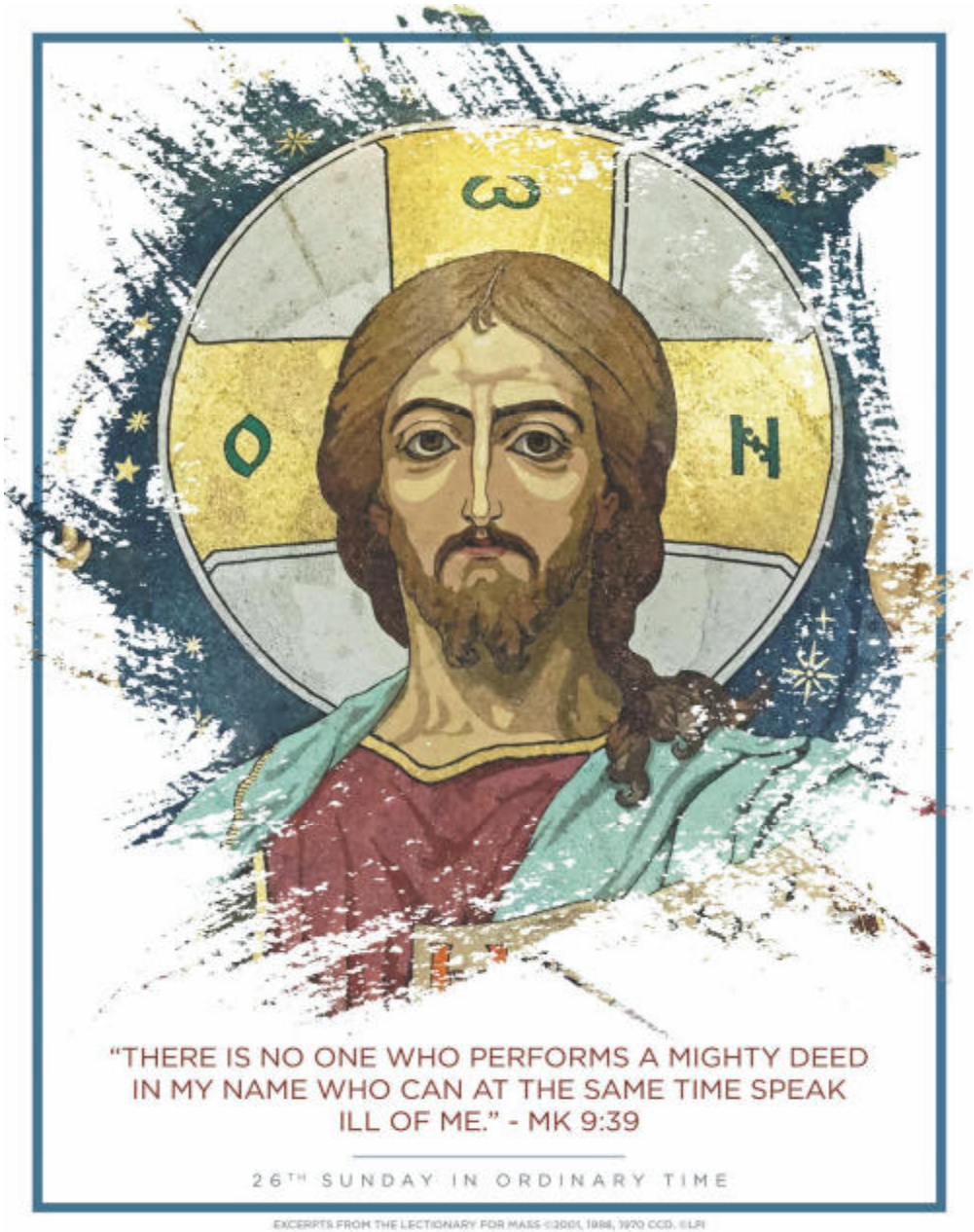

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Televised Weekend Mass

Watch Mass livestreamed at 4:00pm on Saturdays on Verizon 24, Comcast 22 or St. Michael's YouTube channel.

It is repeated on Sundays at 12noon on Verizon 24 and Thursdays at 11:00am on Comcast. 22 and, of course, on-line anytime!

St. Michael's Mission Statement

The Spirit of the Lord has been given to us.
For He has anointed us with His Life.
He has sent us to: Bring Good News to the poor,
To proclaim liberty to captives;
And to the blind bring new sight;
To set the downtrodden free;
and to proclaim the Lord's favor in our lives.
(Luke 4:18)

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26th Sunday in Ordinary Time

All that you have done to us, O Lord, you have done with true judgment,
for we have sinned against you and not obeyed your commandments.
But give glory to your name and deal with us according to the bounty of your mercy.

Daniel 3:31, 29, 30, 43, 42

Join other parishioners at the **Holy Hour for Life** on **Sunday, October 3, 2021** at 3pm in the Church to pray that all will respect life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

The Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults is a program for those who wish to receive the Sacraments of Baptism, Holy Eucharist and/or Confirmation within the Catholic Church. Here at St. Michael's we refer to this group as our Christ Seekers and we are excited that we have 4 new candidates joining the process this year. If you are interested in learning more it's not too late. You can call Mary Alice at 978-686-4050 or email mary_alice_rock@saintmichael.com.

Our kick-off is **October 3 at the 12noon Mass** and classes begin **Tuesday, October 5 at 7:00pm.**

"Be sealed with the Gift of the Holy Spirit."

Confirmation: it is never too late to receive the Grace of this important Sacrament. If you are an adult who has celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but have never been confirmed and would like more information about what is involved, please contact Deacon Vinny at 978-686-4050 or email him at vgat@comast.net.

Our kick-off is **October 3 at the 12noon** Mass and classes are for 6 weeks beginning **Wednesday, October 6 at 7:00pm.**

First Saturday Devotion

First Saturday Rosary Devotion to Our Lady of Fatima will be held on October 2, following the 8:00 am Mass in the church. Please bring your booklet as it will be used at that time. If you need one, call the pastoral center at 978-686-4050. Join us every First Saturday of the month!

On Saturday, **October 2,** we will honor the feast day for St. Francis of Assisi by having a **blessing of the animals** in the Water Street Parking lot at 9:30am.

Bring your live pets and join us!

Thank you for your support of last weekend's Clergy Trust special collection. If you were unable to donate last week but would still like to contribute, please visit our website at www.saint-michael.org to donate online, use the QR Code below, or make your check out to "St. Michael Parish" with "Clergy Trust" in the memo and bring it in, or mail it in, to the Pastoral Center.

This collection is a critical source of funding for the Trust so whatever you can give is greatly appreciated.

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PASTORAL REFLECTION

The Gospel passage we hear at Mass this weekend always struck me as a harsh way of dealing with sin. Jesus says,

"If your hand causes you to sin, cut it off…
And if your foot causes you to sin, cut if off…
And if your eye causes you to sin, pluck it out."

When I was a kid and this Gospel was read at Mass, I was scared that I'd lose my hand or eye because it somehow made me sin. Thankfully, I still have two hands, two eyes, and two feet!

However, there is a lot of wisdom in what Jesus says in this passage and it is worth reflecting on what this means for us today. While we won't be cutting limbs, it is important to realize that we grow attached to certain things or behaviors that might be leading us away from Christ rather than towards Him. This is a good opportunity to reflect on what we need to cut out of our lives in order to help us sin less and practice charity more. What in our life creates an obstacle to God rather than helps us grow closer to Him?

One time I was on a retreat and the priest leading the retreat spoke about sin and how to root it out of our lives. Over and over again, he repeated the adage "nip it in the bud!" By this, he meant not to allow the sin to grow over time, and not to allow the things that lead us to sin to become major obstacles. For instance, if we watch the news to learn what is happening in our world, that's a good thing. But if we watch the news and only become angry or grow to hate someone because of it, then maybe it's a good idea to cut that out, to nip it in the bud. When we remove these temptations to sin, hopefully we fall into them less and less. It sounds easy, but it can be a difficult task, so it can be helpful to seek some help.

This week, the Church celebrates two big feast days. On Wednesday, September 29, is the feast of the Archangels – Michael, Gabriel and Raphael. Of course this is our parish feast day so it's a big celebration for us! And then on Saturday, October 2, is the feast of the Guardian Angels. All of the angels are great helpers who can assist us in growing in holiness. This is a great week to seek their help. Let us pray to Michael, Gabriel, Raphael, and to our own Guardian Angels, asking them to help us, to guide us, and to protect us in our daily lives.

Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe Hubbard

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday September 26	Monday September 27	Tuesday September 28	Wednesday September 29	Thursday September 30	Friday October 1	Saturday October 2
Masses 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm	**Mass:** 8:00am **Adoration** 4:00pm- 7:00pm **Sacrament of Reconciliation** 6:00pm- 7:00pm in the Day Chapel	**Mass:** 8:00am **Children's Choir** 3:45pm **Adult Choir** 7:00pm **Safe Place*** 7:00pm	**Mass:** 8:00am **Sacrament of Reconciliation** 6:00pm- 7:00pm in the Day Chapel	**Mass:** 8:00am **Rosary Cenacle** 6:45pm in the Day Chapel **Al-Anon*** 7:00pm	**Mass:** 8:00am	**Mass:** 8:00am **Blessing of the Animals** 9:00am Water St Parking lot **Vigil Mass** 4:00pm

Please note: * means meeting is held in the Pastoral Center

Holy Baptism

Our Parish joyfully welcomes the following child who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism:

Elle Adelaide Jablonski
daughter of Jeffrey & Dominique

Jack Michael Sherman
son of Michael & Olivia

Remembering Loved Ones

During the month of October we invite you to visit our website, email or call us with the names of your deceased loved ones which we will enter into the **Books of Remembrance** for you. This format has changed from inscribing the names ourselves in order to keep everyone safe from COVID 19. We will pray for your loved ones in a special way at our **All Souls Liturgy.**

Please let us know the names of your loved ones by visiting www.saint-michael.org to enter your names online, email patricia_boutilier@saintmichael.com or call 978-686-4050.

Calling all Theresians and gardeners! Please join us for fall planting and clean-up around our church on Saturday, October 2 from 9-12. Enjoy the fresh air and camaraderie with fellow enthusiasts. Bring your own gloves and favorite tools. Meet at the Water Street parking lot. Contact the parish office at 978-686-4050 if you plan to join us.

MASS INTENTIONS

September 25 through October 3

Saturday	4:00pm	Richard Massero
Sunday	10:00am	Charles Avallone
	12:00noon	Vincent J. Carusi
		Paul & Alice McNamara
		Allan Furneaux
	5:00pm	David & Larry Vaughan
Monday	8:00am	Julie LeDuc (living)
Tuesday	8:00am	Leo Mottram
Wednesday	8:00am	PFC. Evan W. O'Neill (KIA)
Thursday	8:00am	Peter Voisine
Friday	8:00am	Anthony Rizzo, Jr.
Saturday	8:00am	Mary Lou Haugh (living)
	4:00pm	Lorraine Bruno
Sunday	8:00am	Masih Alinejad and
		Josephine Catherine Scarlett Bonilla
	10:00am	Anne Fitzpatrick and Pat Mooers
	12:00noon	James Sheridan, Sr.
		Ted Makarewicz

We wish to extend a warm welcome to all who are attending Mass with us today!

Rest in Peace

Lucy Cameron
Jean Deieso
Santo Cataudella
Michael J. Gillick
William May

SCHOOL NEWS

Kindergarten Building Towers and Creating Designs

Upper School Students Collaborating in the STEM Lab

Grade 2 Celebrating National Playdoh Day with Fun Activities

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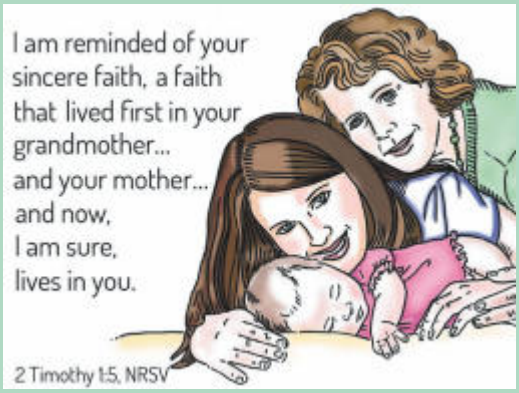
Bible Study: Gospel of Mark
Beginning in October

Margaret Kelly, a Saint Michael parishioner and experienced facilitator of Bible Studies, will be leading an eight-week study of the Gospel of Mark. We will be using the *Ignatius Catholic Study Bible* which includes much commentary, many footnotes, and a series of study questions developed by renowned Bible scholar and author, Scott Hahn.

Meeting dates and places (in-person or Zoom) are TBD as this will be determined based on participant's availability.

Visit the parish website, **www.saint-michael.org** or the Receptionist's desk to sign up to take part or for more information.



Faith Formation is planned to begin the week of October 17. As always, the goal is for a year where the whole family grows stronger, together, in their faith in Jesus Christ! It is not too late to enroll your child (or children) and it's not too late to sign up to volunteer to help teach. Sunday morning classes are sandwiched around the 10:00am Mass (before or after). We hope you will come as a family to join in the Eucharistic Feast.

If you have any questions please visit our website at www.saint-michael.org or contact one of our team members at 978-682-9484.

Our Adult Choir began singing at the 12noon Mass last weekend! We want to thank those members who transitioned from the old 10:30am Mass to the new time and welcome our new members. It is not too late to join! Practice is Tuesday evenings at 7:00pm.

Our Children's Choir starts singing THIS WEEKEND at our 10:00am Family Mass. If you are in grades 1 to 8 please consider joining us. Practice is on Tuesdays from 3:45 to 4:45pm.

Year of St. Joseph

"Truly, I doubt not that the angels, wondering and adoring, came thronging in countless multitudes to that poor workshop to admire the humility of him who guarded that dear and divine child, and labored at his carpenter's trade to support the son and the mother who were committed to his care."

- St. Francis de Sales

Burial Flag The American Flag which covered the casket of PFC Charles J. Riley, who served in the US Army in WWI, will be flown over St. Michael Parish for the month of October. If you would like to have the flag of your loved one flown here at St. Michael's please contact Don Marinelli at 978-686-4050 for more information.

Thank you to those who attended our Youth Ministry Gathering last Sunday after the 5:00pm Mass. We are looking for teenagers, Grades 9-12 to participate in an active Youth Ministry program. As we are new and building up this group, we are also welcoming ideas.

Be a part and help reach out to others.

The next meeting will be held in October.
Stay tuned!

The Society of Saint Vincent de Paul wants to thank all those who help stock our food pantry. Thanks to your wonderful donations we can help feed the hungry. Items we can use at this time include: baked beans, canned vegetables, canned stews, jams, jellies, mashed-scalloped potatoes, pasta sauce, soups, tea, coffee, hamburger helper, and condiments (ketchup, mayo, mustard, etc.).

Please remember all food donations are for **non-perishable** items. Baskets for your donations are in the gathering area of the church!

Thank you and may God bless you always!

In the case of our discovering that someone at Mass tests positive for **COVID-19,** we will make any announcement of a positive test on the parish website, Facebook & bulletin board, so please check on a regular basis.

Prayers for all who have been affected by this disease and prayers for a complete end of the pandemic!

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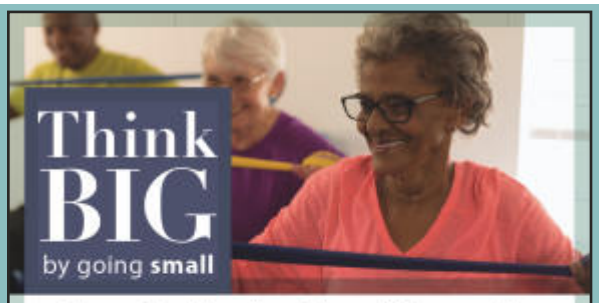

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