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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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Pastor: Rev. Kevin Deeley

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Hubbard

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Deacon: Deacon Daniel Sheridan

Deacon: Deacon Eugene Schaeffer

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THE EPIPHANY of the Lord

*"Since from you shall come a ruler,
who is to shepherd my people Israel." - Mt 2:6b*

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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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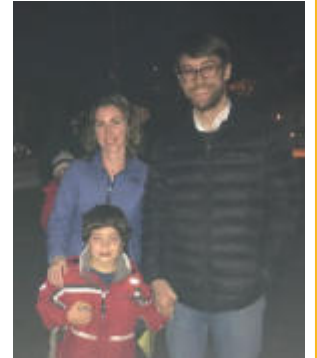
Arise, Jerusalem, and look to the East and see your children gathered from the rising to the setting of the sun.

cf. Baruch 5:5



On Friday, December 17, we held a **Blessing of our Manger**. We want to thank those who helped in any way as well as our parishioners who came and joined us. What can you learn from each of the characters in this scene? Mary and Joseph teach us courageous devotion, love, and trust in the ways of God. The shepherds teach us to lay aside our busy lives of work in quiet worship before the Lord. The Kings teach us that the hope of every nation is fulfilled in the Baby King, the Son of God - Jesus Christ. And the tender baby Jesus Christ teaches us innocence and humility, gentleness and strength, love and sacrifice, the little and the great.

In 2022, may our lives find joy in the great mystery of this Divine Gift!



JANUARY

Caregiver Support Group—THIS WEEK!

The Caregiver Support Group is for those who are caring for an elderly parent, relative, friend or someone who is going through an illness. Our next meeting is THIS Thursday, January 6, at 1:00pm in the Pastoral Center. Please contact Trisha at 978-686-4050 if you need more information.



Respect Life

St. Michael Parish will be hosting a **Holy Hour for Life** on Sunday, **January 9, at 3:00pm**. Please join us in the church to pray for the respect of life from the moment of conception to the moment of natural death.

Via Dolorosa - Moms' Bereavement Group

Via Dolorosa means, "Way of Grief". It is also the street in the Old City of Jerusalem that Jesus walked on the way to his crucifixion. Whether your child died this past year or many years ago, whether he/she was young or old, this will be a nurturing and safe place to share. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be **January 12, from 6:30-8pm** in the Pastoral Center. Please mark your calendar.

“How do you experience God in your life?”

Today is the great Feast of the Epiphany of the Lord! We all know the story of the Magi, traveling from afar to seek the Messiah, who had been foretold by the prophets. Imagine their journey on camels, over hundreds of miles – wow – how did they come to have such fervor to make this sacrifice to seek the One who was to come? Tradition tells us that they studied astronomy, as well as the Scriptures. They came to believe, through prayer and study and in life’s experiences, that God would fulfill the promise of salvation. Can you imagine the joy and wonder they had when they encountered the Baby Jesus (Whose name means, “God saves”)?! The Magi represent the whole world, not just the “Chosen People” of Israel. God revealed Godself to the Magi, who represent ALL people. Through Jesus, ALL people are invited into the Kingdom of God.

As I reflect on that story, I think of my own experiences of walking along the journey of faith each year with the Christ-Seekers (those who are in the process of being fully initiated into the Catholic Church). Each week, Deacon Vinny & I pose the question, “How did you experience God in your life this week?” Most often, as the year begins, many answers revolve around the splendor of creation – a beautiful sunset, brilliant stars, a bird’s lovely melody. As the year progresses, their answers get deeper: They start recognizing God’s presence in their lives by the compassionate, joyful, helpful, encouraging words or actions of people they encounter or by their own actions and words, by stirrings in their hearts to make life-giving decisions, by the peace that comes over them, by their own positive changes and in so many other ways. You see, as the year continues, they, like the Magi, have been making sacrifices to seek Christ by studying Scripture and the Traditions of the Church, by praying more than ever, by sharing their faith with others, by practicing good deeds. God is made manifest or appears to them in new and clear ways (Merriam-Webster definition of *epiphany*). They experience more “ah-ha” moments or “God moments”! When, at Easter, they finally receive Christ in their hands at their First Holy Communion – wow – they have that same joy and wonder as the Magi experienced 2021 years ago!

What about us? Do we have the fervor of the Magi or the Christ-Seekers? Are our eyes and hearts open to the Presence of Christ in our lives? Do we experience that joy and wonder each time we receive Christ in the Eucharist? We are at the start of a New Year! Let’s make it a year in which we, all, become more aware of God’s all-abiding presence in our lives, through our happy times and our challenging times. We can do that with more prayer, more spiritual reading, more full participation at Mass, more service to others. I guarantee that stronger and deeper awareness of Christ’s Presence within and around us will make all the difference in the world.

Wishing you a New Year, filled with epiphanies,



Director of Pastoral Ministries

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday January 2	Monday January 3	Tuesday January 4	Wednesday January 5	Thursday January 6	Friday January 7	Saturday January 8
Masses 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm	Mass: 8:00am Adoration 4:00-7:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel	Mass: 8:00am Children's Choir 3:45pm Adult Choir 7:00pm Christ Seekers 7:00pm	Mass: 8:00am Prayer Shawl* 10:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel	Mass: 8:00am Caregiver Support* 1:00pm Rosary Cenacle* 6:45pm Al-Anon* 7:00pm	Mass: 8:00am	Mass: 8:00am Vigil Mass: 4:00pm

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



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

Cordelia Evelyn Dow
daughter of William & Brigette

Audrey Reagan Murphy
daughter of Michael & Sondra

Job Opening: In mid-January, we are looking for a person to serve the parish as a **part-time housekeeper**. The housekeeper's role is to provide a comfortable home for the priests and a hospitable and welcoming environment in the parish rectory and pastoral center by maintaining cleanliness. This is a part-time position, ideal for someone seeking "mother's hours".

If you are interested, please contact Dorothy Varga or Mary Alice Rock at 978-686-4050 or information@saintmichael.com.



Faith Formation Families Class Notice:

If Faith Formation Classes need to be cancelled due to weather, notices will be posted on channels 5 and 7, Facebook and our website. Also, feel free to call the Faith Formation office at 978-682-9484 or the Pastoral Center at 978-686-4050 to check the status of classes.

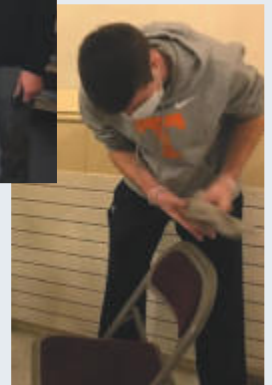
As a reminder, classes resume next weekend on Sunday, January 9.



Our next Children's Liturgy of the Word during the 10:00AM Family Mass will be held next **Sunday, January 9.**

Winter Coat Drive to Benefit Lazarus House

In the Main Street gathering area of the church there will be a box to collect winter coats from **Saturday, January 8th thru Sunday, January 23rd**. If you have coats that are no longer being used, please consider donating them to help the less fortunate stay warm this winter.



Thank you to everyone who volunteered to clean and decorate the parish hall after these months of repair! Working together helped make the chore more fun!



MASS INTENTIONS

January 1 through January 9

Saturday	8:00am	Frank Cunningham Fr. Paul T. Keyes
	4:00 pm	Mary-Louise Conte and family (all living)
Sunday	8:00am	Edward M. Rayner Marie G. (Rayner) Santonastaso (living) Thomas T. Rayner (living) Mario Santonastaso (living)
	10:00am	Joan Reil
	12:00noon	Gustavo Mora Robert A. Coppeta Coppeta, Fionte & Hanley Families Jerry Haley Kelly D. Martin
	8:00am	The living and deceased members of The Sodality
	8:00am	Richard Benedict
Wednesday	8:00am	Michael P. Flynn
Thursday	8:00am	Richard & Delores Fairburn
Friday	8:00am	David & Cornelia Norris (both living)
Saturday	8:00am	Ernesto Lopez (living)
	4:00 pm	Jan Marie Deney
Sunday	10:00am	Vincent Luciano
	12:00noon	William Bartol Claire Cote



Rest in Peace

Richard Mc Isaac Brian O'Loughlin
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Please know that through your gifts to **St. Vincent de Paul**, you are a sign of God's love to those who are suffering and you give them reason to believe and to trust. You are helping your neighbor who is hungry, hopeless and frightened to know that he/she belongs to God. For all that you do, we say Thank You!

Donations can be brought to Mass with you on the weekends or left in the baskets in the gathering area of the church during the week. At this time, our greatest need is spaghetti sauce.

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If you feel you or someone you care about might be comforted by a shawl, please contact the Pastoral Center at 978-686-4050.



Burial Flag The American Flag which covered the caskets of 2nd Lt. Bernard C. Jackson, who served in the US Army Air Force in WWII, KIA Germany 1943, will be flown over St. Michael's Parish for the month of January. 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.



For those who are interested in Electronic Giving please visit: www.saint-michael.org and click on the *Giving* tab. If you have any questions, please email: donations@saintmichael.com.

Save the Date: "Jesus is Here!" is the theme of the **Eucharistic Congress** being held at the Tsongas Center in Lowell on **June 18, 2022**. This Congress will feature **Bishop Robert Barron, Bishop Daniel Flores, Deacon Harold Burke-Silvers**, and much more! It will be a celebration of the culmination of two years focused on the True Presence of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist, established by Cardinal Seán.

Please help us save time and money by letting us know if your **address, phone number or email has changed**. You can notify us by emailing us at information@saintmichael.com or you can call the Pastoral Center at 978-686-4050. Thank you!

Do you know someone in need of extra prayers? Visit our website and virtual prayer page, **Wings of Prayer**. It's an easy way to ask for prayers and pray for others in our faith community and beyond. Or call Honey: 978-688-0079.

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 & 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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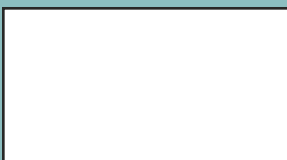
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