# ⊕ Saint Michael Parish

# Living with purpose ... Living with Christ!

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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: 978-686-4050

**St. Michael School:** 978-686-1862

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Deeley Parochial Vicar: Rev. Jiwon Yoon Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Hubbard

#### Weekend Assistant:

Rev. Ray Dlugos, O.S.A. Deacon: Deacon Vincent Gatto Deacon: Deacon Daniel Sheridan Deacon: Deacon Eugene Schaeffer

Director of Pastoral Ministries: Mary Alice Rock

School Principal: Susan Gosselin

Finance & Operations Manager: Dorothy Varga

Pastoral Associate: Dominic Margaglione

Music Director: Jennifer Wells

### **Prayer Line Intentions**

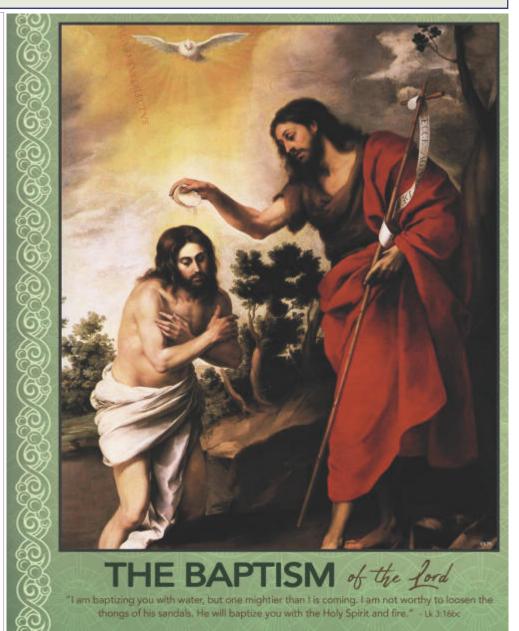
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#### **Televised Weekend Mass**

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)

# THE BAPTISM OF THE LORD

*After the Lord was baptized, the heavens were opened, and the Spirit descended upon him like a dove, and the voice of the Father thundered: This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased. cf. Matthew 3:16-17* 



Respect Life

St. Michael Parish will be hosting a <u>Holy Hour for Life</u> this weekend, **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.

### "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. **Faith Formation classes** are resuming this weekend. **If 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. If cancelled for other reasons, we will email families!













Many thanks and blessings to all who helped make the participants at our Christmas Liturgies feel very welcome! We couldn't do it without all of the volunteers who helped. You are a blessing to our parish family!

On behalf of all the priests in good standing, thank you also for your support of the Clergy Trust Christmas collection. May these priests know of our appreciation for all they do to enrich our lives and the lives of so many others.



# **PASTORAL REFLECTION**

Do you remember your baptism?

I don't remember mine. I was only about a month old, and don't remember much from that time!

Even though I don't have any memories of that day, I know it was the most important day of my life, because it was on that day that I received the gift of faith. On that day, I was washed clean from original sin and received the Holy Spirit. On that day, I became a child of God. On that day I became a member of the Church, the Body of Christ. All of these things have led me to who I am today, and hopefully will one day lead me to eternal life. So, you might say it was a pretty big day!

Today, we celebrate the feast of the Baptism of the Lord Jesus. This is an important feast because we are marking the time when Jesus received his baptism in the Jordan River from John. John had been practicing a baptism of repentance, but when Jesus was baptized, he transformed this ritual into a baptism with the Holy Spirit. Mark's Gospel tells us, "*Just as Jesus was coming up out of the water, he saw heaven being torn open and the Spirit descending on him like a dove. And a voice came from heaven: "You are my Son, whom I love; with you I am well pleased"* (Mark 1:10-11). God transformed something that had been symbolic into something that brings about transformation in all who receive it. When we received baptism, God said the same thing to us as he said to Jesus – "You are my son or daughter, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

So, whether we remember it or not, today is a day to reflect on our baptism, to give thanks for this gift we've received, and to praise God for his goodness to us. The baptism we experienced was first modeled for us by Jesus, himself! He began in a quiet way, person to person, before beginning his more public ministry. We are called to share not just in the gifts of the sacrament, but also in the work of building up the Kingdom of God in our own lives, with one person at a time. Our baptism makes us a new creation, and changes something in us so that we are forever united to God. May we be energized in our desire to share this good new and this faith with others, so that they may hear those same words from God – "You are my son or daughter, whom I love; with you I am well pleased."

Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe Hubbard



This Week in Our Parish							
Sunday January 9 <u>Masses</u> 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm <u>Holy Hour</u> <u>for Life</u> 3:00pm	Monday January 10 <u>Mass:</u> 8:00am <u>Adoration</u> 4:00-7:00pm <u>Sacrament of</u> <u>Reconciliation</u> 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel	Tuesday January 11 <u>Mass:</u> 8:00am <u>Children's</u> <u>Choir</u> 3:45pm <u>Adult Choir</u> 7:00pm <u>Christ</u> <u>Seekers*</u> 7:00pm <u>Safe Place*</u> 7:00pm	Wednesday January 12 <u>Mass:</u> 8:00am <u>Sacrament of</u> <u>Reconciliation</u> 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel <u>Via</u> <u>Dolorosa*</u> 6:30pm	Thursday January 13 <u>Mass:</u> 8:00am <u>Rosary Cenacle</u> 6:45pm <u>Al-Anon*</u> 7:00pm	Friday January 14 <u>Mass:</u> 8:00am	Saturday January 15 <u>Mass:</u> 8:00am <u>Vigil Mass:</u> 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:

Jack Michael Dolan son of Douglas & Jennifer

**Emerson Kean Evers** son of Bernard & Amanda

Jackson Taylor Madore son of Jonathan & Jennifer

Crew Michael Salines son of Eric & Lauren

### 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.



Stop by on Monday evenings for Adoration in the church from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

"Be still and know ... ...that I am your God!"



January 8 through January 16

Saturday	8:00am 4:00 pm	Ernesto Lopez (living) Jan Marie Deney
Sunday	10:00am 12:00noon	Vincent Luciano William Bartol Claire Cote
Monday	8:00am	James Monahan (living)
Tuesday	8:00am	Sean Tetler (living)
Wednesday	8:00am	William "Billy" Bartol
Saturday	8:00am 4:00 pm	Roger T. Karl Mauro Barbagallo
Sunday	10:00am 12:00noon 5:00pm	Meghan Voisine For the deceased members of the Nancy Wilson and Thomas Gallagher Family Daniel Carney

# Rest in Peace

Joseph Barcelos Kenneth Collins Ruth Sapienza Felicia R. Campione Michael Piscatelli Barbara Ann Stack

<u>Job Opening</u>: 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 email information@saintmichael.com.



## SCHOOL NEWS







-Hands On--Minds On-Learning in our STEM classes!





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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. At this time we could really use

the following items: canned meats, canned fruits, mashed and scalloped potatoes, fruit juices, muffin mixes and canned peas.

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!



#### Youth Group Fun!

"Here is a picture from the Youth Group Christmas Break skating event at Phillips Academy in Andover. We had a great time and some even learned how to skate! We're looking forward to more events to come in the weeks ahead."

## 2022 Offertory Commitment Program

Thank you to all the Parish families who have pledged to the calendar year 2022 Offertory Commitment Program. We assume no pledge response means your pledge will stay the same as your 2021 commitment. Please prayerfully consider supporting St. Michael Parish.



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



## Winter Coat Drive to Benefit Lazarus House

Saint Michael School National Junior Honor Society is collecting the following items for Lazarus House Ministries:

Coats Hats Scarves Winte

Hats Winter Boots Mittens/Gloves New Socks

Items should be clean and in good repair with no rips, stains, or holes please. There will be a

box in the Main Street gathering area of the church **thru Monday**, **January 24th**.

Winter Coat

Please help spread the warmth this winter!

**Burial Flag** The American Flag which covered the caskets of 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Bernard C. Jackson, who served in the US Army Air Force in WWII, KIA Germany 1943, will be flown over St. Michael 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.



<u>Save the Date:</u> "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.



After an Advent of waiting in hope, Christ was born on Christmas Day, and today we mark his baptism in the Jordan. Whether you were baptized as an infant or an adult, today is a good day to reflect on your baptism. Baptism is a once-in-a-lifetime

sacrament but the graces of the sacrament are with us for our entire lives. Too often we forget that this is the sacrament that "keeps on giving". Tap into those graces. Do you believe in God, in Jesus Christ, in the Holy Spirit, and in the holy, Catholic Church? Prove it! What difference does it make in your life every day?

To learn more about our parish family, please visit our website at www.saint-michael.org or call our Pastoral Center at 978-686-4050.

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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