⊕ Gaint Michael Parish

Living with purpose ... Living with Christ!

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Current Schedules

Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4:00p

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

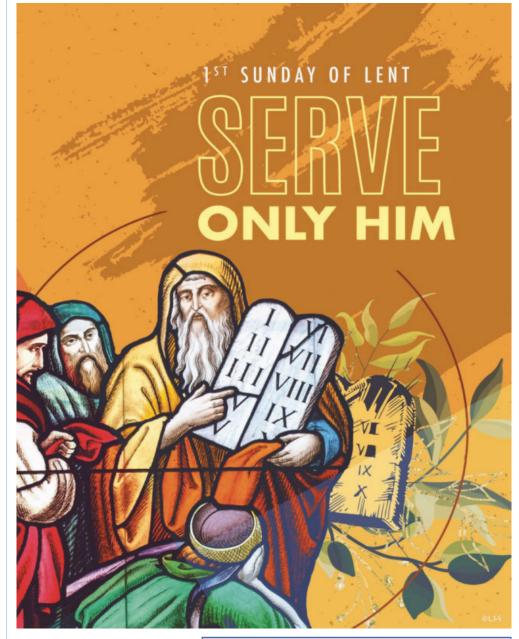
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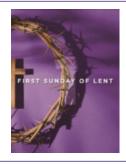
Televised Weekend Mass

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 sat the downtroddan free:

To set the downtrodden free; and to proclaim the Lord's favor in our lives. (Luke 4:18)

March 6, 2022



First Sunday of Lent

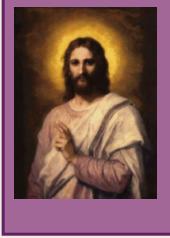
When he calls on me, I will answer him; I will deliver him and give him glory, I will grant him length of days. — cf. Psalm 91 (90):15-16





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Taizé Prayer Service

Led by the Spirit

Monday, March 14, 7:15 pm

Experience the peace found in the unique and beautiful music of Taizé prayer and quiet reflection.

PARISH MISSION: LISTEN TO HIM

Listening to Christ through prayer, people and circumstances.

Redemptorist missionary, Fr. Anthony Michalik, leads a threenight Lenten mission aimed at opening us to the voice of Jesus in our lives. All 3 evenings will begin at 7:00pm.

Sunday, March 27: Preaching, Music & Prayer Monday, March 28: Reconciliation Service Tuesday, March 29: Closing Mass



Stations of the Cross

Join us every Friday in Lent at 7:00 pm in the church, to walk with Jesus to Calvary Hill and remember His saving act of love for us through this time honored prayer.

The Stations will also be live streamed on our parish YouTube channel.



The 2022

The 2022 Catholic Appeal Once a year, Catholics throughout the Archdiocese are asked to support the greater church by giving a gift to the Catholic Appeal. Just as our weekly collection supports parish expenses, initiatives and programs, the Catholic Appeal helps fund services that are essential to our parishes, schools and the greater community.

Each of us is responsible not only for the wellbeing of our parish, but also for the wellbeing of the Church throughout our Archdiocese. Please prayerfully consider making a generous gift. You can scan the QR code or visit <u>www.bostoncatholicappeal.org/donate-now</u>.







FROM YOUR PASTOR

On this First Sunday of Lent we hear in the Gospel the familiar account of the temptation of Jesus in the desert by the devil. Jesus resists the three temptations of the devil as the hand of God lifts him up. Tradition has it that Jesus spent forty days in the desert. This time period is a reflection of the forty years in the desert experienced by God's chosen people whom we read about in today's Scripture Reading from the Book of Deuteronomy. The Israelites are urged in this Reading to recall how God heard their cry and saw their affliction and brought them out of Egypt and into a land flowing with milk and honey.

We have begun our own journey in the desert of the Sacred Season of Lent. During these forty days we are invited to enter in a conversion process which will strengthen our faith. We, too, face all the temptations of the world around us and we, too, seek the hand of God to lift us up. Like the Israelites we do not take this journey alone but with this community of believers. We seek to encourage one another as we journey to the triumph of Easter.

During these forty days we may personally set a discipline for ourselves in the traditional fasting, prayer, and almsgiving. May we also take advantage of the opportunities that our Parish offers that bring us together as a community. If you are able, I strongly encourage your participation in the daily Mass as often as you are able. The Friday Evening Stations of the Cross are a powerful reflection for us of the love that Jesus shows us in his suffering and death on the Cross. We also offer several opportunities to gather for prayer and reflection in a Holy Hour this afternoon at 3:00 p.m., a three - day Retreat at the end of March, a Taize Prayer Service on March 14th and the sharing of our Lenten book this year, 'Seriously God?'.

We all need, from time to time, renewal. The Lenten Season is a special time for us to be renewed in our faith. May God bless all of us to be renewed in our *Living with purpose...living with Christ*.

God Bless,

Fr. Deeley

Fr. Deeley



Holy Hour Sunday, March 6 at 3:00 pm Join us for our monthly Holy Hour! This month is especially suited for young families. Fr. Joe will celebrate a youth

- friendly Holy Hour and lead us in prayer before the Real Presence of Jesus in the Blessed Sacrament.

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



(pictured left to right: Fr. Deeley, Chelle & Art Durkin, David Tagliaferri and Jim Hauer)

At the 8:00am Mass on February 27, 2022, the Andovers Knights of Columbus presented the annual St. Joseph Award to Arthur Durkin "for steadfast devotion and generous support to faith, family, church and community". Art certainly exemplifies those traits as Fr. Deeley in his remarks told the parish of Art's generous participation in parish life, serving as chair of the Parish Pastoral Council, jumping in as a safety guide and hospitality minister during the pandemic, coordinating the *Pop Your Trunk* food collections for Lazarus House Ministries, helping to organize the flower planting at the North Andover Housing Projects, and in so many other ways. Thank you, Art, for your outstanding service to our parish family!

Seriously, GOD?

If you picked up this new book on Ash Wednesday we invite you to join one of our discussion groups on **Wednesdays in Lent:**

1 pm—In Person 7 pm—Zoom Meeting Sign up on our website.



March 5 through March 13

Saturday	8:00am 4:00pm	Joy Chun (living) Jonathan Peters
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon	· · · · ·
Monday	8:00am	The living and deceased members of the Sodality
Tuesday	8:00am	Kissoon Ram
Wednesday	8:00am	Stanley Beaudoin
Thursday	8:00am	John Patrick Harrington
Friday	8:00am	Captain John Michael DiNuccio
Saturday	8:00am 4:00pm	Michael Bohigian Margaret LoPiano & Dolores Walsh
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon	Eugene & Gabriela Caille William Gately Eleanor Wilson Lee Charles Wilson, Sr. Francis X. Bodenrader, Jr. Joseph Knightly Gerard Jacobs

IN ACTION IT ALL STARTS WITH



My Dear Friends in Christ:

In Matthew's gospel we are told, "You are the light of the world ... Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven."

I am reminded of that light every day as I witness the countless ways that our brothers and sisters throughout the Catholic community support one another. From organizing and staffing food pantries, to providing outstanding education to children, to serving as

spiritual companions to those affected by addiction, I am inspired by the way our parishes and parishioners put faith into action.

These good deeds, and so many others, that help bring the light of Christ to those throughout our communities are made possible through your generous support for the annual Catholic Appeal. At this time, I ask you to prayerfully consider making a generous gift to the 2022 Catholic Appeal so that together we may continue to strengthen our faith and our communities while serving our brothers and sisters in need.

Please know of my gratitude for your consideration of this request. Your generosity helps to put faith into action in so many greatly needed and very meaningful ways.

Asking God's blessings upon you and all whom you hold dear, I remain,

Devotedly yours in Christ,

+ Sean, Cogman

Archbishop of Boston



By participating in the Catholic Appeal, you are helping put faith into action to serve those who turn to the Church for assistance. Your generosity helps to change lives through countless programs and ministries, including:

ADDICTION RECOVERY

The iThirst initiative empowers volunteers at 24 of our parishes to be a spiritual resource for those suffering from addiction, as well as for their families. The Archdiocese of Boston was the first diocese to implement this program, which has now grown into a worldwide ministry. iThirst provides formation for laity and clergy to equip them as Certified Spiritual Companions to accompany addicted individuals and their families along the road to recovery.

Your support of the Catholic Appeal allows the Addiction Recovery Ministry and Opioid Task Force to find and implement life-changing faith-inspired support and programs to anyone affected by addiction.

"We walk with people as two pilgrims, understanding and listening to a vulnerable and marginalized population that has largely gone underheard and underserved."

Keaton Douglas, Founder, iThirst

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS

Our 100 Catholic schools help 31,000 students go further with faith, providing them with an outstanding education while inspiring them to realize their innate God-given potential. Mission Grammar School (MGS) in Roxbury serves children as young as three months old, offering a support system for families in an underserved community. MGS is an extraordinary example of how our schools encourage students to live the gospel and put them on the road to higher education and a successful life built on a foundation of faith.



"We know that a high-quality education surrounded in a faith-filled community is a way for access and opportunity, equity and possibility for our scholars."

Aliece Dutson, President, Mission Grammar School

Your support of the Catholic Appeal assists our Catholic Schools Office in ensuring our schools continue to be beacons of light in their communities, creating opportunities for success for students from early education through high school.

PARISH FOOD PANTRIES

Many parishes in our Archdiocese operate food pantries that provide nourishment and support for thousands of families in need. Harvest on Vine, the food pantry run out of St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish in Charlestown serves more than 300 local families each month. This food pantry, along with others across the Archdiocese, are more important now than ever, as the number of those suffering from food insecurity increased by 55% during the pandemic.

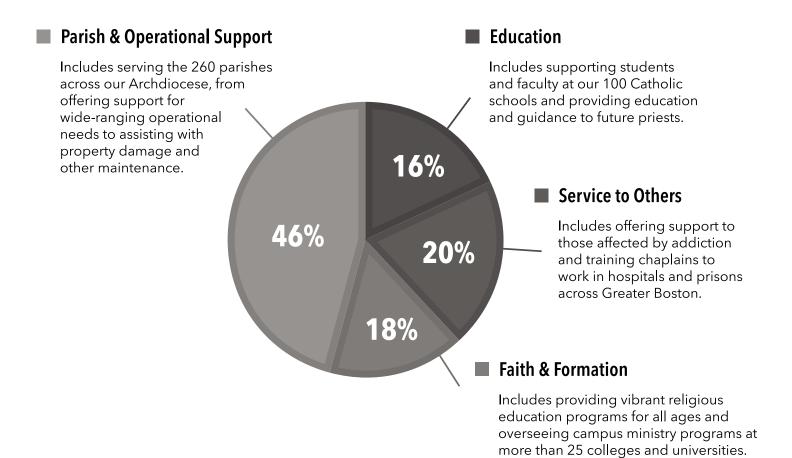
Your support of the Catholic Appeal provides ongoing and wide-ranging operational support and assistance to our parishes as they do what they do best: carry out Christ's mission to help those most in need.

"In any community, there are always some folks who are simply, as Jesus would say, the neediest, the ones who everyone doesn't notice. We serve those people."

> Fr. James Ronan, Pastor, St. Mary-St. Catherine of Siena Parish



The Catholic Appeal helps fund the Central Ministries of the Archdiocese, which make programs and services possible both within and beyond the walls of your parish. Here is a breakdown of how funds raised through the Appeal were allocated in 2021.



If you have received Cardinal Seán's letter in the mail and already made your gift or pledge, **thank you!** If not, here are the ways you can participate in the 2022 Catholic Appeal:

- Use the in-pew envelope found at your parish to make a gift or pledge.
- Make a donation online or learn more about the benefits of giving by Donor Advised Funds, stock, or IRA contributions by visiting our secure website **bostoncatholicappeal.org.**



SCAN HERE TO GIVE NOW

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL





We started our Lenten journey with Ash Wednesday. Our students have created Lenten Prayer Boxes for their classrooms. You can even e-mail your prayer intentions to info@saintmichael.com! Join us as we celebrate the power of prayer for Lent 2022.

SEATS ARE STILL AVAILABLE FOR FALL 2022 LEARN MORE ABOUT

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL TODAY!

NURSERY | PRE-K | KINDERGARTEN | GRADES 1-8 Schedule your tour by calling us at 978-686-1862 or online at www. SaintMichael.com/Tour

Undies Sunday

Communities Together, Inc. will be accepting donations of diapers and small children's underwear throughout Lent. Consider making this a Lenten priority. Just one pair of underwear or one package of diapers can make a difference to a child who goes without.

Items can be dropped off in our Main Street gathering area of the church.



Thank you to everyone who donates to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. We are currently in need of canned hams and spaghetti sauce.

Collection baskets are in the Main Street gathering area. All food donations are **for non-perishable items.**

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youth ministry

Youth Minister: Katie Larson Katie_Larson@SaintMichael.com

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High Schoolers, please join us on the 7th of each month at 7:00pm for Youth Group. A place to have some fun, build relationships with Christ and connect with peers who share your same questions, interests or beliefs. Our next gathering will take place on Monday, March 7th. Bring a friend and bring your ideas. Separate from Faith Formation, St. Michael's Youth Group will take part in service, social and spiritual events. If you have any questions please contact Youth Minister Katie Larson at the email above.

On Saturday, February 19, we held our first Confirmation Retreat. 35 teens came together for a full day of fun activities and some inspirational witness talks from our amazing team!



Burial Flag The American Flag which covered the casket of PFC Lawrence A. DeSalvo, who served in the US Army, 133rd Infantry in WWII and was KIA, in Italy October 19, 1944, will be flown over St. Michael Parish for the month of March. 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.



June 18, 2022 Tsongas Center in Lowell

Our parish is organizing a trip to the Eucharistic Congress which will include a ticket (early bird price of \$39) with the option for free bus transportation, leaving from and returning to the church. Tickets can be purchased on our website and at the reception desk in the Pastoral Center **thru Friday, March 25**. The tickets will be distributed at a later time once they are printed. We hope you will join us for this once in a life time event.

Visit www.saint-michael.org for more information.

2022 Lenten Noon Service Series

Communities Together, Inc. invites you to join them for their Wednesday Lenten Services at Noon, a time of spiritual reflection and renewal.

	St. Augustine Church Virtual Live Stream: staugustineparish.org
March 16	First Calvary Baptist Church Virtual Live Stream: Facebook and YouTube
March 23	Ballard Vale United Church Virtual Live Stream: Facebook or www.bvuc.org
March 30	First United Methodist Church Virtual Live Stream: Zoom Link: from www.northandoverumc.org
April 6	St. Paul's Episcopal Church Virtual Live Stream: Zoom Link: from stpaulnorthandover.org
	March 23 March 30

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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