⊕ Gaint Michael Parish

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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:

<u>This week</u> Monday and Wednesday 1:00pm-2:00pm and 6:00pm—7:00pm *in the Day Chapel*

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

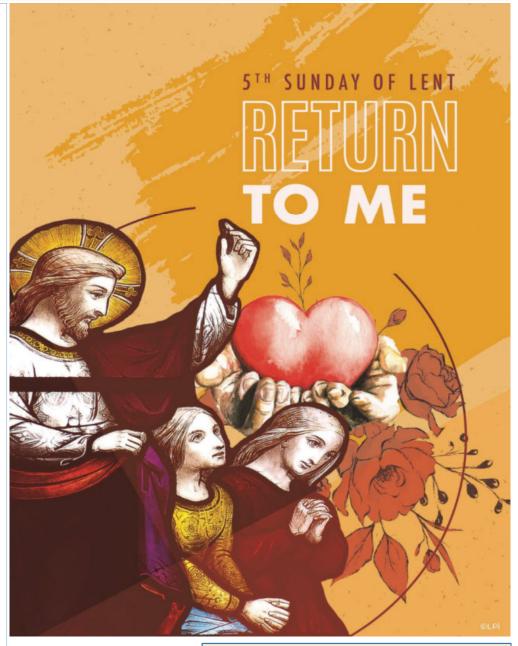
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Televised Weekend Mass

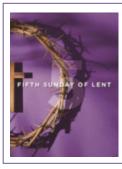
Watch Mass livestreamed at 4:00pm on Saturdays on Verizon 24, Comcast 22 or St. Michael's YouTube channel.

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)

April 3, 2022



Fifth Sunday of Lent

Give me justice, O God, and plead my cause against a nation that is faithless. From the deceitful and cunning rescue me, for you, O God, are my strength. - cf. Psalm 43 (42):1-2

Prayers for our Christ-Seekers!

Since September, the Christ-Seekers/RCIA catechumens and candidates have been coming together weekly to pray, to study Scripture and to learn what our Catholic Faith is all about. Some have never been baptized; others have been baptized in other Christian denominations and the rest were baptized Catholic but never celebrated Eucharist or Confirmation. They are now in their final period of preparation before they celebrate the Sacraments of Initiation (Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist) at the Easter Vigil. They are living reminders for all of us to nurture our relationship with Jesus Christ. Please welcome our Christ-Seekers into our parish family and support them through your stories of faith and through your prayers: *Alana Almestica, Amanda Evers, Donovan Haynes, Rebecca Healey, Jorge Guzman, Megan Pybus, Utkarsh Shukla, Larry Wiseheart II, and Jeff Young.*



Holy Hour Sunday, April 3, 3:00pm

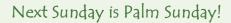
Join us for our monthly Holy Hour.



This month we will be praying for peace in Ukraine and in the world. Each Easter, parish collections benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. By supporting this year's collection, you can show your appreciation for the priests who continue to build stronger communities for all through their ministry. You can support our priests by visiting

clergytrust.org, use the QR Code to the right, visit our website, or donate during Mass this Easter Sunday. Thank you for your support.







Liturgies are:

Saturday: Sunday:

4:00pm 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon, & 5:00pm

Holy Week Help is Needed

We anticipate many parishioners "coming home" after 2 years of absence during Holy Week. Will you consider welcoming them by joining the hospitality team? Contact Mary Alice at 978-686-4050 or email her at mary_alice_rock@saintmichael.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation THIS WEEK

Individual Confessions in the Day Chapel

Monday & Wednesday 1:00pm-2:00pm 6:00pm-7:00pm

Offertory Collections

Beginning on the weekend of April 9th and 10th we will be resuming the tradition of passing the basket for the Offertory Collection at the weekend Masses. Thank you to all for your very generous support of our parish during these past challenging months. We still encourage on-line donations as the most efficient way to donate!



Thank you to everyone who joined us on Friday or before Mass on Saturday for a listening session. We still have more scheduled on Sunday! If you can, here are the sessions available, all in the Parish Hall:

Sunday, April 3, 9:00am-9:45am, 11:00am-11:45am, 1:00pm-1:45pm and 4:00pm-4:45pm



"Listen to Him.....Act like Him"!

Recently, I had the fortune to be swimming in the warm waters of Maui, even listening to the songs of whales while under water! One day, as I was wading to the shore, a huge wave knocked me down! Has that ever happened to you?!

This week, I feel as if a huge wave of God's message to me has knocked me down. Everywhere I turn, God is saying to me, "Listen to Him....Act like Him"!

- This week's chapter in the Parish's book discussion of *Seriously, GOD?*, highlighted the story of the multiplication of the loaves and fishes (Mark 6: 30-44). The myriad of people are eager to learn from Jesus! They are hungry and thirsty for spiritual nourishment, but as the day is fading, they are physically hungry. The apostles want to call it a day, but Jesus encourages them to get out of their comfort zone and try to help those in need. Look at what happened – the people had more than their fill! When we listen to Jesus and act like Him, miracles can take place! "Listen to Him....Act like Him"!
- 2. In reflecting on this week's Gospel of the woman caught in adultery (John 8: 1-11), there are the people, again, eager to learn from Jesus. Then the scribes and Pharisees break up his lessons of how to be loving, kind, compassionate and merciful and bring forth the sinful woman for judgement by Jesus. I have to put myself in that story. Sometimes I am like the people, eager to listen to Christ and grow in my faith, in my generosity and kindness, my patience and understanding, my compassion and mercy. At other times I am like the scribes and Pharisees, eager to point out other people's faults and sinfulness while ignoring my own! However, my goal has to be to not only listen to Jesus, but to always act like Him, who shows such unconditional love and mercy, kindness and compassion to all. "Listen to Him....Act like Him"!
- 3. This week's Parish Mission, directed by Fr. Anthony Michalik, C.S.s.R was the culmination of the huge wave for me. During the last evening, he spoke of Mary who carried the Word of God, made flesh, inside of her. She responded to His Presence within her by service, sacrificing her own comfort to travel to assist her older cousin, Elizabeth, in her late pregnancy. He reminded us that we, too, carry the Word of God inside of us, that we are tabernacles of Jesus Christ. Fr. Anthony encouraged us to take the time to be still with Christ who dwells in us, to listen to Him and to allow Him to work through us by humbly serving those around us. "Listen to Him....Act like Him"!

We have 2 weeks left to prepare for Easter. How are you doing along your Lenten Journey? If you are like me, you still have a lot of spiritual work to do for New Life in Jesus Christ to become a reality on Easter Morning! Let's work, together, these next 2 weeks by truly listening to Jesus, spending quiet time in prayer, reflecting on the Gospel stories, and other spiritual exercises. Let us act like Jesus by sharing his patience and kindness, compassion, forgiveness, his love and joy with others, giving generously to those in need and even getting out of our comfort zones to serve others. If we stay on target, not only will our lives be transformed, but the world around will be by the authentic Presence of Jesus Christ whom they encounter through us.

Wishing you New Life in Jesus Christ on Easter Morning,

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Director of Pastoral Ministries

This Week in Our Parish						
Sunday April 3	Monday April 4	Tuesday April 5	Wednesday April 6	Thursday April 7	Friday April 8	Saturday April 9
<u>Masses</u> 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm <u>Holy Hour</u> 3:00pm	Mass: 8:00am Gospel of Luke* 9:00am Adoration 4:00-7:00pm Sacrament of Reconciliation 1-2:00pm and 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel	<u>Mass:</u> 8:00am <u>Children's</u> <u>Choir</u> 3:45pm <u>Adult Choir</u> 7:00pm	Mass: 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 1-2:00pm and 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel Book Discussion Seriously, God? 1:00pm in person 7:00pm (zoom)	Mass: 8:00am <u>Caregiver</u> <u>Support*</u> 1:00pm <u>Rosary</u> <u>Cenacle</u> 6:45pm <u>Al-Anon*</u> 7:00pm	Mass: 8:00am Stations of the Cross: 7:00pm in the church	<u>Mass:</u> 8:00am <u>Vigil Mass:</u> 4:00pm

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

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

Jack Robert Leitao son of Charles & Meghan

Gia Camella Scannelli daughter of Robert & Tina



Thank you for your generous support of Ukraine through Catholic Relief Services. Donations so far have totaled just over \$16,700! It is never too late to donate to help those who have lost so much.

Church Clean-Up

As we prepare for a wonderful Easter celebration inside our church and to bid so-long to winter, we have a church clean-up on Wednesday, April 13 from 1-5:00pm. We appreciate your enthusiasm and energy to welcome Jesus' Resurrection inside St. Michael Church and in our hearts.

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, April 7, at 1:00pm in the Pastoral Center. Please contact Trisha at 978-686-4050 if you need more information.

Rest in Peace

Edward Andruss

Ruth Guarente





April 2 through April 10

Saturday	8:00am 4:00pm	Kee Bae Chun Lloyd Michael James
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon 5:00pm	Maureen Bloise Xavier Brian LaCroix Kathy McElroy Harry McElroy Saundra Stewart Edward & Jessie Motyka Anthony Rizzo, Jr. Josephine Athridge Thomas Athridge Mary Bartels Florence Gosselin Rachel Kendall Sean Adam Fitzgerald
Monday	8:00am	The living and deceased members of the Sodality
Tuesday	8:00am	Patricia Szelest
Wednesday	8:00am	Connie Connors
Thursday	8:00am	Ray Faucher
Friday	8:00am	Richard Dionne
Saturday	8:00am 4:00pm	Russ & Jackie Bogacki Paul Joyce, Jr.
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon	Gary Fielding Rose Bouchard Christine Plonowski Marguerite & Lawrence Sarson Mr. William E. Hart & family Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Sullivan & family Alice Laudani Jeanne Brien

ST MICHAEL SCHOOL OUR LENTEN JOURNEY



Lord,

Teach me a new freedom, freedom to reject comparison and to embrace uniqueness, freedom to cut ties with greed and embrace love, freedom to abstain from over-indulgence and to embrace self-control, freedom to leave behind selfish thoughts and to focus on the needs of others, freedom to fend off insecurity and to embrace grace.

Lord, at this time of Lent, thank you for the freedom you bring. Lord bless and protect us.

-Amen

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Schedule your tour by calling us at 978-686-1862 or online at www. SaintMichael.com/Tour



On behalf of Communities Together, Inc. we thank everyone who has donated diapers and small children's underwear throughout Lent. Our last collection day here at St. Michael's will be next Sunday, April 10.

The **Stations of the Cross** are an important part of the prayers and devotions of many Catholics. It is an important Lenten devotion that offers witness to Jesus' passion and death. There are fourteen Stations in which we use our heart and imagination to prayerfully reflect on His suffering, death, and resurrection (15th Station!). We celebrate the Stations of the Cross in the church every Friday during Lent at 7:00pm. We will also pray the Stations on Good Friday at 3:00pm in the church.

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Youth Minister: Katie Larson Katie_Larson@SaintMichael.com

Highschoolers! Next 7@7 will take place on Thursday, April 7, from 7-9 pm in the parish hall. Lazarus House will be on site and we will participate in service projects with them and learn more about their programs. We will have time for games (with prizes of course) and Bible study! Hope to see you there.

On June 17th we invite high school and college aged students to attend the "Jesus is Here" conference at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other young Catholic adults. The evening will include a Saint Michael Youth Group dinner, followed by a night of Praise & Worship by Village Lights, a talk by Bobby and Jackie Angel, Adoration, Confession, and a visit by Cardinal Seán.

We will leave from the St. Michael Parking lot at 3:45pm, and return at 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person (reduced from the original price) and includes the event, dinner and transportation. If you are interested in attending please contact Katie_Larson@SaintMichael.com.

Catholic Appeal: Faith in Action

Thank you to all who pledged their support of the 2022 Catholic Appeal. We are at 42% of our goal and donations continue to be processed. You can donate anytime by visiting www.bostoncatholicappeal.org or

https://www.osvhub.com/st-michael-north-andover/funds/ catholic-appeal-2022. You can also donate by using the QR code below.



Come spend some time with Jesus, every Monday evening in the church from 4:00pm—7:00pm. The evening will end with Benediction at 6:50pm.

The CatholicTV Network will air a 5-day Lenten Mission from Monday, April 4 through Friday, April 8. The Mission will include Mass at 7:00pm followed by a talk at 7:30pm. Each night a speaker from the Archdiocese of Boston will share how they have responded to God's call in their lives and reflect on how every Catholic can make a full response to the Lord. Cardinal Seán will conclude the Mission with the final talk on Friday.

Tune in on cable, CatholicTVLIVE.com, Roku, Apple TV, Amazon Fire, and iOS and Android. These presentations will also be available on YouTube and at CatholicTV.com.



Gardeners of all ages, join us in Easter planting and spring cleanup around the St. Michael grounds on April 16, Holy Saturday, from 9-12 and on Wednesday, April 20, from 1-3 pm. Please bring your own gardening gloves and tools you want to use. Call the Pastoral Center at 978-686-4050 if you are joining us and for rain date information. **Burial Flag** The American Flag which covered the casket of Staff Sergeant Phil Beninato, who served in the US Army 1951-1953, will be flown over St. Michael Parish for the month of April. 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.



Easter Flower envelopes were mailed with your offertory envelopes. If you did not receive one but would like to remember a deceased loved one with an Easter Flower donation, please pick up an envelope at the entrances of the church.

The Knights of Columbus invites you to participate in their Online Silent Auction Charity Fundraiser April 8—23, 2022 https://www.32auctions.com/WinterWarmup2022

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.



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