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Please see the inside of the bulletin for our Holy Week schedule.

### **Pastoral Center Hours:**

Sunday: 9:00am—3:00pm Monday—Thursday: 9:00am—7:00pm Friday—Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm CLOSED on Easter Sunday

### **Parish Directory**

### Parish Phone:

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

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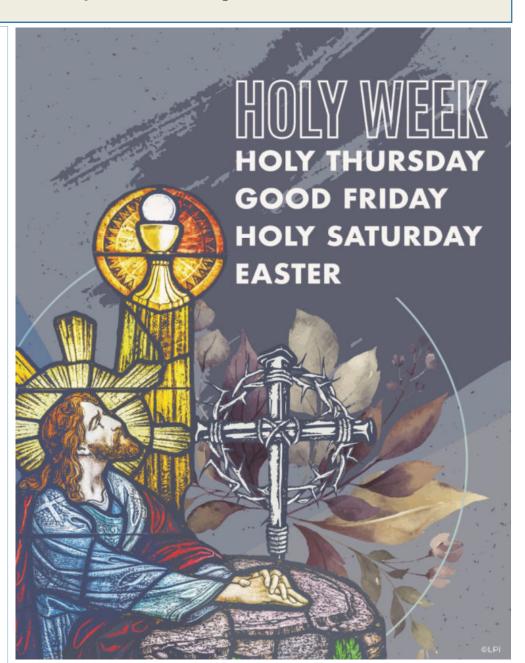


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### **Televised Weekend Mass**

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)

# Palm Sunday

Today Jesus enters Jerusalem amidst shouts of joy, and then those shouts of joy turn to shouts of "Crucify him."



It's Holy Week, the most sacred week of our year as Catholics! We hope that you and your loved ones take some special time this week to focus on Christ's great love for you!

During the Triduum - Holy Thursday, Good Friday and Holy Saturday – we really experience the "Paschal Mystery" as we journey through the "Last Supper," the "Crucifixion" and the "Resurrection."

Come experience what it is like to walk with Jesus through Holy Week.

### Holy Thursday—April 14

8:00am:

Morning Prayer

7:30pm:

### Mass of the Lord's Supper

Come experience the "Last Supper" and the washing of feet, just as Jesus washed the feet of his disciples.

9:00pm-10:00pm:

\*\*Adoration\* in the Day Chapel\*\*

### Good Friday—April 15

8:00am:

Morning Prayer

3:00pm:

Stations of the Cross, especially for families

7:30pm:

### **Good Friday Liturgy**

On this evening, we observe the Lord's Passion and Death and we reverence the cross with a kiss.

# Holy Saturday—April 16

8:00am:

Morning Prayer

7:30pm:

### **Easter Vigil Mass**

Join us as we celebrate the Resurrection and help bring the light of Christ into the church.

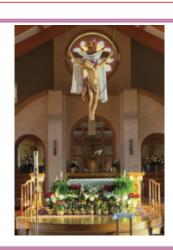
(Please note there is no 4:00pm Vigil Mass on Holy Saturday.)

# Sacrament of Reconciliation

Individual Confessions in the Day Chapel

Monday & Wednesday 6:00pm—7:00pm

Thursday & Friday 10:00am—12noon



Easter Sunday—April 17

### Masses at Saint Michael Church

8:00am, 10:00am and 12 noon (note: No 5:00pm Mass today!)

(Please note we will not hold any Masses at North Andover High School this year.)

# The Gaze of Jesus



"...and the Lord turned and looked at Peter."

Today we take part in proclaiming the Passion of our Lord from St. Luke's point of view. Each of the Gospel writers' account of Jesus' suffering and death offers different nuances to the same story that shed light on the truth of Jesus' love for us. Luke's version is my favorite for one subtle, but poignant line that is so brief it is easy to miss. After Peter denies his Lord three times, just as Jesus had predicted some hours before, Luke tells us that Jesus "turned and looked at Peter". This is the only Gospel to record the gaze of Christ that led Peter to "weep bitterly" over his denial of his Master and Teacher.

It could be easy to imagine that Jesus' look towards Peter during the disciple's moment of fear and weakness would be one that expressed the sentiment, "I told you so." Yet, the words that Jesus spoke to Peter at the Last Supper right before He predicted his apostle's denial may give us more insight on Jesus' glance: "Simon, Simon, behold Satan has demanded to sift all of you like wheat, but I have prayed that your own faith may not fail; and once you have turned back, you must strengthen your brothers."

When Christ looked at Peter in the midst of his failure, He did not just see Peter's sin. Instead, He saw Peter's true and total self. He saw in Peter his freedom to repent and turn back to God. He viewed Peter's future as "the rock" of the Church who, after repentance and reconciliation, would pastor His flock. He "turned" to Peter so that Peter would turn back to Him!

Jesus' gaze is not one of condemnation, but of total love and understanding. It reveals God's mercy, as well as His confidence and hope for us. This is the look that Jesus gives you and me, not only at our moments of weakness, but at all times. Jesus' gaze of love penetrates our very being and sees who we truly are in every way, past our sins and towards our bright future of sharing more fully in Christ's Easter glory.

How comforting it is to note that Jesus' look of love can reach us no matter how far off we feel from God. The Gospel tells us that Peter was following Jesus at a distance. Jesus' gaze traveled through that separation to where Peter was, trying to blend in with the crowd. We, too, might find ourselves following Jesus at a distance, fearful of the cost of discipleship and of sharing in Jesus' suffering. This Holy Week, the most sacred time of the entire Church year, Jesus is turning to us so that we may turn to Him more completely, no matter where we presently are in our relationship with Him. Through the liturgies of Palm Sunday and the Holy Triduum, let us allow the penetrating gaze of Jesus to reveal to us His merciful love and show us exactly who He is calling us to be.

Peace in Christ.

Dominic Margaglione

Pastoral Associate

This Week in Our Parish						
Sunday April 10  Masses 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm	Monday April 11  Mass: 8:00am  Gospel of Luke* 9:00am  Adoration 4:00-7:00pm  Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel	Tuesday April 12  Mass: 8:00am Children's Choir 3:45pm Adult Choir 7:00pm	Mednesday April 13  Mass: 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel Church Clean-up 1-5:00pm Book Discussion Seriously, God? 1:00pm in person 7:00pm (zoom)	Thursday April 14 No Morning Mass today! See below: Morning Prayer 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00am- 12:00on in the Day Chapel Mass of the Lord's Supper 7:30 pm Adoration* 9pm-10pm in the Day Chapel	Friday April 15  No Morning Mass today! See below: Morning Prayer 8:00am Sacrament of Reconciliation 10:00am-12noon in the Day Chapel  Stations of the Cross Church 3pm Good Friday Liturgy 7:30pm	Saturday April 16  No Morning Mass today! See below: Morning Prayer 8:00am Easter Planting 9:00am- 12noon Easter Vigil Mass Church 7:30pm
			Via Dolorosa* 6:30pm	Day Chapel		

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

The Easter collection will benefit Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of all our diocesan priests in good standing. Through your donation to this collection, you not only provide active priests with the support they need to continue their ministry, but also ensure that our senior priests continue to live in community with access to the high-quality care they need. Clergy Trust relies on your generosity to this collection, and every gift is greatly appreciated. If you would prefer to make an online donation, please scan

to make an online donation, please scan the QR code, visit clergytrust.org or visit our parish website (see front cover of this bulletin). Thank you for helping support our priests this Easter.



### **Help Us Get Ready for Easter!**

As we prepare for a wonderful Easter celebration inside our church and bid so-long to winter, we have a <u>church clean-up</u> 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.

Gardeners of all ages, join us in <u>Easter planting</u> and spring clean-up around the St. Michael grounds on April 16, Holy Saturday, from 9-12. Please bring your own gardening gloves and tools you want to use.

Call us at 978-686-4050 if you are joining us and leave your number in case of a scheduling change.



### April 9 through April 17

Saturday 8:00am Russ & Jackie Bogacki

4:00pm Paul Joyce, Jr.

**Sunday** 8:00am Gary Fielding

10:00am Rose Bouchard
12:00noon Christine Plonowski

Marguerite & Lawrence Sarson Mr. William E. Hart & family

Mr. & Mrs. Daniel J. Sullivan & family

Alice Laudani Jeanne Brien

Monday 8:00am Charles D. Fox, Jr.

**Tuesday** 8:00am Yvette Victorino (living)

Wednesday 8:00am Carole Schultz



### Come celebrate

### **Divine Mercy Sunday**

on Sunday, April 24 at 3:00pm. The Prayer Service (no Mass) includes Veneration of the Image of Divine Mercy, Chaplet, Eucharistic Exposition and Benediction.

# ST MICHAEL SCHOOL PALM SUNDAY



Palm Sunday is the start of Passion Week. As a Catholic school community, we will learn what happened on each day of Holy Week! Please join us in prayer for this very precious week as we reflect on the greatness of God's love!

Dear God, Thank you for sending your Son and paving the way for our lives to be set free through Jesus' death on the cross. Thank you for what this day stands for, the beginning of Holy Week, the start of the journey towards the power of the cross, the victory of the Resurrection, and the rich truth that Jesus truly is our King of Kings. Hosanna!

Blessed is He who comes in the name of the Lord.

Amen



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Youth Minister: Katie Larson Katie\_Larson@SaintMichael.com

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 St. Michael's parking lot at 3:45pm, and return at 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and includes the event, dinner and transportation. If you are interested in attending please sign up using the QR code here.





Vacation Bible School (VBS) sign-ups will begin in early May. Please continue to watch the bulletin for more information. If you have any questions please call the Faith Formation office and ask for Bonnie.

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.



Thank you to all who have responded to the Saint Michael Parish's 2022 Catholic Appeal campaign. We are happy to report that we are at 65% of our goal!

If you would like to learn more about the Catholic Appeal, please visit www.bostoncatholicappeal.org.







Sunday, March 27

We were very excited to have our 1st and 2nd grade Faith Formation students host our Mass.



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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