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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:

This week 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:

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Pastor: Rev. Kevin Deeley

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Hubbard

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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)

Second Sunday of Easter

Divine Mercy Sunday

Like newborn infants, you must long for the pure, spiritual milk, that in him you may grow to salvation, alleluia. (1 Peter 2:2)



Come celebrate **Divine Mercy Sunday** with a Holy Hour this weekend, Sunday, April 24, at 3:00pm.

Please note we will **not** hold our First Sunday Holy Hour on May 1st.

Schedule Change for ADORATION & RECONCILIATION this Week!

We rejoice at celebrating 3 Confirmation Ceremonies with 122 confirmandi this week! Because of that, **Adoration on Monday, April 25, is cancelled, as well as Reconciliation that Monday & Wednesday.** We will, however, celebrate reconciliation on Thursday, April 28, 6:00-7:00pm, in the Day Chapel. Thanks for your understanding and please pray for our Confirmation Candidates.

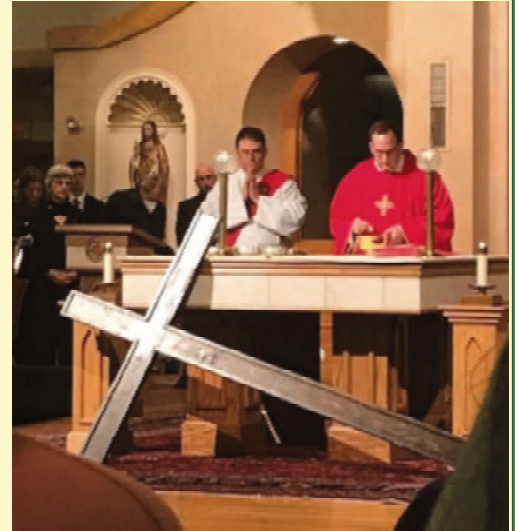
A Look Back on Holy Week



Blessing with Holy Water on Palm Sunday



Reception of the Holy Oils on Holy Thursday



Good Friday after the Veneration of the Holy Cross



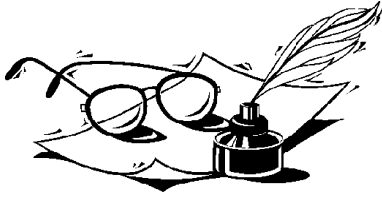
Re-enacting the Stations of the Cross on Good Friday.



Bringing the Light of Christ into the church at the Easter Vigil



We were so excited to celebrate our Easter Masses with over 2700 people!



PASTORAL REFLECTION

Have you ever had doubts about faith or about your belief in God? Most people do at some point in their lives. The world we live in doesn't make a life of faith very easy. But the Gospel we've heard today can help us not to fall into despair if these doubts start to creep into our prayer, into our lives. We heard the account of Thomas the Apostle, the one who doubted the truth of the Resurrection, and in a way, we can probably relate to his feelings and uncertainty of the whole thing.

The Resurrection is such an incredible event that it's no wonder some of the apostles found it difficult to believe. Thomas' doubt is incredulous - he refuses to believe until he himself sees, knows, and touches the Risen Lord.

And how does the Lord respond? With complete understanding, patience, peace and mercy. Jesus did not abandon those who abandoned him. He did not leave them to live in fear. Instead, he desired to be with them, to show them what happened, and to commission them to spread his message into the world. Thomas' example of doubt can be an opportunity for all who doubt today to return to the Lord and renew faith and trust in him.

Thomas' doubt led to the simplest and greatest statement of faith that was ever uttered – “My Lord and my God!” Upon seeing the Lord up close, Thomas immediately returns to belief.

Jesus desires to be with each one of us and to answer our doubts, to heal our wounds, to bring us peace in moments of doubt or fear. We celebrate today the great gift of God's Divine Mercy – a mercy that is boundless and always waiting for us.


Many people fall into two camps – believing that they do not need God's mercy, or believing that they are unworthy of receiving it. The message we receive today on Divine Mercy Sunday is that God wants to give his mercy, and he wants us to seek it. No matter what we may have done, no matter how we may have offended God, he is always ready to offer his loving peace and tender mercy in return.

Look at Jesus and the mercy he showed his disciples – certainly he will share that same loving mercy with us, his modern-day disciples trying to live a life of faith in a challenging world. Thankfully, we know that we don't do this alone, but with the help of a God whose love and mercy endures forever!

Fr. Joe

Fr. Joe Hubbard

This Week in Our Parish

Sunday April 24	Monday April 25	Tuesday April 26	Wednesday April 27	Thursday April 28	Friday April 29	Saturday April 30
<p>Masses 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm</p>  <p>Divine Mercy Holy Hour 3:00pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Gospel of Luke* 9:00am</p> <p>Confirmation Ceremony 6:30pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Children's Choir 3:45pm</p> <p>Adult Choir 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Confirmation Ceremony 6:30pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Rosary Cenacle* 6:45pm</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel</p> <p>Al-Anon* 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Confirmation Ceremony 6:30pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Vigil Mass: 4:00pm</p>

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



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

Liliana Rae Maimaron
daughter of Jonathan & Lindsey

Thomas Stephen Sideri
son of Marco & Emily

Tyler Alan Simoes
son of Keith & Marielle

Olivia Nicole Simoes
daughter of Keith & Marielle

The Easter collection benefits Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of all active and senior diocesan priests in good standing. Thank you to those who have supported this year's collection. If you have not donated yet, but would still like to support our priests, you can by visiting clergytrust.org, use the QR Code to the right, or visit our website. Thank you!



*Please continue to pray for our Christ-Seekers
as they go through mystogia—a time of contemplating
the Risen Christ within and around them and their own
membership in the Body of Christ!*



Rest in Peace

Rose Bouchard
Barbara Kane
Michael Rice

William Hickey
Thomas Pascarella
Arline Soucy

MASS INTENTIONS

April 23 through May 1

Saturday	8:00am 4:00 pm	Sheri Chagnon Raymond A. Mitchell
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon	Mary Susan Mottola and Concetta Angela Sousa Stanley & Josephine Fierimonte Jessica Lyn Finney Margaret & Peter DiMauro Ugo Cardone Carolyn Romani Ruby Seville Virginia Sullivan Ron LaPlume
Monday	8:00am	Shirley Dill
Tuesday	8:00am	Gene Demers
Wednesday	8:00am	Harry & Katherine Gabour
Thursday	8:00am	Bill Morin
Friday	8:00am	Poppy Chun (living)
Saturday	8:00am 4:00pm	Helen Kellner Linda A. Donohue Dufresne
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon	Anthony Terranova Julie May Wha Lu Chen Mary Jee Kathy Redman Joseph Reitano James Seccareccio, Jr. Edward & Patricia Trainor Caroline Galvin Hugh D. Murphy

ST MICHAEL SCHOOL EARTH DAY



We are all learning new ways to take care of our amazing planet Earth. Recycling, planting trees, and enjoying the fresh air are all ways we are working to ensure we are practicing faithfilled stewardship everyday.



Dear God, Thank you for this beautiful planet. Bless it and keep it safe from harm. We pray for the protection of the animals, the soil, air, and water. May we care for all you have made. Help us to love the earth as you do.

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Parish Pastoral Council

Next weekend we will be accepting nominations for our Parish Pastoral Council for a 3-year term. You will also be able to nominate on-line on our parish website: www.saint-michael.org. Please start prayerfully considering who you could nominate to help our parish ...

*..Live with Purpose...
Live with Christ!*



Thank you to everyone who donates to the St. Vincent de Paul food pantry. We are currently in need of canned meats (hams and spam).

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

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Youth Minister: Katie Larson
Katie_Larson@SaintMichael.com

Thank you to all who attended April's 7@7 working alongside the Lazarus House to bag food, sort clothes and write notes of encouragement. Your effort and thoughtfulness are appreciated! Next 7@7 will take place on **Saturday, May 7th** for movie and game night!

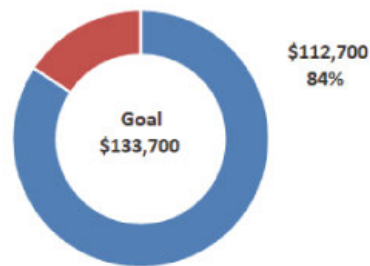
On June 17th we invite high school and college aged students to attend the "Jesus is Here" conference at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. This is a wonderful opportunity to connect with other young Catholic adults. The evening will include a Saint Michael Youth Group dinner, followed by a night 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 and includes the event, dinner and transportation. If you are interested in attending please sign up using the QR code here.



Catholic Appeal: *Faith in Action*

Thank you to all who pledged their support of the 2022 Catholic Appeal. We are at 84% of our goal! If you have yet to give, please use the QR code below or visit www.clergytrust.org.



We have two groups of Jr. Christ-Seekers who will receive their sacraments next week at the 10:00am and 12noon Masses. We will *not* have our Children's Liturgy of the Word on May 1.



To all those who helped clean the church, wash the linens, spruce up the grounds, decorate, or help out in ANY way we say THANK YOU!

Burial Flag The American Flag which covered the casket of Joseph A. Baldini, who served in the US Air Force from 1960 – 1964 and was stationed in Korea 1962 – 1964 as a Peace Keeper, will be flown over St. Michael Parish for the month of May. 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.



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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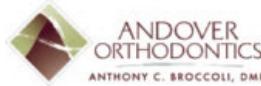
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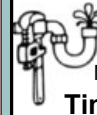
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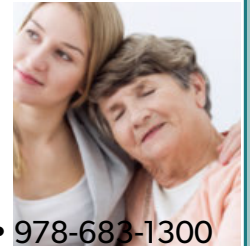
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