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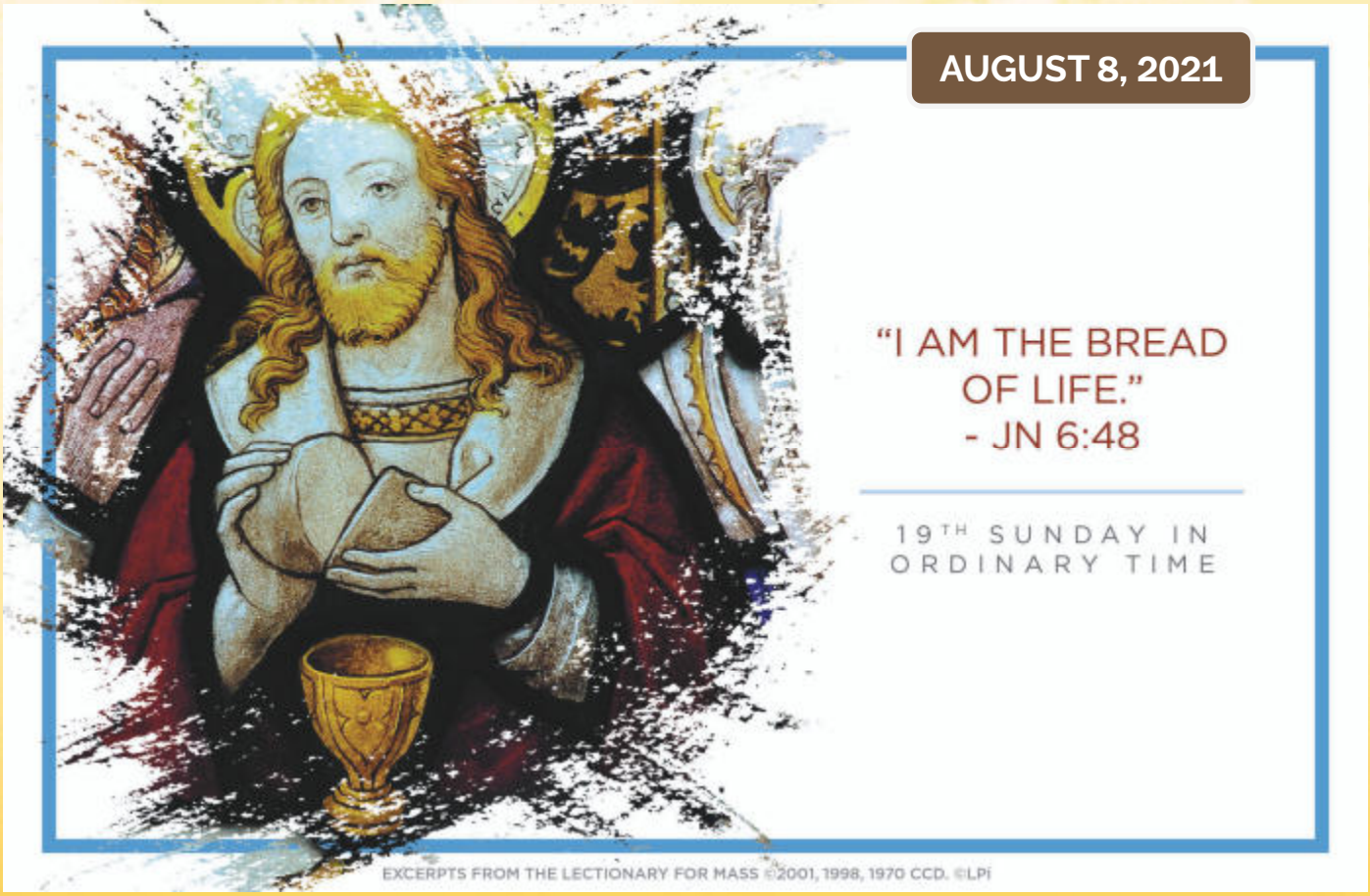

WORSHIP SCHEDULE

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

Sunday..... 7:00, 9:00, 11:00am, 6:00pm
Saturday Vigil 4:00pm
Daily: (Mon. - Sat.) 8:00am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Saturdays, 2:30 - 3:30pm in the Sacristy.

ADORATION

Every Wednesday, 8:30am - 8:30pm

ST. MICHAEL LIVE STREAM

Worshipping from afar? To view current live streams, visit: stmichaelparish.org/livestream
Loved the Homily? Find Mass recordings at: stmichaelparish.org/replay

OUR PARISH MISSION

St. Michael Parish in Exeter, New Hampshire is a Roman Catholic community inviting all people to a personal encounter with Jesus Christ and His Church.

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PARISH INFORMATION

New Parishioners If you have just moved to the Exeter area, we welcome you to Saint Michael Parish! Please call Gabriel House for the next "Meet the Pastor" event and registration info.

Baptisms Please contact Deacon Eric directly or call our office.

Communion Calls A Priest or Eucharistic Minister will be happy to arrange a visit. Please call our Nurse, Karen Schalitz at Gabriel House.

Healing Prayer For an individual Healing Prayer appointment by a trained Prayer Team, please call Maureen & Steve at 603-929-3934.

Marriages Couples should call Gabriel House for an appointment at least six months prior to the date of their marriage for reservations.

Natural Family Planning To learn more, contact Hannah Parent at hannahrose.parent@gmail.com or 339-309-9187.

Spiritual Direction for Women Please contact Jan Moran for an appointment 603-770-1578.

St. Michael Parish Prayer Line stmichaelparish.org/prayer-request
Contact Grace at smythfam@comcast.net or Deb at 603-580-5067 or debpasno@comcast.net.

Society of St. Vincent DePaul Exeter | 603-772-9922
Community Assistance Center — Mon, Weds, Fri 8:30am–4pm
Food Pantry Hours — Mon, Weds, Fri 10am-12pm | Mon Nights 7-8pm

Office Hours: Monday - Thursday, 9AM - 3PM

19TH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

JN 6:41-51
Bread from Heaven
"...so that one may eat it and not die."

Welcome Back to Mass at St. Michael!

We're happy you're here to share in Holy Communion with us!

MASS INTENTIONS

Please join our community in prayer for...

Saturday, August 7, 2021
8:00 am Barbara Roberge
4:00 pm Joan Elizabeth Scott Manning

Sunday, August 8, 2021
7:00 am George St. Amour
9:00 am Daniel Leger
11:00 am Ellen Horvath
6:00 pm Forrest & Agnes Pettengill

Monday, August 9, 2021
8:00 am Patrick Henry Ford

Tuesday, August 10, 2021
8:00 am Selinia Mundo

Wednesday, August 11, 2021
8:00 am Stephanie Carmody

Thursday, August 12, 2021
8:00 am Charles King

Friday, August 13, 2021
8:00 am Alexa Zorrilla ~Living
Happy 11th Birthday!

Saturday, August 14, 2021
8:00 am Evelyn Carmody
4:00 pm Edward Gerety, Sr.

Sunday, August 15, 2021
7:00 am John Joseph DeMarco
9:00 am Rhonda Wallace
11:00 am Cynthia Russamano
6:00 pm Baby Angelo

Sanctuary Candle

The sanctuary candle is lit this week in loving memory of
George St. Amour

stmichaelparish.org/intentions

DIVINE ENERGY AND LIFE FLOWS THROUGH ALL - CAN YOU SEE IT?

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?

Source: LPi Vibrant Churches

Gracious Father, whose blessed Son, Jesus, came down from heaven to be the true bread and give life to the world: Evermore give us this bread and help us see it as our divine food. We pray to receive your nourishment, so that love may live in us, and we may live fully with you, now and forever. Amen.

WEEKLY READINGS

Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51

Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27

Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26

Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20

Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-6/Mt 18:21—19:1

Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22, 24/Mt 19:3-12

Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, 5, 7-8, 11 [5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Next Sunday: Vigil: 1 Chr 15:3-4, 15-16; 16:1-2/Ps 132:6-7, 9-10, 13-14 [8]/1 Cor 15:54b-57/Lk 11:27-28 Day: Rv 11:19a; 12:1-6a, 10ab/Ps 45:10- 12, 16/1 Cor 15:20-27/Lk 1:39-56

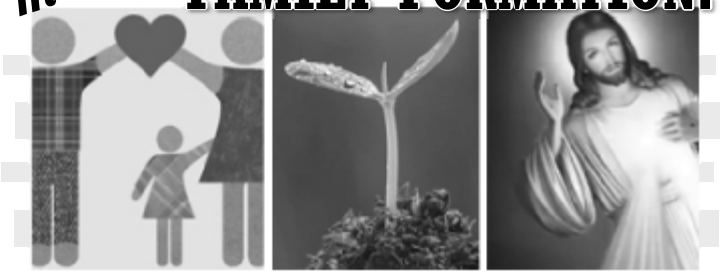
Resources for Mass

Please note that the bishop's dispensation from attending Mass is lifted. If you must worship from home, here are some options for following along:

- Find the Weekly Readings section in this bulletin or access all weekly and daily readings at bible.usccb.org
- Watch Livestream Mass at any of the following sites: stmarynh.org | stmichaelparish.org (Recordings available.) EWTN, Word On Fire, CatholicTV, St. Patrick's Cathedral
- Make an **Act of Spiritual Communion:** *My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.*

Thank you for being a part of our community and praying with us!

In-Person FAMILY FORMATION!



We're back and looking forward to continuing this beautiful faith journey with your family in 2021-2022!

Our program is designed for our kids (the future of our Catholic Church!) and also for parents/guardians who wish to reinforce the Faith and help their children/teens live it well before, during, and after initial sacraments.

YOU'RE INVITED TO REGISTER FOR BOTH
Family Formation + Sacramental Prep
TODAY AT stmichaelparish.org/formation

YOUTH MINISTRY

Summer Events!

Weather permitting, all are planned to be held outside in the Rectory Yard at St. Michael, otherwise in Cotter Hall. To keep everyone safe, **Covid guidelines will be followed as needed**.

HIGH SCHOOL

Catholic HS Youth Group - Select Sundays, 6-8pm
August 15, 22, & 29

HS Retreat
This Weekend! Sunday, August 8, 4-9pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Catholic MS Youth Group - Select Thursdays, 6-8pm
August 12

Join us for DONUT DAYS hosted at ST. MARY!
For MS + HS; Weds. 9:30-10:30am
August 11 & 18

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Check our website and social pages for new announcements!

Contact Sammie (youth.stmarynh@gmail.com) or Dan (youth@stmichaelparish.org) for more info!

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MINISTRY

ROCK PAPER SCRIPTURES
Thursdays in the Rectory Yard from 5-6:30pm

August 12 & 19

BIBLE STORY TIME
Wednesdays in the Rectory Yard from 10-11am

August 11 & 18

TEAM JESUS
SUMMER CHILDREN'S LITURGY!

Kids in PreK - Grade 3 will be called forward, blessed, and sent to share in song, prayer, and readings at 9am &11am Mass.

August 8, 15, & 22

"Do not work for food that perishes, but for food that endures for eternal life."

Are you being chosen to help feed the people of God as a priest or in the consecrated life?
Contact Fr. Matt: 663-0132 or mmason@rcbm.org

CATHOLIC EDUCATION & CAREERS

Diocese of Manchester Catholic Schools

Every family wants their son or daughter to excel in school; to be the best version of themselves; to shine brighter in a faith-focused education environment. Visit **stmichaelparish.org/schools** for a list of local schools, or head right to **catholicnh.org/schools** for the diocesan education page.

Diocesan Employment Opportunities

Visit **catholicnh.org/employment** for roles around NH, including: Camp Registrar, Development Manager, Finance Office Accountant, and more.

CONNECTING our COMMUNITY with prayers, reflections, & parish news...

FOLLOW US ON FACEBOOK Page: **@stmarystmichaelnh** Group: **/stmichaelnh**

Run for GOD!

sign up Today!

Get fit, grow in faith...

SATURDAY MORNINGS, 8:30AM

STARTING AUGUST 28TH

If both God and running keep you grounded and move you forward, accept the ultimate invitation: to pass Life's mile markers with Him by your side. Run for God is a 10 week fitness program that embraces physical, mental, & spiritual health as you train to run a 5K road race. Join us for our Saturday Morning Dash with coffee & fellowship, too. (Walkers are also welcome!)

Take the first step... Visit stmichaelparish.org/run or contact Brian and Susan at the parish office for more info!

SUMMER CONCERT

8/18 6PM

Just $5/ticket

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Hosted outside of St. Mary Church. Local food & drinks will be sold. BYO lawn chair.

VISIT **StMaryNH.org/Concert** FOR TICKETS!

The St. Michael **HOSPITALITY MINISTRY** invites you to join us in sharing the compassion and welcoming love of Christ as a **Greeter** or **Usher**!

Did you know?
Some studies show that in as little as 4 minutes, a new church visitor will decide if they want to return to Mass or even become a part of that community.

Friendly and warm greetings with cheerful smiles, handshakes, and hellos are just as important to our long-time parishioner families and regular guests.

If you'd like to help people form a joy-filled habit of worship, growing closer to Jesus and each other, please reach out to Russ Walker at (603) 793-7794 or via walkerrussellc@outlook.com, or inquire with one of our Ushers after Mass today! Men, women, & teens welcome!

Pilgrim Virgin Home Visitation

This program offers a wonderful opportunity to approach God through Our Lady and transform our lives. Families who participate in the program are privileged to bring a blessed statue of Our Lady of Fatima into their homes for one or two weeks. See the sign-up sheet provided at the entrance of the Church along with the date you would like to have her. Or you may contact the statue custodian directly to reserve: Karey Gosselin 603-770-3730

Pray the Rosary Every Day

Together we pray the Rosary at 7:30am each weekday and Saturday morning before the 8am mass. The first Saturday of each month after the 8am mass will be the Devotional Rosary.

Eucharistic Adoration

Spend some quality time with Jesus!

Wednesdays 8:30am - 8:30pm.

If you have any questions or would like to sign up for an hour, please call Anita Rozzi-Fanale at 315-3458 or Charlie Schuh at 702-0403.

GOT QUESTIONS? TRY ALPHA!

Ever wonder about your purpose? About life, faith, meaning? **You are not alone.** If you - or someone you know - wants to explore life's big questions in a casual, open, judgment-free and friendly environment, then *"Welcome to Alpha!"*

Join us - or send a friend - for food, fellowship, & honest conversation

Wednesdays through the Fall, sessions start on **SEPTEMBER 8th**

*Hosted in Cotter Hall at St. Michael Parish in Exeter. Dinner begins at **6pm**.*

Visit stmichaelparish.org/alpha or contact Renee at mportu@comcast.net to sign up!

Thank You!

We're grateful that you're part of our faith family and appreciate your time, talent, and generosity.

PARISH GIVING

July 11, 2021

Envelopes	**$9,877.00**
Loose	**$1,886.00**
On-Line Giving	**$6,012.00**
Total	**$17,775.00**

Thank you for your continued contributions.
Your support will keep our ministries vibrant through 2021!

It's easy to donate **ONLINE**

1. Visit **stmichaelparish.org** & click "**Give Online**" (left side of home page)
2. Set up your online giving account with **WeShare**
3. Choose a preferred payment option & **customize your donation**

Questions about the program or setting up your account? Don't hesitate to contact Erin at 772-2494 or stm@stmichaelparish.org

Still having fun!!!

Summer in the SON

Returning to Community.
Reconnecting with Jesus!

Visit our **Brand New Website** ***stmichaelparish.org/summer*** to see our worship calendar and some of this season's activities. See you there!

What can we pray for?!
stmichaelparish.org/prayer-request

PREGNANT? NEED HELP?

Seacoast Birthright: 603-436-5558
Birthright of Derry: 603-434-3000
Options for Women: 603-749-4441
New Generation, Inc: 603-436-4989

To join the St. Mary/St. Michael Respect Life Ministry, email Corinne & Kevin Kaneb via cwinter121@gmail.com. God bless!

Mercy Meals

TEAM MEMBERS WANTED!

Do you like to bake, cook, shop, or work with others?

If so, then you might be a good fit for the Mercy Meal Team!

Mercy Meals are for those who have lost a loved one and would like a place to gather over a meal after a funeral with family and friends for closure. The Mercy Meal Team provides the essentials to make this happen.
Meals are commonly hosted in Cotter Hall (the St. Michael church basement). For more details about this incredible outreach ministry, please contact Leah Grant at 603-772-2494 ext 209, or pastoralminister@stmichaelparish.org.

CONGRATULATIONS on 100 YEARS Council 2179!

In Service To One, In Service To All.

Interested in joining the Knights of Columbus? Contact Dick Manix at (603) 772 - 3056 or richardomanix@gmail.com

MASS OF HEALING AND HOPE

WED. AUGUST 11th AT 7:00PM

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1-800-894-5533 or
603-271-6556.
If you have experienced abuse by someone representing the Catholic Church, you may contact the Office for Healing and Pastoral Care of the Diocese of Manchester:
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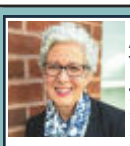

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