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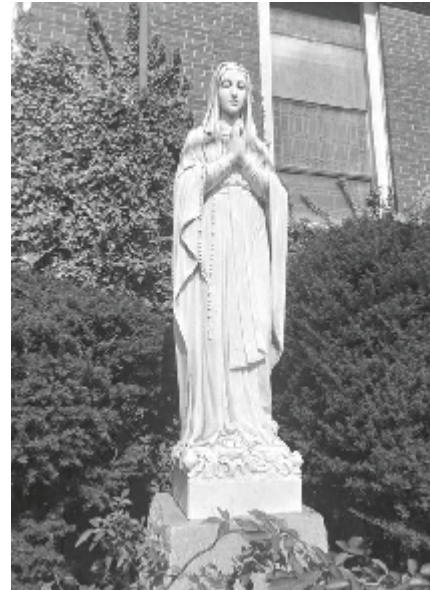
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MASS SCHEDULE

SUNDAY LITURGY: Saturday 4:00 & 5:30
SUNDAY: 8:00, 10:00, 11:00 & 12:00 Noon
DAILY LITURGY: Mon.-Sat. 9:00 AM

Eucharistic Adoration
Wednesdays 5:00-7:00 PM

Confessions
After Mass
or at the rectory by appointment.

Marriages
Please make arrangements at least six months in advance to allow adequate preparation.

Baptisms
3rd Sunday of the month at 1:15 PM.
Baptism instruction will be held before the sacrament is celebrated.

Bulletin
News for the Parish Bulletin must be at the rectory by 12:00 Noon Sunday

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THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 20:1-17

A covenant is a solemn agreement between two parties in which each promises something. The book of Exodus recounts how the Jews escaped from slavery in Egypt and made a covenant with God on Mt. Sinai. The heart of that covenant is this: God promises to accept the Israelites as his people. On their part, they must promise to keep God’s commandments.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 1:22-25

Paul wrote to his Corinthian converts about the difficulty in preaching about a crucified savior. To *Jewish* people who looked for a powerful messiah performing spectacular signs, it seemed unacceptable that the messiah would suffer and die. To *Gentiles*, it seemed entirely absurd that someone who died such a humiliating death could be the savior of the world.

GRAND ANNUAL COLLECTION

Thank you to all those who have already contributed to the Grand Annual Collection which is ongoing. The collection offering can be dropped into the offertory basket or mailed to the rectory. The Grand Annual will be used to offset the deficit caused by the Coronavirus and to assist with sanitizing the church.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER
*Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan
and all evil spirits who wander through the world
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen*

**“ANGEL WINGS” RAFFLE TICKETS
ARE NOW ON SALE**

Please join in and get your ticket for our next raffle fundraiser, the Angels Wings raffle, named in honor of our parish’s patron, St. Michael the Archangel. As before, tickets cost \$250. The monthly drawings will start on April 29th, culminating with the big Grand Prize drawing on September 29th, the feast day of St. Michael. The monthly prizes are \$300 and the Grand Prize is \$3,000.

Remember, if you buy a ticket, you get a chance to win at each drawing! No more than 100 tickets will be sold. Some parishioners enjoy splitting the cost of a ticket with family or a friend, to make participating more affordable. Good Luck!



Daylight Saving Time - March 14, 2021
Don’t forget to turn your clocks ahead
One hour on Saturday evening,
March 13th!



Next Weekend - March 14, 2021

The Winthrop Food Pantry serves those in need in our community. They rely on your help and you have never failed them. Any non-perishable food or monetary donations you bring are gratefully accepted. Winthrop Food Pantry sincerely thanks all our faithful parishioners who remember the hungry of our community. God bless you for your thoughtfulness.

**SECOND GRADE FIRST RECONCILIATION
AND FIRST COMMUNION UPDATE**

Updated lesson plans with classes on preparing for the Sacraments of Reconciliation and First Holy Communion have been emailed to all parents of children enrolled in second grade Faith Formation, along with an invitation to online information sessions for parents. If you did not receive the email, please contact Graceanne Bowe at bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org.

CONFIRMATION UPDATE

Classes for Confirmation Level II, grade 10, take place on five Sunday evenings from March 7 through April 11, 2021 (no class Easter Sunday April 4th). Confirmations are scheduled for Friday evening, April 30. If you have any questions about the schedule or the program, please e-mail Rick Chasse at youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org.

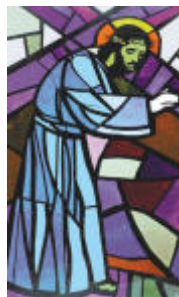
Could you please pray for our youth as they journey toward Confirmation.

In Loving Memory

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Giuseppe Ruggiero** and **Virginia Skoczylas** who were buried from St. John’s this past week. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

WELCOME TO THE STATIONS OF THE CROSS

During this Lenten season, our Holy Mother Church gives us the wonderful opportunity to reflect upon Christ’s passion through praying the Stations of the Cross. In heeding with the traditional practice of the Church, St. Michael the Archangel welcomes you all to take part in the Stations of the Cross every Friday from 7:00-7:30pm throughout this Lenten season. The root word of the station means ‘stand’. In each station, we stand and reflect upon Jesus’ sacrificial love that He did for us on a cross. So, let us make use of this blessed time to walk with the Lord.



Buona Domenica!

Dear Friends—Happy Sunday!

I share with you an email that was sent to me. Hopefully, Lent is the season to begin to practice, even better, loving God and neighbor. Our prayer is that Lenten practices continue through our year.

LENTEN LITANY ON FASTING AND FEASTING

- Fast from judging others;
- Feast on the Christ indwelling them.**
- Fast from emphasis on differences;
- Feast on the unity of all life.**
- Fast from apparent darkness;
- Feast on the reality of light.**
- Fast from thoughts of illness;
- Feast on the healing power of God.**
- Fast from hostility;
- Feast on non-resistance.**
- Fast from bitterness;
- Feast on forgiveness.**
- Fast from self-concern;
- Feast on compassion for others.**
- Fast from personal anxiety;
- Feast on eternal Truth.**
- Fast from words that pollute;
- Feast on phrases that purify.**
- Fast from discontent;
- Feast on gratitude.**
- Fast from anger;
- Feast on patience.**
- Fast from pessimism;
- Feast on optimism.**
- Fast from worry;
- Feast on divine order.**
- Fast from complaining;
- Feast on appreciation.**
- Fast from negatives;
- Feast on affirmatives.**
- Fast from unrelenting pressures;
- Feast on unceasing prayer.**
- Fast from discouragement;
- Feast on hope.**
- Fast from facts that depress;
- Feast on truths that uplift.**
- Fast from lethargy;
- Feast on enthusiasm.**
- Fast from suspicion;
- Feast on truth.**
- Fast from thoughts that weaken;
- Feast on promises that inspire.**
- Fast from shadows of sorrow;
- Feast on the sunlight of serenity.**
- Fast from idle gossip;
- Feast on purposeful silence.**
- Fast from problems that overwhelm;
- Feast on prayer that undergirds.**

William Arthur Ward
American author, teacher and pastor, 1921-1994

Happy Sunday, Fr. Chris

SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of **John E. Farmer** lovingly requested by his wife, Lorraine.



If you would like both Sanctuary Candles near the Tabernacles in the upper church and the chapel to burn day and night for a week in memory of a loved one, for someone serving in the military, for healing or for any special intention, please call Carol Cardinale at 617-846-8345 to make the arrangements. The cost is \$25.00.

PRAYERS

If you are in need of someone to pray with you, please call Carolanne (617-846-3227) or Margaret (617-764-6952).
“Lord, you have the words of everlasting life.” Psalm 19

COVID 19 Guidelines

Please do your best to wear your mask covering your nose and mouth when you enter the Church for the duration of the service. While some may not be able to do this because of a medical condition, we ask everyone else to abide by this guideline.

While in the communion line please try to keep six feet apart from the person in front of you.

For the reception of Communion, please receive the Eucharistic Lord in your hand with your face mask on. Step to the side and take your face mask down and receive the Lord. If your strong preference is to receive Christ on the tongue, for the health and safety of all please see either the Deacon or one of the priests after Mass to receive on the tongue.

Please know that between every Mass the Church is thoroughly sanitized.

Friday Evening Prayer Group

During all times and especially during these difficult days, we look to God, the Saints, the Angels and the Blessed Mother for Hope, Mercy and Healing.

Every Friday evening in the Chapel at St. John’s Church a group from both Holy Rosary Church and St. John’s gathers at 7:00pm-8:00pm.

Please join us as a community of believers in the power of prayer to say the Rosary, Divine Mercy Chaplet and other meditations. You are most welcome as we come together as one United Catholic Winthrop, under the protection of Saint Michael the Archangel, seeking peace and unity.

“For wherever two or three come together in my name, I am there with them.” Matthew 18:20

“When you look at the Crucifix, you understand how much Jesus loved you then. When you look at the Sacred Host, you understand how much Jesus loves you now.”



Saint Teresa of Calcutta

MARCH 7, 2021

ST. VINCENT dePAUL

St. John's Church has had a St. Vincent dePaul Society Chapter for over 50 years. The mission of the society is to give assistance to parishioners and other Winthrop residents who find themselves in need. Your monetary donation to St. Vincent dePaul helps people in need of a hand. Past types of assistance include, but are not limited to, food vouchers, assistance with rent to avoid eviction and payment of various utility bills to avoid disruption of service. The Covid pandemic has meant extreme hardship for so many of our neighbors.



Please help us continue these works of mercy with your donations. Without your generosity and prayers, we would not be able to continue to help those in need of assistance. We must be ready to meet today's demands and tomorrow's needs.

Checks may be made out to St. Vincent dePaul and left at the rectory. Please be sure to mark the envelope "St. Vincent dePaul". Donations made by check are tax deductible. Thank you so much for your thoughtful consideration.

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**Father Tom DiLorenzo's Radio Program
"In Season and Out of Season"**

Our much-loved Father Tom has been active in the Catholic Charismatic Renewal for over four decades and has preached at countless conferences and prayer meetings.

In 1984 he began his radio ministry "In Season and Out of Season", a Catholic Evangelic, Bible based outreach on the radio. He was 37 years old then and now 37 years later, he is still on the radio, by the Grace of God, preaching the Word of God.

Join us for Anointed and Inspired Teachings!
Monday-Friday on WROL (950 AM on the dial)
6:00-6:30am - 11:30am-12:00pm - 9:00-9:30pm

AND

Monday-Friday on WEZE (590 AM on the dial)
11:15-11:30am - 9:45-10:00pm

"I charge you therefore before God and the Lord Jesus Christ, who will judge the living and the dead at His appearing and His Kingdom: 'Preach the word! Be ready in season and out of season'."

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Prayer for Our Troops

Lord, hold our troops in your loving hands.
Protect them as they protect us.

Bless them and their families

for the selfless acts they perform for us
in our time of need and Lord, give us Peace.

We ask this in the name of Jesus, Our Lord and Savior.

Amen

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PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE - PRAY THE ROSARY

MARCH 7, 2021



And to those who sold doves he said, "Take these out of here, and stop making my Father's house a marketplace." His disciples recalled the words of Scripture, *Zeal for your house will consume me.* - Jn 2:16-17

Readings for the week of March 7, 2021

Sun: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25
Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 /Mt18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 /Mk 12:28-34
Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab /Lk 18:9-14
Next Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21



Week of Monday, March 8th to Sunday, March 14th

Mon. 9:00 Kathy Gill
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 ...
Thurs. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 Robert Hough, 5th Anniversary
Charles Chiccos, 4th Anniversary
Katherine "Gram" Hough, 15th Anniversary
4:00 Theresa Davis
5:30 In memory of Stephen Kokoski
Sun. 8:00 Thomas O'Brien
10:00 June Zirpolo
Chapel 11:00 In memory of Louise Papile
12:00 Louis DiBenedetto, Month's Mind
Anthony Martucci, 1st Anniversary





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