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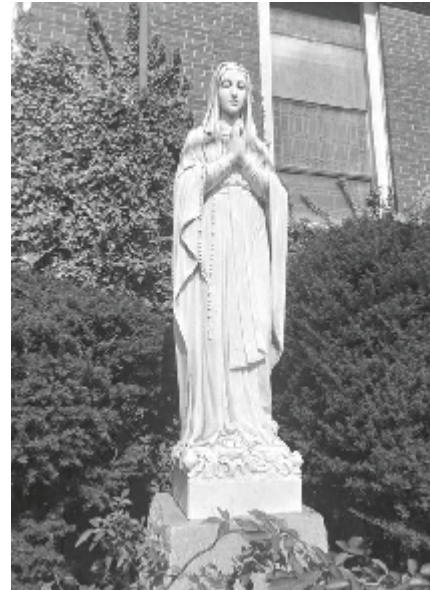
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MASS SCHEDULE

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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FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: 2 Chronicles 36:14-16, 19-23

The second book of Chronicles is part of a series which traces Jewish history from its beginning down to the end of the exile in Babylon, five centuries before Christ. Today's reading is the conclusion of the book. It summarizes the reasons for the exile and tells how it ended after 70 years. Second Chronicles was placed last in the Jewish bible. When we hear the final words of this reading, we hear how the Jewish Scriptures conclude on a positive note.

Second Reading: Ephesians 2:4-10

Ephesus is located on the western coast of what is today Turkey. The author of this letter to the Christians in Ephesus writes about the saving power of God that is available to both Jews and non-Jews. Today's passage reminds us that salvation is God's gift alone. "Gift" is the root meaning of the word "grace".

CATHOLIC APPEAL

Living Our Faith Together

From Catholic Education to Addiction Recovery Services to Faith Community, Nursing for the Elderly, more than 50 critical ministries enrich parish life and the lives of those who turn to the Church for assistance. Many of you received a letter from Cardinal Sean requesting your support for the 2021 Catholic Appeal, which provides nearly half of the funding for these life-changing programs. We hope that you will prayerfully consider pledging your support. Please find more information about this life-changing work at bostoncatholicappeal.org. Please make your checks payable to the Catholic Appeal.

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. Tickets can be purchased after Mass or by calling the rectory. Good Luck!



This 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.

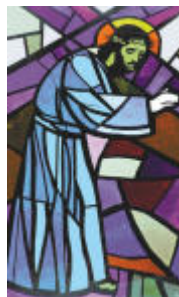
Could you please pray for our youth as they journey toward Confirmation.

In Loving Memory

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Arlene Pote** and **Rui Amaral** 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.



God's Enduring Love

Love, then, consists of this:
not that we have loved God
but that he has loved us
and he has sent his son as an offering for our sins.
Beloved,
if God has loved us so,
we must have the same love for one another.
No one has ever seen God.
Yet if we love one another, God dwells in us,
and his love is brought to perfection in us.
The way we know we remain in him and he in us,
is that he has given us of his Spirit.
We have seen for ourselves, and can testify that
the Father has sent the Son
as savior of the world.
When anyone acknowledges that Jesus is the Son of God,
God dwells in him and he in God.
We have come to know and believe
in the love God has for us.
God is love,
and he who abides in love
abides in God and God in him.

1 JOHN 4:10-16

St. Joseph, Spouse of the Blessed Virgin Mary
March 19, 2021



Oh, Saint Joseph, foster-father of Jesus,
most pure spouse of the Virgin Mary,
pray for us daily to the same Jesus,
the Son of God, that we,
being defended by the power of His grace
and striving faithfully in life, may be
crowned by Him at the hour of death. Amen.

Thank You

We celebrate the Fourth Sunday of Lent this weekend, traditionally known as Laetare Sunday. "Laetare" is the Latin word for "to rejoice", denoting the half-way point of the Lenten Season as the celebration of Easter draws near. It is part of the tradition of Laetare Sunday for the option of rose-colored vestments as a sign of joy in the midst of penitential Lenten purple. The celebrant enjoys the option to vest in either color this Sunday. The option for the rose vestments also occurs on the third Sunday of Advent, "Gaudete Sunday", which denotes the half-way point of Advent as Christmas draws near. The Latin word means "Let us Rejoice". You are likely familiar with the rose-colored candle for the third week of Advent on the Advent Wreath. We have received the gift of a new set of rose vestments in memory of long-time parishioners, Jim and Barbara Tallent. The rose vestments are a memorial to the faith and love of their grandparents by their seven grandchildren. Appreciation is extended to the entire Tallent family for this gift that will be used for many years to come!

SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of Kathy Gill lovingly requested by her family.



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).
"Pray continually, and give thanks to whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus."
Thess. 5:17-18

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 14, 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. The Covid pandemic has meant extreme hardship for so many of our neighbors. Please help us to continue these works of mercy with your donations.



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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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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EASTER FLOWERS

We invite parishioners to contribute for the purchase of the flowers used on the altar for Easter. You might want to donate in memory of a loved one. If so, we ask you to print the name/names of your deceased loved ones in the space provided below and enclose it in an envelope with your contribution. You may bring/send this to the rectory. Please make sure your checks are made out to St. Michael the Archangel Parish designating on the envelope "Easter Flowers". All donations should be received not later than Monday, March 29th. During the Easter season names of all your loved ones will be prayed for and remembered at all our Masses.

NAMES

MARCH 14, 2021



“For everyone who does wicked things hates the light and does not come toward the light, so that his works might not be exposed. But whoever lives the truth comes to the light, so that his works may be clearly seen as done in God.” - Jn 3:20-21

Readings for the week of March 14, 2021

Sun: 2 Chr 36:14-16, 19-23/Ps 137:1-2, 3, 4-5, 6 [6ab]/Eph 2:4-10/Jn 3:14-21
Mon: Is 65:17-21/Ps 30:2 and 4, 5-6, 11-12a and 13b [2a]/Jn 4:43-54
Tues: Ez 47:1-9, 12/Ps 46:2-3, 5-6, 8-9 [8]/Jn 5:1-16
Wed: Is 49:8-15/Ps 145:8-9, 13cd-14, 17-18 [8a]/Jn 5:17-30
Thurs: Ex 32:7-14/Ps 106:19-20, 21-22, 23 [4a]/Jn 5:31-47
Fri: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27, 29 [37]/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Sat: Jer 11:18-20/Ps 7:2-3, 9bc-10, 11-12 [2a]/Jn 7:40-53
Next Sun: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-9/
Jn 12:20-33



Week of Monday, March 15th to Sunday, March 21st

Mon. 9:00 Kathy Gill
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 Ruth and Edward Noonan and Eleanor Noonan
Thur. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 Jean, Raymond, Sr. and Raymond Nolan
4:00 Robert Romig
5:30 Birthday Blessings for Fr. Chris
Sun. 8:00 Theresa, Vincent and Charles Geraci
10:00 Mary Burke
Chapel 11:00 In Memory of Alice Palladino
12:00 The Corkhum Family
The Rice Family
The D'Amato Family
The Hurley Family
Mary and Marilyn Follett
The Socha-Malone Family





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