

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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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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FIFTH SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34

The prophet Jeremiah ministered at a difficult time in Jewish history. Jerusalem, their beloved capital, had been destroyed, and most of the people taken captive to far-off Babylon. In this gloomy setting, Jeremiah expresses the conviction that the Lord will raise up a new leader from the line of David to restore and rebuild their homeland.

Second Reading: Hebrews 5:7-9

The Letter to the Hebrews was written to a Christian community that had become dispirited and whose faith was faltering. Jesus is presented in today's passage as a model of suffering and a source of strength in time of need. (This passage is also part of the second reading on Good Friday.)

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!

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
PRAY THE ROSARY



Just to let you know

As always, thank you for your generosity in support of our parish. Please remember to make your donations out to St. Michael Parish. Your generosity and sacrifice helps the mission of our parish more that you'll ever know. May God reward your generosity!

Confession is available on Wednesday evening from 5pm-6pm or by appointment at the rectory. Feel free to see one of the priests after any Mass as well.

Holy Week Schedule: All services for Holy Week (Holy Thursday, Good Friday and the Easter Vigil will be at 7:00pm.) Easter Mass schedule is as follows: 8am, 10am, 11am lower church, 12noon.

EASTER COLLECTION

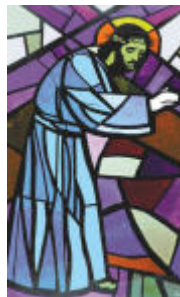
Every Easter, our parish collection benefits Clergy Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our priests in good standing. By supporting the collection, you can show your appreciation and support for the priests who have made and continue to make a difference in your life, the life of our parish, and the lives of countless others in our community. This year more than ever, your support is needed and appreciated. Thank you in advance for your generosity to this collection.

In Loving Memory

In your charity please pray for the souls of Eleanor Pumphret and Richard Greene 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.



- Corporal Works of Mercy: To Feed the hungry, To give drink to the thirsty, To clothe the naked, To visit the imprisoned, To shelter the homeless, To visit the sick, To bury the dead.
Spiritual Works of Mercy: To admonish the sinner, To instruct the ignorant, To counsel the doubtful, To comfort the sorrowful, To bear wrongs patiently, To forgive all injuries, To pray for the living and the dead.

Buona Domenica

Happy Sunday Everyone! Just a few thoughts and dates:

Raffle tickets for the parish Spread Your Wings raffle are still being sold. 100 tickets will be sold. Each month starting in April and concluding on the 29th of September, a raffle ticket will be drawn and the winner will receive \$300. On the 29th of September, the Feast of St. Michael, the monthly \$300 winner will be drawn in addition to a \$3,000 winner. All proceeds will be used to purchase and erect a beautiful statue of St. Michael which will adorn the outside front of the church. If you are interested in a raffle ticket, please purchase one after Mass or call the rectory.

Some of the projects we are working on: work continues to move all the parish offices and staff to the school building. Final plans and work for a new phone system and air conditioning for the offices is underway. This will allow the parish staff to work more in tandem with all of us in a central location. When the new offices are functional and post-COVID, we can have an open house to show you. In addition to the phone system and air conditioning, new lighting which will be much more cost effective is being added to the school, rectory and church. National Grid is underwriting a significant portion of this expense which will pay for itself in the long run. Consultation is happening to develop a sign that reflects our new parish name in front of the church while trying to use the existing sign.

We are grateful for the work of Deacon Alwin who will be ordained to the Priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 22, 2021. I joke that Deacon Alwin is the pastor of Logan Chapel and Fr. Bill and myself are simply his helpers. He is ever present at Logan for the 5pm on Saturdays and the 9am on Sundays. Deacon Alwin will celebrate his first Mass in our parish on May 23 at 12noon. This will be a great honor for our community as he celebrates for the first time the Mass as a priest. Please consider joining us for that Mass and a light reception in the school gym.

Happy belated St. Patrick Day and St. Joseph Day! There are St. Joseph cards in the vestibule for you to take home. Pope Francis has called for this year to be a year of greater veneration to St. Joseph.

Happy Sunday, Fr. Chris



The Annunciation of the Lord Thursday, March 25, 2021

SANCTUARY CANDLES

This week the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God with prayers for a speedy recovery for **Mary Bluementhal** lovingly requested by Mary Frances, Mary C. and Frank D.



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).

“Everything that was written in the past was written to teach us. The Scripture gives us patience and encouragement so that we can have hope”. Romans 15:4

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

“Faith is to believe what we do not see, and the reward of this faith is to see what we believe.”

St. Augustine



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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

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“Amen, amen, I say to you, unless a grain of wheat falls to the ground and dies, it remains just a grain of wheat; but if it dies, it produces much fruit. Now is the time of judgment on this world; now the ruler of this world will be driven out. And when I am lifted up from the earth, I will draw everyone to myself.” - Jn 12:24, 31-32

Readings for the week of March 21, 2021

Sun: Jer 31:31-34/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 14-15 [12a]/Heb 5:7-12:2-33 or Ez 37:12-14/Rom 8:8-11/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [7]/Jn 11:1-45 or 11:3-7, 17, 20-27, 33b-45
 Mon: Dn 13:1-9, 15-17, 19-30, 33-62 or 13:41c-62/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [4ab]/Jn 8:1-11
 Tues: Nm 21:4-9/Ps 102:2-3, 16-18, 19-21 [2]/Jn 8:21-30
 Wed: Dn 3:14-20, 91-92, 95/Dn 3:52, 53, 54, 55, 56 [52b]/Jn 8:31-42
 Thur: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-8, 8-9, 10, 11 [8a, 9a]/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
 Fri: Jer 20:10-13/Ps 18:2-3a, 3bc-4, 5-6, 7 [cf. 7]/Jn 10:31-42
 Sat: Ez 37:21-28/Jer 31:10, 11-12abcd, 13/Jn 11:45-56
 Next Sun: Mk 11:1-10 or Jn 12:12-16/Is 50:4-7/Ps 22:8-9, 17-18, 19-20, 23-24 [2a]/Phil 2:6-11/Mk 14:1—15:47 or 15:1-39



Week of Monday, March 22nd to Sunday March 28th

Mon.	9:00	Ronald Curran
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	Thomas and Margaret Jones
	4:00	Leonard “Jimmy” Gauthier
	5:30	...
Sun.	8:00	Gayle Cunningham
	10:00	Marguerite Canavan, 1st Anniversary
Chapel	11:00	Frances and Charles Caruso
	12:00	Suzanne Dumais
		Marquerite Corrao, 1st Anniversary





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