


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
5:00-6:00 Confessions

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 EASTER

First Reading: Acts 9:26-31

Earlier in the book of Acts, we hear of Saul (later known as Paul) persecuting Christians in Jerusalem. When he went to Damascus to do more of the same, he experienced a dramatic conversion. It was several years before he returned to Jerusalem, the site of his earlier persecutions. His first visit to Jerusalem as a Christian is described in today's reading.

Second Reading: 1 John 3:18-24

During this Easter Season, our second Scripture reading is from the first letter of John. In today's passage, the author is dealing with some members of the community who have defected. They seem to have believed that, as long as you have faith in Jesus, it doesn't matter what you do in daily life. The author directly refutes that position.

UPCOMING ORDINATION

Please keep in your prayers Deacon Alwin who will be ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 22nd.

On May 23rd at the 12noon Mass Fr. Alwin will celebrate his first Mass as a priest. We are honored that he has chosen to celebrate his first Mass with us. Please join Fr. Alwin for his first Mass here at St. Michael's.



PANTRY SUNDAY

Next Weekend - May 9, 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.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

During this week of May 2nd, the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of Teddy Fusco lovingly requested by Mom and Dad.



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). "The Lord is not slow in doing what He promised, the way some people understand 'slowness'. But God is being patient with you. He does not want anyone to be lost, but He wants all people to change their hearts and lives." 2 Peter 3:9

MAY PROCESSION & CROWNING

Sunday, May 9

May has traditionally been a time when the Catholic Church honors the Blessed Virgin Mary. In honor of Our Lady, there will be a May procession and crowning of the Mary statue led by the children of the parish on Sunday, May 9th at the 10:00am Mass. All are invited to join.



FIRST HOLY COMMUNION SCHEDULE

First Holy Communion Mass will take place on Saturday, May 8th at 4pm. This Mass will be live streamed. Please pray for our young students as they prepare to receive this important Sacrament.

PLEASE CONGRATULATE OUR FIRST COMMUNICANTS

The following students received the Eucharist for the first time over the past two weekends.

- Matthew Barron, Victoria Connolly, Vivian D'Amico, Giuliana DeGregorio, Mackenzie Evans, Ellen Gaynor, Amiyah Hart, Eva Lima, Joseph MacDonald, Andrew Morano, Allie Poulos, Teresa Schirripa, Joseph Shea, Christian Streeter, Callie Triant, Mariella Zizzo, Aubrey Boivin, Sophie Crocker, Kourtney Darcy, Michael DiMento, Colton Ferguson, Marina Gonzalez, Aja James, Laynie Logan, Millie MacDonald, David Petrucelli, Mia Rossi, Stella Sciaraffa, Gavin Sorrentino, Michael Temple, Luca Tritto

FAITH FORMATION CLASSES

HAVE CONCLUDED FOR THE YEAR

Special thanks to our catechists who devoted their time and talent to transmit the Faith to our young people, especially under challenging circumstances due to COVID:

- Rose Armitstead, Gina Ferragamo Freda, Jodee Harris, Megan Petrola, Kara Sheppard, Judy Swentik, Andrea DiBattiste, Alan Giangregorio, Rick Navarro, Norina Schirripa, Amy Streeter

ST. MICHAEL'S BOOK CLUB IS BACK!

This week, we started reading "Your Life in the Holy Spirit: What Every Catholic Needs to Know and Experience" by Dr. Alan Schreck. If you would like to join us to discuss this book, we meet via Zoom from 7:30 to 8:30pm for the next two Thursday evenings May 6 and 13. To sign up, please email bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org and include your address and telephone number.

Buona Domenica,

Dear Friends,

Happy Sunday! Let's continue with our discussion of the sacraments and continuation of our looking at the sacrament of Baptism. As a recap we talked about Baptism coming from the word "plunge or immerse" — a reminder that when we are plunged into the waters of Baptism, we are immersed into Christ's life here on earth with the hope and promise of Heaven. Second: Baptism is necessary for salvation for all who have heard and believe in the Gospel.

Continuing on: What does God do for us in the sacrament of Baptism? Baptism brings about the forgiveness of sins and new birth and life in the Holy Spirit.

Baptism washes clean. In other words, Baptism removes from us original sin and any other sin that would impede us from receiving Christ's life and the promise of Heaven.

Second: Baptism confers grace or God's friendship upon us. This grace allows us to become an adopted child of God (new life), Baptism allows us to hope and believe in God as well as loving Him, as well as the ability to follow the movements of the Holy Spirit to live the moral life: follow the commandments of God. Baptism also makes us members of God's Church. Through Baptism we receive the call to live in and serve the Church. Baptism leaves a mark on our souls that cannot be erased. As the Catechism explains: Baptism marks us with the seal of the Lord which is indeed the seal of Eternal life.

With a little overview of Baptism: the Sacrament of Confirmation is coming up next. Please join me in praying for our First Communion Children who are receiving First Eucharist these coming weeks and our teens who on Friday night received the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Happy Sunday,
Fr. Chris



This weekend flowers have been placed on our altar in memory of **Richard Dimes** lovingly requested by his daughter.

You now have the opportunity to have flowers placed on our altar in memory of loved ones. The flower piece will be a basket placed in front of the lectern. The parish makes the arrangement for the flowers. The name of your loved one and the donor will be placed in the bulletin for that weekend. The donation is \$50.00. Please call Carol Cardinale at 617-846-8345 to make arrangements for a particular weekend.

For Your Information

St. Michael Parish may have small office spaces available to rent for very reasonable rates. If you might be interested, please contact Fr. Chris.

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCES

April 24/25 Offertory: \$5,167.00 CPL: \$890.00

Thank you for your generosity to our parish. Please make all donations payable to: St. Michael the Archangel Parish.

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.

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.



PRAYER FOR OUR TROOPS

All powerful God,
watch over all our dear ones
who serve this day in the military.
Hold them safely in the palm of Your hand.
Walk with them in Your strength.
Bring comfort when they are troubled;
hope when they are weary.
Remind them of our love.
Merciful Lord,
bring a lasting peace into our midst.
Heal our hearts and help all nations
find ways to live in harmony
so that blood is shed no more.
We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus,
Prince of Peace. Amen.

MAY 2, 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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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 throughout the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.*

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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

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 *In Loving Memory*

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Claire Sheltry** who was buried from St. John's this past week. May her soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

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**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
PRAY THE ROSARY**





“Remain in me, as I remain in you. Just as a branch cannot bear fruit on its own unless it remains on the vine, so neither can you unless you remain in me. I am the vine, you are the branches. Whoever remains in me and I in him will bear much fruit, because without me you can do nothing.” - Jn 15:4-5

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Readings for the week of May 2, 2021

Sun: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:124/Jn 15:1-8
Mon: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14
Tues: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a
Wed: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8
Thurs: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11
Fri: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17
Sat: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21
Next Sun: Acts 10:25-26, 34-35, 44-48/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4 [cf. 2b]/1 Jn 4:7-10/Jn 15:9-17



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Week of Monday, May 3rd to Sunday, May 9th

Mon. 9:00 ...
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 Carol Burke
Thurs. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 ...
4:00 First Communion
5:30 ...
Sun. 8:00 Gerardo Iantosca
10:00 Thomas O'Brien
Chapel 11:00 Rose DiLorenzo
12:00 Joseph and Louise Bruno
Debbie Driscoll Newman, 2nd Anniversary





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