

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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PENTECOST SUNDAY

"We believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord and Giver of Life"

The power of the Resurrection story is so overwhelming that it takes us 50 days to celebrate during which time the Church continues initiating new members through the Sacraments of Baptism, First Eucharist and Confirmation. This all leads to the climax of the season, Pentecost Sunday, when we welcome the presence of the Holy Spirit into our assembly and into our lives. It is the Spirit that keeps the work of Christ alive within us.

First Reading: Acts 2:1-11

Pentecost was a Jewish feast that celebrated the beginning of the harvest. It took place 50 days after the feast of Passover. Jewish pilgrims came to Jerusalem from all over the ancient world for the celebration. Today we hear how Pentecost became a Christian feast.

Second Reading: Galatians 5:1-25

In concluding his letters, St. Paul always had a section instructing his converts about the correct way to live as Christians. Today's passage comes near the end of his letter to the Galatians who lived in what is today central Turkey. Paul offers a sharp contrast between life in the flesh (meaning: life prone to sin) and life in the Spirit.



Please keep in your prayers Father Alwin who was ordained to the priesthood of Jesus Christ on May 22nd.

Today, May 23rd, at the 12noon Mass, Father 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 Father Alwin for his first Mass here at St. Michael's. There will be a light reception in the school gym following the Mass.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

During this week of May 16th the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in loving Anniversary memory for Jay Donovan, Chucky Donovan and Michael Donovan requested by their 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.



Just to let you know

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



Monday, May 24th
Feast Day of the Blessed Virgin Mary

SAVE THE DATE! - Sunday, August 29
St. Michael's Family Day

- 12 noon Family Mass
1:00-4:00pm Kids' Activities: Games with prizes, face painting, music and dance, Bible stories, and much more!
4:00pm Family BBQ in parish parking lot
Interested in volunteering? Contact Graceanne Bowe bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org or Rick Chasse youthminister@stjohnswinthrop.org

PSST...SNEAK PREVIEW!

Godspell Jr. is coming to St. Michael's in spring 2022! There will be on-stage and backstage roles available for any student in grades 3-12 who would like to be involved, as well as volunteer roles for adults. Kelli Gaynor, a member of St. Michael's Parish and former drama director at Pope John XXIII High School, is spearheading this effort as well as directing the play. More information about sign-ups, performance dates, and rehearsals will be available in the coming weeks. If interested, please email Kelli at: kelligaynor@gmail.com.



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.

Please be courteous when you come into Church and respect the sanctity of our worship space by turning off your cell phones. Also, please remember to take a bulletin with you to keep informed of parish events, leaving our Church clean. Thank you.



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,

Last week Fr. Bill celebrated his 45th anniversary to the priesthood as I celebrated 23 years of priestly ministry. Of those 23 years there is not a day that goes by that I would ever give back. I love being a priest. Which is why today is such a beautiful day as Deacon Alwin, now Father Alwin, will celebrate his First Mass of Thanksgiving with us at the 12pm Mass. If you encounter Fr. Alwin in the coming days be sure to ask him for his blessing. What a great gift to be blessed by the hands of a newly ordained priest.

Fr. Alwin has been with us for two years at St. Michael. As a deacon he has preached, baptized and cared for God’s little ones. He has been with us through the thick and thin including COVID. As a matter of fact, because of COVID, he has been on TV more that some politicians. As the Church opened for the first time, the Church needed to be sanitized and prepared. News crews filmed Fr. Alwin sanitizing the church and when news about religion and COVID pop up even today a stock piece of film footage of Fr. Alwin is used.

Fr. Alwin will serve in the Archdiocese of Boston for five to eight years before returning to his beloved homeland of India to continue his priestly life and ministry. Whichever parish receives Fr. Alwin, they will be blessed. Kindness, graciousness, a man who knows the Lord and how to preach Christ is the priest they will receive.

He has been a joy to live with here in the rectory. He has introduced me to Indian cuisine including: chicken biryani, samosas and tandoori. I try to have ample amounts of water around when consuming some of these spicy delicacies! Fr. Alwin has helped to stretch the palate of this Irish kid from Dorchester.

Through Ordination: Fr. Alwin is able to stand in the person of Christ. He is able to celebrate the Mass, hear confessions and becomes for us an image and likeness of Christ. We are grateful for his generous gift of time and talent here. We wish him well as he begins the next chapter of his life and I am sure that I can speak in your name as I say: “Father Alwin you will always have a home in Winthrop. God Bless you!”

Happy Sunday,
Fr. Chris

PRAYER TO MARY

Mother, I commend and entrust to you all that goes to make up earthly progress, asking that it should not be one-sided, but that it should create conditions for the full spiritual advancement of individuals, families, communities and nations. I commend to you the poor, the suffering, the sick and the handicapped, the aging and the dying. I ask you to reconcile those in sin, to heal those in pain, and to uplift those who have lost their hope and joy. Show to those who struggle in doubt the light of Christ your Son. Amen
Pope St. John Paul II

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCES

Our Offertory this weekend May 22nd/23rd has two intentions: our Regular Parish Support Collection and the Collection for the Seminarians.

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.

“**Commonplace Love** often is the only kind possible. To help others as best you can, to avoid losing your temper, to be understanding, to keep calm and smiling on these occasions (as much as possible!) is loving your neighbor, without fancy talk, but in a practical way.”

Pope John Paul I

PRAYERS

If you are in need of someone to pray with you, please call Carolanne (617-846-3227) or Margaret (617-764-6952).
“I am a temple of the Holy Spirit.” 1 Corinthians 3:16

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
PRAY THE ROSARY**



MAY 23, 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 charity 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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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



“I have much more to tell you, but you cannot bear it now. But when he comes, the Spirit of truth, he will guide you to all truth. He will not speak on his own, but he will speak what he hears, and will declare to you the things that are coming. He will glorify me.” - Jn 16:12-14a

Readings for the week of May 23, 2021

- Sun: Acts 2:1-11/Ps 104:1, 24, 29-30, 31, 34 [cf. 30]/1 Cor 12:3b-7, 12-13 or Gal 5:16-25/Jn 20:19-23 or Jn 15:26-27; 16:12-15
- Mon: Gn 3:9-15, 20 or Acts 1:12-14/Ps 87:1-2, 3 and 5, 6-7/Jn 19:25-34
- Tues: Sir 35:1-12/Ps 50:5-6, 7-8, 14 and 23 [23b]/Mk 10:28-31
- Wed: Sir 36:1, 4-5a, 10-17/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Mk 10:32-45
- Thur: Sir 42:15-25/Ps 33:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [6a]/Mk 10:46-52
- Fri: Sir 44:1, 9-13/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Mt.11:11-26
- Sat: Sir 51:12cd-20/Ps 19:8, 9, 19, 11 [9ab]/Mk 11:27-33
- Next Sun: Dt 4:32-34, 39-40/Ps 33:4-5, 6, 9, 18-19, 20, 22 [12b]/Rom 8:14-17/Mt 28:16-20



Week of Monday, May 24th to Sunday, May 30th

- Mon. 9:00 Special Intention
- Tues.. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
- Wed. 9:00 Arthur Gilleo
- Thurs. 9:00 ...
- Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
- Sat. 9:00 ...
- 4:00 John McIntyre
- 5:30 Intentions of Fr. Matthew Ofoku
- Sun. 8:00 Patricia Minichino
- 10:00 Gabriella and Giovanni Epifania
- Chapel 11:00 Alfred and Rosa Machado
- 12:00 Ann Marie and Jack Powell
- Geraldine Caputo
- Rick Vecchia
- John and Mary Nelson
- Pauline Anastasio
- Joseph Anastasio



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