

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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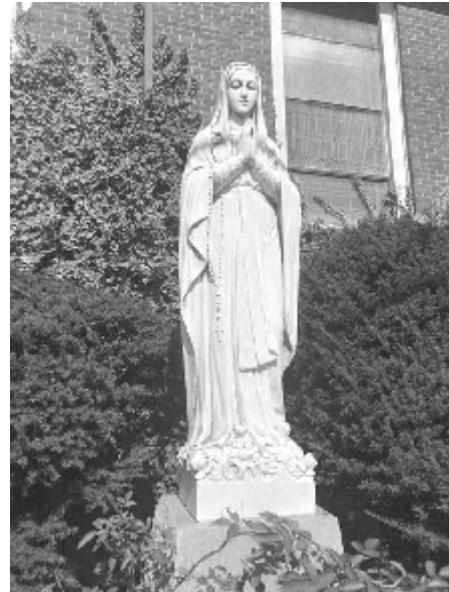
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MASS SCHEDULE

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
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

Food Pantry Donations
Collected every 2nd Sunday



FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

First Reading: 1 Samuel 1:20-22, 24-28

Today's reading takes place eleven centuries before Christ at an Israelite shrine, which is referred to as a "temple" in the text. When Hannah, who was childless, visited this shrine previously, Eli the high priest had promised that she would bear a son. Today's reading picks up from there. (Christians have seen Hannah as a symbol of Mary.)

Second Reading: 1 John 3:1-2, 21-24

The first letter of John was written for the community whose leader produced the fourth Gospel. Today's passage describes in very familiar and understandable terms our close relationship with God.

CHRISTMAS 2021 MASS TIMES

Christmas Eve — Friday, December 24
 2pm Family Mass
 4pm and 10pm
 5pm Logan Airport

Christmas Day — Saturday December 25
 8am, 10am and 12pm
 9am Logan Airport
 *No Vigil Masses on Christmas Day

The Holy Family — Sunday, December 26
 8am, 10am, 11am and 12pm
 9am Logan Airport

Eucharistic Adoration

Wednesday, December 29 — 5pm to 7pm
 Confessions
Wednesday, December 29 — 5pm to 6pm

Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God — January 1
 Friday, December 31 — 4pm Vigil
 Saturday, January 1 — 9am
 Confessions — Saturday, 3pm to 3:45pm

Epiphany — January 2

Saturday, January 1 — 4pm and 5:30pm Vigils
Sunday, January 2 — 8am, 10am, 11am & 12pm

A blessed and joyful Christmas to you and your family from St. Michael the Archangel Parish!

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE

December 12 Offertory: \$8,450.00

Thank you for your continued generosity. When writing out checks for parish donations, please make them payable to St. Michael the Archangel.

THE HOLY FAMILY PRAYER

*Holy Family of Nazareth,
 make our family one with you.
 Help us to be instruments of peace.
 Grant that love, strengthened by grace,
 may prove mightier than
 all the weaknesses and trials
 through which our families sometimes pass.
 May we always have God
 at the center of our hearts and homes
 until we are all one family, happy and at peace
 in our true home with you.
 Amen*

SANCTUARY CANDLES

During this week of December 26th, the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of **Robert J. Colvario on his 8th Anniversary** requested by his wife Cookie and family and friends.



If you would like both Sanctuary Candles near the tabernacle 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.

ADULT CONFIRMATION

Did you, or someone you know, miss out on receiving the Sacrament of Confirmation during high school? St. Michael the Archangel Parish will offer an opportunity for adults to prepare for Confirmation this spring. Classes will take place in the conference room of the Parish Center on Monday evenings from 7:30-8:30 beginning February 7th and continuing on Monday evenings through March. The course will offer a succinct consideration of the Apostles Creed, Sacraments, Morality and Prayer with plenty of time for questions and discussion. Reception of the Sacrament of Confirmation is required for those who might be invited to serve as a Godparent at Baptism or a Sponsor at Confirmation. Fr. Bill will be teaching this course of faith formation for adults. Please call the parish office at 617-846-7400 for further information and registration.

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 return all books to the racks before you leave Church and take your bulletin with you to keep informed of parish events, leaving our Church clean. Thank you.



Buona Domenica:

We share with you this reflection from Liturgical Publications on the Holy Family:

**Recognize God in Your Ordinary Moments
All in the Family**

At first glance, we can often find the image of the Blessed Mother, Saint Joseph and the Christ Child intimating—who are we to aspire to that level of discipleship? How could we ever hope to conform ourselves to that mold? Sometimes, it can even be painful—perhaps we hail from a broken family or struggle with a broken relationship within our family, or perhaps we long to be a mother or a father ourselves and that state in life has eluded us.

But the image of the Holy Family is, in reality, a beautiful invitation to us all, no matter our vocation or our state in life, and the example of Mary, Joseph and Jesus is rich with the symbolism of stewardship.

You need not be a biological mother who has carried a child in her womb to be a mother in spirit. Who in your world needs you to love them with the heart of a mother?

The same goes for fatherhood. The Church and the world are crying out for the courageous witness of Christian men like St. Joseph. Who can you love with the steadfast, selfless protection of a father?

Who in your life needs you to love them with the faithful, unconditional love of a son? Who needs your gentle and constant love as a daughter?

We are the Body of Christ, friends. Those of us rejoicing in heaven, those of us suffering in purgatory, and those of us struggling here on earth. We are the great family. Let us love each other well.

Tracy Earl Welliver, MTS



The angel said to them, "Do not be afraid; for behold, I proclaim to you good news of great joy that will be for all the people. For today, in the city of David a savior has been born to you who is Messiah and Lord. And this will be a sign for you: you will find an infant wrapped in swaddling clothes and lying in a manger." And suddenly there was a multitude of the heavenly host with the angel, praising God and saying, "Glory to God in the highest and peace on earth to those on whom his favor rests. *Luke 2:10-14*

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

Thanks to the kind generosity of so many, the **St. Vincent dePaul Society** of St. Michael the Archangel Parish has been able to offer support to those in need, even during the difficult days of the Covid pandemic. Going forward, we offer three ways for you to continue supporting the work of the Society. First, if you are able physically to attend Mass, there are tubes at the doors of the Church where you can deposit your donations. In addition to this option, you may leave your offering at the rectory or in the collection basket in an envelope clearly marked "St. Vincent dePaul". Please know that your generosity is appreciated and that, through you, we are able to attend to the needs of our neighbors.



**Journey Through the Sunday Gospels
A Scripture Study with Alan Giangregorio**

Our Gospel reading sessions on Tuesday evenings continues to inspire and enlighten parishioners to the Word of God and the life of Jesus. As we come to know Jesus more fully through the Gospels, we deepen our relationship with Him and are strengthened and guided in His ways. As we encounter our everyday challenges, this encounter with the Lord, allows us to see others, our lives and our circumstances with the eyes and heart of Jesus. All are welcome!

Feel free to contact Graceanne Bowe, 617-846-3100 or bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org with any questions or you may come to the Conference Room in the Parish Center on Tuesday evenings from 7:00-8:00pm.

COMING IN JANUARY

"LUMEN GENTIUM"

Exploring the Cornerstone Document
of the 2nd Vatican Council

How much do you know about Vatican II and how it has influenced the spiritual lives of Catholics over the past 50 years? Fr. Chris O'Connor will draw on his many years of teaching the Council Documents at St. John's Seminary to explain the Council's call for all people of God—including the laity—to pursue the path of holiness.

Watch the bulletin for more details.

PRAYERS

If you are in need of someone to pray with you, please call Carolanne (617-846-3227) or Margaret (617-764-6952).
Lord, tell me Your ways. Show me how to live. Guide me in Your truth, and teach me, my God, my Savior. I trust You all day long. Psalm 25: 4-5



**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
PRAY THE ROSARY**

CALL TO ACTION
St. Michael the Archangel Parish
is Re-forming its Pro-Life Committee

The pandemic of the past year and a half has been a sobering reminder that life is a precious gift from God, priceless beyond riches. As Catholics, we have a moral responsibility to defend the dignity and sanctity of human life at all its stages, from conception until natural death.

Members of the Catholic communities of Winthrop, now united as one parish under the patronage of St. Michael the Archangel, are committed to taking up the fight to protect all human life and to be a voice for those who cannot speak for themselves. As a first step, we are recruiting new committee members and organizing a chapter of Massachusetts Citizens for Life (MCFL), whose mission is to promote respect for human life and defend the right to life by influencing public policy at the local, state, and national levels.

If you would like to get involved in the pro-life effort at St. Michael's, please contact Doreen at 617-840-4817 or Maureen at 617-846-7400. Our first meeting will be in January, date TBA.

“As believers, how can we fail to see that abortion, euthanasia, and assisted suicide are a terrible rejection of God’s gift of life and love? And as believers, how can we fail to feel the duty to surround the sick and those in distress with the warmth of our affection and support that will help them always to embrace life?”

Saint Pope John Paul II

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Beginning Sunday, January 16th, you will have the opportunity to have flowers placed on our altar in memory of loved ones. The flowers will be one basket placed in front of the lectern. The parish makes arrangements for the flowers. The name of your loved one and the donor will be placed in the bulletin for that weekend. Please call Carol Cardinale at 617-846-8345. The donation is \$50.

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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 through the world
seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen*

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**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**



He went down with them and came to Nazareth, and was obedient to them; and his mother kept all these things in her heart. And Jesus advanced in wisdom and age and favor before God and man. - Lk 2:51-52

Readings for the week of December 26, 2021

- Sun: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-5/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52
Mon: 1 Jn 1:1-4/Ps 97:1-2, 5-6, 11-12 [12]/Jn 20:1a, 2-8
Tues: 1 Jn 1:5-2:2/Ps 124:2-3, 4-5, 7b-8 [7]/Mt 2:13-18
Wed: 1 Jn 2:3-11/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 5b-6 [11a]/Lk 2:22-35
Thurs: 1 Jn 2:12-17/Ps 96:7-8a, 8b-9, 10 [11a]/Lk 2:36-40
Fri: 1 Jn 2:18-21/Ps 96:1-2, 11-12, 13 [11a]/Jn 1:1-18
Sat: Nm 6:22-27/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [2a]/Gal 4:4-7/Lk 2:16-21
Next Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-13/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12

Mass Intentions

Week of December 26 to January 1/2, 2022

- Sun. 8:00 Dorothy and Alessandro Aleo
10:00 Walter Davis
Chapel 11:00 Matthew and Rose Costantino
12:00 Robert J. Colvario, 8th Anniversary
William, Mary and Catherine Gallagher
Kathleen Harris
Rocco and Anna Leo
Edith and John Vento
Tom Lally, 1st Anniversary
Mon. 9:00 Rev. Leonard Mullaney
Rev. Robert Donovan
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 Carmen and Rosemarie Socci
Thurs. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The Machado Family
4:00 Frankie Pizzarella
Sat. 9:00 ...
4:00 ...
5:30 ...
Sun. 8:00 Angelo and Frances Russo
10:00 ...
Chapel 11:00 ...
12:00 ...





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