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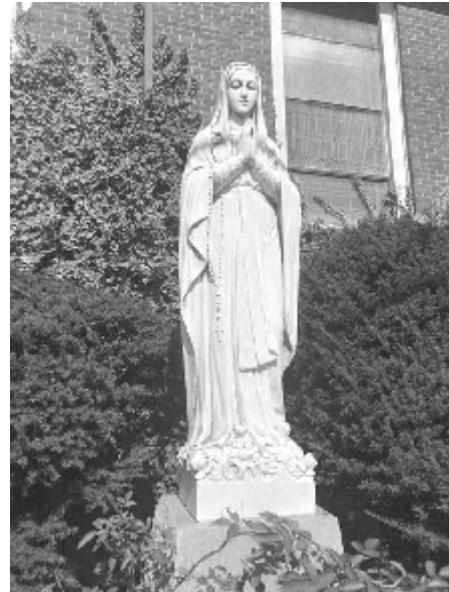
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MASS SCHEDULE

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

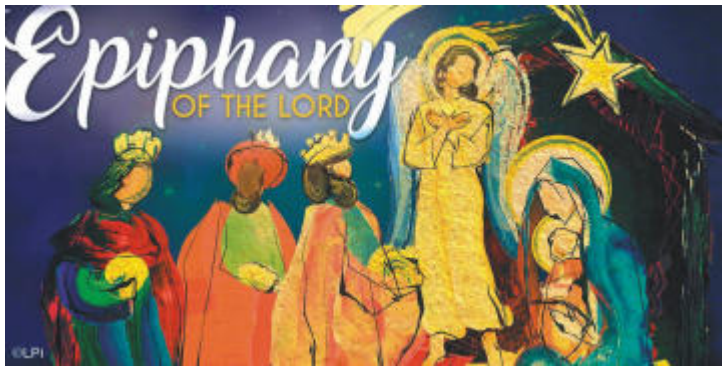
Confessions
After Mass
or at the rectory by appointment.

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



The Lord Jesus has come to save all human kind. Today we celebrate the revelation of that great mystery. God’s grace-filled covenant is open up to all. The “wise men” and all wise women and men seeing with a child’s eyes, discover the star-marked babe in the arms of his mother Mary. Humbly offering their gifts, they receive the Gospel, the good news of the Lord’s arrival amongst his people. God shows himself to us in Jesus and so begins his saving work for each of us. Come let us adore Him.

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

First Reading: Isaiah 60:1-6

The last part of the book of Isaiah contains the words of a prophet who lived after the Jews returned from exile in Babylon (which is modern-day Iraq). They found their temple destroyed and city leveled. But with great faith the prophet envisions a wonderful future for Jerusalem.

Second Reading: Ephesians 3:2-3, 5-6

The Ephesians were a community in which Jewish converts to Christianity lived side-by-side with Gentile converts. The author of this letter confirms that God’s saving grace is available to everyone, whatever their background.

Next Weekend - January 8/9, 2022

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. All donations may be left on either side of the sanctuary (altar).



SANCTUARY CANDLES

During this week of January 2nd, the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of **Joseph Cernaro on his 6th Anniversary** lovingly requested by his wife Yvonne and family?

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.

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE

Next Weekend, January 8th/9th, our second collection will be for the Parish Winter Energy Collection. Thank you for your continued generosity.

When writing out checks for parish donations, please make them payable to St. Michael the Archangel.

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.

Thank You

St. Michael’s Confirmation Program is in full swing, and I’d like to take the opportunity to thank the Confirmation candidates for all their hard work this fall, especially running the Turkey Truck before Thanksgiving, setting up and helping with the Advent and Christmas Traditions event for families, setting up and serving at Amy’s Breakfast with Santa, feeding the homeless in Boston, and assisting with the Nativity Play. Many parish staff and volunteers commented on how cooperative, cheerful, hard-working, and all-around amazing the youth of our parish are. Thank you also to the parents who helped bring the teens to Boston to feed the homeless.

Last but not least, heartfelt thanks to the teachers and volunteers for their hard work preparing the teens for Confirmation—Alan, Jodee, Andrea, Kara and Kristina.

IMPORTANT UPCOMING CONFIRMATION EVENTS

Sunday, January 9: Mass, Guest Speaker, and Pizza. All Confirmation Level I and II students are required to attend.

Saturday/Sunday, February 5-6: Confirmation Level II Retreat here at St. Michael’s Parish Center.

We ask all parishioners to please keep the confirmation candidates in their prayers.

Upcoming Committee Meetings

Finance Committee Meeting: Wed., Jan. 19th, 5:45pm
Buildings and Grounds Meeting: Wed., Jan. 19th, 6:30pm

Buona Domenica:

We share with you this reflection from Liturgical Publications by Br. John-Marmion Villa:

This feast of the Epiphany—taken from a Greek word meaning ‘to reveal’ or ‘to manifest’—is best understood, I think, when it is understood as a dialogue or relationship. Clearly, the Feast has the perspective of the Christ Child being revealed to the Magi who had been seeking him. But also, it has the perspective of the Magi “revealing their gifts” to the Christ Child. As Jesus’ life is about seeking what was lost, he would eventually find, as the Magi sought the answer to the mystery of astrological anomalies, they would find its reason in a baby. But the more they sought, the more they’d find, and the more Jesus sought, the more he’d find too. This season, I’m grateful that he sought me out and found me...time and time again.

Prayer of St. Anselm of Canterbury

O My God, teach my heart where and how to seek you, and where and how to find you. You are my God and you are my all, and I have never seen you. You have made me and remake me, you have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, still, I do not know you. I have not yet done that for which I was made. Teach me to seek You. I cannot seek you unless you teach me or find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desire, let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you, let me love you when I find you. Amen

 **In Loving Memory**

In your charity please pray for the soul of **Paul Joltki** who was buried from St. Michael’s this past week. May his soul and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

 **BAPTISM**

Through the waters of Baptism we welcome into the Catholic Faith **Kyle May Taylor** and **Amara Figueira**. Please keep these little ones, their parents and godparents in your prayers as they begin their faith journeys.



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).
*I look up to the hills, but where does my help come from?
My help comes from the Lord, who made heaven and earth.*
Psalm 121:1-2

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
PRAY THE ROSARY**



JANUARY 2, 2022

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



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.

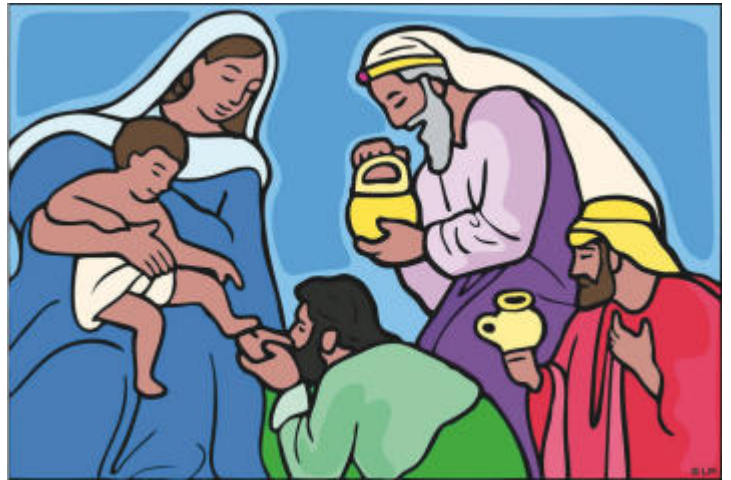
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ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAYER

*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*



**HAPPY
NEW YEAR!**



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sun: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Mon: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25
Tues: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44
Wed: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52
Thurs: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Fri: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16
Sat: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22

Mass Intentions

Week of January 1/2, 2022 to January 8/9, 2022

Sat. 4:00 ...
5:30 ...
Sun. 8:00 Angelo and Frances Russo
10:00 Maureen Delehanty
Chapel 11:00 ...
12:00 ...
Mon. 9:00 Dr. Anthony and Mrs. Rosina Cardullo
Tues: 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 ...
Thurs. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
For the dearly beloved souls of the Deceased
for whom Christmas flowers were donated
Sat. 9:00 ...
4:00 Joseph A. Abramo, 2nd Anniversary
5:30 ...
Sun. 8:00 ...
10:00 Mary Feeley, Josephine and James Scopa
Chapel 11:00 Father Vincent Agutamba
12:00 John W. Hames, Jr., 21st Anniversary
Gilberto Lima
Fernando and Piadade Rodrigues
Louis Fagioli, 30th Anniversary
Sean Todisco



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