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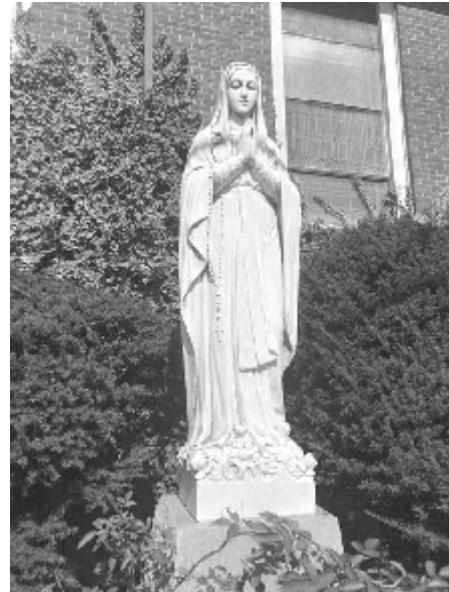
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## **MASS SCHEDULE**

**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 BAPTISM OF THE LORD**

**First Reading: Isaiah 40: 1-5, 9-11**

This passage from the book of Isaiah begins with God calling the prophet to encourage the Jewish people exiled in Babylon. He is to tell them that they will be returning home soon, and the road of the return will pass through the desert. We will also hear God call the *people* to proclaim from a mountaintop the goodness of God.

**Second Reading: Titus 2: 11-14; 3:4-7**

The letter to Titus was written about 30 years after Paul's death, and was written in Paul's name, a practice common in the ancient world. Titus was a traveling companion of Paul, and later was in charge of a Christian community on the island of Crete. The verses we are about to hear are also read at Masses on Christmas.

**This 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 9th, the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God with **prayers for healing and a speedy and healthy recovery for Millie** lovingly requested by her 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.

*In Loving Memory*

In your charity please pray for the souls of **Michael Gahan** and **Lisa M. Magnasco** who were buried from St. Michael's this past week and for **Mary Harrington** and **Jimmy Kaiser** who died recently. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.



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.

**PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE**

**This 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.

**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



**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

**IS THERE ANYONE SICK AMONG YOU?**

This question found in the New Testament letter to James, gives the response that the sick should call for the priests of the church who are to pray over and anoint the sick with oil in the name of the Lord. Never hesitate to ask for prayer and the Sacrament of the Sick prior to surgery or when diagnosed with a serious illness. The Sacrament is not looked on as 'The Last Rites' but as a powerful instrument of God's healing presence.

We share with you this reflection from Liturgical Publications by Douglas Sousa.

**Who is Jesus Christ?**

It is a question people ask as they witnessed him preach, heal the sick, and work other wonders. It is a question people have asked through the centuries as they studied the gospels and tried to pattern their lives on his example of self-giving love. If we are to be his followers and pass on the good news to the next generation of believers, it is a question we must constantly ask ourselves.

Today’s feast of the Baptism of the Lord and, in particular, the beautiful reading from the gospel of St. Luke teach us that Jesus is the Messiah and the Son of God.

First, Jesus is the Messiah. The words “Messiah” and “Christ” both mean “Anointed One”. Throughout their history, the people of Israel have awaited the one anointed by God to lead them to freedom. This anointing meant that the Messiah would save them not by his own power, but by the power of God.

At his baptism, the Holy Spirit descended on Jesus in the form of a dove. The Heavenly Father was anointing Jesus with power to preach the good news, to give sight to the blind, and to bring freedom to captives. Jesus received this anointing to make it clear that he is the Messiah.

What does that mean for us today? It means that we have no other Savior than Jesus Christ. If we are to find true and lasting freedom, it is only through him. If we are to experience true and lasting justice and peace it can only be through Jesus Christ. As St. Peter declares on Pentecost Day in the Acts of the Apostles, “No other name is given to us in heaven or on earth by which we are to be saved”. This means that in everything we do, whether as individuals, as a Church or as a nation, we must look to Jesus if we are to find the justice, truth, freedom, and peace our hearts yearn for.

Secondly, Jesus is the Son of God. After the Holy Spirit descends on Jesus, God’s voice from heaven is heard, “You are my beloved Son”.

When we call Jesus “Son of God”, we are not saying that he is like God, or that he is very close to God. Rather, we are saying that Jesus *IS* God. As we say in the Creed, he is God from God, Light from Light, True God from True God. Whatever we can say about God, we can say about Jesus. He is eternal. There has never been a time when he has not existed. He is All-Powerful. There’s nothing he cannot do. And he is All-Knowing. He knows the future and knows our hearts. There is no limit to his power.

For this reason, we do not only revere Jesus as a great man, but we worship him as our God. We bow our heads when we hear his name. We kneel when he appears before us in the Eucharist. We pray to him, and trust our needs to him, and praise him.

Jesus Christ is the Messiah, the Son of God. We look to him to save us and we worship him as Almighty God. Just as John the Baptist pointed to him, so we must point him out to others as the only Savior of the World. Just as John the Baptist led others to him, we are to lead our family and friends to recognize him as the Messiah our hearts long for. Just as God from heaven declared that he is the beloved Son, so are we to declare to others that Jesus is the God we should follow and obey.



**PLEASE NOTE**

**You are kindly requested to wear a face mask while in Church. Thank you!**

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](mailto: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.

**“LUMEN GENTIUM”**

Exploring the Cornerstone Document of the 2nd Vatican Council

**Starting Thursday, February 3rd for 5 weeks**

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.

For more information please contact Graceanne Bowe [bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org](mailto:bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org).

**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**



**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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**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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**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







**“I am baptizing you with water, but one mightier than I is coming. I am not worthy to loosen the thongs of his sandals. He will baptize you with the Holy Spirit and fire.” - Lk 3:16bc**

**Readings for the week of January 09, 2022**

Sun: Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30  
[1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22  
Mon: 1 Sm 1:1-8/Ps 116:12-13, 14-17, 18-19/Mk 1:14-20  
Tues: 1 Sm 1:9-20/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd/Mk 1:21-28  
Wed: 1 Sm 3:1-10, 19-20/Ps 40:2 and 5, 7-8a, 8b-9, 10/Mk 1:29-39  
Thurs: 1 Sm 4:1-11/Ps 44:10-11, 14-15, 24-25/Mk 1:40-45  
Fri: 1 Sm 8:4-7, 10-22a/Ps 89:16-17, 18-19/Mk 2:1-12  
Sat: 1 Sm 9:1-4, 17-19; 10:1a/Ps 21:2-7/Mk 2:13-17  
Next Sun: Is 62:1-5/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 7-8, 9-10 [3]/1 Cor 12:4-11/  
Jn 2:1-11

*Mass Intentions*

**Week of January 8/9, 2022 to January 15/16, 2022**

Sat. 4:00 Joseph A. Abramo, 2nd Anniversary  
5:30 ...  
Sun. 8:00 The Manfredi and Lauritzen Families  
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  
Mon. 9:00 ...  
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish  
Wed. 9:00 Michael Brown and Gerald Russell  
Thurs. 9:00 ...  
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish  
Sat. 9:00 ...  
4:00 Robert and Lucille Hanlon and Mary Russell  
5:30 Michael David Prew  
Sun. 8:00 George Humphries, 10th Anniversary  
10:00 Thomas Lee, 6th Anniversary  
Chapel 11:00 ...  
12:00 George and Annette Valenti  
Ponzy and Martha Salza  
The Sheppard Family  
Patricia Houde



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