

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
St. John the Evangelist Church—Holy Rosary Church
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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

Confessions
Wednesdays 5:00-6:00 PM (upstairs)
Saturdays 3:00-4:00 PM (downstairs)
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

SIXTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Jeremiah 17:5-8

In the last years before the crushing defeat of Jerusalem and the exile of many of its citizens to Babylon, Jeremiah watched the people destroying themselves through materialism and unfaithfulness to God. Here he sets before them a clear choice.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:12, 16-20

In last week's reading from first Corinthians, we heard the oldest written record of the Church's core tradition about Christ's resurrection. Today's passage follows directly from that, as Paul addresses concerns about our own resurrection.

This Weekend - February 12/13, 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).



PRO-LIFE

Thank you to Deacon Jim for the beautiful Holy Hour he put together for the parish for us to remember the sanctity and gift of life that comes from the goodness and generosity of God the Father.

Also, St. Michael Parish received a beautiful thank you note from Your Options Medical which helps to protect and defend the Unborn and women in crisis. The Baby Bottle Campaign that was held in our parish yielded over \$2,000. This is a testimony to the generosity and concern that our parish has for every human person. May God reward your generosity. *Fr. Chris*

SANCTUARY CANDLES

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.



Parishioners have the opportunity for flowers to be 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.

Monday, February 14th



GRADES 1-8 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sundays - Grades 1-2, 10:45-11:45am Feb. 27, Mar. 13, 27

*Grades 3-5, 10:45-11:45am Feb. 27, Mar. 27

Grades 6-8, 6:15-7:30pm Feb. 27, Mar 13**, 27

*Students in grades 3-5 will attend a Reconciliation Service with the Sacrament of Confession on Mon., March 14 in lieu of class on Sunday, March 13.

** The Middle School class on Sunday, March 13 is a Reconciliation Program with the Sacrament of Confession.

Mondays - Grades 3-5, 3-4pm, Feb. 28, Mar. 14*, 28

*Monday, Mar. 14 will be a Reconciliation Service with the Sacrament of Confession in lieu of regular class for gr. 3-5

Tuesdays - Grades 1-2, 2:45-3:45pm Mar. 1, 15, 29

HEALTH AND SAFETY REMINDER

Masks are required for all students, volunteers and staff attending Faith Formation Classes and Youth and Family Ministry events. If your child isn't feeling well or has had a known COVID exposure, please err on the side of caution and keep them home. Thank you for helping us to maintain a safe environment for all our students.

Enrich Your Child's Faith Through Service At Mass

Children whose religious education is reinforced by active participation at Mass and regular prayer at home develop deeper roots and stronger ties to their faith. At St. Michael's, every school-aged child is invited and encouraged to become more involved by volunteering to serve at the 10am Family Mass as a lector, prayer reader, gift bearer, or bell ringer. To find out how your child can participate, please call Graceanne Bowe at 617 846-3100.

Altar Servers Needed at all Masses

The role of the altar server is to assist the priest and deacon at Mass. Duties include carrying the cross, holding books for the priests, helping to prepare the altar, sounding the chimes at consecration, and assisting with cleaning and putting away the sacred vessels. **Altar servers are most needed at the 4:00pm Saturday Mass and the 8:00am and 12noon Masses on Sunday.** To find out how your child can participate, please see Deacon Jim Leo following any of the Sunday Masses, or call the parish office at 617 846-7400. **This opportunity is open to boys and girls!**



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

A MEDITATION ON TODAY'S GOSPEL

Sharing in the Blessedness of Christ

Holiness demands a constant effort, but it is possible for everyone because, rather than a human effort, it is first and foremost a gift of God, thrice holy. The Apostle John remarks: *See what love the Father has given us, that we should be called children of God; and so we are.* It is God, therefore, who loved us first and made us his adopted sons in Jesus. Everything in our lives is a gift of his love: how can we be indifferent before such a great mystery? How can we not respond to the heavenly Father's love by living as grateful children? In Christ, he gave us the gift of his entire self and calls us to a personal and profound relationship with him. Consequently, the more we imitate Jesus and remain united to him the more we enter into the mystery of his divine holiness. We discover that he loves us infinitely, and this prompts us in turn to love our brethren. Loving always entails an act of self-denial, "loosing ourselves," and it is precisely this that makes us happy.....

In truth, the blessed *par excellence* is only Jesus. He is, in fact, the true poor in spirit, the one afflicted, the meek one, the one hungering and thirsting for justice, the merciful, the pure of heart, the peacemaker. He is the one persecuted for the sake of justice. The Beatitudes show us the spiritual features of Jesus and thus express his mystery, the mystery of his death and Resurrection, of his Passion and of the joy of his Resurrection. This mystery, which is the mystery of true blessedness, invites us to follow Jesus and thus to walk toward it. To the extent that we accept his proposal and set out to follow him—each one in his own circumstances—we too can participate in his blessedness. With him, the impossible becomes possible and even a camel can pass through the eye of a needle; with his help, only with his help, can we become perfect as the heavenly Father is perfect.

Pope Benedict XVI

VIRUS PROTOCOL

The Archdiocese of Boston has extended the mandate to wear a mask while in church until the day after Ash Wednesday, Thursday, March 3rd. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



BAPTISM

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into the Catholic Faith **Sonny Paul Brugman**. Please keep little Sonny Paul, his parents and godparents in your prayers as he begins his faith journey.



PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE

February 6 Offertory: \$16,446.00

Grand Annual Collection: \$55,762.00

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

ADULT FAITH FORMATION AND SHARING

The Light of the Nations

**An In-Depth Exploration of *Lumen Gentium*,
A Dogmatic Constitution of the 2nd Vatican Council**

The mission of the Church is to be the light of Christ in and to the world. How is this lofty endeavor to be lived out in the life of the Church? And what does it mean for our own personal pursuit of holiness? Join Fr. Chris O'Connor and Graceanne Bowe for a 5-week series on "*Lumen Gentium*", the principal document of the Second Vatican Council. We will explore the themes of Christian unity; the role of Church hierarchy, laity, and religious; the universal call to holiness for everyone, regardless of their vocation; and our membership in the Mystical Body of Christ. The goal of the series is for participants to come away with a deeper understanding of the life of holiness as the participation in something that is greater than ourselves—Christ's Church.

The group will meet Thursday evenings—**February 3, 10, 17, 24 and March 3**—from 7:00-8:00pm in the Conference Room 2 of the Parish Center (school). **ADVANCE REGISTRATION is kindly requested.** Please contact Graceanne Bowe, bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org, or 617-846-3100 if you would like to sign up.

*There is no fee to attend the series, and the Council document, *Lumen Gentium*, is readily available free of charge on the Vatican website as well as popular Catholic websites such as EWTN.*

**GET TO KNOW JESUS MORE FULLY
THROUGH SACRED SCRIPTURE**

Tuesday evenings, 7:00pm

Parish Center (school) Conference Room 2

Would you like to get to know Jesus better and deepen your relationship with Him? What better way than to immerse yourself in the Word of God! Every Tuesday evening, resident expert Alan Giangregorio leads us through the weekly Sunday Gospel, where we find the inspiration and strength to lead holier lives of intimacy with Christ. All are welcome; no registration is required. For more information, please contact Graceanne Bowe, 617-846-3100 or 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).

Blessed are they who hope in the Lord.

Psalm 1



FEBRUARY 13, 2022

ADULT CONFIRMATION

If you are an adult who has not received the Sacrament of Confirmation, St. Michael the Archangel Parish will be offering a preparation class for adults during the season of Lent that will prepare candidates for Confirmation in the Spring. Catholics must receive the Sacrament of Confirmation in order to serve as Godparents at Baptism or Sponsors at Confirmation. Fr. Bill will be offering this six-week class beginning on Monday, March 7th at 7:00pm in the Conference Room of the Parish Center. The course will continue on Monday evenings through Monday of Holy Week, April 11th. Please call the rectory office at 617 846-7400 with your name and contact information so that you can receive full information on this opportunity to prepare for the Sacrament of Confirmation.

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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.



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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.

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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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PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE

PRAY THE ROSARY



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“Blessed are you who are now hungry, for you will be satisfied. Blessed are you who are now weeping, for you will laugh.” - Lk 6:21

Readings for the week of February 13, 2022

Sun: Jer 17:5-8/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4, 6 [40:5a]/1 Cor 15:12, 16-20/
Lk 6:17, 20-26
Mon: Jas 1:1-11/Ps 119:67, 68, 71, 72, 75, 76/Mk 8:11-13
Tues: Jas 1:12-18/Ps 94:12-13a, 14-15, 18-19/Mk 8:14-21
Wed: Jas 1:19-27/Ps 15:2-3a, 3bc-4ab, 5/Mk 8:22-26
Thurs: Jas 2:1-9/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7/Mk 8:27-33
Fri: Jas 2:14-24, 26/Ps 112:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mk 8:34—9:1
Sat: Jas 3:1-10/Ps 12:2-3, 4-5, 7-8/Mk 9:2-13
Next Sun: 1 Sm 26:2, 7-9, 12-13, 22-23/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8,
10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 15:45-49/Lk 6:27-38

Mass Intentions

Week of February 12/13, 2022 to February 19/20, 2022

Sat.	4:00	Josephine Costanzo, 6th Anniversary Giselda “Sally” Sampson, 7th Anniversary
	5:30	Michael Gahan
Sun.	8:00	Salvatore and Rose Russo
	10:00	Robert Kelly
Chapel	11:00	Remington Epifani
	12:00	Gloria Pizzarella Joseph H. Cassone, Jr., 11th Anniversary
Mon.	9:00	Frank Guidara, 1st Anniversary
Tues.	9:00	The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed.	9:00	...
Thurs.	9:00	Giselda “Sally” and Francis Sampson, Sabatino and Maria Chiulli, Jean and Philip Nicoletti and deceased members of the Chiulli, Sampson and Nicoletti Families
Fri.	9:00	The People of the Parish
Sat.	9:00	Frank and Grace Tassone
	4:00	Louise Marchionda
	5:30	...
Sun.	8:00	Phyllis Chicarello
	10:00	Carole Babine, 11th Anniversary
Chapel	11:00	...
	12:00	Richard Charles Carbone, Michael Tear, Joe and Helen Frazier Paul and Barbara Frazier William and Felicia Frazier George F. Sennott, Sr. and William Sennott



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