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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 Parish Center 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



ASH WEDNESDAY -- MARCH 2, 2022

Distribution of ashes will take place as follows:

7:00am - Eucharist

9:00am - Eucharist

3:30pm - Children's Mass

7:00pm - Eucharist

Reflection for Ash Wednesday:

Today's Gospel reminds us that all of our giving, whether of alms or of service, must always be done for love of God alone and not for the applause of our brothers and sisters.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

On Ash Wednesday and the Fridays of Lent, the Church requests all over 14 years of age to abstain from meat. On Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, the Church requests all between the ages of 18 to 60 having one full meal and two smaller meals for nourishment and strength. Liquids are allowed throughout the day.

The Faithful enjoy freedom of conscience to excuse themselves from these regulations but, as U.S. Bishops state, "No Catholic Christian will likely excuse themselves from so hallowed an obligation" on these days.

EIGHTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

First Reading: Sirach 27:4-7

The book of Sirach was written by a wise teacher who lived 200 years before Christ. It is a loose collection of wise sayings dealing with various concerns in the life of a believer. In today's section, we hear Sirach's thoughts about how speech is the measure of a person.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 15:54-58

This is the last of our seven weeks of readings from first Corinthians. In recent weeks, we have heard Paul addressing the Corinthian converts' questions about life after death. Paul ends his teaching on the resurrection with this hymn of triumph over death.

ST. MICHAEL'S DRAMA

Did you know that parish youth have been rehearsing a musical revue of skits and songs?

We are acting, singing, and dancing about all the reasons "To Love Thee More Dearly". Please join us on Saturday, May 14th at 5:00pm and Sunday, May 15th at 11:00am in St. Michael the Archangel Parish Center gym.

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!**

GRADES 1-8 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sundays - Grades 1-5 - 10:45-11:45am Feb. 27, Mar. 13, 27
Grades 6-8 - 6:15-7:30pm Feb. 27, Mar. 13, 27
Mondays - Grades 3-5 - 3:00-4:00pm Feb. 28, Mar. 14, 28
Tuesdays - Grades 1-2 - 2:45-3:45pm Mar. 1, 15, 29

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.

STUDENT VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ASH WEDNESDAY FAMILY MASS, MARCH 2, 3:30PM

The 3:30pm Mass on Ash Wednesday, March 2, is a Family Mass. Student volunteers are needed to proclaim the first and second readings, read the Prayer of the Faithful, bring up the offertory basket, ring the Church bells, and sing the communion meditation hymn. If your child is interested and available, please contact Graceanne Bowe in the Faith Formation Office, bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org or 617-846-3100.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION FOR GRADES 3-8

According to the Catechism of the Catholic Church, "after having attained the age of discretion, each of the faithful is bound by an obligation faithfully to confess serious sins at least once a year" (CCC 1457). The following student Penance services are scheduled in March:

Grades 6-9 - Sun., Mar. 13 - 6:15-7:30pm - Upper Church
Grades 3-5 - Mon., Mar. 14 - 3:00-4:00pm - Upper Church
Parents are invited to attend with their child and receive the Sacrament.

CONFIRMATION I AND II MASS AND GUEST SPEAKER

A Confirmation I and II youth Mass followed by pizza and a guest speaker will take place on Sunday, February 27 at 5:00pm. **All students in the Confirmation program are required to attend.**

REMINDER: CONFIRMATION II CLASSES BEGIN SUNDAY, MARCH 6

Classes take place on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm on the following dates: March 6, March 13, March 20, March 27, April 3, and April 10. **Sunday, April 10 will begin with regular class followed by a presentation of the Living Stations of the Cross in the upper Church.**

ENRICH YOUR CHILD'S FAITH THROUGH SERVICE AT MASS

Children whose religious education is reenforced 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.

GIVE US THIS JOYFUL SEASON

By Br. Silas Henderson of LPI Publications

It seems that, in many ways, we would be hard-pressed to have better readings for the Sunday before Lent begins. These teachings of Jesus—on judging others and the fruitfulness of our lives—help round out the sixth chapter of Luke and what we now know as Jesus’ “sermon on the plain”. Here, we find Jesus inviting us to reflect on the movements taking place within our minds and hearts, particularly with regard to how we relate to other people.

The Season of Lent is a time for Christians to “get back to basics”, focusing on the quality of our discipleship. This means that Lent isn’t an end in itself. Rather, Lent—which comes from an Old English word meaning “springtime”—is ultimately oriented toward our celebrations of the Resurrection at Easter and our renewal of our Baptism Promises on Easter Sunday. We are reminded of this by the words of the Mass, as we recall that God “gives us this joyful season when we prepare to celebrate the paschal mystery with mind and heart renewed ...as we recall the great events that gave us new life in Christ”.

As we know, the traditional *bona opera* (“good works”) of Lent are prayer, fasting and almsgiving. These actions focus our attention on what is most important in our relationships with God and others, while enabling us to set aside some of the “stuff” that consumes our time and energy, or which distract us from what is truly important. To that end, this Sunday’s First Reading and Gospel can help reflect on the movements of our heart that should guide these acts of penance and charity, especially as we think about what might be obscuring our spiritual vision and preventing us from recognizing the sometimes-hard truths about where we might be in our journey of faith and commitment to follow Jesus on the path of conversion.

With this in mind, we can also look to our Second Reading, taken from St. Paul’s first letter to the Corinthians as a reminder that the grace of conversion called for by the Season of Lent comes to us only through the victory of Christ and it is by this grace that we know “that in the Lord [our] labor is not in vain”. As Pope Francis reflected in his 2019 *Message for Lent*: “Let us not allow this season of grace to pass in vain! Let us ask God to help us set out on a path of true conversion. Let us leave behind our selfishness and self-absorption, and turn to Jesus’ Pasch. Let us stand beside our brothers and sisters in need, sharing our spiritual and material goods with them. In this way, by concretely welcoming Christ’s victory over sin and death into our lives, we will also radiate its transforming power to all creation.”

In essence, these readings are inviting us to look at our lives and on the realities of the world around us with clear eyes and to reflect on the fruit of our lives. Are there areas in our lives that need to be more carefully nurtured and tended? Are there “branches” that need to be pruned, so that other areas of our lives—including our prayer and ministry—can be more fruitful? How can we more effectively respond to the needs of those around us, sharing our time, talent, and material goods to help others to bear greater fruit in their own lives?



In Loving Memory

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

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE

February 20 Offertory: \$8,100.90

This week’s second collection supports the Church around the World.

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). *It is good and pleasant when God’s people live together in peace!*
Psalm 133:1



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.

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.



 **BAPTISM**

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into the Catholic Faith **Paul Marks, Calder Patrick Pennington Connolly, Romie Anne Fetherston and Quinn Theresa Howard**. Please keep these little ones, their parents and godparents in your prayers as they begin their faith journeys.

JUST TO LET YOU KNOW

New bibles have been generously donated to St. Michael's. They are placed around the church and are available for your use and enjoyment while here. Look for red paperbacked bibles entitled "The New American Bible". We are grateful to the donor and hope all parishioners will feel free to spend some time reading *the greatest book ever written*.

VIRUS PROTOCOL

The Archdiocese of Boston has extended the mandate to wear a mask while in church until Monday, February 28th. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

**PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE
PRAY THE ROSARY**





“A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks.” - Lk 6:43, 45

Readings for the week of February 27, 2022

- Sun: Sir 27:4-7/Ps 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16 [cf. 2a]/1 Cor 15:54-58/Lk 6:39-45
- Mon: 1 Pt 1:3-9/Ps 111:1-2, 5-6, 9 and 10c/Mk 10:17-27
- Tues: 1 Pt 1:10-16/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4/Mk 10:28-31
- Wed: Jl 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thurs: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 9:22-25
- Fri: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19/Mt 9:14-15
- Sat: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Lk 5:27-32
- Next Sun: Dt 26:4-10/Ps 91:1-2, 10-11, 12-13, 14-15 [cf. 15b]/Rom 10:8-13/Lk 4:1-13

Mass Intentions

Week of February 26/27, 2022 to March 5/6, 2022

- Sat. 4:00 Jackie Nunes, 1st Anniversary
- 5:30 ...
- Sun. 8:00 Anthony Consolante
- 10:00 Ralph Giorgio
- Chapel 11:00 ...
- 12:00 Rev. Vincent P. Doolan
The Keogh, Marra and Mele Families
- Mon. 9:00 Kathy Lynds
- Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
- Ash Wednesday**
- Wed. 9:00 Eucharist
- 3:30 Service
- 7:00 Eucharist
- Thurs. 9:00 John Farmer, 6th Anniversary
- Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
- Sat. 9:00 ...
- 4:00 Robert Driscoll, Sr., 3rd Anniversary
- 5:30 Joseph and Louise Bruno
- Sun. 8:00 Stephen Kennedy
- 10:00 Alice Palladino and Perry Palladino, Jr
- Chapel 11:00 ...
- 12:00 Gilberto Lima
Rosalina and Manuel Rodrigues
Rui M. Amaral, 1st Anniversary
Virginia Skoczylas
Frank and Dorothy Pino



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