

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
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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

FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Deuteronomy 26:4-10

The events in this reading take place as the Israelites are camped on the shore of the Jordan River ready to enter the Promised Land. Moses bids them to remember all that God has done for them. When they are settled in this new land, he tells them that every year they should offer the first fruits of their harvest to the Lord.

Second Reading: Romans 10:8-13

Paul was proud of his Jewish heritage and wanted all his people to be saved. The question of what will happen to Jews who do not believe in Jesus caused Paul a great deal of grief and anxiety. In this section of the letter to the Romans, he addresses this issue.



Just to let you know

Enjoy the greatest story ever told in a multi-season series. Tune in, beginning Ash Wednesday, March 2 at 9pm for Season One of The Chosen on the Catholic TV Network, Comcast channel 268. Meet Jesus the man and see the global phenomenon that is The Chosen. After each episode, Monet Souza will lead a discussion group with fellow young-adult Catholics Aaron Kanapesky and Bridie Vail. They will share their thoughts and feelings on what you just watched. Watch The Chosen with them Wednesday nights through April 20 only on Catholic TV!

For complete descriptions of Season One and additional times, go to catholicstv.org. Encore presentations Thursdays at 5am, Saturdays at 10pm and Mondays at 1pm.



During this week of March 5/6, flowers have been placed on our altar in memory of Anthony Martucci on his 2nd Anniversary and for Anthony Ferrara on his 1st Anniversary, lovingly requested by their family.

SANCTUARY CANDLES

During this week of March 5/6, the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of Anthony Martucci on his 2nd Anniversary and for Anthony Ferrara on his 1st Anniversary, lovingly requested by their family.



If you would like both Sanctuary Candles in the upper church and the chapel (\$25), or a basket of flowers placed in front of the lectern in the upper church (\$50), in memory of a loved one, for a particular week, please call Carol Cardinale at 617-846-8345 to make the arrangements.

PRAYERS

If you are in need of someone to pray with you, please call Carolanne (617-846-3227) or Margaret (617-764-6952).

Be with me, Lord, when I am in trouble. Psalm 91



GRADES 1-8 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sundays - Grades 1-5 - 10:45-11:45am - Mar. 13, 27

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

Mondays - Grades 3-5 - 3:00-4:00pm - 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.

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.

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.

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!

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.

GROWING PAINS

An excerpt from a Sunday reflection written by Fr. Mark Suslenko of LPI Publications.

We forget that to be human means to accept our growing pains. We are incomplete, works in progress. Our lives are never entirely integral, whole, and perfectly constructed creations but a diverse collection of broken pieces. If not welcomed with love, our necessary incompleteness can propel us to consistently and sometimes compulsively, seek control and satisfaction.

We like control and satisfaction. One of the most significant sources of anxiety is the absence of control. We're afraid that we are going to fall apart. We instinctively know that we are a conglomeration of broken pieces rather than a complete whole, but we're scared to admit it. We don't want to appear vulnerable. This gives attractions and lures their power. Forgetting who God is increases the temptation to believe the lie. In the end, it is not the foundation of our homes that will support us but the foundation of our souls. Therein lies the mystery and beauty of what it means to be human. Our peace, tranquility, purpose, and identity are not tied to the world but to our Creator. Nothing outside can satisfy and provide better than what comes from within.

Temptation does not need to be our enemy. It can become a means to salvation! St. Basil remarks, "As the pilot of a vessel is tried in the storm, as the wrestler is tried in the ring, the soldier in the battle and the hero in adversity, so is the Christian tried in temptation." Here is the reason for Lent: to make temptation our friend. There is no doubt that we sin, even though we often prefer to forget or deny that fact. We are sinners. Given that fact, every temptation becomes an opportunity to choose either for grace or sin. The more we can choose virtue over vice, good over evil, truth over lies, and others over ourselves, the stronger we will become. Properly confronting and dealing with temptation builds Christian character. Ironically, when we build strong Christian character, we gain control and satisfaction. They come from within.

God is not going to intrude on our space. We have to make the room. Our lives can keep us extremely preoccupied, distracted, confused, tired, conflicted and task driven. Our existence becomes tied to devices. We interact more with things than with people. We loose touch with the flesh and bones of humanity and risk seeing people more as objects than unique artistic creations. We are becoming widgets who are required to produce and function. There is less time for creativity, imagination, deep thinking, reflection and focusing our attention on truth. We may even be forgetting how to do these things. This is why we so desperately need Lent. When was the last time you were creative? When did you allow your imagination to soar? When did you last take time to ponder life's more profound questions, to throw yourself into God's presence, or consider whether you are really making the right choices? All that we are and all that we have, especially our poverty, we place before the Lord. "And, having set them before the Lord, your God, you shall bow down in his presence."

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE

February 27 Offertory: \$8,932.00

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

Next Weekend - March 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).



In Loving Memory

In your charity please pray for the souls of Patricia Keough, Robert Masterson and Rose Mary Babcock who were buried from St. Michael's Parish this past week and Robert Wilkins whose memorial Mass also took place. May their souls and the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy of God, rest in peace.

Sing Praise

We are looking for a few more singers who would like to augment the ranks of the adult choir. Please speak with Stephen Lee, our Music Director, if you are interested.

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.

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.

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE - PRAY THE ROSARY



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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.

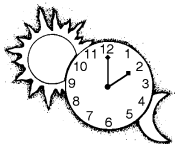


Prayer by St. Francis DeSales

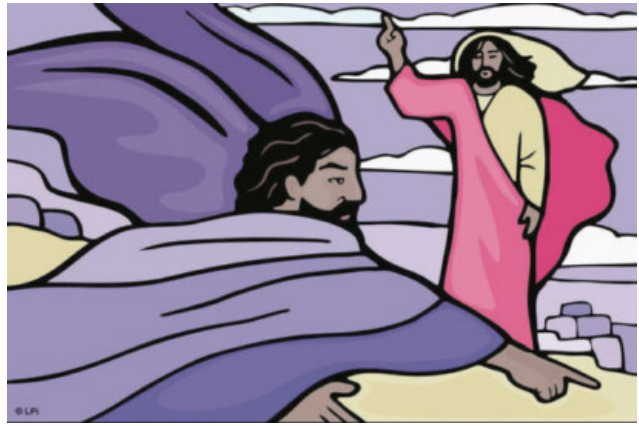
Do not look forward in fear to the changes in life;
Rather, look to them with full hope that as they arise,
God, whose very own you are,
Will lead you safely through all things;
And when you cannot stand it,
God will carry you in his arms.
Do not fear what may happen tomorrow,
The same understanding Father
Who cares for you today
Will take care of you then and every day.
He will either shield you from suffering
Or will give you unfailing strength to bear it.
Be at peace, and put aside
All anxious thoughts and imaginations.
Amen

Upcoming Meetings

Sunday, March 13 — 9:00am — Parish Pastoral Council
Thursday, March 24 — 5:30pm — Finance Committee
Thursday, March 24 — 6:30pm — Buildings and Grounds



Daylight Savings Time — March 13th
Don't forget to turn your clock ahead
One hour on Saturday evening,
March 12th!



The devil said to him, “All this will be yours, if you worship me.” Jesus said to him in reply, “It is written: You shall worship the Lord, your God, and him alone shall you serve.” - Lk 4:6a, 7-8

Readings for the week of March 6, 2022

- 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
Mon: Lv 19:1-2, 11-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/Mt 25:31-46
Tues: Is 55:10-11/Ps 34:4-5, 6-7, 16-17, 18-19/Mt 6:7-15
Wed: Jon 3:1-10/Ps 51:3-4, 12-13, 18-19/Lk 11:29-32
Thurs: Est C:12, 14-16, 23-25/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 7c-8/Mt 7:7-12
Fri: Ez 18:21-28/Ps 130:1-2, 3-4, 5-7a, 7bc-8/Mt 5:20-26
Sat: Dt 26:16-19/Ps 119:1-2, 4-5, 7-8/Mt 5:43-48
Next Sun: Gn 15:5-12, 17-18/Ps 27:1, 7-8, 8-9, 13-14/Phil 3:17—4:1 or 3:20—4:1/Lk 9:28b-36

Mass Intentions

Week of March 5/6, 2022 to March 12/13, 2022

- Sat. 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
Mon. 9:00 Joseph Camuso, 1st Anniversary
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 ...
Thurs. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 Robert Hough, 6th Anniversary
Charles Chicos, 5th Anniversary
Philip, Sr., Phyllis and Gregory Cali
Raymond, Sr., Jean and Raymond Nolan
4:00 Arlene Pote, 1st Anniversary
5:30 Bella Bond
Sun. 8:00 The Cahalane Family
10:00 Leo J. Haskell, 30th Anniversary and
Joanne Capprini, 8th Anniversary
Chapel 11:00 Louse E. Papile
12:00 Tony Martucci, 2nd Anniversary and
Anthony Ferrara, 1st Anniversary



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