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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 3:00-3:45 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

SECOND SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Genesis 15:5-12, 17-18

This passage recounts the making of a covenant between God and Abraham. Ancient Near-Eastern people often established a covenant by cutting animals in half and setting the halves opposite each other. The participants then walked in the blood flowing between the halves, thereby establishing a blood relationship. But the covenant we will hear about today involves God, who will participate in a more dramatic way.

Second Reading: Philippians 3:17—4:1

The ancient city of Philippi was located in what is today northeastern Greece. Paul's community of converts at Philippi was especially dear to him. In this section of his letter to them, Paul is upset—but not with them. He has heard that false teachers have come to the community, teaching that Jewish food laws and the right of circumcision applied even to Christians.

LENT 2022

"It's not how much we give but how much love we put into giving." Mother Teresa

St. Michael's Lenten almsgiving project this year involves supporting Mother Theresa's Missionaries of Charity in Dorchester, who serve "the poorest of the poor". If you would like to participate, please look for yellow envelopes around the church and make your check payable to "St. Michael Parish". If you choose to make your donation in a different way, please mark the envelope "Mother Theresa". We thank you for your generosity and wish you a blessed season of Lent.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Friday, March 18, 25 and April 1, at 7:00pm

Friday, April 8 and Palm Sunday, April 10
"Living Stations" drama by teens at 7:00pm

SANCTUARY CANDLES

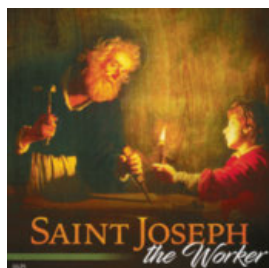
During this week of March 12/13, the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of **Kathy Gill**, lovingly requested by her family.

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 \$25.00.



**Feast of St. Joseph, Spouse of
The Blessed Virgin Mary**

Saturday, March 19, 2022



GRADES 1-8 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sundays: Mar.13, 27, Apr.10, 24 Grades 1-5 10:45-11:45am

Grades 6-8 6:15-7:30pm

Mondays: Mar.14*, 28, Apr.11, 25 Grades 3-5 3:00-4:00pm

Tuesdays: Mar.15, 29, Apr. 12, 26 Grades 1-2 2:45-3:45pm

*The meeting of grades 3-5 on Monday, March 14 will take place in the church, where the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered.

**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

Classes take place on Sunday evenings from 6:00-7:30pm on the following dates: 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.*

FIRST EUCHARIST RETREAT

Saturday, March 26 - 9:00am-12:00noon

All second grade students preparing to receive First Holy Communion this year are required to attend the First Eucharist Retreat with their parent(s) on Saturday, March 26 from 9:00am to 12noon. This joyful and highly interactive program includes a walk through the Mass, practice receiving (unconsecrated) hosts, making their First Communion pew banner, learning songs that will be sung at the First Communion Mass and more! *If you would like to volunteer to help out with the retreat, please contact Graceanne Bowe in the Faith Formation Office, 617 846-3100 or bowe@stjohnswinthrop.org.*

ST. MICHAEL'S DRAMA

We are looking for children in grades 3-8 to do short readings to introduce the songs and skits in our upcoming musical revue, "To Love Thee More Dearly".

Readers would need to attend the dress rehearsal on Friday, May 13 from 5-6pm and the performances on Saturday, May 14 at 5pm and Sunday, May 15 at 11am in St. Michaels Parish Center school gym. Please contact Kelli at KelliGaynor@gmail.com if your child would like to be a reader.



During this week of March 12/13, flowers have been placed on our altar in memory of **Ann DeRuosi** lovingly requested by her brother and sister.

IT IS GOOD WE ARE HERE

A reflection from today’s Gospel written by Allison Gingras of LPI Publications.

Jesus guided Peter, James and John up the mountain to pray. There Jesus was transfigured before them—showing his glorified self with his face changing in appearance and his clothes becoming dazzling white—a foreshadowing of his heavenly appearance. What a glorious moment for all to behold, and for us two thousand years later to witness as we read the detailed description offered through the Scriptures. The Lord’s “face shone like the sun and His garments became dazzling white, such as no fuller on earth could bleach them”.

As if the sight of their transfigured friend and master were not enough, suddenly standing along side Jesus were Moses and Elijah. These men represented the law and the prophet—Moses, one of the greatest of the lawgivers, alongside Elijah, one of the greatest of the prophets. Both figures from salvation history shared encounters with God on a holy mountain and experienced an exodus. Both represented significant moments in salvation history and prefigured Jesus’ mission.

How could the three apostles not doubt what their eyes observed? The mystical works of our unfathomable God are often unexplainable and even inconceivable, yet that does not make them any less magnificently true! We may not be witnesses to Jesus transfigured upon the mountain, but that does not mean we do not glimpse his glory as we gaze upon him in the Eucharist. How often have we looked upon the consecrated Host, which we know through faith to be the body, blood, soul, and divinity of our Lord, Jesus Christ, and doubted? We behold an ordinary wafer of bread, our senses fight to accept what we cannot see, and we ask whether Jesus is truly present before us.

Peter, James and John, followers, disciples, and friends of God incarnate, were now privileged to stand in the presence of the living God in all his heavenly glory. As they stood bewildered, God’s voice broke through a cloud overshadowing them, with the words, “This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him”. Jesus had asked them to hold everything they had witnessed in their hearts until the appropriate time to share. Because the Apostles and countless disciples witnessed, believed, and shared, we too can now hold fast to our hope in the joyful faith that the One we behold in the Eucharist is indeed Jesus—actually present and not a symbol.

This transfiguring moment is more than history, something special only for those who participated, but holds meaning for every Christian who continues to hear the Good News. It shows the glory of God revealed in the Son, Jesus, and furthermore provides a peek into what awaits all who persevere in faith—accepting the law and the prophecies— in believing Jesus is the beloved Son of God, in whom God is well pleased and opening our ears and hearts to listen to him.

During our Lenten journey, we, too, are shown the glory of God and given an outpouring of grace. As we participate in Mass or visit Jesus in the eucharist, the Holy Spirit will help us see who appears before us if we quiet our hearts and listen. These sweet glimpses shed light and offer anchors of hope even when the world around us seems dark and confused. Regardless of our circumstances or whatever we lack in understanding our faith—God is always with us, especially when in the presence of the Eucharist. Although Peter may have been slightly off in his assessment of the situation of that day, he did get one thing right, “Master, it is good that we are here.” Master, it is very good you are here!

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE

March 6 Offertory: \$7,153.00

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

This 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 **Florence Gilfoyle** and **Brian Dunn** whose funerals took place this past week. 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



MARCH 13, 2022

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.



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



Just to let you know

Enjoy the greatest story ever told in a multi-season series which began on Ash Wednesday, at 9pm and continuing through April 20 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.

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

PRAYERS

If you are in need of someone to pray with you, please call Carolanne (617-846-3227) or Margaret (617-764-6952). *Pray continually, and give thanks whatever happens. That is what God wants for you in Christ Jesus.*

1 Thessalonians 5:17-18

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*

THURSDAY, MARCH 17





While he was still speaking, a cloud came and cast a shadow over them, and they became frightened when they entered the cloud. Then from the cloud came a voice that said, “This is my chosen Son; listen to him.” - Lk 9:34-35

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Readings for the week of March 13, 2022

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
Mon: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13/Lk 6:36-38
Tues: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23/Mt 23:1-12
Wed: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16/Mt 20:17-28
Thurs: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6/Lk 16:19-31
Fri: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21/
Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
Sat: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom
4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
Next Sun: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 11/1 Cor
10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9

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Mass Intentions

March 12/13, 2022

Sat. 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 Louise E. Papile
12:00 Tony Martucci, 2nd Anniversary and
Anthony Ferrara, 1st Anniversary

March 14 to March 20

Mon. 9:00 Joseph Macchiavelli, 1st Anniversary
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 Kathy Gill, 54th Wedding Anniversary
Thurs. 9:00 Pasquale Ferullo, 18th Anniversary
Gloria Ferullo
June Zirpolo, 8th Anniversary
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 Florence Facella, 40th Anniversary and
Sam Facella, 11th Anniversary
4:00 Robert Romig
5:30 Richard Albert Young
Sun. 8:00 ...
10:00 Robert Levesque, 5th Anniversary and
Lelia Lavesque, 20th Anniversary
Chapel 11:00 David Greene, 1st Anniversary
Ramona Cooper, 1st Anniversary
12:00 Corkham and Rice Families
Mary & Marilyn Follett
The Socha-Malone Family
The D’Amato Family
The Hurley Family
The Cash Family



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