

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 3:00-3:45 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



THIRD SUNDAY OF LENT

First Reading: Exodus 3:1-8, 13-15

When he was a young man, Moses had slain an Egyptian official, and he had to flee into the desert near Mount Sinai (sometimes called Mount Horeb). In the ensuing years, he settled down, married and worked as a shepherd. Now, probably thinking he had a quiet future, his life takes a different turn.

Second Reading: 1 Corinthians 10:1-6, 10-12

Paul did not want his Corinthian converts to be overconfident. They were saved by their faith in Jesus, but they still needed to live a daily life pleasing to God. (In this passage, we will hear Paul refer to an interesting piece of Jewish folklore not found in the Bible. The legend is that the rock from which God gave them water followed them wherever they went in their desert wanderings.)

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 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 19/20, the Sanctuary Candles will be burning for the greater glory of God in memory of John M. "OPA" Snyder on his birthday remembrance, lovingly requested by his daughter and granddaughter.

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.



During this week of March 19/20, flowers have been placed on our altar in memory of John M. "OPA" Snyder on his birthday remembrance lovingly requested by his daughter and granddaughter.

GRADES 1-8 FAITH FORMATION SCHEDULE

Sundays: Mar. 27, Apr.10, 24 Grades 1-5 10:45-11:45am
Grades 6-8 6:15-7:30pm
Mondays: Mar. 28, Apr.11, 25 Grades 3-5 3:00-4:00pm
Tuesdays: Mar. 29, Apr. 12, 26 Grades 1-2 2:45-3:45pm

REMINDER: CONFIRMATION II CLASSES

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



Our Men and Women in the Service

All Powerful God,
watch over all our dear ones
who serve this day in the military.
Hold them safely in the palm of Your hand.
Walk with them in your strength.
Bring comfort when they are troubled;
hope when they are weary.
Remind them of our love.
Merciful Lord,
bring a lasting peace into our midst.
Heal our hearts and help all nations
find ways to live in harmony
so that blood is shed no more.
We ask this in the name of Christ Jesus,
Prince of Peace. Amen.



CONFESSION AND THE FIG TREE

A reflection on today's Gospel written by Colleen Jurkiewicz Dorman of LPI Publications.

Most of the sins I confess when I approach God through the Sacrament of Reconciliation are sins I committed on the way to approaching Him in the Eucharist.

Listen, I'm not proud of this, and I'm not making excuses. But it's really hard getting a family of five out of their beds and into a church pew on a Sunday morning. Everyone has to be wearing clothes (usually clothes they don't particularly enjoy). The long hair of little girls needs to be brushed and arranged (cue screaming). The little ones have to be fed and clutching whatever stuffed animal they have decided is The Chosen One this week, the magical talisman they assure me will help them be quiet and not dissolve into a shrieking meltdown just as Father elevates the Host (and—spoiler alert!—they usually have the shrieking meltdown anyway).

I say this in jest partially—of course my sins are far more numerous in quantity, and often more serious in kind, than the orders I bark and the rebukes I hand down from the passenger seat of our van on a Sunday morning. But it's only partially in jest, because here is the cold, hard truth: I am consistently at my worse in that seat, in that moment, stressed out and tired and resentful. I'm laser-focused on the failures of the people I love and preoccupied with the weight of the burden I carry.

I've said some pretty terrible things to my husband in those moments, and I've snapped so hard at my kids that I've wondered if God even wants me to come to church that day. So I take it all to confession and I lay it out, and God embraces me and tells me we'll try again next time.

But in recent months I've been plagued by an aversion to Confession—a restless self-consciousness that kept me away for longer than it should have. A voice was whispering: *Why go in that little room and kneel down and say all the same things, over and over and over again, when you know you're not strong enough to stop doing the very things you keep confessing, when you know you're headed right back to the front seat of the van?*

I shared this with the priest the last time I went to Confession. I literally told him: "I feel so lame coming in here and saying the same things over and over again. I mean the Act of Contrition when I say it, but then I go back out there and do it all again. I hate it." What I left unsaid, but what I know he understood, was my real question: *If this sacrament is working, why do I keep needing it?*

God bless him for not rolling his eyes (maybe he did—I was behind the screen, after all). But he patiently explained to me that the sacrament is working exactly as it was designed, again and again and again. Because it brings me kneeling, before the mercy of God—again and again and again. It is reminding me that I am not better than these temptations. I am not better than these failures. I am not better than these weaknesses. I am the fruitless fig tree, slated for the ax. I exhaust the soil of the orchard. But still there is a Gardener who has not given up, who looks at me and says: "Wait—I'm not done with that one yet."

PARISH SUPPORT AND FINANCE

March 13 Offertory: \$14,433.00

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

In Loving Memory

In your charity please pray for the souls of John Joseph Bartolo and Mora Ambrosino 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.

St. Michael's has parishioners who need to receive Communion at home due to age or health. If you are an Extraordinary Minister of the Eucharist and would be interested in learning more about how you could help our church meet this important need, we would like to hear from you. Please call the Parish Center office at 617-846-7400 and leave your name, phone number and email address.



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

We have purchased 64 copies of Today's Missalette containing the Old and New Testament and Gospel readings for each Sunday. They are located in the book racks. You can easily follow the readings.

"Commonplace Love, often is the only kind possible. To help others as best you can, to avoid losing your temper, to be understanding, to keep calm and smiling on these occasions (as much as possible!) is loving your neighbor, without fancy talk, but in a practical way."

Pope John Paul I

PRAY FOR WORLD PEACE PRAY THE ROSARY



MARCH 20, 2022

 **BAPTISM**

Through the waters of Baptism, we welcome into the Catholic faith **Chloe Mae Zebic** and **Myles Driscoll**. Please keep these little ones, their parents and godparents in your prayers as they begin their faith journeys.

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

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 every Wednesday 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)
I love the Lord, because He listens to my prayers for help. He paid attention to me, so I will call to Him for help as long as I live. Psalm 116:1-2

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*



And he told them this parable: "There once was a person who had a fig tree planted in his orchard, and when he came in search of fruit on it but found none, he said to the gardener, 'For three years now I have come in search of fruit on this fig tree but have found none. So cut it down. Why should it exhaust the soil?'" - Lk 13:6-7

Readings for the week of March 20, 2022

- Sun: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15/Ps 103:1-4, 6-7, 8, 11 [8a]/1 Cor 10:1-6, 10-12/Lk 13:1-9
Mon: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4/Lk 4:24-30
Tues: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25: 4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9/Mt 18:21-35
Wed: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
Thurs: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Lk 11:14-23
Fri: Is 7:10-14; 8:10/Ps 40:7-11/Heb 10:4-10/Lk 1:26-38
Sat: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab/Lk 18:9-14
Next Sun: Jos 5:9a, 10-12/Ps 34:2-7 [9a]/2 Cor 5:17-21/Lk 15:1-3, 11-32

MASS INTENTONS

March 19/20, 2022

- Sat. 4:00 Robert Romig
5:30 Richard Albert Young
Sun. 8:00 James and Ellen Sharkey
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

March 21 to March 27, 2022

- Mon. 9:00 ...
Tues. 9:00 The Benefactors of the Parish
Wed. 9:00 Maria Polcaro
Thurs. 9:00 ...
Fri. 9:00 The People of the Parish
Sat. 9:00 ...
4:00 Anne L. Donahue, Robert J. "Doug" Donahue, Thomas D. Donahue and Paul J. Donahue
5:30 ...
Sun. 8:00 Theresa, Vincent and Charles Geraci
10:00 Joseph Skoczylas, 7th Anniversary
Chapel 11:00 Louise E. Papile
12:00 Marguerite Canavan, 2nd Anniversary
Rev. Joseph P. Smith
Rita M. Finn, 33rd Anniversary



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