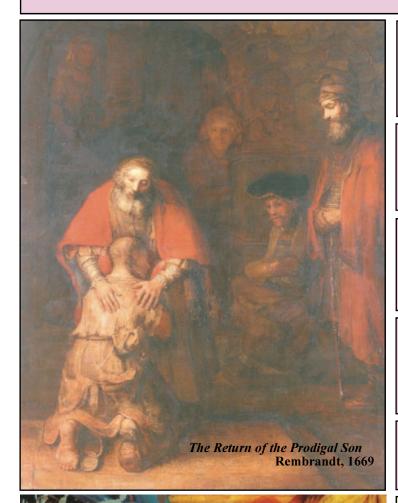
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church South Glens Falls, New York



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ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH MISSION STATEMENT: We are a welcoming Catholic Community devoted to living out and celebrating God's Word and Sacraments by connecting people to Christ through Faith, Love and Ministry.

<u>CELEBRATING THE SACRAMENTS:</u> <u>Baptism</u>: Arranged at least one month in advance <u>Reconciliation</u>: Saturday 3:00-3:45 pm; or by request <u>Marriage</u>: Please call six months in advance <u>Sacrament of the Sick</u>: Anytime by request

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MASS SCHEDULE: Saturday Vigil: 4:00 pm (*Reconciliation* 3:00-3:45 pm) Sunday: 8:00 AM, 10:00 AM & 5:30 PM Weekdays: Tuesday - Saturday 8:30 AM Holy Days of Obligation ~ as announced in bulletin

<u>Pastoral Council Chairperson:</u> vacant <u>Parish Trustees:</u> Martin Lemmo & Terry Taylor <u>Parish Finance Committee Chair:</u> Mark Johnson

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Spiritual Communion Prayer

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You sacramentally, come at least spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and unite myself wholly to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.

Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan and all evil spirits who wander through the world for the ruin of souls. Amen.



MARCH 27, 2022 THE FOURTH SUNDAY OF LENT ~ LAETARE SUNDAY

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Please submit items for bulletin at least two weeks in advance.

PARISH PRAYER GROUPS: We offer several opportunities to gather for small group prayer:



On Monday evenings at 6:00 pm, John O'Brien is facilitating a weekly <u>33 Days to Morning Glory</u> prayer group based on the popular book.



Tuesday afternoon is the <u>The Flame Of Love</u> Meditated Rosary at St. Michael's Church at 2:00 PM and The Divine Mercy Chaplet at 3:00 PM.

HOLY THURSDAY COVERED DISH SUPPER:



Great news! We are going to have our annual Covered Dish Supper this year on Holy Thursday, April 14 at 7:00 pm in the parish hall, right after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. We haven't been able to gather for this parish event for two long years. I invite

and welcome ALL in the parish to take part. We need you to let us know how many people will be attending and what food you will bring to share. The sign-up slips are by all the church entrances. Please fill them out and return them either in the wooden drop boxes or the red baskets that we pass around for the offertory. I am deeply grateful to Sue Shaw and her team for coordinating this event once again. Please make plans to attend this event. It will be the first big even we have since Covid and I earnestly look forward to a great turnout for this. If you have any questions, please call the rectory. Thank you!



PLEASE PRAY FOR OUR TROOPS

Please keep all those in the military in your prayers, especially those from our parish and area deployed far away for their safety and swift return home: Tim Smith, Erik Greco, GySg Sean Smith, John Thomas, Kendall Fillings, SPC Raymond R. Harris, Maj Alexander Bedard III, A1C Charles Addison Maxwell, Cpl Nathan Lawrence, SSgt Derek J. Lloyd, TSgt Timothy G. Whittemore, Lt Col Nicole Fish, Sgt Dallion Richards, CPO Robert Tyrseck, Capt Patrick Kelly, SSgt Cody J. McNorton USAF, NDI Michael Dean, NDI Mario Nicoletti, Sgt C.J. Perkett, Eric J. Johnson, PFC Dawson Cook, SPC Zackery Stewart, PVT Daniel Newell, SGT Timothy Gordon.

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL PRAY FOR THEM!

LENTEN Devotions

1	12:00 noon	daytime Stations of the Cross
	6:00 pm 6:30 pm	Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament
	6:30 pm	Pray the Rosary
	7:00 pm	Stations of the Cross

GRIEF SUPPORT MINISTRY: Joan DeLarm, MSW,

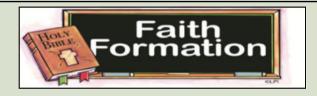


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anyone who is experiencing grief or loss or knows of those who are feeling down or lonely or have feelings of loss. For more information, email Joan at jsdelarm@gmail.com or call Father Tony at 518-792-5859. Joan is a former Sister of Saint Joseph and a retired psychotherapist and teacher with over 45 years of practice.

ONGOING FOOD DRIVE: There is a great need to support the local food pantries in our area. Please bring non perishable food items as well as personal hygiene and personal care items (*soap, shampoo, deodorant*,

toothpaste, etc.) with you to Mass as often as you are able to. Donation containers are outside the main school doors, outside of the parish kitchen and inside the main church doors. Thank you and may God bless you.



FAITH FORMATION OFFICE PHONE 518-792-5859 Jim Gorman—Ext. 15 Mary Stearns—Ext. 16

FAITH FORMATION NOTES

Read Sunday's Gospel: Luke 15:1-3, 11-32

Today's Gospel is the well-known story of the prodigal son who begged for his share of the family inheritance. He took his fortune to a distant place and quickly spent all he had on his personal pleasures. He was completely broke when a serious famine struck the area and he was forced to tend pigs, an occupation prohibited to Jewish people. As he tended the pigs, he hungered for their scraps and realized that his father's slaves lived better than he did. It was then that he decided to return home, not as a son, but as a hired hand. So happy was the man's father when he saw his son return that he celebrated with all sorts of signs of honor.

The father's older son, however, was very displeased with the way his father treated his brother, claiming that he had always been there working like a slave for his father. Never once had the father celebrated with this son. The father explained that the older son had always been with him and obedient. It was cause to rejoice, however, that his other son had been lost but now was found.

Parents try to divide the world into equal pieces for each of their children, but they know how very different each child can be. There are really no "one-size-fits-all" sets of expectations for families with more than one child. This Gospel helps us remember that we need to recognize the virtues of obedience and faithfulness, while we still love unconditionally and forgive the child who challenges us. Both brothers in this story considered themselves slaves—a feeling we work hard to prevent in our children.

This parable about the prodigal son is a story about families and filled with emotion. Gather all your loose family photos and organize them into an album. (If you're lucky enough to be up to date, go through your photo albums.) As you arrange the photos, talk about your memory of that picture and the emotions that you associate with its circumstances. When you have finished, decide which emotion most characterizes your family. Are you pleased with this defining emotion or is this a good time to work on some changes?

DISCUSSION STARTERS

1. One of the most selfish things I remember doing was when I ... What I learned from this experience was...

2. A time when someone welcomed me back occurred when...

3. A time when someone welcomed me back occurred when...



Dear Friends in Christ,

This week, we mark the fourth Sunday of Lent. It is traditionally called Laetare Sunday. The word Laetare comes from the Latin text of the opening antiphon of Mass, "Laetare Jerusalem" and is an excerpt from the Prophet Isaiah, 66:10. It offers us an opportunity to celebrate the fact that we are in the final weeks of Lent and ever closer to the joy of Easter. It is translated as 'rejoice' and calls us to look forward joyfully to the completion of Jesus' Paschal Mystery-Easter! I hope that you are doing well with your efforts of making a good Lent. How is your prayer, fasting and alms-giving practices going? If you have not been as actively engaged in Lent, now is a great time to get into the game! I encourage you to 'hunker down' and take advantage of the remaining weeks between now and Easter to have a 'metanoia' or turning toward the Lord. Lent is like a marathon and we're coming into the latter half. Now is when we should focus our spiritual energy on maintaining the pace to be able to cross the finish line and rejoice in the risen Lord!

This Wednesday, March 30, we will have a daytime penance service at 1:00 pm. Several priests will be here to assist. If you have not been to confession in a while, this is a great opportunity to do so. The special Wednesday Lenten schedule will still be offered as well of confessions from 4:30—5:15 and an evening Mass at 5:30 pm. Please spread the word and tell others about this opportunity for receiving God's grace.

As was announced last weekend, there will be a special second collection for humanitarian relief for the people of Ukraine. I ask all in our parish to rise to the challenge and realize how desperately the Ukrainian people are suffering in this horrific war. There are special envelopes for your use. Thank you for your generosity.

We are in need of a Vacation Bible School coordinator for this summer. New this year is that it will be a paid position (stipend). Experience with catechesis or faith formation would be helpful. It is an ideal opportunity for teachers, parents and any of our older teens to help out. We have not been able to offer this (or any youth ministry) events in two years due to the pandemic. The exact date has not been set at this point, however, it is usually offered in July. Please contact Father Tony for more information.

Our music ministry is putting the final touches on our annual Tenebrae Service. This is a beautiful prayer service, following the last 'seven' words of Jesus from the Gospel. It will be at 2:00 pm on Sunday, April 3 in the church. All are invited to attend. It is a wonderful way to more fully enter the spirit of Lent in preparation for Easter. Please come!

Don't forget about our Holy Thursday Covered Dish Supper—Thursday, April 14 after the Evening Mass of the Lord's Supper. Please complete a sign up slip as soon as possible. It will be the first big parish gathering since the pandemic. All are welcome!

PARISH ORGANIZATIONS CALENDAR



ROSARY ALTAR SOCIETY: Rosary Altar Society next meeting will be held on Monday, March 28 at 6:30 pm in the parish hall. All women in the parish are welcome to attend. For more information, please contact Ann Ryan, president, at (518)745 -0973.

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS: The Knights of Columbus are looking for YOU to join us. Any Catholic gentlemen age 18+ is invited to join the Knights of Columbus. Please contact Grand Knight Bob Rugar at (518) 260-3025 for more information about becoming a Knight.

CHRISTIAN SERVICE SOCK DRIVE:



UPDATE: Thank you to Eileen Caulin and her daughter Jackie for saying YES to a large shipment from a distribution center, that

had been closed and recently opened. They have contributed many hundreds of socks to St. Michaels' Christian Service in previous years. We are now able to add to the list of our organization donations, North Country Ministry and WAIT House. We are so grateful for this donation.

UPCOMING LENTEN EVENTS: Join us for some upcoming Lenten opportunities for prayer and reconciliation:

Wednesday March 30: Daytime Penance Service. If you have not gone to Confession and would like to do so before Easter, come to this daytime penance service at 1:00 pm in church. Several priests will be available for confessions. All are welcome!

Sunday, April 3: Tenebrae—2:00 pm in church. This is a prayer service using both Scripture and music to reflect on the Seven Last Words of Jesus. It is a great way to more fully enter into the Lenten season in preparation for Easter.

PASTORAL CARE MINISTRY: Gayle Bush,



our Pastoral Care Associate, is delighted to call and visit elderly, infirm and homebound parishioners or those in hospital or nursing facilities. Call the parish at (518)792-

5859 to let us know about someone to be visited or if you have any questions.

ETERNAL REST GRANT UNTO THEM In the charity of your prayers, please remember those honored in our parish memorial Masses:



JOSEPH BARLOW

By Marianna Rafferty

ROSARY ALTAR 'BABY SHOWER': The



Rosary Altar Society is having a baby 'shower'. As they have done in the past, they are ask-

ing all in our parish to donate items to help Birthright with various needed baby items. Please help to Care for mothers and babies in need. There is a pack-n-play in the Gathering Space where baby items may be placed, including diapers, wipes, formula, small outfits, etc. The baby 'shower' will run until March 28th. Thank you for your kind support of this worthwhile effort.

PRAYER SHAWL **MINISTRY:** Knitters



needed! Do you knit and/or crochet? We could use some help with our prayer shawl ministry. We provide prayer shawls to the KNIT. CROCHET. PRAY ill or dying or in grief. Anyone who would like to receive a pray-

er shawl, or, if you know of someone that has lost a loved one or who is ill or infirm. and would like to receive one, please Eileen Caulin at (518)792-3396. Thank you very much.

YARN IS PROVIDED BY ST. MICHAEL'S

MASS READINGS WEEK OF MARCH 20, 2022

Sunday: Ex 3:1-8a, 13-15; Ps 103:1-11; 1 Cor 10:1-6,10-12; Lk 13:1-9 Monday: Dn 9L4b-10; Lk 6:36-38

Tuesday: Is 1-10, 16-20; Mt 23:1-12 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20; Mt 20:17-28 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10; Lk 16:19-31 Friday: Gn 37:3-4,12-13a,17b-28a; Mt 21: 33-43 Saturday: 2 Sm7:4-5a,12-14a,16; Rom 4:13,16-20; Mt 1-24a





GRAND TOTAL RECEIVED:

45 SUNDAY OF LENT





ONLINE GIVING: Our parish offers the convenience of online giving that allows you to ensure that your weekly offertory gift is made even if you are unable to attend Mass or if you do your banking online. Simply visit

stmichaelschurchsgf.com, click 'online giving' and you will be directed to Our Sunday Visitor's secure website. There you can enter your personal and payment information, as well as the amount and the frequency of your giving.



MICHAEL'S JOB OPPORTUNITY: We ST.



are looking for someone to help with housekeeping and light office help during the week. This is a part time position. Duties include light housekeeping in the rectory and the

church and to occasionally help out in the parish office. If interested, please contact Father Tony at GAC5400@aol.com or 518-792-5859. Thank you!

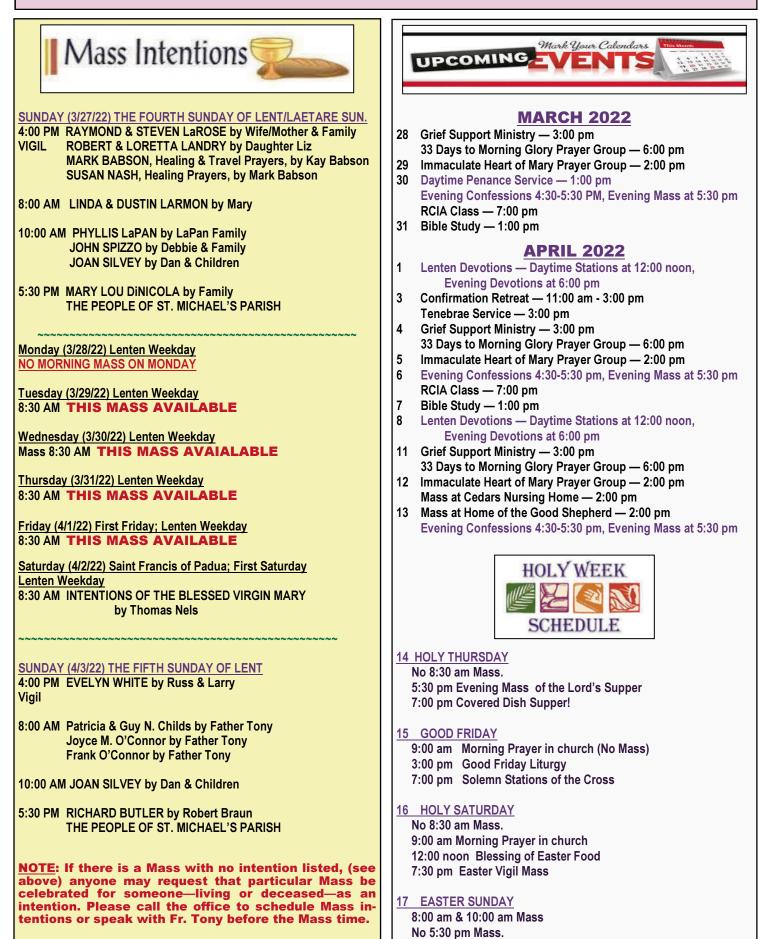


ryone who has already made a gift to the An-OCESAN nual Bishop's Appeal to date. I am hopeful that those who have not vet given a gift will please try to do so in the next

month or so. Your gift is vitally important in these difficult times. The Covid Pandemic has put added strain to the services and ministries of the Diocese. If you think about it, a gallon of gasoline is at an all-time high! Just over a year ago, it was at least a dollar less expensive. Likewise, the cost of just about everything has risen, significantly. In contrast, most charitable donations have remained unchanged, if not greatly reduced!

Those who pledge will receive reminders from the Diocese throughout the year. The Diocese has assumed all the processing work for the Diocesan Appeal. PLEASE MAIL YOUR GIFT DIRECTLY to the Diocese of Albany at 40 North Main Avenue, Albany, NY 12203. As a convenience, you may also make your gift online. Visit the Diocesan Appeal website at www.thediocesanappeal.org to make your gift or pledge safely and securely. There's no check to write, no envelope to mail! Thank you and God bless.

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