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Eucharistic Schedule

Saturday Vigil 5:00 p.m.

Sunday 8:00 and 10:00 a.m.

Daily (Mon. - Sat.) 8:00 a.m.

Holy Days

8:00 a.m. & 6:00 p.m.

Exposition & Benediction

Wed. 8:30 to 9:30 a.m.

First Fri. 7:30 to 8:00 a.m.

Reconciliation

Wednesday 8:30-9:30 a.m.
During Adoration

Saturday 3:30 to 4:00 p.m.

Anytime by appointment

Church Office Hours

Mon.- Fri. 9:30 AM-1:30 PM

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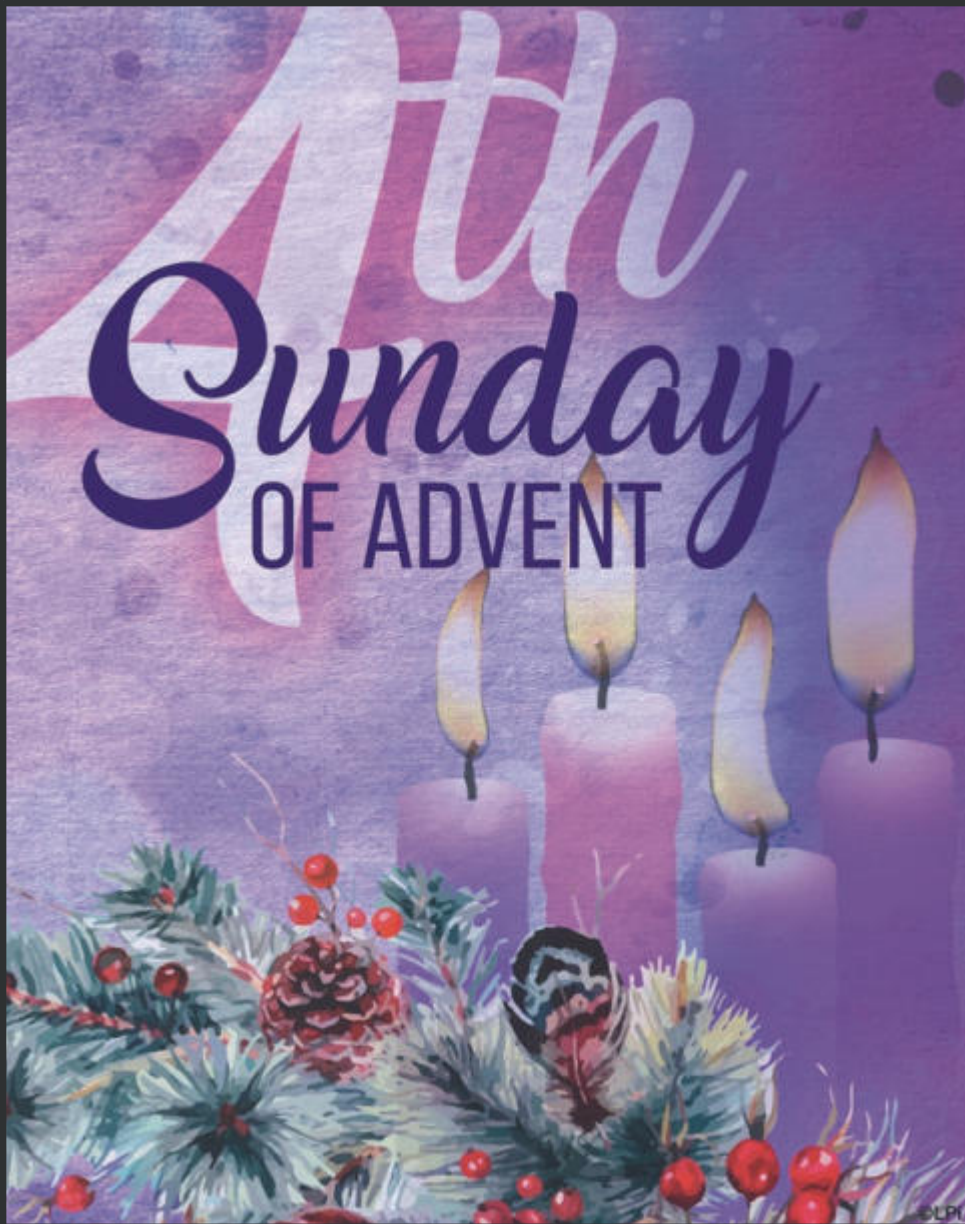
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December 19, 2021



We, at Saint Michael Parish, are a welcoming community of faith. Called by Jesus Christ to proclaim the Gospel and celebrate the Sacraments, we give witness through joyful lives of prayer and service. Reaching out with the help of the Spirit, we strive to bring the Lord's healing and transforming message to all.



For those interested in Online Giving, please visit our website at saintmichaelsonline.org and click the Online Giving icon, or visit <https://www.osvonlinegiving.com/4865> to enroll. Our church code is 4865. Thank you for your ongoing support and to everyone that has continued to contribute to the offertory, either by Online Giving or through the use of offertory envelopes!



Choir practice is on Tuesdays, from 6:00 PM to 7:30 PM in the church. New members are always welcome. Please see Gail Lane with any questions.



Christmas Wafers are available for an offering of \$2. Please see an Usher or visit the Church Office.

2022 Calendars are available in the vestibule. Thank you to Naugatuck Valley Memorial (Fitzgerald Zemruski) Funeral Home for donating the calendars.



Donations are now being accepted for Christmas Flowers to decorate our church. Envelopes are available in the vestibule of the church.



We welcome into our Parish Family through the Sacrament of Baptism: Skylar Reign Abate, daughter of Ashley & Michael.



Grades 1-7: Classes will be held in person in the Lyceum, unless it becomes necessary to hold them virtually. PLEASE NOTE: FOR IN PERSON CLASSES, MASKS ARE CURRENTLY REQUIRED. ST. MICHAEL CHURCH WILL FOLLOW ALL CDC, STATE AND ARCHDIOCESAN HEALTH GUIDELINES AND DIRECTIVES.

Please see our website for the complete CCD Class Schedule for Grades 1-7.

Class Schedule

Please note: CCD students in Grades 1 through 7 and their families are asked to come to the Children's Christmas Mass on Sunday, December 19th, at 11:30 AM.

Grades 1 & 2: Sunday, January 2nd & 16th, 9:00 am

Grade 3 Sunday, January 9th & 23rd, 10:15 am

Grades 4 & 5: Sunday, January 9th & 23rd, 9:00 am

Grade 6: Tuesday, January 4th, 6:30-7:30 pm

Grade 7: Thursday, January 6th, 6:30-7:30 pm

Please note: Classes for Grades 1, 2, 4 & 5 begin at 9:00 AM & end at 10:00 AM. Classes for Grade 3 begin at 10:15 AM & end at 11:15 AM.

Grades 8 & 9: Classes will be held in person, unless it becomes necessary to hold them virtually. Classes will meet in the church. Please wear a mask.

8th Grade Wednesday, Jan. 5th, 6:00-7:00 PM

9th Grade Monday, Jan. 3rd, 6:00-7:00 PM

Please see our website for the complete CCD Class Schedule for Grades 8 & 9.



The Children's Christmas Mass for CCD students in Grades 1-7 and their families will be on Sunday, December 19th, at 11:30 AM.



Dear Brothers and Sisters in Christ,

As your pastor, I'd like to announce to the parish about an archdiocesan-wide

campaign entitled "Forward with Faith" being conducted by The Hartford Bishops' Foundation. The campaign focuses on strengthening parishes, as well as Archdiocesan, schools, and other Catholic ministries. All parishes benefit from the campaign, and all parishes participate.

Forward with Faith began two years ago, with 84 parishes already having conducted or, are currently in the process of conducting their local parish campaign.

To date over \$30 million has been raised in pledges and gifts, with more than \$7 million being released throughout our archdiocese. Primarily to parishes.

You will hear more about *Forward with Faith* over the coming months. We will post information in our bulletin, the website as well as announcements at Mass.

Future mailings will invite you the opportunity to hear more about the campaign and how it will directly help our parish, as well as grow our Catholic community throughout our archdiocese. For more information please visit www.hartfordbishopsfoundation.org the link is in our bulletin and website. ~Fr. Joy

This year's Archbishop's Annual Appeal goal may be a challenge-but it is nothing compared to the challenge many suffer with each and every day of their lives. This funding provides support to families and individuals for life's basic necessities: a warm meal, a bag of groceries, a place to sleep, or a place to turn for guidance & support. The Annual Appeal is one way to share our blessings and express thanks for the blessings with which God has graced us with our neighbors. **Please visit www.archdioceseofhartford.org and follow the link Reaching Out, Healing Together to make your gift. All pledges can be paid through December 31, 2021. All funds contributed to the Archbishop's Annual Appeal are used exclusively for the purposes outlined in the Appeal literature, which can be found at <https://archdioceseofhartford.org/appeal/>. No Appeal funds are ever used for legal fees or settlements.**



Small Christian Community greatly appreciates your support in providing items for the homeless bags. Our greatest need is for new men's size large colored long sleeve t-shirts, chap sticks, adult-sized socks, clean used t-shirts, travel-sized tissues, travel-sized lotion and hand sanitizer, masks, & hand warmers. Donations can be placed in the box by the elevator. Thank you!

Reflection on THE BEATITUDES: As Jesus looked at the disciples and the people on that hillside long ago, some were fascinated, some puzzled, some understanding and some totally clueless. This was the shortest and most complete of his teachings. It presented a strategy for living that is precise and understandable in today's chaotic world as it was back then on the Mount of Olives. We all want to be happy and blessed. Jesus says: be poor, be meek, hunger and thirst for justice beginning with yourself, be merciful, be pure of heart, make peace and take on sufferings gladly, in order to live out eternity in the kingdom of God. As we are a week away from the birth of our Lord, Jesus, let us recap why God gave his Son to be our salvation and why we, created in the image of God, were given these teachings. God so loved the world that He gave his only begotten son so that He may be fill us with blessings and happiness as we follow the path of his son, Jesus-- the path to eternal salvation.

"The Original"
ANTONIO'S

We raised \$500 from our November Fundraiser for Church Repairs at "The Original" Antonio's! Thank you, again, to Mina, Chris, and the Antonio's staff for hosting the fundraiser and to everyone that placed orders!



FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT



The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
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Gerry & Charlie Vesterman.



ONLINE SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass at St. Michael Parish is live-streamed at 10:00 am on Sunday. Please visit our website, at www.saintmichaelsonline.org & click the link to view the Masses. You will be brought to our FaceBook Page. If you do not wish to log into or subscribe to FaceBook, you can still view the Mass by clicking "Not Now" under the green "Create New Account" rectangle. You will be able to view the Mass without logging into FaceBook. The recorded Masses & services will also be available to be viewed on our YouTube channel within a couple of hours after the live stream has ended. If you would like to view the Mass at a later time, please follow the same steps for watching on FaceBook, since a link will be posted to bring you to YouTube. Please be sure to subscribe to our page on YouTube and like the videos.

Readings for the week of December 19, 2021

Sunday: Mi 5:1-4a/Ps 80:2-3, 15-16, 18-19 [4]/Heb 10:5-10/Lk 1:39-45

Monday: Is 7:10-14/Ps 24:1-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 7c and 10b]/Lk 1:26-38

Tuesday: Sg 2:8-14 or Zep 3:14-18a/Ps 33:2-3, 11-12, 20-21 [1a; 3a]/Lk 1:39-45

Wednesday: 1 Sm 1:24-28/1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1a]/Lk 1:46-56

Thursday: Mal 3:1-4, 23-24/Ps 25:4-5ab, 8-9, 10 and 14 [cf. Lk 21:28]/Lk 1:57-66

Friday: Morning: 2 Sm 7:1-5, 8b-12, 14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29 [2]/Lk 1:67-79

Saturday: Vigil: Is 62:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 16-17, 27, 29 [2a]/Acts 13:16-17, 22-25/Mt 1:1-25 or 1:18-25 Night: Is 9:1-6/Ps 96:1-2, 2-3, 11-12, 13 [Lk 2:11]/Ti 2:11-14/Lk 2:1-14 Dawn: Is 62:11-12/Ps 97:1, 6, 11-12/Ti 3:4-7/Lk 2:15-20 Day: Is 52:7-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3, 3-4, 5-6 [3c]/Heb 1:1-6/Jn 1:1-18 or 1:1-5, 9-14 Next Sunday: Sir 3:2-6, 12-14/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1]/Col 3:12-21 or 3:12-17/Lk 2:41-52 or 1 Sm 1:20-22, 24-28/Ps 84:2-3, 5-6, 9-10 [cf. 5a]/1 Jn 3:1-2, 21-24/Lk 2:41-52

Last Weekend's Collection

Weekly Offertory	\$2,604.00
Online Giving	\$1,225.00
Total Offertory & Online Giving	\$3,829.00
Immaculate Conception Collection	\$ 679.00
Christmas Flowers	\$ 610.00
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$ 706.00

This Week's Second Collection is the Monthly Collection.



Masses from Sat. Dec. 18th, to Sun., Dec. 26th, 2021

Sat., 12/18	8:00 AM	The Mangione, Geffert, Schirillo, Scinto, & Dayock Families <i>(by The Mangione Family)</i>
	5:00 PM	Evelyn Groth <i>(by Fran Selmecki)</i>
Sun., 12/19	8:00 AM	8th Anniversary: Lillian Walker <i>(by Doug & Diana Ventimiglia & Family)</i>
	10:00 AM	Matthew Cline <i>(by Family)</i>
	11:30 AM	Children's Christmas Mass For CCD Students in Grades 1 through 7
Mon., 12/20	8:00 AM	21st Anniv.: Manuel Silva <i>(by Family)</i>
Tues., 12/21	8:00 AM	Christopher Foody <i>(by Gerry & Charlie Vesterman)</i>
	6:00-6:30 PM	Confessions
Wed., 12/22	8:00 AM	Katherine & Gerald Foody <i>(by Gerry & Charlie Vesterman)</i>
	8:30 AM-9:30 AM	Exposition & Adoration
Thurs., 12/23	6:00-6:30 PM	Confessions
	8:00 AM	7th Anniversary: Marjorie LeFever <i>(by Niece, Claudia)</i>
Fri., 12/24 <i>Christmas Eve</i>	8:00 AM	No Mass
	5:00 PM	Christmas Vigil Mass Anniversary: Clarence & Edith Minnick <i>(by Family)</i>
Sat., 12/25 <i>Christmas Day</i>	9:30 PM	Christmas Carols with Choir
	10:00 PM	Christmas Night Mass
	8:00 AM	Christmas Morning Mass St. Michael Parish Family
Sun. 12/26	10:00 AM	Christmas Mass Mary, Louis, & Nina Poeta & Laura Poeta Mulinski <i>(by Family)</i>
	5:00 PM	No Mass
	8:00 AM	Mildred Jurzynski <i>(by Family)</i>
	10:00 AM	St. Michael Parish Family

The Rosary & Chaplet of Divine Mercy are recited Monday-Saturday at 7:20 AM.



CONDOLENCES

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Maureen Scott.



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

We are into the fourth week of Advent and the great day of Christmas is upon us. It is as if the whole year has been leading up to this. As you see, our church is beautifully decorated and the nativity scene is all set up. Our homes, too, are ready and the Christmas trees are well lit. The cards are sent, gifts are given and we are all ready to welcome the baby Jesus!

Today at 11:30 in the morning, we will be having a special Christmas-themed Mass with our children together with their parents. As they participate actively in this liturgy, they will be helped to understand the meaning of Christmas and to become active participants in the Christmas story!

As you notice, this year, Christmas falls on a Saturday. There will be only two Masses for Sunday, 26th December – 8 am and 10 am. Let us make it a point to participate actively and devoutly in the Christmas and the Holy day liturgies.

As we are in the last days of preparation for Christmas, I would like to share the gist of a dream that Mother Mary had and which she shared with Joseph:

"I had a dream, Joseph. I don't understand it, but I think it was about a birthday celebration for our son. The people in my dream had been preparing for about six weeks. They had decorated the house and bought new clothes. They'd gone shopping many times and bought many elaborate gifts. It was peculiar, though, because the presents weren't for our son. They gave the gifts to each other, Joseph, not to our son. I don't think they even knew him. They never mentioned his name. I had the strangest feeling that, if our Jesus had gone to this celebration he would have been intruding. How sad for someone not to be wanted at his own birthday party! I'm glad it was only a dream. How terrible Joseph, if it had been real!"

A touching dream indeed! No explanations needed! What gifts are we bringing to Jesus on his birthday? It is still not too late to search and find a gift worthy of Him who gave His life for me!

Joining you in prayers and in awaiting the Christ-child,

Fr. Joy Jacob, SDB



Christmas Schedule 2021

Confessions

Tuesday, 21st December 6 – 6:30 pm

Wednesday, 22nd December 6 – 6:30 pm

Christmas Eve: Friday, 24th December

Vigil Mass 5:00 pm

Christmas Night Liturgy: Friday, 24th December

Christmas Carols with Choir 9:30 pm

Night Mass 10:00 pm

Christmas Day Masses: Saturday, 25th December

Parish Family Mass 8:00 am

Christmas Mass 10:00 am



Thank you to Kolga, Inc. for donating the turkeys to our Food Bank, to River's Edge and The Beacon Falls Lion's Club for sponsoring the recent food drives to benefit the Food Bank, and to

the residents of Chatfield Farms for their ongoing donations throughout the year, along with everyone that continues to make donations.

Thank you, also, to everyone that helped to decorate the church for Christmas.



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