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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

Parish Clergy & Staff

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Veronica Sharnick

January 2, 2022



THE EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



They were overjoyed at seeing the star, and on entering the house they saw the child with Mary his mother. They prostrated themselves and did him homage. Then they opened their treasures and offered him gifts of gold, frankincense, and myrrh. - Mt 2:10-11

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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!



MEETINGS

Small Christian Community meets in the Rectory on Wednesdays from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM.

The Ladies Guild will meet in the Lyceum on Monday, January 24th, at 7:00 PM. Hostesses are Ann Cook & Kim deLevie.

The Men's Club will meet in the Lyceum on Sunday, January 30th, after the 8 AM Mass.

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



Thank you to everyone that made donations for Christmas flowers.



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

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.

CONDOLENCES

We offer our prayers and sympathy to the family and friends of Elaine Barrett & Harriet Niezelski, mother of Tom Niezelski.



Frequently Asked Questions

What is Forward with Faith?

Forward with Faith (FWF) is a fundraising campaign to build a vibrant community of faith in the parishes,

schools, and Catholic organizations. This vision will help to fulfill the mission of our Church in Hartford: to be living signs of communion with God and to be his instruments for redemption in the world.

How will my parish benefit from the campaign?

Each parish receives 50% of the funds raised from its parishioners for its own needs.. Once a parish reaches its target, 80% of funds over the target will be retained by the parish. *The remainder of campaign funds may return either directly or indirectly via HBF grantmaking activities within its funding priorities.*

Will the Archbishop's Annual Appeal continue?

Yes. The Archbishop's Annual Appeal (approximately \$10 million per year) provides the day-to-day support to ministries and charitable works of the Archdiocese.

Donors will therefore be asked to maintain current annual gift levels in addition to campaign gifts.

Will the campaign affect parish offertory?

Parishes rely on their offertory collection. Parishioners are asked not to diminish giving to the offertory or the Archbishop's Annual Appeal collection but rather to consider an increased commitment to their parish and to the Archdiocese.

With so much uncertainty, is this the best time for a campaign?

The events of 2020 are unprecedented and have resulted in extraordinary needs in our parishes, schools, and Catholic organizations. As parish life returns to the "new normal," we set our sites on resuming the good work of the Church, including through important initiatives, including FWF.

We realize that not everyone will be able to support the campaign. By combining our gifts together can make a difference not just in our own parish but throughout the archdiocese. *Every gift no matter the size, is needed and greatly appreciated.*

"The ABCs of Annulment," Sponsored by the Metropolitan Tribunal, Bloomfield, Saturday, Jan. 22, 2022, 10 AM to 12 PM, St. Margaret Parish, 24 Academy St., Madison, CT, Presented by Fr. Philip Schulze & Fr. George Makuka, Open to all at no cost—Participants will receive the required printed materials & learn about updates of the annulment process, no registration required. For more information, contact Br. Larry at 475-221-8464 or brolarlus300@gmail.com.

Thank you to everyone that contributed to the 2021 Archbishop's Annual Appeal. As of December 22, 2021, we surpassed our parish goal of \$30,000, with total contributions of \$31,374 made by 156 families!



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!

Our Lady of Calvary Retreat Center, Farmington, CT

Reservations: Call 860-677-8519 or online registration at OurLadyofCalvary.net Email: olcretreat@sbcglobal.net

"A Gathering for the New Year on Zoom" January 2nd, 7 PM to 8 PM, Choose your Offering. Gather on Zoom to pray especially through the grace of authentic desires.

"Lectio Divina" on Zoom January 11th, 18th, & 25th, and Feb. 1st, 8th, 15th, & 22nd, 10 AM to 11 AM, Free-will Offering. An ancient practice of reading, listening, & looking with the eyes and ears of the heart. Learn one of the most widespread, simple, & accessible practices of Contemplative Prayer.

"One Day Women's Retreat" In-person, January 19th, 9 AM to 4 PM, Offering: \$100. The one day Women's Retreat will begin with Morning Prayer. Two retreat conferences will be presented. There will be a Reconciliation Service that will include time for individual Confession. The day will conclude with Mass. Retreatants can expect to be on their way home by 4:00 pm. A hearty lunch will be served.

"Seeking the Light Together" on Zoom January 26th, 7 PM to 8 PM, Offering: \$10. Listen to a brief presentation on the topic of hope & encouragement, have time for personal reflection with opportunities to listen & share together, & deepen in hope through a practical awareness meditation.





The Sanctuary Lamp burns this week
For Mary, Louis, & Nina Poeta & Laura
Poeta Mulinski by Family



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.



Epiphany of the Lord

The song "We Three Kings" details the gifts of the Magi, but do you know what you're singing? "Born a king on Bethlehem's plan, gold I bring to crown Him again." This one is the most straightforward - gold symbolizes the Kingship of Christ. "Myrrh is mine: its bitter perfume breathes a life of gathering gloom." Myrrh is an embalming spice. Already at Christ's birth, we have the symbolic reminder of his death. "Frankincense to offer have I. Incense owns a deity nigh." In many religious traditions, incense symbolizes prayers rising to heaven. In some pagan traditions, it is thought to help "call down" the deity. The gift of frankincense symbolizes Jesus' role as the Great High Priest, sanctifying the world through his sacrifice.

MASS BOOKING INFO.

Weekend Masses:	Offering
Weekday & Saturday 8AM Masses:	\$25
Sanctuary Lamp:	\$15
	\$20



Masses from Sat. Jan. 1, 2022, to Sun., Jan. 9, 2022

Sat., 1/1 <i>New Year's Day</i>	8:00 AM The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God
	5:00 PM Vigil Mass of the Epiphany of the Lord
Sun., 1/2 <i>Epiphany of the Lord</i>	8:00 AM Christopher Vitvitsky <i>(by The Chasse, Buswell,, & Mulinski Families)</i>
	10:00 AM St. Michael Parish Family
Mon., 1/3	8:00 AM Daily Mass
Tues., 1/4	8:00 AM Daily Mass
Wed., 1/5	8:00 AM Walter Oliveira <i>(by Parents)</i>
	8:30 AM-9:30 AM Exposition & Adoration
Thurs., 1/6	8:00 AM Harry Geloso <i>(by Wife & Daughter)</i>
Fri., 1/7 <i>First Friday</i>	7:30 AM-8:00 AM Exposition & Adoration
	8:00 AM Norma Biondi <i>(by Anne Chepulis)</i>
Sat., 1/8	8:00 AM Daily Mass
	5:00 PM David Michaud <i>(by Tina & Tom Mulinski)</i>
Sun. 1/9	8:00 AM St. Michael Parish Family
	10:00 AM Teresa Almeida <i>(by Husband & Family)</i>

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



Readings for the week of January 02, 2022

Sunday: Is 60:1-6/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [cf.11]/ Eph 3:2-3a, 5-6/Mt 2:1-12
Monday: 1 Jn 3:22—4:6/Ps 2:7bc-8, 10-12a/Mt 4:12-17, 23-25 Tuesday: 1 Jn 4:7-10/Ps 72:1-2, 3-4, 7-8/Mk 6:34-44 Wednesday: 1 Jn 4:11-18/Ps 72:1-2, 10, 12-13/Mk 6:45-52 Thursday: 1 Jn 4:19—5:4/Ps 72:1-2, 14 and 15bc, 17/Lk 4:14-22a
Friday: 1 Jn 5:5-13/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20/Lk 5:12-16 Saturday: 1 Jn 5:14-21/Ps 149:1-2, 3-4, 5 and 6a and 9b/Jn 3:22-30
Next Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/ Acts 10:34-38/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22 or, Is 40:1-5, 9-11/Ps 104:1b-2, 3-4, 24-25, 27-28, 29-30 [1]/Ti 2:11-14; 3:4-7/Lk 3:15-16, 21-22



From the Pastor's Desk

Dear Sisters and Brothers,

Wish you all a Blessed, Healthy and Prosperous New Year 2022! May the Lord bless all your undertakings and grant the desires of your heart, keeping you safe in the palm of His hand during this New Year!

This Sunday, we celebrate the Feast of Epiphany, the manifestation of Jesus to the gentile world, represented by the 3 Magi coming from the East to adore and to pay him homage. The Church calls it 'Epiphany', the appearance of the Godhead. It is one of the three oldest and principal feasts celebrated in the Church, the other two being Easter and Christmas. The sight of the 3 kings in all the nativity scenes brings back to us certain nostalgia and we admire the perseverance of these 3 wise men to go in search of a divine king, about whom they knew almost nothing. They were men driven by a restless quest for God and the salvation of the world.

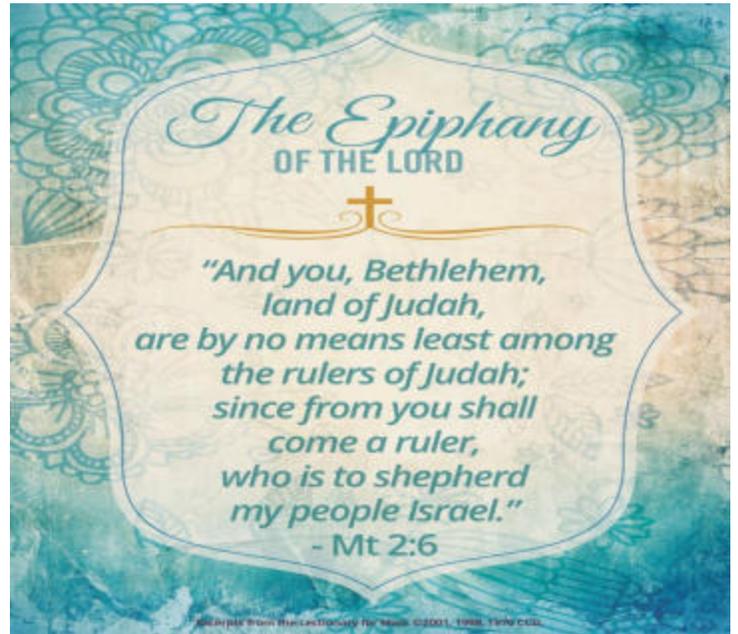
Their outward pilgrimage was an expression of their inward journey, the inner pilgrimage of their hearts. They were men who sought God and were ultimately on the way towards him. They were seekers after God. The journey of the Magi is also a symbol of our own inner journeys. We too are led by the guiding star - the Holy Spirit - who leads us to discover Jesus as we risk everything to find Him and to follow Him!

On behalf of St. Michael Parish, I would like to express our gratitude to Robert Bradley, who was the Trustee of our parish for the last 3 years. Thank you, Robert, for your dedicated services to the parish as its Trustee. Mrs. Veronica Sharnick is being appointed as the new Trustee. Mr. David Langdon is the other Trustee, appointed last year. As per the guidelines from the Archdiocese, from this year, a Trustee's term will be for one year, which can be renewed every year for a maximum of 5 years. Thank you, Ronnie, for willingly accepting this responsibility!

The beginning of a new year makes us reflect on the year that has gone by. It is a time to be grateful to the Creator for his blessings and mercies upon us. Let us enter into 2022 with renewed commitment to the Lord and in the service of our neighbors!

Invoking the Lord's blessings and protection upon each one of us in the New Year,

Fr. Joy Jacob, SDB



The St. Michael Men's Club holds an on-going, year-round bottle and can drive. Bags of clean bottles & cans can be placed in the large storage container to the right of the garage. Thank you to the Men's Club for holding the drive and to Lynn, George, & John Gadacy for collecting and returning the bottles & cans.



Thank you to Bob Bradley for serving as Trustee of St. Michael Church since 2018. Bob completed his term as Trustee on December 31, 2021. Ronnie Sharnick began her first term as Trustee on January 1, 2022. Thank you to Ronnie for accepting the appointment.



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