



The Defender

Weekly parish bulletin of the Catholic community of
St. Michael the Archangel Catholic Church

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Our Mission

To be the presence of Christ...

In Welcoming

In Service

In Worship

In Compassion

In Faith Sharing

In Fellowship

To be the Light of the World!

ETERNAL

God so loved the world
that he gave his only Son.

JOHN 3:16

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Weekly Message

Open Wide Our Hearts, Lord!
(Sarah Brockwell)

St. Michael Parish is blessed to be a gloriously multicultural and diverse community of believers. We are each a member of the Body of Christ and, as members, we are all responsible for caring for the members who are hurting and broken. I know that when I have an injury, that part of my body gets the most attention, so that it can rest and heal! To any of our brothers and sisters of color who are hurting due to racism, we, as the Body, collectively pray and suffer with you in solidarity.

Moments like this cause people of good will, who believe in the value, respect, and dignity of every human life, to wonder if and how we can move on from here. The horror of George Floyd's death, like all acts of racism, hurts all of us in the Body of Christ since we are each made in the image and likeness of God and deserve the dignity that comes with that existence.

(Washington Archbishop Wilton Gregory)

We are working on pulling together Catholic resources and action avenues over the next few weeks but you can begin now by praying on these two questions.

- What is racism?
- Where do we, as a faith family here at St. Michael Parish, need to take action in order to heal this sin?

(A Prayer Service for Racial Healing in our Land | USCCB)

God of Heaven and Earth, you created the one human family and endowed each person with great dignity. Aid us, we pray, in overcoming the sin of racism. Grant us your grace in eliminating this blight from our hearts, our communities, our social and civil institutions. Fill our hearts with love for you and our neighbor so that we may work with you in healing our land from racial injustice. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, one God, for ever and ever. Amen.



Worship & Sacraments

Scripture Reading for the Following Weekend

June 14, 2020
The Body & Blood of Christ

Deuteronomy 8:2-3, 14b-16a
Psalm 147
First Corinthians 10:16-17
John 6:51-58

Mass Intentions

✠ Deceased

Sat.		June 6		5 PM	Linda Sherman ✠
Sun.		June 7		7:45 AM	Zygmunt Skala ✠
Sun.		June 7		9:15 AM	Michael Walker ✠
Sun.		June 7		11:15 AM	Lorna Britto ✠
Sun.		June 7		5 PM	Michael Kolesar ✠

Mon.		June 8		12:15 PM	Helen Pereira ✠
Tue.		June 9		12:15 PM	
Wed.		June 10		12:15 PM	Bertram Sequeira ✠
Thu.		June 11		12:15 PM	Frank Combs ✠
Fri.		June 12		12:15 PM	Colleen Miller ✠

Sat.		June 13		5 PM	Lewis d'Mello ✠
Sun.		June 14		7:45 AM	For the People
Sun.		June 14		9:15 AM	Michael Walker ✠
Sun.		June 14		11:15 AM	Annie Pereira ✠
Sun.		June 14		5 PM	Arnold & Evelyn Pavlik ✠





The Society of St. Vincent de Paul has activated a Vincentian Relief Fund (VRF), and they are asking for donations to assist with the increase in request for help that they are receiving.

Vincentians have been able to respond to those in need quickly and compassionately. A gift to the Vincentian Relief Fund will allow them to continue to serve the increase in families who have been financially impacted by these trying times.

Donate Online: svdp-rva.org

Your Own Parish Records At Your Fingertips!

With *My Own Church*, you will be able to review and update your family information, including names, contact information, and more!

Also, you can view our online parish pictorial directory, where you will be able to upload your favorite family photo.

Plus, *My Own Church* gives you the flexibility to choose whether or not you wish your family information and photo to be visible to other parishioners or parish administrators only.

Getting started is fast and easy. All in five easy steps!
Visit the My Own Church Page: <https://bit.ly/my-own-church>



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Send an E-SCRIP gift card to someone in need. Schedule an E-SCRIP gift card to be sent to someone's email inbox on a specific date as a special gift!

Support Our Parish, Help a Friend, and Support the Economy!

How to Get Started - It's Quick and Easy!

- You may use a computer or smartphone to get started.
 - **On your computer/laptop:** visit <https://www.shopwithscrip.com/> and click on *Register*
 - **On your smartphone:** visit myscripwallet.com and click on *Create an Account*
- Enter your personal and credit card information.
- Enter the beneficiary code (**3F1DFB4D5936**).
 - **Please make sure to enter the code correctly to ensure that our parish receives the commissions.**
- Select **EGIFT Card** to order the merchant, dollar amount, and number of gift cards you wish to purchase.
 - No local merchants available at this time.
- The E-SCRIP Gift Card will be available immediately on your Wallet account to:
 - print and use at a retail location
 - show the card in your Wallet on your phone when ready to pay in person



Many people have asked how they can continue to financially support St. Michael Parish.

As you may know, the St. Michael Parish operating budget is 100% dependent on offertory donations throughout the year. About 45% of our donations come through electronic giving, primarily through WeShare and autodraft. The balance of giving comes through the Sunday Collection. With the suspension of Masses, we will lose about half of our income.

It is also true that during this crisis, many people will suffer financial hardship through the temporary loss of employment, a reduction in investment-based retirement income, or the need to support other family members. The Society of St. Vincent de Paul is ready to assist during this time.

Keeping in mind both of these realities, we ask that you consider the following, remembering that no one is expected to financially endanger themselves or their family:

Please continue to support St. Michael parish through your donations.

- **Mail your usual donation amount by check.**
- **Use WeShare, our online giving platform (<https://saintmikes.weshareonline.org/>).** You can set up one-time or recurring donations using your bank account or credit card. If you previously have not set up your account in WeShare, you can do so easily. Remember, you have total control over your giving using WeShare.
- **You can text stmikes to 555888.** This will connect you directly to our WeShare giving platform, and you easily can set up your online giving details.

In this time period, St. Michael Parish has suspended discretionary spending. We are focused on carefully stewarding the donations of our parishioners so that the essential work of the Church can continue. We will be here throughout this time of crisis—we are here for you. Please help us maintain that presence as you are able.

You are in our prayers. Please keep us in yours.

Please Pray

NOTE:

When adding people to our Prayer List, please ask them ahead of time if this is alright with them. Not everyone wants his/her name announced or published, and we wish to respect everyone's privacy.

Let us pray also for those parishioners with ongoing health concerns:

Rebecca Phares, Amy Toombs, Victoria Arroyo, Shirley Froemming, Rosemarie Walpole, Anthony Doria, Tom DelPozzo, Thomas Forbs, Tyler Bohn, Maria Teresa Kelleher, Robin & Ron Woods, Nancy Harris, John Rymisyewski, Andy Flores, Tina Polito, Roy Ambler, Stefanie Cousins, Kess Kessler, Charlotte Domalik, Thomas Bunce, Francis Laghi, Tyler Bohn, Richard Taylor, Joan Pardue, Percy Pickral, Michael Levay, Earl Harris, Toni Schmiegelow, Monique Anastasio, Eleonor (Ele) Dashielle, Evan Neal, Emily White



Please also pray for these members of the St. Michael extended family:

Malgoscia Banasinska, Ela Barszcz, Alfred Neill, Gloria Schuster, Christopher Tomasi (Sabina Volpe), Jean Folkes (Clair Folkes), Bert & Becky Kuhns (Liz & Mike Munger), Lexi & Rowan Galkowski (Lana Dreelin), Justin Dutcher & Genevieve Myrick (Colleen Dutcher), Kristine Fitzgerald (Simon Family), Danny White, Raymond Laureano (Nancy Fonseca), Donna Jardine & Sauling Hong (Chris & Keith Burns), Anna Huseboe (Bernadette Law), Percy Pickered (Janet McBride), Billy Esposito (Fred Esposito), Robert Accomando (Debra Vuturro), Grace Whitmer (Richmond Walsh), Lori Lewis, Marilyn Barrett (Marie Chickey), Knox Walker (Lani & Rey Vasquez)

We remember those who have preceded us to the Father:

Kenneth Schriewer, Mary Jane Heaton, John Barret, May Paraiso, Robet Fanning

Please pray for those in our military who are serving here or overseas:

Tanner Phister, Allan Schmidt, Leslie Schmidt, Kurt Ober, Roberto & Rebecca Fonseca, Nicholas Paraiso, Captain Russell Timmons, Michael Gaines Ballato, Jason Strickland, Nicholas Perkins, Jacob Fonner, Nicholas Hassell, Jason Maraffi, Adam Dutcher

Would You Like Your Loved One On the List?

Contact: Magda Schultheis | 804-527-1037 ext. 126 | mschultheis@saint-mikes.org

Every few months, we delete names listed here and ask family members to contact the parish office again, if they wish their loved one added back in. In the section *We remember those who have preceded us to the Father*, we usually include the names of the recently deceased or those celebrating an anniversary that week. In order to have a request pertaining to anniversaries of the deceased included in the *Prayers of the Faithful* (the Universal Prayer) at a Sunday or weekday Mass, such request should be submitted through the parish office in the form of a *Mass Intention*.

Around the Diocese

Commonwealth Catholic Charities (CCC)

CCC continues to provide critical services, such as:

- Food Pantry
- Baby Clothes Closet
- Counseling Services
- Workforce Development
- Housing Counseling
- Independence for Seniors (Call Reassurance Program)

For more info, visit: cccofva.org

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