



# 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!

## 16<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

# GROW

"Let them grow together until harvest;  
then at harvest time I will say to the  
harvesters, 'First collect the weeds and  
tie them in bundles for burning; but  
gather the wheat into my barn.'" - Mt 13:30

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## Weekly Message

### Live the Liturgy—Inspiration for the Week

Grace and sin are found together. As much as our hearts long for union with God, there is always that part of us that resists. As much as we wholeheartedly believe in God, there is a dimension of disbelief with which we also wrestle. Even though we may seek purity and integrity in all of our thoughts, words, and deeds, there is also the path toward weakness and sin that we find ourselves traversing.

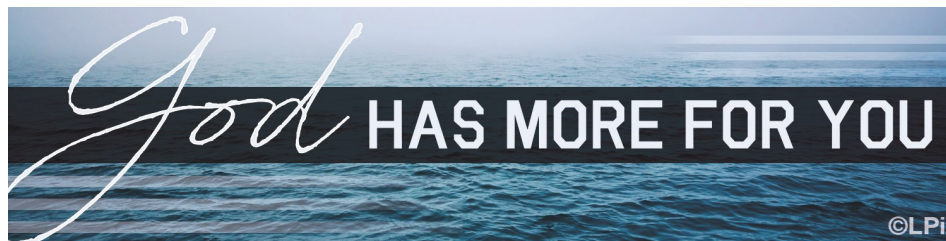
Just as weeds easily can overtake the best of gardens, so, too, can weakness and sin overtake and overwhelm a person. The call is to realize the power the weeds of sin have to choke us off from God's presence. While God allows the wheat and the weeds to exist together, we must keep our eyes fixed on God's mercy and forgiveness and resist the death that comes from giving way to sin and evil.

In God's time, the eternal harvest will come, and we will no longer have to worry about the weeds. For now, we must be vigilant and regularly seek the assistance of the Master Gardener.

NEVER GET TIRED  
OF DOING LITTLE THINGS  
FOR OTHERS.  
SOMETIMES THOSE  
LITTLE THINGS OCCUPY  
THE BIGGEST PART  
OF THEIR HEARTS.

—ST. THERESE OF LISIEUX

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BE A GIFT OF LOVE  
AND COMPASSION  
FOR ONE ANOTHER.

ST. MARY MACKILLOP



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## Worship & Sacraments

### Scripture Reading for the Following Weekend

July 26, 2020  
Seventeenth Sunday in Ordinary Time

First Kings 3:5, 7:12  
Psalm 119  
Romans 8:28-30  
Matthew 13:44-52

### Mass Intentions

† Deceased

Sat.		July 18		5 PM	Lucy Marengi †
Sun.		July 19		7:45 AM	Frank Arrighi †
Sun.		July 19		9:15 AM	Theresa Annis †
Sun.		July 19		11:15 AM	For the People
Sun.		July 19		5 PM	Lesly D'Souza †

Mon.		July 20		12:15 PM	
Tue.		July 21		12:15 PM	
Wed.		July 22		12:15 PM	Chris Rapp †
Thu.		July 23		12:15 PM	
Fri.		July 24		12:15 PM	

Sat.		July 25		5 PM	Ryan Patrick Mullaney †
Sun.		July 26		7:45 AM	Joe Fliss †
Sun.		July 26		9:15 AM	Joachim D'Souza †
Sun.		July 26		11:15 AM	Joseph D'Souza †
Sun.		July 26		5 PM	For the People

GOD  
DELIGHTS  
IN YOU

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

Vincetians have been able to respond to those in need quickly and compassionately. A gift to the Vincetian 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](https://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 May Own Church Page:** <https://bit.ly/my-own-church>





# *Introducing...* **E-SCRIP** Gift Cards



**Online shopping is more important than ever.**

To adhere to social distancing guidelines, we are not conducting in-person SCRIP Sales.

**We are pleased to offer you the convenience of buying your SCRIP gift cards online!**

**Introducing E-SCRIP Gift Cards!**

**Now, you can continue to shop at your favorite store or online retailer, while supporting our parish!**

**Hundreds of top-brand gift cards are now available as E-SCRIP gift cards.**

**E-SCRIP Gift Cards are sent immediately to your account (Wallet) for use.**

They are perfect for your regular purchases and take-out orders.

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](https://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.**



	Monthly Collections <i>June 2020</i>	Year-to-date Collections <i>July 2019 - June 2020</i>
<b>Stewardship Collection</b>		
Parish Stewardship Envelopes	44,455	719,036
Parish Stewardship E-giving	81,962	851,770
Loose & Visitor Check & Cash	970	153,994
Total Contributions	127,387	1,724,800
Contribution forecast	153,853	1,900,077
Variance from forecast	(26,466)	(175,277)
<b>Other Monthly Collections - Envelopes, E-giving, Loose</b>		
Mortgage Reduction	7,686	154,146
Mission Outreach		
Haiti - Regular Support	3,077	43,698
Haiti - Sponsor	31,590	65,355
Appalachia Twinning	1,990	23,185
Guardian Angel	4,348	57,089

<b>Parish Debt:</b> outstanding principal balance as of June 30, 2020		3,908,888
	<i>June 2020</i>	<i>July 2019 - June 2020</i>
Mortgage Payment		
Principal	18,010	214,559
Interest	14,946	180,915
Total Payment	32,956	395,474
Scrip net income contribution toward mortgage payment	322	22,174
% of mortgage payment	1%	6%
<i>(Goal is 100% of payment to be covered by net Scrip income)</i>		

# 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 Woods, Nancy Harris, John Rymisyewski, Andy Flores, Tina Polito, Roy Ambler, Kess Kessler, Charlotte Domalik, Thomas Bunce, Francis Laghi, Tyler Bohn, Richard Taylor, Joan Pardue, Percy Pickral, Michael Levay, Earl Harris, Toni Schmiegelow, Monique Anastasio, Evan Neal, Katie Martin, Charlotte Pittman, Stefanie Cousins



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

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), Malgoscia Banasinska, Ela Barszcz, Alfred Neill, Ted Wituszynski (Sabina Volpe)

### We remember those who have preceded us to the Father:

Robert Accomando, Ron Woods, Nancy MulDowney

### 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](http://cccofva.org)

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