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MISSION: We are a diverse community of Roman Catholics dedicated to a life of prayer and service to others. We strive to draw closer to God and to remain in God as we journey together, supporting one another to heaven.

APRIL 23, 2023
THIRD SUNDAY OF EASTER

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH • LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am (No Tuesday Mass)
SATURDAY 9:00am & 5:00pm (Vigil Mass)
SUNDAY 7:30am, 8:30am, 9:45am, 12:00pm & 5:00pm

CONFESSION

WEDNESDAY 9:30am-11:00am & 6:30-8:00pm
SATURDAY 4:15pm-4:45pm

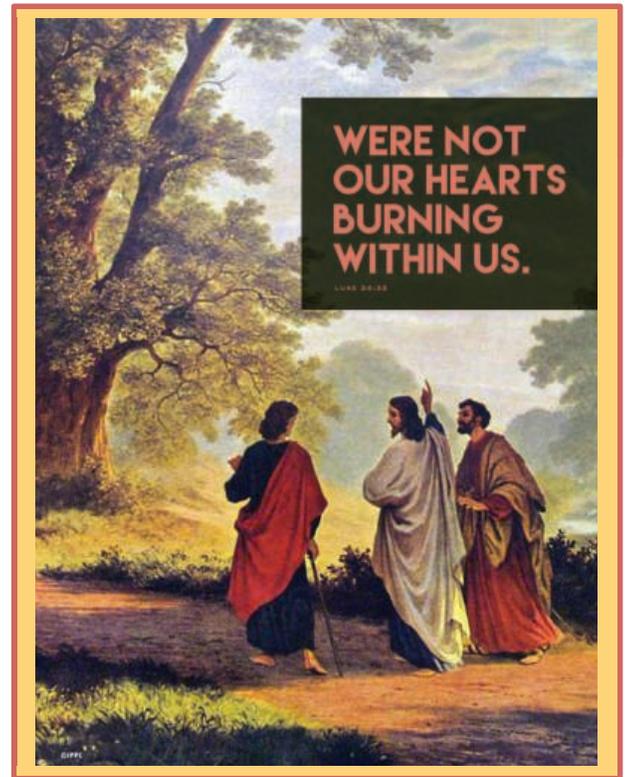
EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY 9:30am-8:00pm

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MASS

SATURDAY 4:00PM (Vigil Mass)
SUNDAY 11:00am



Dates to Remember

April 22: Heart to Heart
May 2: Movie Night
May 13: Heart to Heart
Save the Date
June 19: Golf Outing

To stay informed, all current information is on our website and look for the Friday Eblasts!

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Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm
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PRAY FOR THE SICK

Tom Schupp	Tony Cicia
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Aline McDonnell	Barbara Rigg
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Elio	Kristen
Alain C.	Eileen L.
Tony M.	J.D.
J.I.	Joe C.
F.D.	

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, April 22, 2023

St.T 4:00 PM Marjorie Moran Fr. R
 5:00 PM Patricia D. Castellano Fr. R

Sunday, April 23, 2023

St.M 7:30 AM Vincent Sabia Fr. R
 8:30 AM Dennis Murphy S.C.
 9:45 AM S.I. Mateo Fr. R
St.T 11:00 AM All Parishioners S.C.
 12:00 PM S.I. May Family Fr. R
 5:00 PM Bridget Prezioso Fr. R

Monday, April 24, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM S.I. Ginty Family

Wednesday, April 26, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Henry Hansen

Thursday, April 27, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Cary May

Friday, April 28, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Joan Ginty

Saturday, April 29, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM S.I. Isobel Cunningham
St.T 4:00 PM Angela (Dolly) Chiappetta Fr. R
 5:00 PM S.I. Mary Ann Maresco Fr. P
 S.I. Alex Ventosa

R: Fr. Richard	S.C. Salesian Community
P: Fr. Perrella	M: Fr. Marcotte
Mi: Fr. Miguel	

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SANCTUARY CANDLE

The week of April 23, 2023



St. Michael
 All Parishioners

St. Timothy
 All Parishioners

SACRAMENTS

Baptism: Baptisms are generally celebrated on Sundays. Please call the parish office to register and arrange for a Baptism, and to sign up for a pre-Baptismal class.

Sacrament of Reconciliation: Wednesdays 9:30-11:00am, 6:30-8pm and Saturdays 4:15-4:45pm

Marriage: Those wishing to get married are required to meet with a priest of the parish at least 6 months prior to the wedding date.

PSALM 63

I would have to say, of the 150 psalms my favorite must be psalm 63, a psalm of David when he was on the run from king Saul in the wilderness of Judah. I first came to appreciate it when the Holy Spirit called it to memory while in prayer when I was feeling distressed. I learned the value of memorizing scripture in a special way that day. I had prior to that been critical of the practice of prayer known as the liturgy of the hours. It was something new to me in seminary. I had developed a more free-spirited way of praying and thought the liturgy of the hours was too mechanical and so I often would criticize it as if it were an inferior way of praying. After some time praying the psalms several times a day in obedience rather than devotion, I had not realized that God used that as a means of filling my mind with His Word, not my own. When I went to prayer in that time of distress and had a hard time expressing to God what I was feeling, and thought I needed, the Holy Spirit called to mind the words of that inspired psalm and enabled me to pray in a most profound way. God prayed in me rather than me struggling on my own.

The 63rd psalm is full of profound imagery that speaks of a heart in love with God and longing for Him. “Out of the depths I cry to You O’ Lord. . . . My soul thirsts for You, and my flesh faints for You, as in a dry weary land without water.” What an expression of a heart longing for a touch, a fulfillment that only God can provide. He goes on to say, “Because Your merciful Love is better than life, my lips will praise you. . . . My soul is feasted as with marrow and fat . . . when I think of you upon my bed and meditate on You in the night.” Though marrow and fat do not sound too enticing, it was the best way for him in his culture and time to express the choicest of foods.

This kind of a longing for, and rejoicing in, the sweetness of a deep relationship with God is powerful. David, imperfect though he was, knew a personal loving relationship with God, especially in that hard time of exile. We all should be envious of such a relationship with God. Even as King he knew no greater source of fulfillment and happiness than being in right relationship with God. Such a relationship enables conversion and victory in life.

We all struggle with temptation and sin as part of our life in this world. Many times, people get discouraged in this struggle and feel that victory is not possible. Many people seek that victory by mere willpower. Such an approach usually leads to temporary victories that devastate them when they fall again. If we look at our fallen human nature as something to be despised and railed against it can lead to a very dysfunctional relationship with God and even ourselves. Rather look at it more as a work in process when given to the Lord. Feeling that we can only be loved by God and in right relationship with Him when we perform adequately can lead to such a legalistic relationship in which the burden falls on us and us alone and that is a weight no one can carry for long.

We are not to abandon our striving for holiness according to what God has revealed, but rather pursue it in a way it can be achieved. David’s heart for God is a good lesson for us. He knew God in such a way that he was considered the “apple of God’s eye” in other words very precious to God. David knew his faults and he never lost hope in the struggle to be all God wanted him to be. In fact, he became the one who the Israelites thought of when they anticipated the Messiah. He so loved God that the things that led him to sin became distasteful to him as he grew in his knowledge of God’s love for him. King David so cherished God that he sought to please him in all things. When he fell to sin, he did not excuse it away or give up trying; rather, he repented of it and got up and continued to the goal of virtue. He wanted to be virtuous to please God, not because he thought God could only love him when he was virtuous. He didn’t seem to seek to buy God’s affection but rather he responded to the love and mercy he knew God always had for him, even when he had sinned.

I think it helps us to see all the good things of this world kind of like wine. God has given us all things and so all are good. He gave us the many wonderful things of this life as blessings and gifts of love, not to be loved for themselves but to be appreciated and used to direct us toward Him. When we seek them as the source of happiness rather than living among them for the One who provided them, we go dry. The happiness they provide ends up getting in the way of the One True source of Happiness. When we live with these blessings for the God who gave them, we truly find their purpose and are fulfilled. The dryness and dissatisfaction and loneliness we feel in sin is to point us to the need to get things in right order. When we have tasted the goodness of the best wine, God’s joy, we no longer are content with the fleeting happiness of lesser wine. Developing our relationship with God is the only lasting and true source of victory over sin and that is what Jesus came to give us.

Fr. Richard

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Processional Hymn: "At the Lamb's High Feast"
(168#)

Glory: #884

Offertory Hymn: "Two Were Bound for Emmaus"
(#162)

Holy, Holy, Holy: #885

When We Eat This Bread: #886

Amen: #887

Lamb of God: #888

Communion Hymn: **Piano Solo Meditation**

Recessional Hymn: "The Day of Resurrection" (#167)

—Frank



Come join the
Prayer Shawl
Ministry!
All parishioners are
invited

We are knitting, crocheting and quilting the prayer shawls to give to the sick of the Parish, friends and family. If you want to participate but don't know how to knit, crochet or quilt, we will teach you.

We meet Mondays at 1:00 pm.
In St. Raphael Conference Room
Looking forward to seeing you.

If you have any questions please contact
Angie at 203-554-2316

One in Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal Saint Michael the Archangel Parish 2023 Bishop's Appeal as of 4/14/2023

ABA Goal:	\$279,500
Total Pledged:	190,150 (68%)
Donors to Date:	71 Donors

We pray that each person will support 2023 Bishop's Appeal, however, they can. While the level of sacrificial support will differ from parishioner to parishioner, your Appeal gift, no matter the size, is impactful and valued. We are able to meet the needs of our charitable mission, not with a single gift, but together as a community. Please prayerfully consider supporting the Bishop's Appeal today with a pledge, an automatic recurring gift, or one-time gift as your means allow.



To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2023 [BishopsAppeal.org](https://www.bishopsappeal.org), call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.

Coffee with the Councils

Come and be heard!! In the spirit of greater "listening" and facilitating open communications within the Parish, please join members of your Parish Pastoral Council and the Finance Council to **tell us what is on your mind**. What might need greater clarity? What would you like to discuss with your Parish leadership so we may be better informed to guide our Parish?

Join us in **Guinan Hall** for one of the following Saturday morning listening sessions **at 9:45 – 11:00 am following the 9:00 am Mass**.

Saturday, April 15th
Saturday, April 22nd
Saturday, May 6th

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Questions? Contact Mike Nedder at mcnedder@gmail.com



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Heart to Heart is a personal apostolate of Bishop Caggiano's, established under the Jesus Guild of Georgetown, Connecticut. The Guild's mission is to evangelize through beauty and the sacred arts.

Heart to Heart, in particular, is a response to the Eucharistic Revival and seeks to stir the Eucharistic flame in the diocese of Bridgeport through nights of Adoration, which include contemporary praise & worship music, preaching on the Eucharistic, Confession, and basic intercessory prayer teams.

This night is an invitation for families, youth, working professionals, retirees -- folks in all seasons of life -- to come spend time in Adoration of our Lord, present in the Blessed Sacrament.



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For more information or to enroll your children please visit our website

<https://www.stmichaelgreenwich.com/> Or contact Loren Procaccini in the Faith Formation office

Confirmation Requirements

As we approach the end of April, we are still in need of paperwork from Confirmation candidates. Parents, if your son or daughter plans to be confirmed in June, please submit missing paperwork this week. Phone calls have been made and reminders sent. If we do not receive the requirements needed, we will assume that your child will not be participating in the Confirmation ceremony this year. Thank you to those who have completed their file by turning in all required paperwork.



Confirmation interviews are underway.

Please be sure to check your emails for reminders and remember...be on time!

These "Pre-Confirmation Interviews" will provide students with an opportunity to ask questions and receive encouragement as they make their final preparations to receive the sacrament of Confirmation.

SHARING OUR FAITH



Do you know Catholics who no longer practice their faith? Those who are inactive Catholics are your brothers and sisters, children, parents, relatives, neighbors, friends, or co-workers. There are almost as many reasons for their inactivity as there are persons. For some, the reason is personal, for others, there may be a problem from divorce and remarriage or a grievance against someone associated with the Church. Whatever the reason, let us be good shepherds and seek them out. Our family of faith is not whole without them. Please encourage inactive Catholics to speak with Father Richard and returning to the active practice of our faith.



Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults.

RCIA is a process for adults who are looking to join the Catholic faith community or for those who wish to learn and grow in their own Catholic faith. They meet each week and reflect on the Sunday Mass readings, discuss the teachings of our Church, and share their stories of faith. If you know a person who might wish to learn more about Catholicism, please invite him/her to call Father Richard on 203-869-5421.



Please keep the children who will be receiving the sacrament of First Holy Communion and Confirmation in your prayers this spring, as they receive the Eucharist for the first time and seal the gifts given to them at baptism. We pray that this is the initial step into a life-long love of their faith and for the Eucharist.

Give thanks to the LORD for He is good: His love endures forever.

-Psalm 107:1

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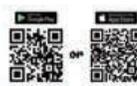
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