

## St. Michael the Archangel Parish

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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.

### February 11, 2024 – 6th Sunday of Ordinary Time

## ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH • LITURGY SCHEDULE MASS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am

SATURDAY 9:00am & 5:00pm (Vigil Mass) SUNDAY 7:30am, 8:30am, 9:45am, 12:00pm &

5:00pm

CONFESSION

WEDNESDAY 9:30am-11:00am & 6:30pm-8:00pm

SATURDAY After the 5:00pm Mass

### **EUCHARISTIC ADORATION**

WEDNESDAY 9:30am-8:00pm SATURDAY 8:00am-9:00am

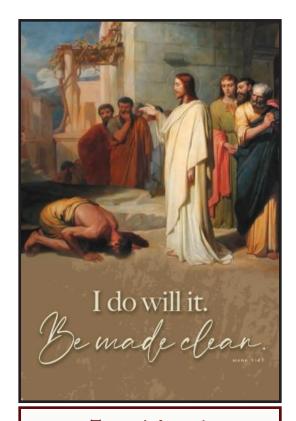
## ST. TIMOTHY CHAPEL • 1034 NORTH STREET MASS

SATURDAY 4:00pm (Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY 11:00am

### Ash Wednesday, February 14th

- 9am Mass
- Noon Service with ashes
- 6pm Mass plus simple soup & bread Lenten meal at
   7pm to welcome back any who have been away from church.



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

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### PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Prayers for the Sick will be updated on a monthly basis.

Please be so kind to email or call the parish office with names you would like to add or remove.

Tom Schupp	Rita S.
Grace Wohlberg	Mateo
Sal D.	Frank Z.
Eneko Rauch	Aline Oddi
George Sinclair	Jane G.
Renato P.	Jim W.
Rob S.	Richard C.
Barbara Rigg	

### Lost and Found

St. Michael's has several items in the Lost and Found. If you are missing something please come by the office to see if it's here. Currently we have: 2 pairs of gloves, a scarf, a Spanish Bible, 2 prayer books, several pairs of glasses, an umbrella, and a child's teething ring. Unclaimed items will be donated or thrown out at the end of the month.

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> Responsible Stewardship January 28, 2024

> > Online Giving: \$4154.83 Pew Collection: \$8367.00

> > > Total: \$12,521.83

### MASS INTENTIONS

Saturda	y, February	10, 2024	
St.M		Jane Pickett	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM	Betty Murphy	Fr. R
	5:00 PM	Virginia Ann Fowler	Fr. P
Sunday,	February 1	1, 2024	
St.M		S. I. Christine McCarthy	S.C.
		Jane Colihan	S.C.
	9:45 AM	Margaret Gorrigan	Fr. P
		& Angelica Arenas	
St.T	11:00 AM	Elie Makhraz	Fr. R
		& Sessine Makhraz	
	12:00 PM	Jane Pickett	Fr. P
	5:00 PM	All Parishioners	Fr. R
Monday	, February	12, 2024	
St.M		Jane Pickett	Fr. R
Tuesday	, February		
St.M		S. I. Thomas Hickman	Fr. R
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St.M		ary 14, 2024	Fr. P
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Thursday, February 15, 2024			
St.M	9:00 AM	Jane Pickett	Fr. P
Friday, February 16, 2024			
St.M	9:00 AM	John McIndoo	Fr. P
Saturday, February 17, 2024			
St.M	9:00 AM	Vicente Verendie	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM	Josephine Aloplanalp	Fr. R
		Mary Montella	Fr. P
Sunday,	February 1	18, 2024	
St.M		Mrs. Russell	Fr. P
	8:30 AM	Sister Celinen	Fr. M
	9:45 AM	Matthew Brown	Fr. R
St.T	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	Fr. M
	12:00 PM	Jane Pickett	Fr. P
	5:00 PM	Kay Kosnick	Fr. R

PH: Fr. Paul S.C.: Salesian Community R: Fr. Richard M: Fr. Marcotte

### SANCTUARY CANDLE



The week of February 11, 2024

St. Michael

Emanuel Blosio

St. Timothy



# On Ash Wednesday, February 14th, the Church enters the solemn season of Lent. By heeding the scriptural call to "Repent and believe the Good News," and

embracing the Lenten disciplines of prayer, fasting, and alms-giving, we accompany our Elect on their journey to the Easter sacraments, as we renew our own baptismal promises.

This year several features, some familiar and some new, will help us journey together from Ashes to Easter.

The opening song each week will be "Holy Ground," reminding us that when we gather in the name of Jesus, "the Lord is present, and where He is holy."

We will be invited to kneel for the Confiteor and the chanted Kyrie Eleison, recognizing our continuing need for the Lord's pardon and peace. We will provide a kneeler for the presider, and that will then be available for those who wish to receive Eucharist while kneeling. Each week, the response to the psalm will be **Be merciful O Lord, for we have sinned**. Our Gospel acclamation will be "Glory and praise to you, Lord Jesus Christ" as the Church "buries" the Alleluia for Lent.

We will profess the Apostles' Creed for the Lent and Easter seasons, as it most closely articulates the baptismal promises the Elect will pronounce, and we ourselves will reaffirm, at the Easter Vigil. As in Advent, we will *chant* the response to the prayers of the faithful. Lord, hear our prayer.

We will be invited to sing the Our Father, and then to keep a bit longer silence after communion.

**Catechumen Candidates** — On February 17th we will send our catechumen to the Bishop, who will formally elect her for Baptism, Confirmation and Eucharist at the Easter Vigil. She will also undergo the ancient rite of the Scrutinies on the third, fourth and fifth Sundays of Lent.

**Saturday Events** — In addition to Sunday liturgies, each Saturday morning (9:30 to 11:30) our parish will sponsor a reflection or presentation on prayer, eucharist, the gospels of the Woman at the Well and the Man Born Blind (together with a reconciliation service and an anointing of the sick), and a dramatic overview of the Last Supper. (Lenten Schedule of Events can be found on the website under Liturgical Seasons/Lent/Downloads)

Copies of Our Lenten Road to Holiness: Daily Reflections, Prayers and Actions by Alice Camille will be available in the narthex, along with Operation Rice Bowl materials. Our website and bulletin will contain information about the programs offered by the other Greenwich parishes, including Stations of the Cross each Friday at 7:00 p.m. at St. Mary's.

**Ash Wednesday** - Please consider inviting to Ash Wednesday services one or two people who no longer attend mass. After the 6 p.m. mass, we will host a simple Lenten meal of soup and bread, as we seek to make our parish a place where each person is welcomed and respected.

We will also offer extended hours for confessions on Wednesday March 27th from 5:00 to 8:00 p.m. Other parishes in Greenwich will also offer extended hours for confessions throughout Holy Week, and we will publicize those as we receive that information.

Prayers for a blessed season of repentance and renewal for each of us!

### **Lent Mass Schedule 2024**

### Ash Wednesday, February 14th

9am Mass, Noon Service with ashes, 6pm Mass plus simple soup & bread Lenten meal at 7pm to welcome back any who have been away from church.

### Saturday, February 17th

After the 5pm Mass we will enroll the Catechumen in the Book of the Elect and send her to Bishop Caggiano who will formally call them to the Easter sacrament; the Rite of Election will take place at St. Augustine Cathedral, Bridgeport, on Sunday February 18th at 4:00 p.m.

### Sunday, March 3rd, March 10th & March 17th

We will celebrate the "Scrutinies" with the catechumen who will be baptized at the Easter Vigil. This will take place during the noon mass on March 3rd and 17th, and at the 9:45 a.m. mass on March 10th.

## "Repent and Believe the Good News"

### Music Ministry

"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord...!"

Processional Hymn: "Praise to the Lord" (#203)

Penitential Act

Glory To God: #885

Offertory Song: "Love Goes On" (#488)

Holy, Holy, Holy: #886

When We Eat This Bread: #887

Amen: #888

Lamb of God: #889

Communion Meditation: Piano Solo Meditation

Recessional Hymn: "City of God" (#391)

UPDATE: The sung Mass parts for this Lent season (starting Ash Wednesday) will be from the Chant Mass. A Link to the recordings and sheet music can be found on the Music Ministry page on our website. Feel free to come to me if you need any assistance accessing the music.

To the greater glory of God,

-- Frank

### **Lent Schedule of Events 2024**

### **Saturday Lenten Program**

9:30 - 11:30 a.m. in Guinan Hall

### February 17th

Lord Teach Us to Pray – Methods of Prayer (breathing; steps in Ignatian prayer; composition of place, Examen, journaling)

### February 24th

Special Guest Speaker Fr. Tom Scirghi, SJ – Interactive Lecture on the Liturgy and Eucharistic Renewal

### March 2nd

Ignatian Contemplation – *The Woman at the Well* concluding with a Reconciliation Service

### March 9th

Ignatian Contemplation – *The Man Born Blind* concluding with the Sacrament of the Sick

### March 16th

Bishop Caggiano leads a gathering on *The One* at St. Mary's, Greenwich for all those in parish leadership. 8:30 a.m. to noon.

#### March 23rd

Points to Ponder for Holy Week – Palms, Last Supper & Washing of Feet

## March 25th to March 27th During Holy Week

Parishes throughout the diocese will offer extended hours for the Sacrament of Reconciliation. At St. Michael's, the Sacrament will be available on Wednesday March 27 from 9:30 to 11:00 a.m. and from 4:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m. We will publicize the hours and days at the other Greenwich parishes when those become available.

Prayers for a blessed season of repentance and renewal for each of us!

"Repent and Believe the Good News"

# FAITH FORMATION A lifelong journey, childhood-teens-adults

### Stories of Encounter and Accompaniment

In a previous newsletter, I asked the faithful to consider sharing their stories of encounter and accompaniment. We have begun to collect those stories and will be sharing them over the next few weeks.

If you have a story of encounter or accompaniment you would like to share, please email <a href="mailto:the.one@diobpt.org">the.one@diobpt.org</a>. You will have the option of writing your story or meeting with one of the bishop's team and recording your audio.

Sincerely yours in Christ, Most Reverend Frank J Caggiano Bishop of Bridgeport





### Baptism at St. Michael Church.

Passing on our faith begins at birth! It is because we love our children so much that we want to give them the very best. To really provide the

best possible life for our children, it is necessary to teach them to have a relationship with God and the first step in doing that is getting your baby baptized.

The Church strongly recommends that baptisms "be celebrated ordinarily on Sunday(s) when the Church commemorates the Lord's resurrection. On Sunday, baptism may be celebrated even during Mass, so that the entire community may be present and the relationship between baptism and Eucharist may be clearly seen." (Canons 856 and 867).

Beginning in April, we will celebrate baptisms once a month at either the 9:45 mass (May 12, July 14) or the noon mass (April 14, June 9, August 11). Since Lent is our "desert time" leading up to the water of baptism of the Elect at the Easter Vigil, and the renewal of our own baptismal promises, we won't celebrate baptisms during Lent (Feb 14 to March 31), unless the child is in imminent danger of death.

If you would like to arrange a baptism, please call the parish office at 203-869-5421. If this is your first baby, you will need to complete the Pre-Baptism class with either Father Paul or Father Richard.

The next

### Men's Ministry Bible Study

is February 17th at 8am in the St Raphael room



Saint Valentine, officially known as Saint Valentine of Rome, is a third-century Roman saint widely celebrated on February 14 and commonly associated with "courtly love."

St. Valentine, in one point of his

life, as the former Bishop of Terni, Narnia and Amelia, was on house arrest with Judge Asterius. While discussing religion and faith with the Judge, Valentine pledged the validity of Jesus. The judge immediately put Valentine and his faith to the test. St. Valentine was presented with the judge's blind daughter and told to restore her sight. If he succeeded, the judge vowed to do anything for Valentine. Placing his hands onto her eyes, Valentine restored the child's vision.

St. Valentine was a Roman priest martyred during Claudius' reign. The story tells that St. Valentine was imprisoned for marrying Christian couples and aiding Christians being persecuted by Claudius in Rome. Both acts were considered serious crimes. A relationship between the saint and emperor began to grow, until Valentine attempted to convince Claudius of Christianity. Claudius became enraged and sentenced Valentine to death, commanding him to renounce his faith or be beaten with clubs and beheaded.

St. Valentine refused to renounce his faith and Christianity and was executed outside the Flaminian Gate on February 14, 269. He was martyred and then buried on the Via Flaminia to the north of Rome.



Text the word **PRAY** to 55778 and receive a daily prayer from Bishop Caggiano.

Each day you will receive a text from Bishop Caggiano inviting you to stop whatever you are doing and to pray for a specific intention.

### **BUILDING COMMUNITY AND SERVICE**

### St. Michael's Women's Emmaus IX Retreat

A retreat centered on Luke 24:13-35





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Experience God's love, within a community of women, away from the distractions and demands of everyday life. It is a time we set aside for personal encounter with our loving God, so alive and present in our midst.

WHEN: April 5th to 7th, 2024 WHERE: Don Bosco Retreat Center, 174 Filors Ln, Stony Point, NY 10980

emmaus.sm.greenwich@gmail.com Elissa Moran (203) 644-3377 Isabel Zumelzu-Bowles (475) 243-4214



### ST MICHAEL PARISH MEN'S EMMAUS VIII

Friday March 8th -Sunday March 10th, 2024

Emmaus is a weekend long Retreat where laymen gather to experience the love of God and to grow their faith and their spiritual life. The structure of this Retreat is based on the account in the Gospel of Luke (24:13-35) where two disciples encounter our Risen Christ on the road to Emmaus. Family and friends are invited to attend!

**LOCATION:** Don Bosco Retreat Center, 174 Filors Ln, Stony Point, NY

**ROOM & BOARD:** The cost of the weekend is \$350. This includes a private single room with bathroom and all meals.

#### FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE

CONTACT: Emmaus.sm.men@gmail.com Joe Fonti (917) 805-8594 Oscar Gutierrez (646) 896 4333 David Falk (203) 414-0768



To register online please go to St. Michael's website and select Parish Life>Emmaus>Men's Emmaus under the main menu.

# Bishop Caggiano's 2024 Bishop's Appeal Message

My dear friends, each year I come to you to ask your help to give generously to the various missions of our Diocese and help in my ministry to provide for the needs of the poor and the sick, our young people, our retired priests, and all the very charitable works that makes us who we are as the Catholic community of Fairfield County.

Each year you generously respond for which I am most grateful, but this year I come to you with particular joy because I am going to ask you once again to support those ministries and new initiatives that together are forming this one great invitation to renew the spiritual and pastoral life of our diocese.

Many of you have heard my presentation on "The One"; the one invitation, the one adventure, the one priority we all share to invite every believer to deepen their personal relationship with the Lord and to encounter His love, mercy, forgiveness, charity, and His joy, and to accompany one another individually and in small communities of faith.

We have perennially done much of that through the Bishop's Appeal with opportunities to learn the faith for our young people and our children, to consider the works of beauty as a way to encounter Christ through the Sacred Heart Guild, to protect human life in all its stages and many other activities. We have been dedicated to this work, but now we have the opportunity to bring it to the next level and move forward.

I am deeply encouraged, excited and motivated to ask for your help so that this vision, which we all long for, will become ever more of a reality in our midst. That is why I come to you this year to ask for your help, to give sacrificially and generously so that our works of charity, our aid to the poor, our educational efforts and all initiatives will create that one great opportunity to show the world and one another who we truly are in Jesus Christ.

Together, will have a springtime of renewal in our midst, so that those who share faith with us and the generations to come will look back at this moment, this opportunity and say they have done their work well.

My friends please give generously to the Annual Bishop's Appeal, and may God bless you and your families.

Thank you and may God bless you.

Sincerely in Christ, Most Reverend Frank J. Caggiano Bishop of Bridgeport

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