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February 18, 2024 – 1st Sunday of Lent

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

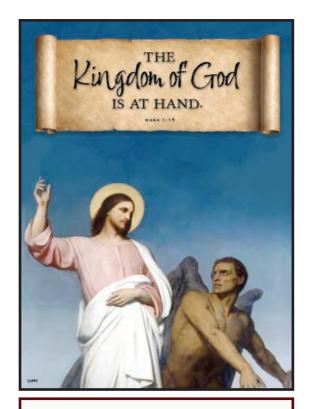
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SATURDAY 4:00pm (Vigil Mass)

SUNDAY 11:00am

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The Parish Office will be closed on February 19th for Presidents' Day



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	Mateo
Grace Wohlberg	Frank Z.
Sal D.	Aline Oddi
Eneko Rauch	Jane G.
George Sinclair	Jim W.
Renato P.	Richard C.
Rob S.	Karen Hasterok
Barbara Rigg	Michael
Rita S.	Deacon Joseph Gagne

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

February 4, 2024

Online Giving: \$5,363.52 Pew Collection: \$5,856.00

Total: \$11,219.52

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 17, 2024	
St.M 9:00 AM Vicente Verendie	Fr. R
St.T 4:00 PM Josephine Aloplanalp	Fr. R
5:00 PM Mary Montella	Fr. P
Sunday, February 18, 2024	
St.M 7:30 AM Mrs. Russell	Fr. P
8:30 AM Sister Celine	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
Monday, February 19, 2024	
St.M 9:00 AM Emmanuel Alviedo, Jr	
Tuesday, February 20, 2024	
St.M 9:00 AM Anthony Nocco	
Wednesday, February 21, 2024	
St.M 9:00 AM Gisella & Antonio Brambill	a Fr. P
Thursday, February 22, 2024	
St.M 9:00 AM Uriel Marcos Bayer	Fr. P
Friday, February 23, 2024	
St.M 9:00 AM Marietta Contadino	Fr. P
Saturday, February 24, 2024	
St.M 9:00 AM S. I. Mateo	Fr. R
St.T 4:00 PM Joseph Campbell	Fr. R
5:00 PM S. I. Isobel Cunningham	Fr. P
Sunday, February 25, 2024	
St.M 7:30 AM All Parishioners	Fr. R
8:30 AM S. I. Cecilia	S.C.
9:45 AM Edward Furey	S.C.
St.T 11:00 AM Aline McDonnell	Fr. R

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

5:00 PM Maggalena Del Luccese

12:00 PM Jane Pickett

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The week of February 18, 2024 St. Michael

Fr. P

Fr. P

St. Timothy



Pastor's Reflection

First week of Lent The Temptation in the Desert

Next Saturday morning, from 9:30 to noon, Fr. Tom Scirghi, S.J., of Fordham University, will offer a presentation on the Liturgy. I strongly urge all to attend. Fr. Scirghi is a very engaging speaker, and his sessions will build on the work done with the liturgical ministers in November.

The presentation will be in two parts. The first is **The Liturgy: The Work of the People for God**. In preparation he invites us to read *Sacrosanctum Concilium* ("The Constitution on the Sacred Liturgy,") nn. 1-57. (chapters 1 and 2) (https://www.vatican.va/archive/hist_councils/ii_vatican_council/documents/vat-t_19631204_sacrosanctum-concilium_en.html). This is the 60th anniversary of that document which chartered the course of post- Vatican II liturgical renewal.

The second session is entitled <u>The Eucharist: Our Thanksgiving to God</u>. Fr. Scirghi will explore the meaning of "Real Presence" and connect it to the upcoming diocesan "Eucharistic Renewal." This will be followed by a Q & A period.

This very important morning will help us ponder ways we can enhance our own spiritual preparation for <u>participating</u> in liturgy. Are we a thanks-giving people? Does mass influence our prayer and deeds throughout the week? How do actions of mass shape Christian life? What about objects, words, postures and gestures? What good habits would prepare us to participate more fully in Sunday mass? How can we invite more people to join us in liturgical ministry?

This will be the second of our Lenten Saturday morning programs. Each begins immediately after the 9:00 a.m. mass. Even if you cannot attend any of the other presentations (cf. the bulletin, website and email blast for details) please come to this one. It will help us take the next steps in liturgical renewal in our parish.

Almost 2000 years ago, a bishop wrote "Exhort the people to be faithful to the assembly of the Church. Let them not fail to attend, but let them gather faithfully together. Let no one deprive the Church by staying away; if they do, they deprive the Body of Christ of one of its members!" (Didascalia, chapter 13).

---Fr. Paul D. Holland, S.J. Pastor, St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Lent Mass Schedule 2024

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

"Lord, hear our prayer..."

Processional Hymn: "Holy Ground"

Penitential Act

Offertory Song: "What Wondrous Love is This" (#485)

Holy, Holy, Holy

When We Eat This Bread

Amen

Lamb of God

<u>Communion Meditation:</u> Piano Solo Meditation <u>Recessional Hymn:</u> "Led by the Spirit" (#128)

IMPORTANT UPDATE: The sung mass parts for this Lent season (starting Ash Wednesday) will be from the Chant Mass. There are music sheets in the pews on which are printed "Holy Ground" and the Chant Mass parts. Please use this during mass and return them prior to leaving the church.

God Bless.

--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



Lenten Resources

To help families journey through Lent 2024 together, the Diocese of Bridgeport is providing a plethora of

resources to make your lent a little lighter.

https://formationreimagined.org/lentenresources/

You can also download an English or Spanish version of **40 Ways to Enter Into Lent** for you, your students, or the whole family.



Take your children to church.

Even if they are on the floor, it's probably because they need to play or pacifier to keep them calm.

Even if you spend all your time in the back of the church swinging from side to side and holding them.

Even if your child is a turbine or a little hurricane.

Take them to church: let them watch you worship, let them pray and most of all let them watch you sing God's praises.

Let them watch you receive the Eucharist, they will surely follow and imitate you...If they don't see you doing these things and they don't learn from you, who will they learn from? Children, to a certain extent listen to their parents with their ears but always with their eyes...

But be certain, the world will not teach them who Jesus is, that he is alive in the Word and the Bread of life.

"Let the children come to me, and do not hinder them, for the kingdom of God belongs to such as these. (Mc 10, 14b)

Lenten Alms Change <u>Lives</u>



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https://www.crsricebowl.org/about

It is not the magnitude of our actions but the amount of love that we put in them that matters.

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 the.one@diobpt.org. 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

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St. Michael's Women's Emmaus IX Retreat

A retreat centered on Luke 24:13-35





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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.



COME IN FAITH, LEAVE WITH HOPE.

God hears our prayers for the renewal of our Church. He will answer them through a life-changing transformation of our own hearts. The **10th**National Eucharistic Congress is an invitation to experience profound personal revival so we can be sent out to share Christ's love with a world that so desperately needs it.

Lucas Oil Stadium, Indianapolis Indiana Wednesday, July 17 through Sunday, July 21

Whether you can come for one day or all five, join us for this generational moment.

The diocese has 20 passes that have been pre-paid by the diocese for those who wish to attend the Eucharistic Congress in July 2024.

More information about the event can be found here www.eucharisticcongress.org

The diocesan office for the National Eucharistic Congress will put all names of those who wish to go into a lottery.

The cost for participants is as follows:

Single: \$2,349 per personDouble: \$1,849 per person

Triple/Quad: \$1,649 per person

This includes hotel, airfare from New York, ground transportation in Indianapolis, and the registration fee for the Congress. It does not include food not covered by the Congress or participants travel to and parking in New York.

If participants wish to make all travel and hotel reservations on their own, the cost of participating is \$250 for the Congress registration fee.

Hotels are expensive and limited, but families who wish to attend may want to look for vacation rentals.

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Families can submit names as one but must indicate how many people are included in the family.

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