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NOVEMBER 26, 2023 – OUR LORD JESUS CHRIST, KING OF THE UNIVERSE

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 & 6:30pm-8:00pm
SATURDAY 4:15pm-4:45pm

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

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

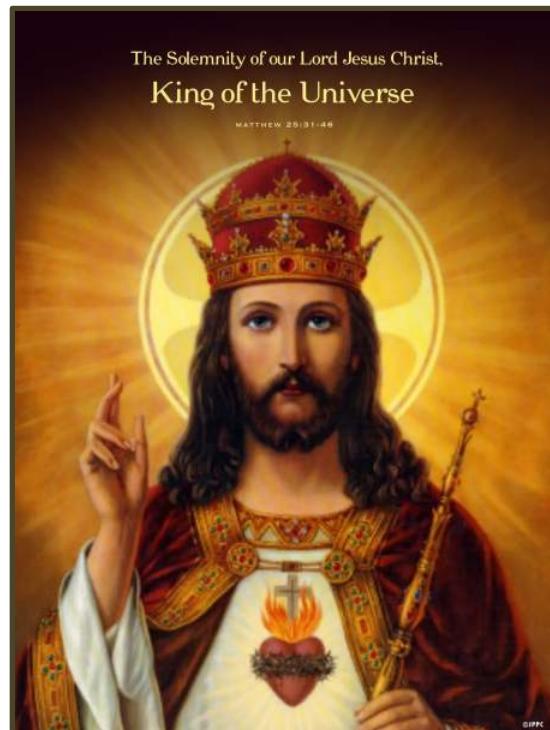
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MASS

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

DATES TO REMEMBER

November 29: Advent by Candlelight
December 2: Cocktail Party
December 10: Worldwide Candle Lighting
December 11, 12 & 13: Advent Reflection
December 14: SMWA Annual Luncheon
December 16: Christmas Tree Lighting



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

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The **Offertory Renewal Committee** is asking you to be thoughtful about financially supporting the parish in a meaningful way and prayerfully makes the following recommendations:

- 100% Participation in the Offertory Renewal Program
- Increase Offertory revenue by 25+%
- Sign up for Online Giving — create a pattern of consistent giving!
- Renew your commitment to the weekly Offertory with a gift of \$30+ (or as you are able)

If completing your Commitment Card was not possible at Mass, visit our parish website www.stmichaelgreenwich.com and complete an electronic Commitment Card or mail your card to the Parish Office.

Funding Our Mission

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strengthens our Parish & our Faith

Click the Online Giving button at the top right hand corner of our website or scan the QR code.



Thank you for your generous support of our parish home!

Responsible Stewardship
Sunday, November 19, 2023

Online Giving: \$7,183.42
Pew Collection for 11/26 will be reported
the following week.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, November 25, 2023

St.T 4:00 PM Jane Leonard S.C.
5:00 PM Phillip & Betty Murphy Fr. R

Sunday, November 26, 2023

St.M 7:30 AM All Parishioners Fr. R
8:30 AM Steven Vaczi Sr. and S.C.

Steven Vaczi Jr.
9:45 AM Matthew Brown Fr. R

St.T 11:00 AM Marlene Gardner S.C.
12:00 PM S.I. Andres & Paola Aviles Fr. R
5:00 PM Maureen Kenefick Fr. R

Monday, November 27, 2023

9:00 AM Ana Cristina Vamoca

Wednesday, November 29, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Jack Furniss

Thursday, November 30, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Lorenzo Contadino

Friday, December 1, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Sophia Vargas Reyes &
Leovino Gonzales

Saturday, December 2, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Jane Leonard
St.T 4:00 PM Aida Meseha Fr. R
5:00 PM Jane Lawlor Fr. P

Sunday, December 3, 2023

St.M 7:30 AM Uriel Marcos Bayer Fr. R
8:30 AM S.I. Emmanuel Almeda Fr. M
9:45 AM Fr. Mark Connolly Fr. P
St.T 11:00 AM All Parishioners Fr. R
12:00 PM S.I. James Stoveken Fr. M
Frank J. Slugaski
5:00 PM Margaret Harrington Fr. P

PH: Fr. Paul S.C.: Salesian Community
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SANCTUARY CANDLE

The week of November 26, 2023



St. Michael
All Parishioners
St. Timothy
All Parishioners



Pastor's Letter — Advent 2023 St. Michael Parish, Greenwich

On the first weekend of December, the Church begins its new liturgical year with Advent. Advent points us both toward Christ's Second Coming in glory at the end of time ("Parousia") and then our celebration of his first coming in time, Christmas. Advent urges us to stay awake and prepare for that great Day of the Lord, and to recognize His abiding presence already with us.

This year several features, some familiar and some new, will help us stay awake and prepare for Christ's coming in our midst.

New Gospel Book — In front of the ambo, there will be a new book stand, on which each Sunday we will enthrone our new Gospel Book. It will remind us that in Jesus the Word of God became Flesh and dwelt among us.

For the Prayers of the Faithful, in place of the customary "Lord, hear our prayer," we will respond to each petition by chanting "Come, Lord Jesus, Come." This echoes the Church's daily Advent prayer, "Maranatha!" The word, from Paul's first letter to the Corinthians (16.22) means both "Come, Lord Jesus," and "the Lord has come." So it expresses both our expectant hope for Christ's return and our confident faith that He has already entered into our human history in Bethlehem.

Advent by Candlelight — Our tradition of Advent By Candlelight will continue, on Wednesday Nov. 29th at 6:45 p.m. in the Greenwich Catholic School Gym. Make reservations on the website.

Advent Wreath — We encourage each family to place a simple Advent wreath on the family dining table, and to use daily prayers (printable from the parish website) as grace before supper.

Reflections — The parish will host three Advent Reflections, on December 11th, 12th and 13th, at 7:00 p.m. in the church, followed by a simple reception. The topics will be *Hope in the Midst of Anxiety and Despair*, *Light in the Darkness*, and *People on Pilgrimage toward the Parousia*. The speakers will be Patrick Donovan and Kevin Johnson and will occur in the context of the Church's Evening Prayer.

Worldwide Candle Lighting — Come join us in the Narthex of the Church on December 10th, at 7:00 p.m., where we will be part of a Worldwide Candle Lighting, to honor the memories of all those children who have left us too soon. Compassionate Friends sponsors this annual memorial, in a virtual 24-hour wave of light as it moves from time zone to time zone, beginning in New Zealand. All are invited to light a candle and speak aloud the name of the deceased son, daughter, grandchild, sibling, as this quiet remembrance honors those children who have died and will never be forgotten.

Daily 9:00 a.m. Mass on Tuesdays will resume on December 5th.

FAITH FORMATION

A lifelong journey, childhood-teens-adults



What is Advent?

The Advent season is a time of preparation that directs our hearts and minds to Christ's second coming at the end of time and to the anniversary of Our Lord's birth on Christmas.



Our Advent readings call us to be alert and ready, not weighed down and distracted by the cares of this world.

Advent invites us to prepare and quiet our hearts for the full joy of Christmas and the return of Christ in glory.

The liturgical color for Advent is Violet. The priest will wear violet during Advent, except for the Third Sunday of Advent (Gaudete Sunday) when rose is worn.

Advent devotions including the Advent wreath, remind us of the meaning of the season. An Advent calendar can help you fully enter the season with daily activity and prayer suggestions to prepare you spiritually for the birth of Jesus Christ.

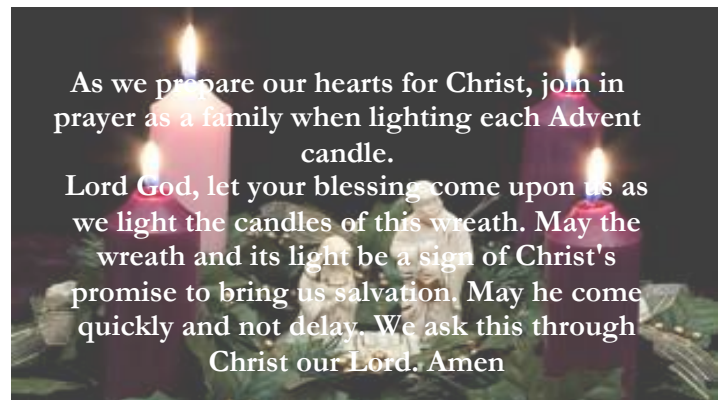
"Advent invites us to a commitment to vigilance, looking beyond ourselves, expanding our mind and heart in order to open ourselves up to the needs of people, of brothers and sisters, and to the desire for a new world."
- Pope Francis, Angelus, 2018



Becoming Eucharistic People

In the **TENTH** video in his series, Bishop Caggiano expands on the Eucharistic revival that is now happening and the role of The One in bringing it to life.

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As we prepare our hearts for Christ, join in prayer as a family when lighting each Advent candle.

Lord God, let your blessing come upon us as we light the candles of this wreath. May the wreath and its light be a sign of Christ's promise to bring us salvation. May he come quickly and not delay. We ask this through Christ our Lord. Amen

Christmas Nativity Performance.



We would like to invite the children of St. Michael parish to be part of the Christmas pageant on December 24th during the 9:45am Mass.

If your son or daughter would like to be part of our Christmas pageant, please contact Loren in the Faith Formation office for more information.

Safe Environments

What is the Safe Environment Initiative?

The Safe Environment Initiative involves all priests, deacons, religious men, and women, lay employees, volunteers, and contract workers. It is intended to make them more aware of the warning signs of child sexual abuse and elderly abuse and how to prevent it.

The training also provides the correct methods to report suspected abuse both in The State of Connecticut and The Diocese of Bridgeport. Contact Erin Neil for more details ENeil@diobpt.org

WORSHIP



The Compassionate Friends Worldwide Candle Lighting

**Join us on December 10
at 7:00 PM**

Come together in quiet commemoration of children who have died and will never be forgotten as thousands of informal candle lightings take place in homes as well as hundreds of formal candle lighting ceremonies.

During November, we especially remember our beloved dead. A Book of our Deceased, containing the names of all whose funerals were celebrated here since last November, is before the altar at every mass through the month. Each parishioner is invited to add names of other deceased regardless of when they died.

ADVENT BY CANDLELIGHT

Wednesday, November 29
6:45pm to 9:00pm
Greenwich Catholic School-Gym

Women will enjoy an inspirational talk entitled "Stillness, Space and Silence".

- Reservations can be made as an individual or as a hostess at:
www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

- Cost:
\$25 per person
Table of 8 women \$150
Table of 9 women \$170
- Registration deadline: November 22

Any questions, abestmichael@gmail.com

or (203) 661-8705



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MUSIC MINISTRY

NB, Music for 9:45am Family Mass may differ slightly

Processional Hymn: "Lift High the Cross" (#717)

Penitential Act: #923

Glory: #924

Offertory Song: "Jesus, Remember Me" (#416)

Holy, Holy, Holy: #927

When We Eat This Bread: #929

Amen: #931

Lamb of God: #932

Communion Meditation: "To Jesus Christ, Our Sovereign King" (#736) OR Ride On, King Jesus (Hall Johnson)

Recessional Hymn: "Forth in the Peace of Christ We Go" (#377)

--Frank



St. Michael The Archangel Parish

Cocktail Party

Cocktails | Passed Appetizers | Food Stations

Saturday, December 2, 2023
6:00 – 9:00pm
Greenwich Country Club
Live Auction Valet Parking



Congratulations to Barbara and Peter Ripp, who will be awarded the *Pro Ecclesia et Pontifice* Cross medal. The Medal is a Pontifical decoration instituted by Pope Leo XIII in 1888 and is conferred by the Pope on recipients for distinguished service to Catholic principles, the Church and society. Bishop Caggiano will bestow the honors at a Vespers service at 4:00 p.m. on December 3rd at the Cathedral.

SMWA Board Members
invite you to join us for a
Buffet Brunch
at our

Annual Christmas Get-Together
Thursday, December 14th

11:30 am – Guinan Hall

catch up with old friends and make new friends
while enjoy a morning of
savory and sweet delicacies and sip
on Mimosas and Prosecco

You will have the opportunity to shop a selection
of gifts, clothes, and décor items from
The Greenwich Exchange.

As always, we will have raffle baskets, a
Christmas Carol Sing Along
friendship, fellowship, and a good time.

Tickets are \$30 - rsvp by December 7th to:
smwa.rsvp@gmail.com

We look forward to seeing you at brunch!

The Giving Tree

FIAT Giving to
Those in Need

November 25th to December 10th



The Giving Tree is located at the entrance of St Michael Church and is decorated with two types of ornaments:

Candles for Christmas presents to families in **St. Charles Borromeo Church**, Bridgeport.

- 1 Choose your family, take an ornament (or two),
- 2 sign your name on the list by the tree,
- 3 bring your gifts for each member of the family.

Gifts should be **wrapped**, placed in one bag/box, and **with the ornament securely taped to it**. Gifts can be placed under the tree from November 25th to December 10th.

Contact us if you want a candle/family! at
fiat.stmichael469@gmail.com

Advent Wreaths for **Mary's Meals**

Mary's Meals provides life-changing school meals, every day, to over 2.4 million children living in some of the world's poorest communities.

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