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FEBRUARY 19, 2023
SEVENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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

CONFESION

WEDNESDAY	NO CONFESSION
SATURDAY	4:15-4:45pm

EUCARISTIC ADORATION

WEDNESDAY	NO ADORATION
	Ash Wednesday

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MASS

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

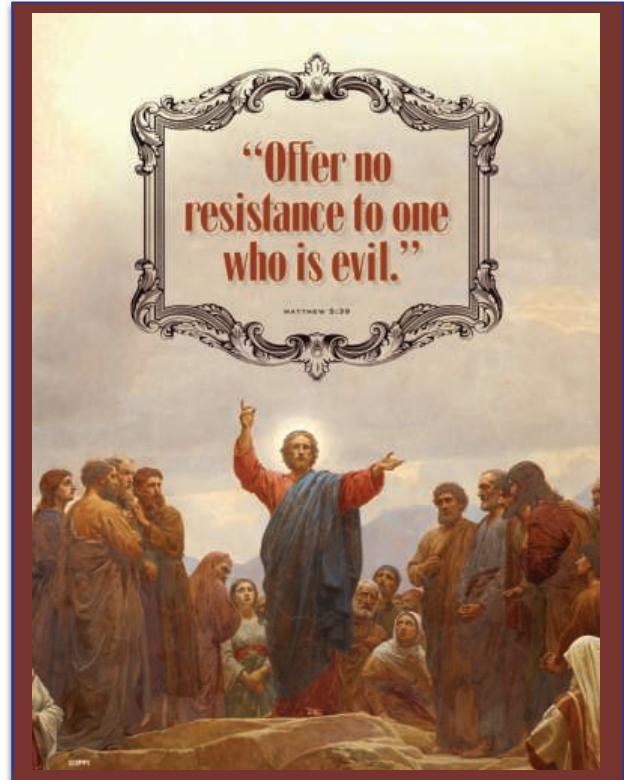
LENT

**ASH WEDNESDAY – February 22
(No Eucharistic Adoration)**

7:30 am Ashes
9:00 am Mass and Ashes
12:00 pm Ashes
5:00 pm Mass and Ashes

STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Every Friday from February 24 to April 7
At 6:30 pm



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

February 20 – Parish Office closed
Presidents' Day

Parish Office:	(203) 869-5421
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<u>Office Hours:</u>	
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Friday:	9:00 am-1:00 pm
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 18, 2023

St.T 4:00 PM Anna Nichol Fr. R
5:00 PM Matthew Brown Fr. P

Sunday, February 19, 2023

St.M 7:30 AM All Parishioners Fr. P
8:30 AM S.I. Murtagh Family Fr. M
9:45 AM Tara Healy Kenny Fr. R
St.T 11:00 AM Robert Drexelius Fr. M
12:00 PM Michael & Paul Pratt Fr. R
5:00 PM Gisella & Antonio Brambella Fr. R

Monday, February 20, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM S.I. Millie Casinelli

Wednesday, February 22, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM S.I. Elena Loke
Uriel Marcos Bayer
5:00 PM St. Michael Parish

Thursday, February 23, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM S.I. Kathlyn Tay
S.I. Mateo

Friday, February 24, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Marietta Contadino

Saturday, February 25, 2023

St.M 9:00 AM Alvaro Henao
St.T 4:00 PM Stephen Turner Fr. R
St.M 5:00 PM Bill Smith Fr. Miguel

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The week of February 19, 2023



St. Michael
S.I. Elizabeth Kominami

St. Timothy
Thanksgiving

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.

FAMILY

I begin by saying thank you and thank you again. Over the past week I have received an abundance of kindness in the form of well wishes in the form of words, prayers, hugs and many other ways. Many, knowing of my mother's passing recently have, with true sincerity asked the simple question that has no simple answer; "How are you doing?" The immediate answer of course depends on feelings at the moment; the answer is given depending on how my thoughts are at the time, the short and easy answer can be anywhere from fine, to I have been better; For the Irish part of me, that is about as descriptive as I am willing to go if I am feeling bad.

If I am willing to try to answer the question more substantially it becomes complicated. In my years of ministry as a priest, and more recently with grief ministry, I realize how hard it is to know how I am truly doing. I say this because I know that grief can be tricky and differs from person to person and even moment to moment. Grief also can manifest itself in many and varied ways. I know many who seem to have mild reactions and that seems to be how they are from that point on, this does not mean they did not love the person but can just be indicative of their personality or culture. There are those who are devastated and struggle to climb out of it for many reasons, and that doesn't mean their faith is weak or anything like that for the same reasons. Some initially seem quite resigned and, in time, coming to grips with the loss become heartbroken. That is why I can only respond to the question in the immediate with certainty. I do thank all for asking, it is an important communication of love and concern.

Back in 1990 my grandmother with whom I lived all my life and my uncle Danny died about a month apart. My Grandmother who suffered quite a bit for a long time and ended up in a nursing home because of a stroke for the last 5 months of her life was finally at peace after a long faith filled, and well lived life. My uncle Danny had died from cancer and likewise was a man of solid faith, though he did not wear it on his sleeve, I felt relief for. I felt at peace for them both. A couple of months later I suffered from insomnia for the first time in my life. After a protracted time of sleep deprivation, I was in a bad place. Many who I spoke to about it, my spiritual director, our rector at seminary and others asked me if I thought it might be connected to grief from the loss of my grandmother and uncle. I said definitively "no I do not believe so" and told them why, as mentioned above. Long story short, as it turned out, it was indirectly connected in that the losses triggered another issue which had troubled me under the surface, undetected. This led to healing and growth which has aided me and I believe my ministry abundantly. I thank God and my grandmother and uncle for this.

The reason I titled this column "FAMILY" is because, as never before, I have come to know more deeply how much my parishioners, here and from other parishes, are a part of my family. Though fundamentally different from my immediate family, God has given me an extended family that I could never have imagined. Family has always been deeply important to me, that is the main reason I chose the diocesan priesthood over an order, so I would never be too far from home and loved ones.

Upon my mom's passing, I had been graciously offered by colleagues and staff the opportunity to step away from my duties here at St., Michael for this initial part of saying goodbye to mom. In my deepest heart I did not want to do this; not because I am stoic and dedicated, though I hope there is some of that in me, but because I knew I needed to be with this part of my family for this phase.

I have said from time to time, you are my family, I meant it! But now, thanks to mom and your loving prayers and concern I know that on a deeper level than before. I thank you and I my immediate family for the love and support I have received. Calling priests father ministers both to those who see us as spiritual fathers through whom God chooses to give, protect, and nurture spiritual life in those we serve. I have found it also helps us to appreciate and realize a spiritual familial bond that is sustaining for us as well. May God continue to bless my families.

Fr. Richard

MUSIC DIRECTOR – FRANK MATHIS

Processional Hymn: "They'll Know We Are Christians" (#586)

Glory to God: #884

Offertory Hymn: "Ubi Caritas" (#482) or "Christians, Let Us Love One Another" (#486)

Holy, Holy, Holy: #885

When We Eat This Bread: #886

Amen: #887

Lamb of God: #888

Communion Hymn: Piano Solo Meditation

Recessional Hymn: "Now Thank We All Our God" (#200)

--Frank

One in Christ – The 2023 Bishop's Appeal Your gifts at work

The Institute for Catholic Formation offers parishes resources throughout the year that allow leaders to focus on what they do best - engaging with the faithful in the pews. From book clubs to reading groups, workshops, posters in Lent and Advent, the Institute provides free resources to make parish life better, a pastor's life easier, and the faithful more engaged. When you make a gift to the Bishop's Appeal, you support the ministries that continue faith formation.



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

"Offer no resistance to one who is evil."

Matthew 5:39

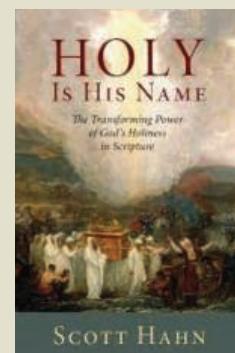


Fresh from their Australian and New Zealand tour, Christopher West & Mike Mangione are bringing their flagship event, Made for More, to

St. Michael the Archangel Parish in Greenwich on March 27th. An evening of visual beauty, live music, and reflection that will open your senses to the secret of God revealed in all of creation and orient your whole life toward the satisfaction of your deepest longings...

To view their video go to: https://youtu.be/tRrTyDu_zyw

Tickets can be purchased using the following link or in the parish office. <https://M4MGreenwich.eventbrite.com>



Bible Study “HOLY IS HIS NAME” with Father Richard

Twelve Sessions
Every Thursday
starting February 23
1:00 – 2:30 pm

For more information please contact Genieve DeBono at:
genievej@yahoo.com

We have accumulated various lost and found items in the church. If you have lost something, please stop by our Parish Office to claim it.

Thank you!



Men's Emmaus VII Retreat

Friday February 24th - Sunday February 26th

LOCATION

Don Bosco Retreat Center
174 Filors Ln, Stony Point, NY

ROOM & BOARD: The cost of the weekend is \$300. This includes a private single room with bathroom and all meals.

CHECK IN: Registration will start at 5:45 pm on Friday February 24th

RETREAT CLOSING: It will conclude on Sunday February 26th at 5:00 pm with Mass. Family and friends are invited to attend!

FOR MORE INFORMATION PLEASE CONTACT: Emmaus.sm.men@gmail.com

Nacho Mendive (917) 603-1776 or Pere Costa (914) 450-8225



Ash Wednesday is February 22nd. Whether you are here in town or away for Winter Break, make it a priority to receive your ashes! Ash Wednesday is the first day of Lent, the season of preparation for the resurrection of Jesus Christ on Easter Sunday. The distribution of ashes reminds us of our own mortality and calls us to repentance. The Church emphasizes the penitential nature of Ash Wednesday by calling us to fast and abstain from meat. Catholics who are over the age of 18 and under the age of 60 are required to fast, which means that they can eat only one complete meal and two smaller ones during the day, with no food in between. Catholics who are over the age of 14 are required to refrain from eating any meat on Ash Wednesday. As Lent begins, make it a point to adopt your personal plan of fasting, prayer, and almsgiving!

RCIA (Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults) is a process through which non-Catholic adult inquirers meet



with a priest to talk about the truths of our faith, reflect on Scripture, and pray together. Over the past thirty-five years, many men and women of other faiths have joined our family of faith through RCIA. All non-Catholic adults who have an interest in learning more about the Catholic religion are invited to reach out to Fr. Richard at 203-869-5421

I turn to you, Lord, in time of trouble, and you fill me with the joy of salvation. - Psalm 32



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YCP is excited to announce that the nation's largest Young Professional Catholic Network is establishing a chapter right here in Fairfield County!

Lenten Resources

To help families journey through Lent 2023, the Diocese of Bridgeport has created **Forty Ways to Encounter Christ during Lent.**



Download an English or Spanish version today and check out this list of great Lenten resources for you, our students or the whole family.

<https://formationreimagined.org/lenten-resources/>

It is said that a major reason why

many adults do not belong to a

church is that they have never

been invited. Let us reach out and

show our love to those we know

who are not affiliated with a

church to join our community. We

can also include those who may

belong to a non-Catholic congregation and have

expressed an interest in what Catholics believe. We

are called to "Go and make disciples of all nations."

Let's begin right here at St. Michael Parish.



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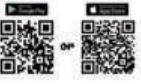
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