



St. Michael the Archangel Parish

of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport
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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 22, 2026 – 1st Sunday of Lent

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH • LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASS

MONDAY-FRIDAY 9:00am
SATURDAY 9:00am & 5:15pm (Vigil Mass)
SUNDAY 8:00am, 9:45am, 12:00pm & 5:15 pm

CONFESSION

THURSDAY 9:30am-11:00am & 5:30pm-7:00pm
SATURDAY After the 5:15pm Mass

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

THURSDAY 9:30am-7:00pm
SATURDAY 8:00am-9:00am

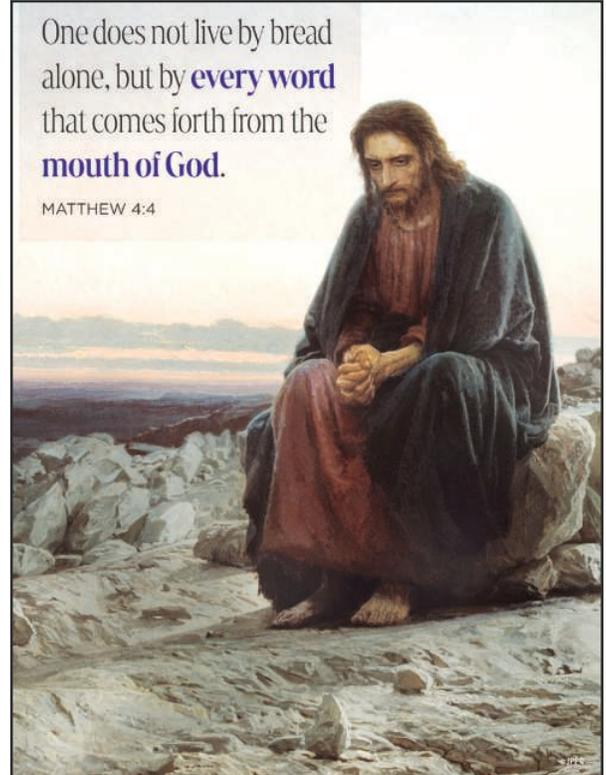
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MASS

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

Good news: we have low-gluten hosts!

Please tell the priest, at least ten minutes before the start of mass, that you would like to receive one.



To stay informed, all current information is on our website and look for the Friday Eblasts! To sign up, go to the "Contact" page on our website and "Join Our Email List"

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OFFERTORY

Your Stewardship at work... Give with Joy!

Hope prods us to stay awake and look for the presence of God in the midst of daily life. This discipline helps us to see grace at work...and readies us to fully participate in the "something new" God has planned for us. There may be new challenges, but we trust that these will be gifts from our gracious God, the God who seeks only our good.

Your personal stewardship and generous hearts help our parish home to grow. Thank you for your continued support. "For you know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:20)

Your generosity supports the continued growth of our parish. Your \$40 weekly offertory commitment allows for parish ministries, evangelization, operating expenses and so much more.

-Fr. Paul D. Holland, S.J.

Offertory Matters

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Thank you for your generous support of our parish home!

Responsible Stewardship

2/9-2/15 Online Giving: \$3,827.00

2/15 Pew Collection: \$4,717.00

Total: \$8,544.00

Weekly Offertory Goal to Meet Operating Budget:
\$17,500

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 21, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Paul Pratt	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM		Fr. P
	5:15 PM	Tina and Edward Raggi	Fr. R

Sunday, February 22, 2026

St.M	8:00 AM	Fred Norton, Jr.	Fr. P
	9:45 AM		Fr. R
St.T	11:00 AM	Marianne Grossman	Fr. P
	12:00 PM		Fr. R
	5:15 PM	All Parishioners	Fr. P

Monday, February 23, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Marietta Contadino	
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Tuesday, February 24, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Richard Greene	
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Wednesday, February 25, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Gail Macner	
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Thursday, February 26, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Lina Minenno	
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Friday, February 27, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Anita Gallagher	
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Saturday, February 28, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Uriel Marcos Bayer	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM	Lorenzo Contadino	Fr. R
	5:15 PM	Patricia D. Castellano and Robert R. FitzRoy	Fr. P

Sunday, March 1, 2026

St.M	8:00 AM	St Mark Winhoffer	Fr. R
	9:45 AM	Matthew Brown	Fr. P
St.T	11:00 AM		Fr. M
	12:00 PM	John Farella	Fr. P
	5:15 PM	All Parishioners	Fr. R

P: Fr. Paul

R: Fr. Richard

M: Fr. Marcotte

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The week of February 22, 2026

St. Michael

Robert Raymond FitzRoy

St. Timothy

John and Mary Zygmunt



Pastor's Reflection

"When John Milton wrote a sequel to his epic *Paradise Lost*, he made the Temptation, not the crucifixion, the hinge event in Jesus' effort to regain the world. In a garden, a man and a woman had fallen for Satan's promise of a way to rise above their assigned state. Millennia later, another representative---the Second Adam, in Paul's phrase----faced a similar test, though curiously inverted. *Can you be like God?* the serpent had asked in Eden; *Can you be truly human?* asked the Tempter in the desert.

...(I)n the absence of eyewitnesses, all details must have come from Jesus himself. For some reason, Jesus felt obliged to disclose to his disciples this moment of struggle and personal weakness. I presume the Temptation was a genuine conflict, not a role Jesus acted out with prearranged outcome. The same tempter who had found a fatal spot of vulnerability in Adam and Eve aimed his thrust against Jesus with deadly accuracy.

Like single combat warriors, two giants of the cosmos converged on the scene of desolation. One, just beginning his mission in enemy territory, arrived in a badly weakened state. The other, confident and on home turf, seized the initiative.

Satan asked Jesus to turn stone into bread, offering him all the kingdoms of the world, and urged him to jump from a high place in order to test God's promise of physical safety. Where is the evil in these requests? The three temptations seemed like Jesus prerogatives, the very qualities to be expected in a Messiah. Would not Jesus go on to multiply bread for five thousand, a far more impressive display? He would also conquer death and rise again to become King of Kings. The three temptations do not seem evil in themselves--- and yet clearly something pivotal happened in the desert.

In the Gospel accounts, the single combat warriors treat each other with a kind of wary respect, like two boxers circling one another in the ring. For Jesus, the greatest strain was probably a willingness to put up with the temptation in the first place. Why not simply destroy the tempter, saving human history from the evil plague? Jesus demurred.

For his part, Satan offered to trade away his dominion over the world in exchange for the satisfaction of prevailing over the Son of God. Although Satan poses the tests, in the end it was he who flunked them. In two tests, he merely asked Jesus to prove himself; For the third, he was demanding worship, something God would never exceed to.

The Temptation unmasked Satan, while God remained masked. *If you are God, and said Satan, then dazzle me. Act like God should act. Jesus replied, Only God makes those decisions, therefore I do nothing at your command.*" (Philip Yancey, [The Jesus I Never Knew](#))

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

This weekend is Called By Name Sunday!

Bishop Caggiano is asking us to identify faithful young men (ages 15-30's) who may be open to learning more about the priesthood. To submit names, please fill out a card found in the pews or in the narthex, or visit bridgeportpriest.org.

Men whose name you submit will receive a letter of encouragement from Bishop Caggiano, an invitation to a special event with he Bishop in the spring and ongoing support from the Vocation Office.

Thank you for your participation in this important campaign!

PRAYERS FOR THE SICK

Tom Schupp	Laura	Matias
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Richard C.	Patrick F	Michael
Michael	Michelle P.	Sabia
A. M. C.	Allison	The adult
Alain C.	Radzin	children of
Rita C.	Jasmine	Polly &
Rita D.	Drake	Freddy
A. C. Z.	Stephen	
Donna L.	DiCologero	

New Day Bereavement Program

Spring Session registration now open.

Tuesday mornings,
March 3 – April 28, 10–11:30am
St. Catherine of Siena – St. Agnes,
4 Riverside Ave., Riverside
www.Thegrief.org
Carolyn Killian - 203-404-0023

Valentines' @ Nathaniel Witherell

Thank you for the Handmade Cards

Thank you to all the parishioners, both adults and children, who made handmade Valentine's Day cards for the residents of Nathaniel Witherell. They were truly delighted to receive them.



Thank you for your time

We also extend our heartfelt thanks to those who visited, played bingo, awarded Valentine prizes, and shared hot cocoa, cookies, and warm conversation. It was a lovely afternoon, and the residents were very happy.



Put YOUR House in ORDER!

SATURDAY, MARCH 14TH 9:45 AM

PUT YOUR HOUSE IN ORDER - PREPARING FOR DEATH.

A REFLECTION ON BEARING FRUIT IN THIS LIFE AND BEARING FRUIT IN THE FUTURE KINGDOM OF GOD

OUR PANEL WILL OFFER INFORMATION ON END-OF-LIFE ISSUES, WILLS, ESTATE PLANNING, HOSPICE CARE, FUNERAL HOME PREPARATIONS, PLANNING YOUR FUNERAL LITURGY AND MUCH MORE.

Announcing the 2025-2026 Missionary Childhood Association (MCA) National Christmas Artwork Contest!

Twenty-four winners will be selected in this national competition, which includes two grand-prize winners. All winners receive a commemorative plaque.



Grand-prize winners will have their artwork selected as the official Christmas card of the Pontifical Mission Societies.

Each winner will also receive a \$250 award, and a matching contribution will be made in their name to the Missionary Childhood Association.

1. The deadline was extended to March 2nd. This means that the art work needs to be turned into our Parish office no later than 1:00 PM on March 2nd.
2. Please disregard the entry submission instructions on page one of the flier. All entries, from our parishioners, MUST be brought to our Parish office. I will be hand deliver the entries, from St. Michael's, to Deacon David at the Bridgeport Diocesan office. Deacon will then forward all entries from throughout the Diocese to the National MCA office.
3. Each entry MUST have an entry form attached.

Please contact Laurie Muñoz at YouthMinister@stmichaelgreenwichct.org for more information and the contest form.



2026 Bishop's Appeal

One in Christ

The Bishop's Appeal invites us to live out "The One," our diocesan vision of spiritual and pastoral renewal. United as One in Christ, we support ministries that accompany others in faith, reflect truth, beauty and goodness and serve those in need throughout Fairfield County.

Your generosity helps the Diocese to:

- **Form priests, deacons, and laity** to preach, lead, and evangelize more effectively
- **Provide tuition assistance** in partnership with Foundations in Education for families seeking a Catholic education
- **Provide faith formation** for all our diocesan communities
- **Offer pastoral care** to the isolated, grieving, and ill
- **Assist individuals and families in crisis** through Catholic Charities and other outreach programs
- **Provide tuition assistance** in partnership with Foundations in Education for families seeking a Catholic education.

Your contribution is a living sign of our unity and strengthens the mission of the Church. Gifts may be made using your parish's pledge materials or online.

As we continue our journey in life, may we walk One in Christ, accompanying one another and those most in need. Be assured of our prayers for you and your loved ones.

Make a gift today: 2026BishopsAppeal.org.



Breaking Open the Word

Every Thursday during Lent
7:15pm in the Parish Center

Contact the parish office for more details 203-869-5421

INVITE

Mary into your Home

Host Our Blessed Mother Mary in your home for one week to pray as a family

Use the QR code to sign up

Similar to asking a friend to pray for you, we ask Mary to intercede with Jesus on our behalf, a role exemplified at the wedding at Cana



Emmaus for Men Retreat X (10th Anniversary)

A weekend-long experience led by laymen, inspired by the Gospel of Luke (Luke 24:13-35), where two disciples encounter the risen Christ on the road to Emmaus.
WHEN FRIDAY, March 13 to SUNDAY, March at the Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
REGISTRATION: Scan QR Code, or visit www.stmichaelgreenwich.com/mens-emmaus



FAITH FORMATION

A lifelong journey, childhood-teens-adults

Faith Formation Reimagined...New Year, New Logo!

Our mission is *to support each family member's growth on their faith journey with Christ through prayer, encounter and accompaniment*. Our new logo reflects our mission and commitment to reaching our goals.



1. To increase the perception of a more spiritual lifestyle and a sense of purpose for the future.
2. To increase knowledge and understanding of the importance of the Catholic faith.
3. To rejuvenate parents and families to help them fall in love with the Eucharist, which is the foundation of our faith.

Under the umbrella of Faith Formation reimagined and enhanced by our new logo, “a lifelong journey, childhood-teens-adults” we express the excitement as we venture into Ministering to the Youth of St. Michael Parish with **CYM** (Comprehensive Youth Ministry) and **Beyond**, highlighting growth of Faith Formation for every age.

Lent is just around the corner.

Take a look at these Lenten norms to help you this Lenten season...

FAST AND ABSTINENCE: Catholics over the age of 14 years are required to abstain from meat on Ash Wednesday and every Friday. All Catholics between the ages of 18 and 59 are required by Church law to fast on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Only one full meal is permitted for people in this age group on those two days, plus two lighter meals. In the case of children under the age of 14, the Church recommends that parents encourage them to perform some kind of voluntary penance suitable for their age.

Here are some outside of the box ideas to consider taking up or giving up during Lent

- Don't take the best spot in the parking lot.
- Make your bed every day or before you leave your room or make someone else's bed!
- Don't leave dishes in the sink overnight.
- Go to Mass once per week in addition to Sunday.
- Give up social media.
- Say a family Rosary once a week.
- Do not complain or speak negatively.
- Have dinner as a family.
- Say 3 nice things to your spouse & kids daily

Lenten Resources



To help families journey through Lent 2026 together, the Diocese of Bridgeport is providing a plethora of resources to make your lent a little lighter.

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



March 28, 2026
11:00am - 5:30pm
Saint Matthew Church
216 Scribner Ave.
Norwalk, CT 06854

Bishop Caggiano invites our high school youth to a special Lenten encounter! This one-day event includes: Live Stations of the Cross, Youth Witness Talk, Eucharistic Procession, Rosary, Lenten Service Project, Praise & Worship Adoration, Celebration of Mass with Bishop Caggiano. Lunch is included, and Confessions are available. Use the QR to register. The cost is \$35 (students may request a scholarship).



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