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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.

March 15, 2026 – 4th 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

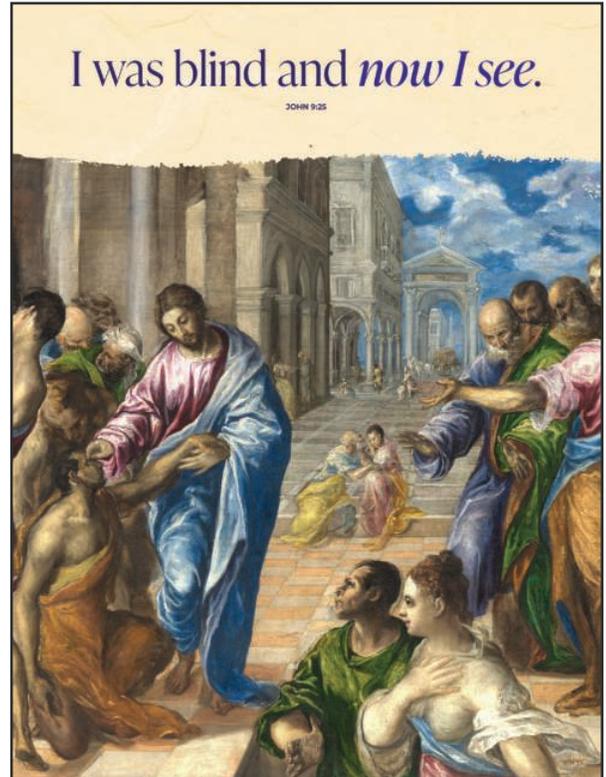
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MASS

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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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	Donna L.	Matias Berthelon
Grace Wohlberg	Laura	John Paul
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Frank Z.	Magtibay	Kelly Berry
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Jim W.	Peter O'Neil	Yvonne Williams
Richard C.	Mark H.	Michael Sabia
Michael	Patrick F	The adult children
A. M. C.	Michelle P.	of
Alain C.	Allison Radzin	Polly & Freddy
Rita C.	Jasmine Drake	William E. Jensen
Rita D.	Stephen	
A. C. Z.	DiCologero	

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 14, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Luigi Contadino	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM	All Parishioners	Fr. P
	5:15 PM	Richard Adams	Fr. P

Sunday, March 15, 2026

St.M	8:00 AM	Anthony Montenegro	Fr. M
	9:45 AM	Greta McGuire and Ester Donaghy	Fr. P
St.T	11:00 AM		Fr. M
	12:00 PM	Houda Matta	Fr. P
	5:15 PM	Vaughn Dunn	Fr. P

Monday, March 16, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Elena Zarko	
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Tuesday, March 17, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Mary Halpin	
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Wednesday, March 18, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Anthony Montenegro	
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Thursday, March 19, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Rocco Commisso	
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Friday, March 20, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Anita Gallagher	
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Saturday, March 21, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Maggie Sumner	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM	Margaret Schwelmer	Fr. P
	5:15 PM	S. I. Harry and Kay Hughes	Fr. R

Sunday, March 22, 2026

St.M	8:00 AM	All Parishioners	Fr. P
	9:45 AM	Al Gillis	Fr. R
St.T	11:00 AM	The Makhraz Family	Fr. P
	12:00 PM	Danny Dwyer	Fr. R
	5:15 PM	Mimi and John Grady	Fr. P

P: Fr. Paul R: Fr. Richard M: Fr. Marcotte

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Responsible Stewardship

3/2-3/8 Online Giving: \$6,841.98
3/8 Pew Collection: \$5,938.00
Total: \$12,779.98

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

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The week of March 15, 2026

St. Michael

St. Timothy
John and Mary Zygmunt



Pastor's Reflection

HOW WELL DO YOU SEE?

I was intrigued when I first learned how complicated sight is accomplished by our body. Our eyes are not simply like mere windows. Though I knew that, (I'm not that simple), I was surprised by the level of complexity behind what can be so taken for granted. We more accurately should say, our eyes enable our brain to perceive objects. To make a long story short the cornea of the eye receives the image produced by light bouncing off of objects, the light energy is then translated by the eye into electrical signals and directed to the brain which then reconstructs the image so that we can perceive it. Fascinating!

Jesus tells his apostles in today's gospel that He is "the light of the world". He said this when they asked who sinned in that a man they encountered was blind from birth. Jesus first said that his blindness was not a punishment for sin but rather an opportunity for him to "make God visible".

In light of what we know about the role of the eye in enabling the brain to perceive / enabling us to see, let us "reflect" (pun intended) on this dialogue. You might put it this way; all present saw the man, or his parents as sinners and God's vindictiveness against sinners as the source of his infirmity. Jesus, the light encountering the blind man and healing him, transmitted an understanding of God and man that should clarify our vision. As a result of Jesus' "shedding light" on the matter we can see that in God's love for us He sent Jesus, His Son to redeem us and deliver us from sin and its consequences. (see John 3:16,17)

There were those who, because of their ignorance, prejudices or investment in the old order of religion could not interpret the event accurately. Instead of being more open to the possibility that Jesus is in fact "of God", or that not all who suffer are shunned by God, they doubled down on him as a blasphemer and one who threatens the teachings of Moses. This blindness, of their corrupted heart would lead them, in time, to seek his death. In this case it was not a lack of light that kept them blind, it was a corrupted or resistant will that prevented them from perceiving truth. Their pride or fear made them blind; If only they were more like the blind man who admitted his inability to see, they too could have been healed and seen God in their midst loving them and healing them.

As the healthy brain can accurately and clearly receive the data given it by the light that enters the eye and is transformed into data, so too a healthy soul can perceive the Father in Jesus. St. Paul puts it this way' Jesus is the image of the invisible God. (Col. 1:15). Empowered by the Holy Spirit and a well-formed conscience we can come to see Jesus accurately and clearly. And in Him we see the Father, which leads to loving the Father and so being transformed more fully into His image; that is true healing. Jesus said, "I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full." (John 10:10)

How we see God makes all the difference. Not seeing correctly, the apostles assumed that the man's blindness was proof of personal sin. Their eyes were opened to see more clearly that trials in life do not necessarily mean punishment for sin, but is always a means for Christ who is the light to make God and His love visible. Let us remember this when we find ourselves facing affliction.

--Fr. Richard Murphy

Associate Pastor, St. Michael the Archangel Parish

**Help
needed!**

Baptismal Bibs Ministry

*Do you
know how to
sew?*

**We are currently
are looking for
someone to help
take over the
Baptismal Bibs
Ministry.**

When we baptize infants, we place upon them a white "bib," a miniature version of the white alb the priest wears, and we say "You have become a new creation, and have been clothed in Christ. See in this white garment the outward sign of your Christian dignity. With your family and friends to help you by word and example, bring that dignity unstained into the everlasting life of heaven."

These white garments are a key symbol in the baptism rite, and we need ministers to help fashion them.

**Please call our office
203-869-5421 for
more information
and to volunteer.**

BUILDING COMMUNITY AND SERVICE



This LENT, let's put our Faith In Action Together 3 ways to give to those in need



Donate Food

Benefiting Don Bosco Community Center in Port Chester

- ★ Pasta
- ★ Rice
- ★ Dry Beans
- ★ Lentils
- ★ Oil
- ★ Tuna
- ★ Mayonnaise
- ★ Peanut Butter
- ★ Jelly
- ★ Cereal
- ★ Toothbrush
- ★ Soap
- ★ Toothpaste
- ★ Shampoo

Drop items at Guinan Hall
(back of St. Michael Church)



Donate Your Time

- ★ Pick up pre-packed groceries and deliver them door to door to the elderly in need in Port Chester, and/or
- ★ Assist with organizing and monitoring the food pantry at Don Bosco.

Sign up here to volunteer →

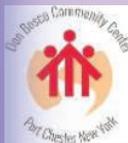


Donate Essentials

Benefiting Bridgeport Rescue Mission (BRM)

- ★ Women's Undergarment (S-M-L-XL)
- ★ Men's Undergarments (S-M-L-XL)
- ★ Socks (Adult Sizes)

Drop items at Guinan Hall, or buy them via Amazon Wishlist →



Don Bosco Soup Kitchen and Food Pantry provides warm meals and basic food needs to homeless, families, and seniors facing food insecurity in the Port Chester area.



BRM offers daily showers to the homeless and provides them with clean undergarments.

Breaking Open the Word

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



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

Easter Vigil - Saturday, April 4th at 8pm

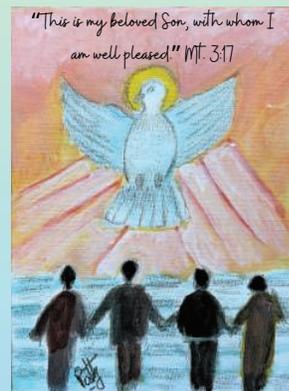
(there will be no 4pm at St. Timothy or 5:15pm at St. Michael)

Easter Sunday, April 5th

St. Michael Masses at 8am,
9:45am (plus Easter egg hunt), noon; no 5:15pm
St. Timothy 11am

HEALING MINISTRY

A New Ministry at St. Michael



Begin your healing journey with the Holy Spirit, the great healer who brings freedom and renewal.

By embracing God's Truth, the wounds of the heart are healed and barriers to His love are removed.

With the guidance of Scripture, be immersed in the promises and truth of God's love, grace, and mercy.

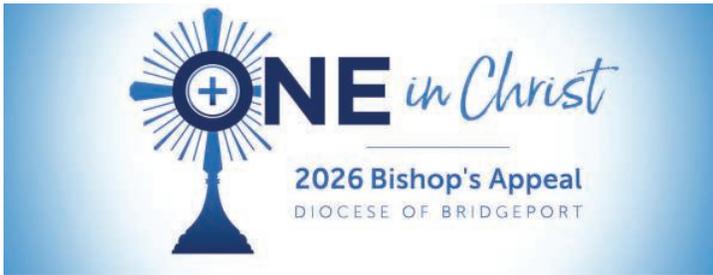
Join us for:

- Guided healing exercises
- Deep individual prayer sessions
- Small group prayer sessions

For more information contact:

Paola Roditti

Stmichael.healingministry@gmail.com



Lent: A Journey of Hope

As we enter the holy season of **Lent**, the Church invites us to deepen our lives of **prayer, fasting, and almsgiving**. These sacred practices draw us closer to Christ and strengthen our communion with one another.



Lent is a journey of the heart, a time to reflect on God's mercy, renew our commitment to the Gospel, and grow in hope. This hope is not meant to be kept to ourselves; it reaches out, lifts up, and transforms lives.

United as **One in Christ**, we are called to share this hope with our brothers and sisters throughout our diocese. As you prayerfully make your Lenten sacrifices, please consider offering a gift to the **Bishop's Appeal**. Your generosity becomes a living sign of hope and a witness to our shared mission as the Church.

Be assured of our prayers as you begin your Lenten journey. May this season draw us ever closer to Christ and to one another.

Make your gift to the Bishop's Appeal today!

Visit: 2026BishopsAppeal.org



2026 BISHOP'S APPEAL - ONE IN CHRIST

St. Michael the Archangel Parish	
2026 Bishop's Appeal as of 3/6/26	
Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$279,500.00
Total Pledged:	\$155,202 (56%)
Donors to Date:	60 Donors
 <p>To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2026BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.</p>	

Your Lenten Almsgiving

Paul, (the Saint, not me the pastor!), characteristically begins his letters to the churches with a word of gratitude: "I give thanks to my God for all of you" (Rom. 1:8) and he considered the goal of his ministry to increase the amount of thanksgiving directed toward God: "Grace will come more abundantly upon you and great will be the thanksgiving for the glory of God." (2 Cor 4:15). In that light, Paul exhorts the community at Corinth: "*Let each one give what he decided upon personally, and not reluctantly as if obliged. God loves a cheerful giver.*" (2 Cor 9:7.) As one of the three disciplines of Lent, along with prayer and fasting, Almsgiving then becomes intentional, joyful and **consistent**.

I too begin by expressing my gratitude for your generosity to the parish, to the annual Bishop's Appeal, and to the several extra collections like the Thanksgiving drive and the F.I.A.T. projects.

Our basic offertory collections, however, are **DOWN** compared to last year. Winter weather has significantly impacted Sunday mass attendance. We are kept solvent by generous one-time gifts and by our fundraisers, such as the Jubilee Gala and Golf Outing.

And we want to do more than just "stay afloat and keep the lights on." We want to flourish. And so, our parish operating budget and the twenty-five ministries it funds need an **Offertory supported by the entire parish community**.

Please prayerfully consider exercising **consistent stewardship**, even when you are out of town or the weather prevents your attending mass, by registering for **online giving** – see below for details –. Giving \$45 weekly, \$165 monthly or \$2,000 annually will underwrite St. Michael's **many ministries**, and our **one mission**, to give witness and service to the Reign of God, until God's "kingdom come and His will be done on earth as it is in heaven."

Thank you.

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



FAITH FORMATION

A lifelong journey, childhood-teens-adults

"Come near to God and he will come near to you"
 - James 4:8:

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

Save the date!

Family Stations of the Cross, Good Friday,
April 3rd at 6.00pm

We are looking for **children** who would like to read at each station and to be part of a powerful way to share in their faith, and enter into, the mystery of Jesus' gift of himself to us. It is a great way to get involved during Lent. Please contact Loren for more details.

Stations of the Cross is a 14-step Catholic devotion that commemorates Jesus' last day on earth as a man. The 14 devotions, or stations, focus on specific events of His last day, beginning with His condemnation. The stations are commonly used as a mini pilgrimage as the individual moves from station to station. At each station, the individual recalls and meditates on a specific event from Christ's last day. Specific prayers are recited, then the individual moves to the next station until all 14 are complete.

Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.
 - James 4:8

Join the Face of Prayer Movement!

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

Save the Date!

Easter Egg hunt...
Sunday, April 5th
 After the 9:45am Mass

All children up to 6th grade welcome

Silent Homilies

How little things can make a big difference

During Lent, families are invited to slow down and listen—not only with their ears, but with their hearts. In a faith-filled home, ordinary objects can tell extraordinary stories. A crucifix by the door, a candle near a family photo, or an image of Jesus quietly teaches children about God's love. Without saying a word, these sacred signs become silent homilies, gently reminding families that God is part of everyday life. They point children toward the truth that God is always close, present in their homes, their joys, and their struggles.



Holy Water Font

A holy water font can be near the entrance of your home or at another location. It serves as a reminder of baptism and our identity as children of God. Your family can bless themselves with holy water as they leave the home and upon their return, symbolizing purification and protection. This practice also encourages prayer and helps create a sacred atmosphere in your home.

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