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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.

August 3, 2025 – 18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

ST. MICHAEL CHURCH • LITURGY SCHEDULE

MASS

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

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

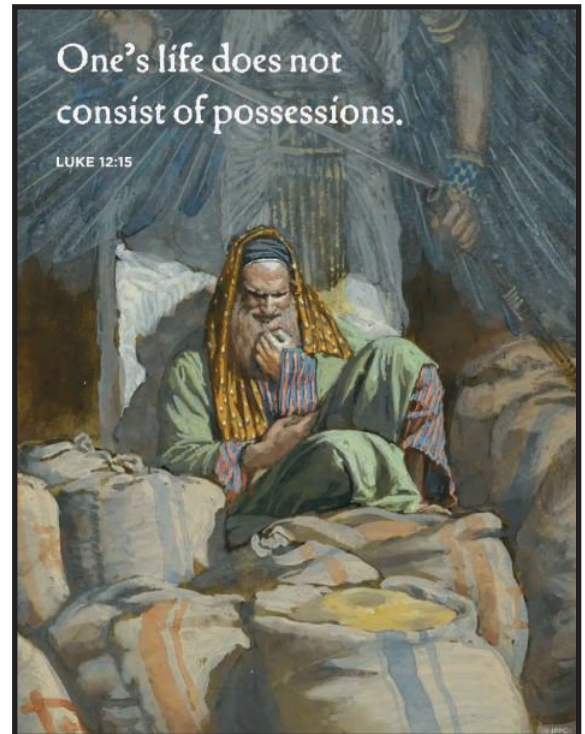
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MASS

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.



**The Parish Office will be closed on
Monday, August 11, 2025.**

Parish Office: (203) 869-5421

Parish Clergy/Staff: Ext #

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SCAM ALERT! Parishioners are receiving **fake email messages**, claiming to be from the pastor and requesting the purchase of gift cards. THESE ARE A SCAM. Please check the sender's address before responding. If the address doesn't match our parish address (@stmichaelgreenwichct.org) or the diocesan address (@diobpt.org), report the matter to the parish office then block and delete the sender.

OFFERTORY

Be good Stewards of our Parish home ...

Thanks to your generous support, parish offertory receipts have increased 5% over last year through the end of April. With Memorial Day and the start of summer, however, our offertory typically experiences a significant decline from now until after Labor Day.

Though schools close for the next three months, our parish remains open all year long, and consistent offertory giving is essential for parish growth. Many parishioners travel throughout the summer, so we ask those who will be away from Greenwich to support our parish even on those weekends when you are attending mass elsewhere. It's very helpful if you use the on-line giving option and link it to a regular weekly or monthly gift, and if you are willing to check the box for absorbing the transaction cost, that helps even more!

The Finance Committee's upcoming report to the parish will show that while the weekly collections are up, they still struggle to cover the parish operating costs. Consequently, I renew my request to each parish family to increase their weekly contribution to \$40 to help ensure the long-term financial health of St. Michael's. Please prayerfully consider your financial commitment to our parish.

-Fr. Paul S.J.

Offertory Matters

Your responsible stewardship funds our mission of:

Worship • Community • Service

Paying by credit card? Consider checking the box to cover the 3% processing fee

Scan the QR code
or click on the online giving button
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Thank you for your generous support
of our parish home!

Responsible Stewardship

7/21-7/27 Online Giving: \$3,589.00

7/27 Pew Collection: \$6,390.00

Total: \$9,979.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 2, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Emmanuel E. Almada, Jr.	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM		Fr. G
	5:15 PM	Lieutenant Douglas Fischer	Fr. R

Sunday, August 3, 2025

St.M	8:00 AM	Uriel Marcos Bayer	Fr. M
	9:45 AM	Emilia & Salvatore Del Bene	Fr. R
St.T	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	Fr. M
	12:00 PM	Arnie Hoffman	Fr. R

Monday, August 4, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	S.I. Jola Michelska
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Tuesday, August 5, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Suzanne Beck
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Wednesday, August 6, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Wieslaw Rakoczy
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Thursday, August 7, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	George Anthony
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Friday, August 8, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Lorenzo Contadino
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Saturday, August 9, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Marie Aires	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM		
	5:15 PM	Joseph F. Fosina	Fr. R

Sunday, August 10, 2025

St.M	8:00 AM	Phil Hadley	Fr. PR
	9:45 AM	Lenore Ringer-Prezioso	Fr. R
St.T	11:00 AM		Fr. PR
	12:00 PM	S.I. Vicki Sparagna & Family	Fr. R

P: Fr. Paul	R: Fr. Richard	M: Fr. Marcotte
G: Fr. Greg Konz sj	PR: Fr. Paul Rourke sj	

The 2026 Mass Requests Book is now open.

Please note there will be a limit of two masses per month per person. If you would like to offer a Mass or Sanctuary Candle, please come into the parish office to make your request(s).

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The week of August 3, 2025

St. Michael

St. Timothy

John & Mary Zygmunt





Pastor's Reflection

Fool! God speaks to the rich man the harshest word of condemnation which Scripture knows--- you fool. It is for calling his brother a fool that one is liable to the fires of Gehenna. It is the fool who has built his house on sand, not rock. For it is the fool who hath said in his heart, "There is no God."

Now this man might have been devout, saying that prayers each week, a hefty contributor to the synagogue, a community leader. No doubt he regarded his prosperity as a sign of God's favor. And he congratulated himself that he had God's ear and even offered thanks for such blessing.

Yet for all that, he's still, in God's eyes, a fool. He is built on sand. In his heart, but more so in his life, his choices and values, his public acts, have said in effect, "There is no God," or rather, "There is a God and I am He." He has sought security of holding more wealth. He wants blessings and reserve, blessings, God's gifts—except the man really doesn't want blessings as gifts. He doesn't want to depend upon God for continued favor for his happiness. Rather, he thinks that by his own hand he can store up what he thinks he needs for happiness. He can be the source of his own blessing. He can become God to himself, truly apart from himself.

In so many ways, this rich man is an icon of contemporary American Society. Like the rich man, too many Americans labor under the lie of radical individualism. He is unmindful of the work of the sowers and the harvesters and the barn builders, the threshers and millers and bakers. He's unmindful of those whose lives depend on the crops, whose land produces. He's unmindful of the God who gives the sun and reign and seed and soil, and indeed, life itself.

In this mentality, people and things are good only if they are useful, if they help us secure more independence and increase our material resources.

So the measure of a person's value is his salary, art is equal to its sale price, society's health is measured by its GDP. Ethics means what is legal, not what is moral. Public and private spheres of life are radically separated, and relationships are purely transactional: what's the best deal you can make?

But the late Pope St. John Paul II reminded us, materialism is a kind of functional atheism. Radical individualism renders society deaf to the cries of the powerless and the poor.

Jesus calls his disciples away from foolish self-destruction, to wisdom. He claims us as his own. He is our rock, our refuge, our stronghold, our security. We who have been baptized into the death and resurrection of Jesus have put on the mind of Christ. We have been called out of ourselves into union with Jesus, and with the Father and the Spirit, and communion with one another.

And we are charged with safe-guarding the transcendent dignity and value of each human person, for such dignity is the foundation of all human society. Proclaiming the Kingdom of God entails radical solidarity with all humanity. We are a sacrament of grace, a sign of the inbreaking of the reign of God into human history. We collaborate in articulating and promoting the common good, and pronounce prophetic judgment on those places where the desires and plan of God are constrained and constricted.

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

MUSIC MINISTRY

August 3, 2025

18th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Readings, p.196

*"O God, come to my assistance;
O Lord, make haste to help me!"*

Processional Hymn: O God Almighty Father #701

Penitential Rite:

Mass Christ The Savior #896

Glory To God:

Mass Of Christ The Savior #897

Responsorial Psalm: "If today you hear his voice,
harden not your hearts."

Offertory: For The Beauty Of The Earth #525

Holy, Holy: Mass Of Christ The Savior - #900

Mem. Acc: Mass Of Christ The Savior - #902

Amen: Mass Of Christ The Savior - #904

Lamb of God: Mass Of Christ The Savior - #905

Communion: Be Thou My Vision #410

Only A Shadow #568

Recessional Hymn: We Are The Light Of The
World #520

Please join us for the Men's Cookout Saturday, August 16, 2025

**after the 5:15pm mass
outside of the Rectory.**

**Sign-up Sheet is in the Narthex,
please sign up!**

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.

2025 BISHOP'S APPEAL - ONE IN CHRIST

St. Michael the Archangel Parish

2025 Bishop's Appeal as of 7/25/25

Bishop's Appeal Goal:	\$279,500.00
Total Pledged:	\$346,748 (124%)
Donors to Date:	185 Donors
 To make a gift, or for more information, please visit us at 2025BishopsAppeal.org, call (203) 416-1470 or scan with your phone.	

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Michael	Jim Z	
A. M. C.	Angie C	

Do you have a blooming garden?

Would you like to offer some of your flowers
to help beautify the altar this summer?
If so, the Flower Ministry would love to
hear from you.

Please contact **Mary Rolla at maryrolla@me.com**

Save the Date!

Morning recollection for Eucharistic Ministers

Saturday, September 20, 2025

9:30 - 11:30 am

Save the Date!

Morning recollection for Readers

Saturday, September 27, 2025

9:30 - 11:30 am

BUILDING COMMUNITY AND SERVICE



SAVE THE DATE St. Michael Jubilee Celebration



In fondest memory of Roni Schmitz



Saturday, November 1, 2025

6:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Greenwich Country Club

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Get ready for an unforgettable evening of elegant dining, premium drinks, valet service, live auction excitement, and big laughs with local favorite comedian Jane Condon!

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All are welcome as we celebrate the Jubilee Year of Hope and the spirit of St. Michael.

For more information or questions,
contact the parish office at 203-869-5421
or reach out to Deb McLaughlin at 203-524-2383
/ debingreenwich@gmail.com

Purchase tickets online using the QR code:



OR complete the form below and mail it to the church or bring it to the church office with check payable to:
St Michael Parish, 490 North St., Greenwich, CT 06830

Form for the St. Michael Jubilee Celebration

November 1, 2025 • 6:00 PM – 9:00 PM • Greenwich Country Club

Number of Tickets at \$250 each: Quantity _____ Total \$: _____

I will purchase a ticket for a priest at \$250 each: Quantity _____ Total \$: _____

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FAITH FORMATION

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Use the QR code to enroll for Faith Formation 2025-2026

Our Faith Formation sessions are for children aged between 6 – 14 followed by ongoing formation post Confirmation



WOULD YOU LIKE TO SUPPORT A FAMILY?

Not every family in our parish is able to afford the enrollment fee for the Faith Formation sessions. If you would like to help another family and support their children in their faith journey it would be most appreciated. Contact the Faith Formation office for more details.

Summer Bible Study

Even more informal than our usual Bible Study is our summer one.

No materials to buy. Bring a Bible if you have it, and notepad and pen in case you hear anything worth recording.

We will be reflecting on some of the parables of Jesus.

We will meet four consecutive Mondays, beginning **July 28th from 1 - 2:30pm in the St. Gabriel room.**

No need to sign up or pay. But if you would like a heads up on which parables will be discussed, contact the parish office and leave your name and number.



Summer Mission Day

A small group from St. Michael Church joined other students

from several parishes in the diocese for a Summer Mission Day. They prepared over 500 snack bags for children less fortunate than themselves, heard talks from seminarians and newly ordained priests then headed afternoon full of games and helping new mothers with their babies and toddlers. It was a day full of prayer service, and love!



As a community, being welcoming and loving are crucial first steps in getting others to engage with us, but it doesn't stop there. Use the QR code to watch **Fr. Reggie Norman: Don't Make Assumptions About People** as he explains how to discard assumption and judgement and look on our brothers and sisters with love.

BE CAREFUL!!! The other day I was listening to a podcast purported to be by Bishop Rober Barron. As I listened, I couldn't figure out why he didn't sound like himself. The voice was the same, but the cadence of his speech was not as smooth as usual as if he was reading it and not familiar with what he was reading. Though much of what I heard him say seemed quite good, I really became alarmed when I heard him say that daemons are not fallen angels. I knew this to be incorrect and certainly a bishop with his education would not make such a mistake. After verifying my suspicions, I concluded it was an A.I. fraud. I do not fully understand this new aspect of our technological advances, but I do know they are able to record one's voice and match it to say whatever they want it to. I have had similar concerns about a similar podcast purported to be pope Leo. Be extraordinarily suspicious of such podcasts when you only see a picture of the individual who is supposedly speaking. It is tragic when the identity of a trusted authority is hijacked to mislead others, especially in regard to matters of faith and morals. - Fr. Richard



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