



St. Michael the Archangel Parish

of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Bridgeport
469 North Street • Greenwich, CT 06830

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.

December 21, 2025 – 4th Sunday of Advent

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

ST. TIMOTHY CHAPEL • 1034 NORTH STREET

MASS

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

Christmas Eve -Wednesday, December 24th

St. Michael: 4:00pm (family liturgy)
6:00pm (with music concert @5:30 pm)
9:00pm (with music concert @8:30 pm)

St. Timothy: 5:00 pm

Christmas - Thursday, December 25th

St. Michael: 8:00am, 10:00am, & noon



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
December 24, 25 and 26.

Parish Office: (203) 869-5421

Parish Clergy/Staff: Ext #

Rev. Paul Holland S.J. – Pastor 8

Rev. Richard Murphy – Associate Pastor 9

Parish Office 1

Maria Loretto Lacayo – Parish Secretary

Secretary@stmichaelgreenwichct.org

Jane Johnson – Bookkeeper 5

Bookkeeper@stmichaelgreenwichct.org

Loren Procaccini – Faith, Youth & Family Ministry 4

FaithFormation@stmichaelgreenwichct.org

David Harris – Music Director 7

Music@stmichaelgreenwichct.org

Mary Elizabeth FitzRoy - Operations 6

Operations@stmichaelgreenwichct.org

Laurie Muñoz - Youth Minister 7

YouthMinister@stmichaelgreenwichct.org

Website: www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

Office Hours:

Monday through Thursday: 9:00 am-3:00 pm

Parish Trustees:

Sue Stone (203) 550-3090

Frank Gilbride (203) 536-9714

SCAM ALERT! Parishioners are receiving **fake email and text 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

Your Stewardship at work... Hope did not Disappoint!

As we reflect on the fruits of this Jubilee Year of Hope, let us pause to give thanks for the abundance of God's blessings he has bestowed upon us. Your personal stewardship and generous hearts have helped our parish grow. "For you know them by their fruits." (Matthew 7:20)

We have witnessed these 'Signs of Hope' in our midst: 46 families joined our parish, we celebrated 12 weddings & 21 baptisms, confirmed 40 students and have 3 catechumens in the process of becoming Catholic. In the month of November, we prayed for all those names listed in our Book of the Deceased and we remember the 24 souls whose funerals were held at St. Michael.

In addition, we are grateful for Laurie Munoz, our newly hired Youth Minister, and the future hope of our youth ministry and our newly formed Young Adult Group. The Holy Spirit is truly at work and continues to shower us with grace upon grace.

Your generosity supports the growth of our parish. Your \$40 weekly offertory commitment allows for further investment in the lifelong journey of faith formation. Wishing you many blessings as we journey through this Advent season together.

Fr. Paul D. Holland, 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
at the top right-hand corner of our website



Thank you for your generous support
of our parish home!

Responsible Stewardship

12/1-12/7 Online Giving: \$7,860.00

12/7 Pew Collection: \$8,796.00

Total: \$16,656.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, December 20, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Michael Pratt	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM	Mary & John Zygmunt	Fr. R
	5:15 PM	Falco Del Bene	Fr. P

Sunday, December 21, 2025

St.M	8:00 AM	Uriel Marcos Bayer	Fr. P
	9:45 AM	David Kimber	Fr. P
St.T	11:00 AM	Mary & John Zygmunt	Fr. R
	12:00 PM	David Kimber	Fr. P
	5:15 PM	David Kimber	Fr. R

Monday, December 22, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Michael Pratt
------	---------	---------------

Tuesday, December 23, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Emil Tijan
------	---------	------------

Wednesday, December 24, 2025 - Christmas Eve

St.M	4:00 PM
St.T	5:00 PM
	6:00 PM
	8:00 PM

Thursday, December 25, 2025 - Christmas

St.M	8:00 AM
	10:00 AM
	12:00 PM

Friday, December 26, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Regina Pignataro
------	---------	------------------

Saturday, December 27, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	S.I. Patricia John	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM	All Parishioners	Fr. P
	5:15 PM	Charles & Ana Paternina	Fr. R

Sunday, December 28, 2025

St.M	8:00 AM	S.I. Nadia Tarapasde & Family	Fr. R
	9:45 AM	S.I. Mr. & Mrs. Charles Paternina	Fr. R
St.T	11:00 AM	All Parishioners	Fr. R
	12:00 PM	Enrique Cabrales	Fr. P
	5:15 PM	Maddalena Del Lucchese	Fr. P

P: Fr. Paul

R: Fr. Richard

M: Fr. Marcotte

SANCTUARY CANDLE

The week of December 21, 2025

St. Michael

Annie Pignataro

St. Timothy

John & Mary Zygmunt





Pastor's Reflection

When the Persons of the Holy Trinity decided to send the Son to rescue the world from the death-hold of sin, the Father suddenly balked. What would happen to his beloved Son in a world where “the people on the face of the earth are... wounding, killing and going to hell” (*Spiritual Exercises of St. Ignatius Loyola*)? So, the Father offered to have a legion of angels accompany Him. But the Son said, “No, Father, our beautiful angels are too bright and dazzling, and they will scare people.”

So, the Father offered to send an armed guard of strong men like Sampson and David, but the Son said, “No, Father, that will lead people to believe that You are just like other kings and powerful ones who oppress and subjugate them.”

So, the Father offered to have the Son born into a rich and famous family. But the Son said, “No, Father, the rich despise the poor, and the poor despise themselves for being poor and powerless. You are sending me to show people that as Your Son, I am brother to each of them. I need to be born as one poor and thought despised, so I can reveal to them their dignity as Your children.”

So, “while all was in quiet silence and the night in the middle of its course, God’s almighty Word leapt down from God’s Royal Throne” (Wisdom 18:14) and pitched His tent in our midst.

Christmas celebrates the Son of God’s first coming to dwell among us, in the human flesh of Jesus, born of Mary.

Now, in this age of the Church, as we await His second coming in glory, Christ wants to dwell in the flesh of each disciple, in our greatness and in our lowliness, in our joy and in our suffering.

And He wants us to reverence His presence dwelling in each other, in their holiness and in their need, for that is their dignity as children of God, and our own dignity too.

This reverence we have, both for ourselves and for each other, can free us from egoism as well as from self-deprecation. The Light of Christmas helps us to see ourselves and each other as we really are, poor, utterly dependent upon God, utterly cherished and swaddled in the embrace of the God who is, as Pope John Paul I once noted, “our Father and even more our Mother.”

Blessed Christmas to all.

Fr. Paul, Fr. Richard and the ministry team of St. Michael the Archangel Parish

WORSHIP

December Schedule of Events 2025

Taize Prayer

Dec. 23rd at 7:30pm in the Church

These services of weave together elements of Catholic, Protestant and Orthodox worship. Each service includes chants, songs, Scripture, silent prayer and intercessions enhanced by candles and light incense.

Christmas Eve

Wednesday, December 24th

St. Michael:

4:00pm (family liturgy)

6:00pm (with music concert @5:30 pm)

9:00pm (with music concert @8:30 pm)

St. Timothy: 5:00 pm

Christmas

Thursday, December 25th

St. Michael: 8:00am, 10:00am, & noon

**Let us stay awake and prepare for the
great Day of the Lord, and to recognize
His abiding presence already with us!!!**

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	Rita C.	Michelle P.
Grace Wohlberg	Rita D.	Allison Radzin
Eneko Rauch	A. C. Z.	Stephen
Renato P.	Donna L.	DiCologero
Rob S.	Laura	Jasmine Drake
Rita S.	Jim Z	Matias Berthelon
Mateo	Angie C	John Paul
Frank Z.	Christine Angelica	SanGiovanni
Jane G.	Magtibay	Barbara F.
Jim W.	M.D.	Alex Rocco
Richard C.	S.B.	Matthew F.
Michael	George Sinclair	George S
A. M. C.	Peter O'Neil	Miranda H.
Alain C.	Mark H.	Kelly
	Patrick F	Bill M.

Fr. Paul's Christmas Wish List: *What I want for Christmas*

I would like the following:

Folding Chairs:

4 people (Adults/Teens Only) to bring folding chairs from the garage, set them up by 1 p.m. in the narthex on Christmas Eve, and then another 4 people (Adults/Teens Only) to restack them and return them to the garage on December 26th.

Luminaries:

4 or more people to set out luminaries at the church entrance during the 4:00 p.m. Christmas Eve mass.

Eucharistic Ministers:

At least 16 Eucharistic Ministers at St. Michael's

4 for the 4 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

3 for the 6 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

2 for the 9 p.m. Christmas Eve Mass

2 for the 8 a.m. Christmas Day

2 for the 10 a.m. Christmas Day

3 for the noon Christmas Day

Ushers: 2- 5 ushers at each Christmas Eve Mass to greet people, take up the collection, bring up the collection and the gifts at the offertory, and at the end of mass put the collection in the security bags and place them in the safe.

Readers:

1 reader for each service

Altar Servers:

At least one for each mass at St. Michael's

Please contact the Parish Office

(secretary@stmichaelgreenwichct.org)

**Scan the QR code
to sign up!**



BUILDING COMMUNITY AND SERVICE

NEW DAY BEREAVEMENT PROGRAM REGISTRATION

NOW OPEN

Date: January 27 – March 24

Time: Tuesday afternoons
1:00– 2:30 pm

Your loss may be recent or long ago. We are here to help you on your journey to healing where you are invited to share your story, and to find comfort in a supportive, confidential environment.

God will support you in your sorrow, and He will walk with you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

Meetings take place in a small-group confidential setting at:

St. Michael the Archangel Church
469 North Street, Greenwich

Meetings are led by trained bereavement facilitators. There is no charge.

Please submit a Program Inquiry Form at www.Thegrief.org or you can contact Carolyn Killian at 203-404-0023.

Once the form is submitted, you will hear from one of our bereavement ministers regarding the next steps.

MUSIC MINISTRY

The Nativity of the Lord

"Let us all rejoice in the Lord, for our Savior has been born in the world. Today true peace has come down to us from heaven."

Processional Hymn:

O Come All Ye Faithful #102

Offertory:

Hark! The Herald Angels Sing #105

Communion: **Away In A Manger #80**

Silent Night #84

Recessional Hymn: **Joy To The World #90**

St Michael's *Women's Emmaus* sponsors the

Emmaus XI Retreat

Friday,
February 27
to
Sunday,
March 1

2026



Scan to
Register Now!

A retreat centered on Luke 24:13-35

Experience God's love, within a community of women, away from the distractions and demands of everyday life. It is a time we set aside for personal encounter with our loving God, so alive and present in our midst.

Seminary of the Immaculate Conception Retreat Center
440 W. Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743
emmaus.sm.greenwich@gmail.com



Emmaus for Men Retreat X

March 13-15, 2026

"They asked one another: were not our hearts burning within us while he talked with us on the road and opened the Scriptures to us?"
Luke 24:13

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.

It welcomes men from all walks of life — including those who feel distant from faith — to step away from the noise and reconnect with what matters most.



Scan the
QR Code
for more
information

Congratulations to Redington Lynch who will receive Eucharist for the first time this weekend at the Sunday noon mass, and Owen and Natalia Bartoszek who did so last weekend. All three will be confirmed by Bishop Caggiano in January.

FAITH FORMATION

A lifelong journey, childhood-teens-adults

Loving
Father, help
us remember
the birth of
Jesus, that



we may share in the song of the angels, the gladness of the shepherds, and worship of the wise men. Close the door of hate and open the door of love all over the world. Let kindness come with every gift and good desires with every greeting. Deliver us from evil by the blessing which Christ brings and teach us to be merry with clear hearts. May the Christmas morning make us happy to be thy children, and Christmas evening bring us to our beds with grateful thoughts, forgiving and forgiven, for Jesus' sake. Amen.

January 1st is a Holy Day of obligation.

It is the octave day of the Nativity of the Lord, Solemnity of Mary, mother of God.



This is the time of the year when many reflect on their spiritual journey and assess where they are compared with where they want to be in their relationship with God and the Church. If you or someone you know want to draw closer to God or have not been an active Catholic for a long or even a short period time, please consider calling Fr. Paul or Fr. Richard (203-869-5421) to talk about returning to Mass and the sacraments.

A big thank you to everyone who joined us for some Christmas caroling at The Nathaniel Witherell. It was nice seeing everyone come together as a community to spread some love and cheer. The residents enjoyed seeing us and taking part in all the wonderful uplifting songs that were sung.

Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good, His love endures forever. – Psalm 107:1



And the angel said unto them, Fear not: for, behold, I bring you good tidings of great joy, which shall be to all people. – Luke 2:10

The Octave of Christmas is an eight-day period of celebration that begins on



Christmas Day and ends on New Year's Day. It's marked by feast days and solemnities, including the Nativity of the Lord on December 25 and the Solemnity of Mary, the Mother of God on January 1. Some ways to celebrate the Octave of Christmas include:

- * Attending Mass on the Nativity and the Solemnity of Mary
- * Praying with Mary, the Holy Family, and other highlighted saints.

The word "octave" comes from the Old Testament, where the Feast of Tabernacles, circumcision, and certain sacrifices were all eight-day celebrations. Christians have celebrated important liturgical feasts with octaves since at least the fourth century.

*Nurtured Over Four Generations
To Provide Personal Funeral Care.*

Coxe & Graziano FUNERAL HOME

203-869-5968
www.coxeandgraziano.com

134 Hamilton Avenue • Greenwich, CT 06830

~ Pre-Arrangements made at other
facilities will be honored ~

Jennifer Graziano & Vincent Graziano, Owners
Vincent Graziano, Licensed Manager

THE
HAWTHORN
SCHOOL

**CATHOLIC
CLASSICAL
SCREEN-FREE**

BEDFORD, NY | GRADES PK - 9

**GLT GREENWICH
LUXURY
TEAM**



When selling your home,
you can choose an agent or a team.

Fred Danback & Kim Arguimbau
greenwichluxuryteam@sothebys.realty
203.553.2263

Sotheby's
INTERNATIONAL REALTY

©2024 Sotheby's International Realty, Inc. All Rights Reserved. Sotheby's International Realty is a registered trademark and used with permission. Each Sotheby's International Realty office is independently owned and operated. Services provided are subject to Sotheby's International Realty, Inc. All offerings are subject to change, without notice, and without obligation. Equal Housing Opportunity.

Castiglione
Funeral Home, Inc.

*Greenwich's
Own*

Still Owned & Operated by the DiAngelo Family for 26 Years
544 Old Post Road #3 • Greenwich, CT 06830
(203) 869-0894 • www.CastiglioneFh.com

catholicmatch[®]
Connecticut



[CatholicMatch.com/
dateCT](http://CatholicMatch.com/dateCT)

Pets at Peace
Dr. Kevin Cline, DVM, CPEV

Compassionate
In-Home Pet
Euthanasia Services

www.petsatpeaceCT.com | (475) 731-4148

NMLS# 763755

THE **FIRST BANK OF
GREENWICH**
The Bank that comes to you

Frank J. Gaudio, President & CEO
203.302.4375

www.greenwichfirst.com • 444 E. Putnam Ave. • Cos Cob

Member FDIC

**Advertise Your
Business Here**
800-333-3166
ext. 161
www.jpcc.net

**Kessler
Pet & Home Sitting Services**
House Sitting • Pet Sitting
Home Organization
917-783-0289



**Always
Caring**
OF CONNECTICUT
Home Care with Heart

ALWAYS CARING OF CONNECTICUT
29 E Main Street, Westport CT 06880
(203) 557-4355 • support@alwayscaringct.com
Registered | Bonded | Insured | HCA#0001470
Proudly Serving: Fairfield & New Haven Counties

Non-Medical Home Care
Providing Hourly/Live-In/24 Hour Care
Call for your **COMPLIMENTARY** Home Assessment
Rated 5 Star Care by our Clients

Trustworthy Care Available To You & Your Loved Ones

Peter Suchy Jewelers
Specializing in
ANTIQUE & ESTATE JEWELRY
Gemstones, Purchased, Sold, Repaired & Appraised

1137 High Ridge Road, Stamford, CT 06905
203-327-0024 www.petersuchyjewelers.com

**COSMETIC,
RESTORATIVE AND
MULTI-SPECIALTY
DENTISTRY**

DR. JAN LINHART
DR. ZACHARY LINHART
DR. KENNETH TEMPLE
DR. CINDY CHAGAS
DR. MICHAEL MACK

40 EAST PUTNAM AVENUE
SUITE 2B • GREENWICH, CT 06807
203-661-2279
www.drlinhart.com



LINHART
DENTISTRY
ESTABLISHED 1979



**Orthodontic
Associates of
New Canaan**

**SPECIALIST ORTHODONTIST
FOR SPECTACULAR SMILES**

We are an orthodontic practice located in New Canaan, Connecticut. Our goal is to provide high-quality orthodontic treatment using the most innovative technology. Our effort and your effort equal your custom, beautiful smile!

45 Pine Street, New Canaan | 203-966-3042 | www.orthodonticsofnewcanaan.com

AAC American Association of Orthodontists AAO American Association of Orthodontists invisalign invisalign teen

Life Lyrics
Music Therapy

Laura Joy Florio
MA, LCAT, MT-BC
Creative Arts Therapist,
Music Therapist
lifelyricsmusictherapy@gmail.com
917-779-8832
laura@lifelyricsmusictherapy.com

Life Lyrics is proud to provide group and individual music therapy sessions for children and families of all abilities!

**INCREASE YOUR VISIBILITY
IN THE COMMUNITY**

Place Your Ad Here to Support Our Parish!

CONTACT ME
Judy McNee
jmcnee@jpcc.net | (203) 856-9085




**FAIRFIELD COUNTY
Catholic Cemeteries**
of the Diocese of Bridgeport, LLC



If you are concerned about your end of life plans, searching for the sacred ground of a Catholic cemetery, or have loved ones buried in one of our 14 Diocese cemeteries, now might be a good time to begin planning for yourself or other family members.

Start your planning by contacting
Jenine Berardesca or Angel Bodine our *Family Advisors*
at St. Mary-Putnam Cemetery at **203.472.1510**
or email jenine.berardesca@ctcemeteries.org
or angel.bodine@ctcemeteries.org



PRE-NEED FUNERAL PLANNING
ON-PREMISES PARKING
SPACIOUS FACILITIES
134 HAMILTON AVENUE
GREENWICH, CT 06830
www.freddknapp.com
203-869-0315

GREENWICH CATHOLIC SCHOOL *Where Faith Meets Academic Excellence*
203-869-4000
Grades PreK3-8 • www.gcsct.org
 471 North St., Greenwich, CT 06830

ROSARIES INC. *Custom rosaries, chaplets, jewelry & keepsakes made with wedding and funeral flowers*
978-851-9103
ROSARIESFROMFLOWERS.COM

ACE HANDYMAN SERVICES *Fully Licensed & Insured*
NO JOB IS TOO SMALL!
10% Parishioner Discount when you mention this ad
Call Rodrigo on his cell at 203-558-5687
Check out this website for testimonials and full range of services
<https://www.acehandymanservices.com/offices/westchester-county-and-greenwich>

Greenwich Real Estate Made Easy!
 by Blazej Cichy, Parishioner
 Broker/Owner at Abart Estate LLC
 646-344-9931, bcichy@abartestate.com
Full Service Agent and Owner's Rep
www.greenwich.abartestate.com

GRAVESITE BEAUTIFICATION SERVICES
info@sereneandsightly.com
475-350-0348
SERENE & SLIGHTLY
SERVICES PROVIDED:
 Planting, watering, weeding, mulch, fertilizing
 Pruning, edge clipping, headstone cleaning
 Birthday and Holiday decor

local expertise you can trust

Daniel Warner
203-302-4164
 261 East Putnam Avenue
 Cos Cob CT 06807
www.allstate.com/thewarneragency



Allstate

SAM BRIDGE
NURSERY & GREENHOUSES, LLC
FULL SERVICE GARDEN CENTER
Landscape Design, Installation & Maintenance
www.sambridge.com • (203) 869-3418

GILBRIDE, TUSA, LAST & SPELLANE LLC
 A CT & NYC GENERAL PRACTICE LAW FIRM BASED IN GREENWICH
ESTATE AND TAX PLANNING • PROBATE AND TRUST ADMINISTRATION
REAL ESTATE • BUSINESS LAW • ZONING AND LAND USE
www.GTSLaw.com
 31 Brookside Dr., Greenwich, CT - (203) 622-9360
 175 Elm St., 2Fl, New Canaan, CT 06840

Event Services by Marylee, LLC
Event Planning & Staffing
203-554-6069
www.eventsbymarylee.com

Painting for St. Michael's Parishioners Since 1993

PRODUCTION PAINTING

"Quality work from start to finish"
INTERIOR/EXTERIOR
 Free Estimates • Fully Insured
Brett T. Price • 203-322-7054

O'Malley Care Inc.
 Independent Home Healthcare Providers
A Helping Hand & A Warm Smile!
 • Fully Certified Aides
 We Promote Independence not Dependence
 Let us Help your Loved One.
Annemarie O'Malley
203-912-1372

Bettina Wohlforth
AuD, CCC-A
 Formerly of Greenwich Hospital
Doctor of Audiology
203-661-7879
 100 Melrose Avenue, Suite 200
 GREENWICH

Sotheby's INTERNATIONAL REALTY
Pam Pagnani
203.618.3111
 pam.pagni@sothebysrealty
 SVP, Brokerage Manager
www.sothebysrealty.com/greenwich

Stamford Monument COMPANY
Headstones, Inscriptions & Statue Repairs
203-323-6805
 30 Commerce Rd., Stamford
 info@stamfordmonuments.com
www.stamfordmonuments.com

Family is why we do it all.
William G Schmauch
Agent
State Farm
 1374 E Putnam Ave.
 Old Greenwich, CT
203-698-1000

K9 RESORTS
Convenient Stamford Location
 Luxury Boarding & Doggie Daycare
 Use Code "Bulletin" For 15% Off!
 203-344-7615 | k9resorts.com/stamford

Proudly serving our community.

LEO P. GALLAGHER & SON
FUNERAL HOME
GREENWICH

203-869-1513

LeoPGallagher.com

Dignity
 MEMORIAL

LIFE WELL CELEBRATED