



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 28, 2025 – Feast of the Holy Family

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.



**Join us Wednesday December 31st at 5:15pm
for the Vigil of Solemnity of Mary Mother of God.**

**The parish office will close at 12pm on
Wednesday, December 31st; and
will be closed on January 1st and 2nd.**

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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.

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Responsible Stewardship

12/8-12/14 Online Giving: \$4,167.00

12/14 Pew Collection: \$5,819.00

Total: \$9,986.00

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

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Monday, December 29, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Taylor Viola
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Tuesday, December 30, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	Lorenzo Contadino
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Wednesday, December 31, 2025

St.M	9:00 AM	S.I. The Rakoczy Family
	5:15 PM	

Thursday, January 1, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	S.I. John & Tracy Dwyer
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Friday, January 2, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	S.I. Mariels Winhoffer
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Saturday, January 3, 2026

St.M	9:00 AM	Guido Viti	Fr. R
St.T	4:00 PM		Fr. R
	5:15 PM	Mary Montella	Fr. P

Sunday, January 4, 2026

St.M	8:00 AM	Matthew & Michael Meer	Fr. P
	9:45 AM	Maureen Bahr	Fr. M
St.T	11:00 AM	Michael Pratt	Fr. P
	12:00 PM	E. Pendleton James	Fr. R
	5:15 PM	Harry & Kathleen Backer	Fr. R

P: Fr. Paul

R: Fr. Richard

M: Fr. Marcotte

SANCTUARY CANDLE



The week of December 28, 2025

St. Michael

St. Timothy

John & Mary Zygmunt



Pastor's Reflection

Feast of the Holy Family

Matthew's Gospel speaks to families that have been uprooted and displaced, and provides assurance that God's Son understands their suffering. God seeks to be an anchor, a stable presence no matter what forms of dislocation they experience. However, the story of the Egyptian exile warns us that God does not set a high value on physical and material security in this world, even and especially for the "best of families." Parents whose homes are models of comfort must have the courage to ask the question, "Who or what threatens the spiritual life of my child? Who or what in our lifestyle threatens to slaughter Innocence itself? And what am I willing to sacrifice in order to save it?"

The lectionary selection today stops short of the verse devoted to the infants that did not escape Herod's sword. The slaughter of these innocent children provokes us to ask about the mystery of God's apparent passive complicity in evil. The mystery is exacerbated when God seems to intervene to save some and not others from the consequences of human freedom. Surely no crime cries to heaven more stridently than the excesses of a culture that has brought about the death, not of children, but of childhood itself.

You did not will that all those boys should die.
And yet You let it happen, knew it would.
Knew the heart of Herod, understood
The certainty of swords, the anguished cry
All Bethlehem would hurl against the sky.
You could have intervened----not only could,
But did, to save your Son, and that was good----
And yet the march of evil You let by.
You did not will it, did not want it, Lord,
But still, You let a wicked force prevail.
Thus human doubts our human minds assail:
What good is good when evil is ignored?
Forgive me, Lord, if I do struggle here;
You know my love's intact, as is my fear.
Christopher Fitzgerald.

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

CHRISTMAS FLOWER OFFERINGS 2025

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The Johnson Family
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MUSIC MINISTRY



Join the Choir or Children's Choir!

Adult Choir

meets on Tuesday evenings from 6pm-7pm
and on Sunday mornings from 11:15am-11:45am.
The adult choir sings at the Sunday noon masses.

Children's Choir

meets on the second and fourth Sundays
of each month from 10:45am-11:15am.
The children's choir will sing at the Sunday 9:45am
masses.

Contact David Harris at
music@stmichaelgreenwichct.org

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
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Rita S.	Jim Z	Matias Berthelon
Mateo	Angie C	John Paul
Frank Z.	Christine Angelica	SanGiovanni
Jane G.	Magtibay	Barbara F.
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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.

**The Accountability Report
can be found on the website.**

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
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you as you begin your journey through loss to healing.

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

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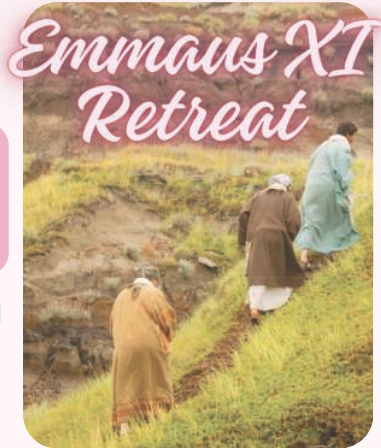
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Friday,
February 27
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Sunday,
March 1
2026



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440 W. Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743
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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.

The weekend blends prayer, worship, Mass, and heartfelt conversations rooted in Scripture. There's space for silence, reflection, and genuine connection with others on the journey.

Through shared meals and honest stories, men discover a safe, judgment-free environment to reignite their spiritual life.

With hearts awakened to the presence of Jesus, this weekend becomes more than just a retreat — it's a personal invitation to feel known, supported, and spiritually renewed.

WHEN / WHERE:

FRIDAY, March 13 to SUNDAY, March 15, 2026
Seminary of the Immaculate Conception
40 W. Neck Road, Huntington, NY 11743

COST: \$350 all-inclusive; Covers private room with bath, meals, snacks, and materials.

(If you feel called to join us but finances are a concern, **please reach out!**)

CHECK-IN: Arrive at the retreat house by Friday, March 13th, between 4:30 and 5:00 pm.

CLOSING: Sunday at 5:00 pm with Mass.

Family & friends are invited!

REGISTRATION: Scan QR Code, or visit
www.stmichaelgreenwich.com/mens-emmaus

QUESTIONS?

REACH OUT TO US DIRECTLY:

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EMMAUS
10th ANNIVERSARY

The Communications Team encourages you to visit the revised website launched in September '21 — www.stmichaelgreenwich.com. PLEASE continue to check the website frequently as the site is intended to be our MAIN and MOST CURRENT vehicle for communication to the Parish and to the outside world. Please keep in mind that both parishioners and those "looking for a parish to call home" are looking at our website.... It is the digital face of our Parish.... So let's keep it welcoming and inclusive!

FAITH FORMATION

A lifelong journey, childhood-teens-adults

Lord, You make all things new. You bring hope alive in our hearts. Come and kindle in us a mighty flame, so that in our time, many will see the wonders of God. Lord Jesus, I rededicate myself afresh to You today. I want you to take my life this coming year and use it for Your glory.

"Do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewal of your mind, that by testing you may discern what is the will of God, what is good and acceptable and perfect."

~ Romans 12:2



Let's continue the celebration of Christmastide.

Most people think Christmas is over, but for us, the celebration has just begun. **There is a reason why Christmas is called a season.** It does not last for a single day! We have been preparing for it for four weeks and the Church couldn't possibly start and end its celebration of Christ's birth in one day. After Easter, Christmas is the most important liturgical feast in the Church calendar. Why? Because Christmas is what made Easter possible. **Without Our Lord's incarnation and birth, our redemption would not have been brought to completion,** and there would be no hope for us in our fallen state.

An ancient Christian tradition of marking doorways with blessed chalk on the Feast of the Epiphany is a symbol of hope and a visible reminder of our faith. It takes place on the liturgical feast (January 6th) marking the visitation of the Magi to the Christ Child and the revelation that Jesus is the son of God.

The blessing involves taking simple chalk, (usually blessed by a parish priest,) and write on your doorway with symbolic numbers and letters – this year, “20+C+M+B+26.” The numbers represent the current year, and the letters stand for the first letters of the traditional names of the magi: Caspar, Melchior and Balthazar. The letters “C, M, B also stands for the Latin blessing *Christius Mansionem Benedicat* which means “May Christ Bless this dwelling”.



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.



It has been a busy year at St. Michael Parish. The family ministry is getting stronger, and our newly hired youth minister is hard at work.

With the birth of Our Savior, as he helps us, let us think of ways we can help our fellow parishioners. Those we haven't seen for a while, or those less fortunate than ourselves.

There are many ways in which we can help one another. A helping hand, a kind word, a hug, or a simple prayer can change a person's life.

If you need help or assistance with anything, please let us know. St. Michael parish family are here to help. OR, if you are unable to attend Mass due to sickness, please let us know so we can bring communion to you.

"Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me".

- Matthew 25:40



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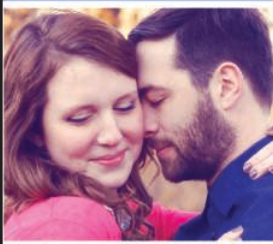
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