The Prayer to St. Michael

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do Thou, O Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the Power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits, who prowl throughout the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

St. Michael the Archangel Parish
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Welcome to St. Michael the Archangel Parish

Greenwich, CT
2026-2027

St. Michael the Archangel Parish serves:
St. Michael Church
469 North Street, Greenwich, CT 06830

St. Timothy Chapel
1034 North Street, Greenwich, CT 06831

We are happy you are here!

Thank you for your interest in our parish. Whether you're just visiting us for a brief time, looking for a new parish home, returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or interested in finding out more about the Catholic Church, you are welcome at St. Michael Parish.

Our parish is a community of believers and a spiritual family that is supportive and loving. It is a place to grow spiritually, to put your faith into action, and to use your gifts of time and talent as disciples of Christ. We look forward to answering any questions you may have. In the meantime, please feel free to contact any one of the priests regarding our parish.

Welcome to St Michael Parish

The Letter to the Ephesians says we are "fellow citizens with the holy ones and members of the household of God, built upon the foundation of the apostles and prophets with Christ Jesus himself as the capstone." (Eph 2:19-20) Our parish community and it's vibrant ministries and organizations help us all live more vibrantly this vocation to be the Body of Christ, growing together "into a Temple sacred in the Lord… a dwelling place of God in The Spirit." (Eph 2:21-22) We invite you to become part of our life together.

— Fr. Paul, S.J.

Journeying together in Worship, Community and Service

Our Mission

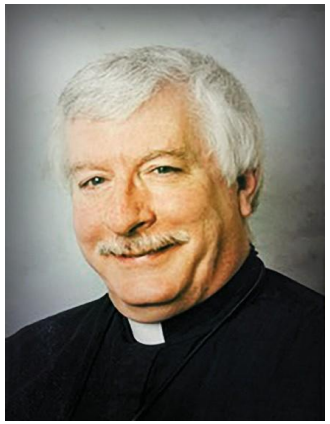
We are a diverse community of Roman Catholics dedicated to a life of prayer and service to others.

We strive to draw closer to God and to remain in God as we journey together, supporting one another to heaven.

Liturgical Schedule

Please visit our website or see the Bulletin for Daily Mass, Confession and Holiday schedule.
www.st.michaelgreenwichct.org

Clergy



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

Fr. Richard Murphy
Associate Pastor

Parish Office Staff

Loren Procaccini, Director of Faith Formation & Family Ministry

Laurie Muñoz
Coordinator of Youth Ministry & Pastoral Assistant

Jane Johnson
Bookkeeper

Stephanie Gambino
Business Manager

David Harris
Director of Music Ministry

Please reach out to our parish office at 203-869-5421 or visit us at www.st.michaelgreenwichct.org

Faith Formation & Family Ministry

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are celebrated on the second Sunday of the month during the 9:45 or noon Masses. Please contact the parish office to receive a Baptism Registration Form, Sponsor Forms and to make arrangements.

First Witness

Parents are the first witnesses of the faith. Every family is different but being a First Witnesses means accompanying your child on their faith journey – especially in the early years. To help parents begin this faith journey with their child we guide, support and mentor them using the First Witnesses project under the Institute for Catholic Formation at the Diocese of Bridgeport

First Witnesses is a comprehensive approach that supports parents and parishes in working collaboratively to stem the tide of disaffiliation. Research tells us parents have incredible influence when it comes to their children choosing to remain engaged in religious practices. Birth to age three is the most precious time in a child's life when the appropriation of ritual and language is strongest. First Witnesses seeks to combine the latest research with practical resources and opportunities for parents and congregations to build a culture of faithfulness.

First Holy Communion

Our Family Formation process provides preparation for First Reconciliation and First Holy Communion. Visit our Faith Formation/Family Formation page on our website for more details.

Students in a Catholic school receive their formation in school. First Communicants and their parents, however must participate in talks, meetings and retreats with their parish leading up to the sacrament.

If you or your child is over the age of seven and you are looking for more information about receiving Eucharist for the first time, please contact Loren Procaccini, Director of Faith Formation & Family Ministry at 203- 869-5421 Ext. 4.

Faith Formation

Our Mission is to support each family member's growth on their faith journey with Christ through prayer, encounter and accompaniment

For more information,
please contact Loren Procaccini,
Director of Faith Formation &
Family Ministry by email
faithformation@stmichaelgreenwichct.org
or by phone at (203) 869-5421, ext. 4.

Family Formation, Levels 1-5

Children AND parents receive twice monthly formation sessions on the **first and third Sunday of every month**, starting with the 9:45 a.m. Family Mass.

Level 1 & level 2 leave the church following the homily to have their own session.

Following the Mass, levels 3-5 meet in the church hall in small groups, while parents stay in the church for a short discussion led by the priest. Our formation sessions for children and parents are based on the Sunday Gospel, giving families the opportunity to continue the conversation with one another at home.

Our faith formation emphasis on the role of parents as the first witnesses of the faith and is designed for students aged 6-11.

Immediate Confirmation Preparation

All students, **including** those in Catholic school, **must** participate in Immediate Confirmation Preparation at St. Michael church or his/her own home parish.

Our Immediate Confirmation Preparation sessions begin after a layered approach in which learning builds upon previous years of formation, experience and knowledge.

The Immediate Confirmation Preparation is a process of developing a deeper understanding of the faith before receiving the sacrament of Confirmation. This process is an 8-10 weeks bi-weekly instruction using the Chosen Program focusing on the details of the Sacrament of Confirmation.

Sessions are held on the **second & fourth Sundays from September – January, from 10:45-11:45am**, (same time as CYM) in the meeting rooms off the Parish Hall.

After Confirmation, students are encouraged to continue participating in **CYM** (Comprehensive Youth Ministry). Confirmation is NOT a graduation; it is a completion of the Sacraments of Initiation, which give the grace necessary to fully live our Christian life in our Catholic community and in today's world. **Please visit our website for more details.**

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CYM

Comprehensive Youth Ministry

Elevate: Middle School * Beyond: High School

2nd & 4th Sundays 10:45am - 11:45am * 1st & 3rd Sundays 6:30pm - 7:45pm

Bringing teens closer to Christ

Eucharistic Adoration

TEEN CONFERENCES

ENGAGING FAITH FORMATION AND SHARING SESSIONS

COMPREHENSIVE YOUTH MINISTRY

A call to faithfully minister, guide, and journey alongside our youth.

Open to teens in grades 6-12

For more information:
Laurie Muñoz, Youth Minister
youthminister@stmichaelgreenwichct.org
(203) 869-5421, ext 7
St. Michael Parish Website (under the Faith Formation Tab)

COMMUNITY Outreach

Sacrament of Matrimony

Marriage is sacred because it was established by God and blessed by Christ as a sign of His faithful love for the Church. In this vocation, you are called to share your lives completely, supporting one another in faith, love, and mutual devotion. Through the Sacrament of Marriage, God invites you to live a life of self-giving love, reflecting His presence in your home and in the world.

Contact the parish office to meet with one of our priests at least six months prior to the wedding date.

OCIA

A Journey in Faith

Order of Christian Initiation for Adults (OCIA)

OCIA is a welcoming program for gradually entering into the Catholic Church and receiving the Sacraments. We invite you to look deeper into the Catholic faith.

Are you—or someone you know— interested in becoming Catholic or learning more about the Catholic faith?

OCIA (Order of Christian Initiation for Adults) is the process by which teens, young adults, adults and couples are welcomed into the Catholic Church through prayer, study, fellowship and community.

Whether you are unbaptized, baptized in another Christian tradition or a baptized Catholic who has not yet received First Communion and Confirmation, OCIA offers a supportive and faith-filled journey of accompaniment toward full initiation into the Church.

All are welcome!

For more information, you can speak with our Pastor, Father Paul Holland, S. J. after mass; call the parish office at 203-869-5421 or email the Coordinators: Val Sprague valerieannsprague@gmail.com or Lisa Rooney lisarooney76@gmail.com.

Liturgical Ministries

Altar Servers

Altar Servers generally serve at Mass on Saturday evenings and Sunday mornings, or at other important liturgical celebrations during the year. Serving is a prestigious and important position for youth, dating back over one thousand years before Christ when young Samuel served in the temple with Eli the priest. Volunteers should be between the ages of 8 and 17 years old. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Readers

When the Scriptures are read in the Church, God Himself is speaking to His people, and Christ, present in His own word, is proclaiming the gospel. The readings of God's word which make up a principal element of the liturgy must therefore be read by Readers and listened to by all with reverence. For more information on becoming a Reader, please contact the parish office.

Extraordinary Ministers of the Eucharist

The mission of Extraordinary Ministers is to assist priests and deacons in administering Holy Communion at Mass and to allow for a more frequent, even daily, administration of Holy Communion outside of Mass to those impeded by sickness or physical weakness. Please contact the parish office to learn more about this ministry.

Music Ministry... And Please Sing Along!

At St. Michael Parish we believe that anyone can sing (or be taught to sing) and that God loves the cheerful praise of all His children!
To that end we continue to invite anyone from the parish to join the choir.

The chorus, cantors, and other musicians offer a robust music ministry -- ranging from Gregorian Chant; through liturgical music of the Renaissance and Classical eras; up to Old American religious songs, Negro Spirituals, as well as more contemporary selections.
Our chorus is composed of talented parishioners [working professionals, seniors, high schoolers] who gather to sing at liturgies throughout the year, and who share a common and earnest outlook of wanting to help glorify God in music.

The hymns, solos, and instrumental offerings at our celebrations are diverse, and lift up our sung prayer at over 250 newer music by gifted composers, we want to encourage our parishioners to feel more and more comfortable raising their voices in praise!

If you haven't already, please consider joining the chorus. You can reach us at Music@stmichaelgreenwichct.org. As Marty Haugen's great gathering song proclaims, "All are welcome!"

Eucharistic Adoration

Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament is one of the great devotions of our Catholic tradition. All are welcome to come and spend time with Jesus truly present in the Eucharist for intimate prayer, to deepen their relationship with Him, and grow in the peace, wisdom and love He alone can provide.

Every Thursday the Eucharist is placed prominently on the altar. This time of Adoration begins after the 9am Mass, continues throughout the day and concludes with Benediction at 7pm. For the first and last hour of Adoration, a priest is present in the confessional for those who would like to avail themselves of the Sacrament of Reconciliation.

Flower Ministry

Do you like to care for plants and flowers? We have a ministry dedicated to the beauty and care of our indoor plants and flowers.

This committee is dedicated to keeping the church looking beautiful. We aim to have a permanent daily look that is easy to maintain. Working in pairs with another parishioner makes this work more fun.

Each team commits to watering twice per week for a month, then another team steps in. The monthly rotation makes it easy to plan and easy to get involved. The Flower Ministry provides all the supplies, a great process and a joyful way to support our parish.

Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick

Jesus came to heal the whole person, body and soul. The Rite of Anointing tells us there is no need to wait until a person is at the point of death to receive the Sacrament. Participation in the rites is also encouraged for those who are struggling with serious or chronic illness, those who face surgery due to serious illness, those who suffer serious emotional/mental illness and the elderly who are weakened, even though no notable illness is present. Please call the parish office to make arrangements for a priest to visit. We celebrate the sacrament once a quarter at the 5:15pm Saturday mass.

"Christ prepared those who belong to Him for the ministry, in order to build up the Body of Christ, until we are all united in the same faith and the same knowledge of the Son of God" — Ephesians 4:12-13

Parish Life Ministries

St. Michael Women's Association (SMWA)

SMWA welcomes a diverse community of women members who seek to enrich their spiritual and educational life grounded in the beliefs and values of our Catholic faith. We provide spiritual and social programs to deepen our faith and come together as the women of St. Michael. For information, please contact smwa.stmichael469@gmail.com.

Men's Ministry

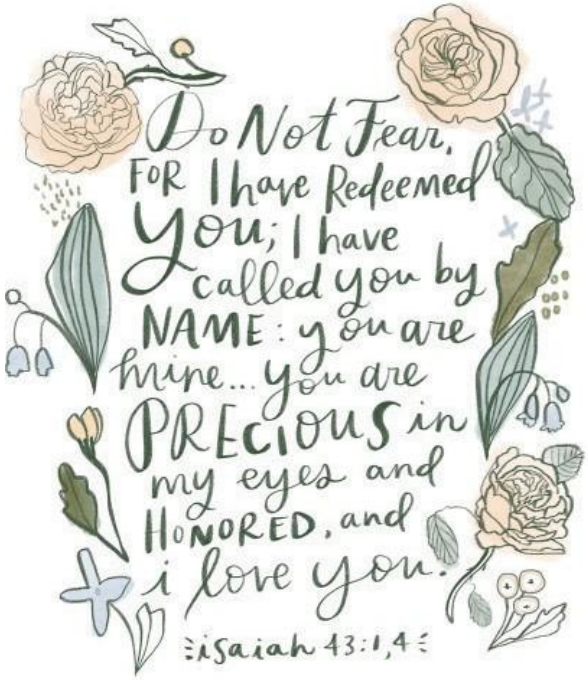
The mission of the Men's Ministry is to bring the men of the parish together in their journey to get closer to God primarily through group prayer, reflection, and service. **Coming Soon…**

Walking With Purpose (WWP)

Do you desire to grow in your Catholic faith? Do you seek connection with other women in our parish community? We invite you to consider joining Walking with Purpose, a Catholic women's Bible study program.

The mission of Walking with Purpose is to enable women to know Christ personally through Scripture. This fuels our vision for the future. As more Catholic women and girls deepen their relationships with Jesus Christ, we pray eternity-changing transformation will take place in their hearts—and, by extension—in their families, in their communities, and ultimately, in our world.

Come as you are! Join us Tuesdays at 9:30 AM or 6:30 PM. For more information email us at wwpstmichaelsgreenwich@gmail.com or visit www.stmichaelgreenwich.com/walking-with-purpose



walking with purpose

Spiritual Direction

Spiritual direction is "help given by one Christian to another which enables that person to pay attention to God's personal communication to him or her, to respond to this personally communicating God, to grow in intimacy with this God, and to live out the consequences of the relationship." (William A. Barry, S.J. and William J. Connolly, S. J. *The Practice of Spiritual Direction*)

The word " direction" can be misleading. The "director" is more like a trail guide who knows where the oases are, and the quicksand, so they can help the individual recognize which trails lead to the vistas, which lead to the wastelands, and also to recognize the One who is walking alongside you. Spiritual direction focuses on a person's actual experiences of a relationship with God. Please visit our website under Adult Faith Formation for more information.

Bereavement Ministry

"New Day" Journey to Healing. You are not alone in your grief. New Day is a 9-week, faith-based program for anyone who is living with the loss of a loved one, whether recently or in the past.

This program consists of nine weekly sessions following a text, The New Day Journal, which has received a special award of merit by the National Association of Catholic Family Life Ministers. Trained parish facilitators conduct the program. All meetings take place in an intimate, small group, and a confidential setting. Meeting times are to be determined, check the website for the most current information and schedule. There is no charge, but registration is required as the meeting size is limited.

We are here to accompany you on your grief journey. Please look to the website and bulletin for start dates and registration.

Prayer Shawl Ministry

Compassion and the love of knitting/crocheting have been combined into a spiritual ministry with many blessings prayed into every stitch. Whether you are a novice or experienced with knitting or crochet, we invite you to join our ministry. Shawls go to those undergoing medical procedures or recovering from illness, those in need of comfort after loss, and those who are homebound or alone in Senior care facilities. We also create shawls to celebrate special events and intentions.

Another way to get involved in our ministry is through donations of yarn and supplies for our volunteers. For more information, please contact the parish office.

Baptismal Bib Ministry

When we baptize infants, we place upon them a white "bib", a miniature version of the white alb the priest wears. They are handmade and presented during the Baptism ceremony. These white garments are a key symbol in the Rite of Baptism.

Healing Ministry

This ministry is dedicated to bringing spiritual restoration through prayer, the work of the Holy Spirit, and the power of God's Word. We seek to create a faith-filled environment where individuals can encounter God's healing presence and grow in openness to the Holy Spirit. Our hope is to help people become immersed in the promises of God, deepen their relationship with Him, and experience renewed strength and hope.

EMMAUS Retreats

EMMAUS is based on the account in the Gospel of Luke (Luke 24: 13-35) where the disciples encounter the risen Christ in a profound manner on the Road to Emmaus.

This guided retreat, held separately for men and women, is designed to renew and strengthen your relationship with Christ. Participants experience God's Love and Grace through a weekend retreat, away from their busy everyday lives. The weekend is enveloped in prayer, grace-filled times of worship, singing, and the celebration of the Mass and Sacraments. You will meet and build relationships with others with whom to share your journey toward Christ. It is a unique experience, not to be missed!

For more information, visit the parish website for the current retreat schedule and leaders. Retreats typically take place once a year.

Faith In Action Together (FIAT)

is the ministry at St. Michael dedicated to leading and/or supporting community service initiatives at our Parish. It's how we put our faith into action.

FIAT offers, organizes, and supports a variety of outreach initiatives that allow our parishioners to serve those in need, especially in neighboring communities. Each initiative is unique and provides a different way to get involved. Some may invite us to donate goods or money, while others call on us to volunteer our time. There are also opportunities to connect personally with individuals where they are, offering support in their place of need. No matter the age, schedule, or ability, there's always a way to put our Faith In Action Together.

For more information, please contact us at:
fiat.stmichael469@gmail.com.

Governance

The Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils

The Parish Pastoral Council (PPC) seeks to enrich and renew the vibrancy of our parish community by building upon the three foundational pillars of our Pastoral Plan — Worship, Community and Service. Based on these three pillars it is our intent to follow the precepts of The One Vision of Bishop Caggiano to renew our Church and foster a parish culture which seeks to provide (1) effective opportunities for each parishioner to ENCOUNTER the presence of Christ daily while at the same time (2) being ACCOMPANIED in their personal faith journey toward becoming active disciples in our parish and in the world.

The PPC is a consultative leadership council whose main role is advising and assisting the Pastor in developing a Pastoral Plan for the parish. And to that end, the PPC collaborates with our many ministries and organizations to implement The One strategic vision to enrich spiritual growth and parish life through our liturgy, music, fellowship, faith formation programs, prayer, Bible study, retreats and service opportunities. The PPC also works with the Finance Council to be responsible stewards of the parish financial resources, including cultivating a spirit of generosity within the parish to support our operating budget and inspire growth.

The Finance Council (FC) is separate and distinct from the Parish Pastoral Council. The FC assists the Pastor in financial planning, preparing operating and capital budgets, fundraising and monitor-ing revenues and expenses. The two councils work closely together for the stability, vibrancy, and growth of parish life.

Our Hub of Communications

On the website:

Mass Schedule/Parish Calendar/Weekly Bulletin
Letters from our Pastor or the Bishop
Faith Formation Registration
Parish Ministries
Governance & Financial Reports
Online Giving and ways to support the Offertory.

Scan the QR Code to Register for Online Giving.

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Please reach out to our parish office at 203-869-5421 or visit our website for more information.

What are your gifts and talents?

Where might you serve your parish?

What I can do, you cannot.
What you can do, I cannot.
But together we can do
something beautiful for God.

—St. Teresa of Calcutta

All are Welcome to join in parish ministry.

Where might God be inviting you to serve?

Where might God be inviting you to participate and to be fed? ***Come and see!!***

Christ Has No Body But Yours

Christ has no body but yours, no hands,
no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassionately on this world.
Yours are the feet with which he walks to
do good.
Yours are the hands, with which he blesses
all the world.
Yours are the hands.
Yours are the feet.
Yours are the eyes.
You are his body.
Christ has no body now but yours, no hands,
no feet on earth but yours.
Yours are the eyes with which he looks
compassionately on this world.
Christ has no body now on earth but yours.
Amen.

— St. Teresa of Avila, Doctor of the Church