



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



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, are returning to the practice of your Catholic faith or are 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 our Pastor or any member of our staff regarding our parish.



Message from our Pastor

We welcome you to St. Michael Parish where we support and encourage each other to grow in faith, hope and charity. To feel more connected to our parish community we invite you to join one of our vibrant and active ministries or organizations. It is a great way to come together with others in the community and to give back. Because it is in giving that we receive...

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.

Our Hub of Communications

www.stmichaelgreenwich.com

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

On the website:

Mass Schedule/Parish Calendar

Weekly Bulletin

Letters from our Pastor or the Bishop

Parish Ministries & Organizations

Synod & State of the Parish Reports

Faith Formation Registration

Online Giving and much more...



Clergy & Staff



Fr. Richard Murphy
Administrator



Loren Procaccini, Director of
Faith Formation, Youth &
Family Ministry



Anna Carberry
Business Manager

**“All things work
together for
good to those
that love God”
Romans 8:29**



Frank Mathis
Director of Music Ministry



Andrea Hickman
Parish Secretary

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. It is a blessing to spend time in adoration of Our Lord Jesus as He gives Himself to us in the Holy Eucharist.

Every Wednesday the Eucharist is placed prominently on the altar at St. Michael Church. This time of Adoration begins after the 9am Mass, continues throughout the day and concludes with Benediction at 8pm. While adorers may come and go as they wish, we are especially indebted to our committed adorers who ensure that as Pope Pius XII said, “the Most Holy Sacrament, when exposed must never be left unattended.” If you are interested in becoming a committed adorer, please contact adorationatstmichaels@gmail.com.



**Come ... and find
the rest He offers.
(Mt. 11)**

Sacrament of Baptism

Baptisms are usually celebrated on Sundays.

If this is your first child, a baptism-prep class is required. Please contact the parish office to receive a Baptism Registration Form, Sponsor Forms and to make arrangements.



Sacrament of Matrimony

Ideally, arrangements for weddings should be made at least six months prior to the wedding date. Contact the parish office to make arrangements.

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.



RCIA
A JOURNEY IN FAITH

Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA)

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

It is a journey to learn how to live the Gospel values and the truths of our faith. We hold sessions to share what Catholics believe and the fellowship of our parish family through study, prayer, and rites at Masses. Participants are mentored throughout the process by a team of catechists and sponsors.

While generally planned as a multiple session conversation about the fundamental teaching of the Roman Catholic Church, the program can be flexible based on a person's prior experience participating in the liturgies with their family or acquiring this knowledge in other ways.

For more information about joining the Catholic Church, contact the parish office (203) 869-5421 and ask for Fr. Richard Murphy.

A phone call does not commit you to a program, but we hope we can answer some of your questions!

Faith Formation

For more information, please email Loren Procaccini, Director of Faith Formation, Youth and Family Ministry at reledstmichael@gmail.com or call (203) 869-5421, ext. 4.

Our Mission is to support the parents of the parish in helping their children grow in their understanding of our faith and deepen their relationship with our Lord. We encourage them to participate actively in the celebration of the Eucharist and the life of the parish and to take seriously the study of Scripture and sound Catholic doctrine.

Family Formation, Grades 1-6

This program puts emphasis on the role of parents as the first witnesses in the ways of faith. On the 1st and 3rd Sunday, parents and children stay after Mass to receive continued formation with the priest. The Family Formation Program provides the necessary preparation for First Penance and First Holy Communion.



Confirmation Prep: 7th & 8th grades

Candidates meet about twice a month for lessons, using the “Chosen” program & completing the textbook throughout the year. Each class is followed by the celebration of the Holy Mass. Before receiving Confirmation in the fall (9th grade), the candidates complete 10 hours of immediate preparation and attend a retreat which allows them to reflect on how to live out the commitment they make to Christ in Confirmation.



Parish Ministries Altar Servers

Altar Servers are volunteers who 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 Fr. Richard Murphy at (203) 869-5421, press 9.



Youth Group

Our Youth Ministry provides an opportunity for teens to create exciting new ideas, challenges and spiritual connection, along with ways to give back to the community by volunteering their time and earning community service hours.

The Youth Group meets every 2nd and 4th Friday of the month.

For more information, please contact Loren Procaccini at youthgroup469@gmail.com.



Lectors

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 lectors and listened to by all with reverence. For more information on becoming a Lector, please contact the parish office.

Extraordinary Ministers of Holy Communion

The mission of Extraordinary Ministers is to assist priests and deacons in administering Holy Communion at Mass when 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 our parish office to learn more about this ministry.

Music Ministry... And Please Sing Along!

St. Michael Parish offers a robust music ministry. Our Adult Choir has talented parishioners composed of High School students, working professionals, and Seniors who sing at the Sunday noon Mass from Autumn to Spring. There are also core professional cantors and Middle Schoolers who sing at select liturgies, including the Christmas Family Mass. Our Children's Chorus also rehearses to sing at several Family Masses. The hymns, solos, and instrumental offerings at our celebrations are diverse, and lift up our sung prayer at over 250 liturgies each year. With a mixture of well-known music and some newer music by gifted composers, we encourage our parishioners to raise their voices in praise!



For more information, or to inquire about joining us, contact Frank Mathis, Director of Music Ministry, at (203) 622-4693. Or send an email to: music.stmichael469@gmail.com

Welcome Ministry

Our Welcome Ministry provides a warm welcome to the families and adults who are new to our parish. Please join us in celebrating our Catholic faith in song-filled worship, community, and service.

We're happy you're here and want to help you feel connected and introduce you to the various ways to get involved in our organizations, ministries, and events. Our intent is to reach out with connection points and resources to invite and guide our newest parishioners to participate in the life of the parish and grow in faith together.

Please, do not hesitate to reach out to Marigle Barragan at mavb.alarcon21@gmail.com and look on our website for the most current 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 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 journey from grief to healing. Please look to the website and bulletin for start date and registration. For questions, contact the parish office to be put in touch with one of our ministers.

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 Kristi Hutter (203) 817-2328 kristi22520@gmail.com.

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 embrace minimalist design, and aim to have a permanent daily look that is easy to maintain. Working in pairs with another parishioner makes this work more fun and enjoyable with a partner. 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. Learn more by calling Julie Ricciardi at 203-536-1624 or email at juliemricciardi@gmail.com.

Parish Organizations

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 the Archangel Parish.

For information, please contact Diane Pignataro (203) 536-3162 mattsmomdi@aol.com. Stay current by visiting our parish website.

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 and remain in God, primarily through group prayer, reflection, and service. The group coordinates activities to help men grow their Catholic faith and conduct good works in the community.

The Men's Ministry activities include:

- Group events that build fraternity among the men of the parish
- Catholic half-day retreats once or twice a year
- Bible study sessions once a month
- Almsgiving activities (e.g., food drives) during the year

Participants value these opportunities to reflect on the word of God, please the Lord by helping others in need, and develop bonds of friendship with fellow parishioners.

New parishioners are welcome to join any of the upcoming activities announced on the parish website. For more information contact Marcos R. Esquivel at marcosresquivel83@gmail.com.



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.

Our mission is to help every Catholic woman and girl in America encounter Jesus Christ through our Bible study. WWP Bible studies involve personal reflection and small group discussions that link our everyday challenges with the solutions given to us through the teachings of Christ and the Catholic Church.

Interested in learning more? Please join us Tuesdays 9:30am or 6:30 pm to find out what Walking with Purpose is all about. We offer childcare during our morning session. Bring a friend!

For questions, contact MariCarmen Losada at wwpstmichaelsgreenwich@gmail.com or visit us at www.stmichaelgreenwich.com/walking-with-purpose



EMMAUS

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 week-end 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 towards 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.

Governance

The Parish Pastoral and Finance Councils

The main function of the Parish Pastoral Council is to foster greater participation by the entire parish in the pastoral life and mission of the parish.

The Council is a consultative body whose main role is advising and assisting the Pastor in developing a pastoral plan for the parish. And to that end, collaborates with the parish organizations and ministries that address specific areas of parish life such as worship, music, fellowship, spirituality, faith formation, evangelization, service, and finance. The Council meets at least 4 times per year.

The Parish Pastoral Council is separate and distinct from the Parish Finance Council. The Finance Council assists the pastor in financial planning, preparing operating and capital budgets, fundraising, and monitoring current revenues and expenditures. The two councils work closely together for the stability, vibrancy, and growth of parish life.