

**Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> to March 10<sup>th</sup>**

**SAT: 4PM** — Ralph Winter (by Family)  
**SUN: 8AM** — John Clough (by Fr. Justin)  
**10:30AM** — The Parishioners of St. Michael and Their Intentions  
**MON: NO MASS**  
**TUES: 5:15PM** — Ralph Winter (by Family)



**WED: 8:45AM** — Oana Gotia and Her Intentions (by Kerry Morton)  
**12PM** — Concetta Antonacci (by the Gully Family)  
**6PM** — Bertha Bouchard (by Dolores Konchalski)

**THURS: 5:15PM** — Souls in Purgatory  
**FRI: 7:30AM** — Gail Christmas – 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary (by Bill Christmas)  
**SAT: 4PM** — Ralph Winter (by Family)  
**SUN: 8AM** — Claire Lavender (by Diane Spiak)  
**10:30AM** — The Parishioners of St. Michael and Their Intentions

*Sanctuary Lamp Candle is lit this week In Memory of Howard Richardson  
 Blessed Virgin Mary Candle is lit this week In Memory of Clarence Wilson*

**Events This Week**

**Sat. (3/2):**  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)  
 2:45-3:30PM — Confessions (church)  
 5PM — K of C Prayer Service  
**Sun. (3/3): Eighth Sunday in Ordinary Time**  
 9:10-10:15AM — Religious Education (SMS & YC)  
**Mon. (3/4):**  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)  
**Tues. (3/5):**  
 8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 6PM — Bible Study Group (YC)  
 6:30PM — K of C Business Meeting (SMS)  
**Wed. (3/6): Ash Wednesday**  
 9:15AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 10:30AM — Rosary at Pine Heights  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)  
**Thurs. (3/7): Sts. Perpetua and Felicity, Martyrs**  
 8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 10AM — Mass at Gathering Place  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)  
 1:30PM — Rosary at Thompson House  
 3:30PM — Mass at Vernon Green  
**Fri. (3/8): St. John of God, Religious**  
 8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)  
 5:30PM — Stations & Soup (church)  
**Sat. (3/9): St. Frances of Rome, Religious**  
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)  
**Sun. (3/10): First Sunday of Lent**  
 9:10-10:15AM — Religious Education (SMS & YC)

**Weekly Stewardship Report:**

<u>Offertory</u>	<u>This Year (\$)</u>
This Week	<b>3,896.56</b>
St. Michael School	<b>2,097.47</b>
Online Giving for February	<b>1,735.00</b>

*“Fasting cleanses the soul, raises the mind, subjects one’s flesh to the spirit, renders the heart contrite and humble, scatters the clouds of concupiscence, quenches the fire of lust, and kindles the true light of chastity. Enter again into yourself.” ~St. Augustine*

**Sunday Scripture Verses**

**Sirach 27:4-7; Psalm 92:2-3, 13-14, 15-16;  
 I Corinthians 15:54-58; Luke 6:39-45**

*Jesus told his disciples a parable, "Can a blind person guide a blind person? Will not both fall into a pit? No disciple is superior to the teacher; but when fully trained, every disciple will be like his teacher. Why do you notice the splinter in your brother's eye, but do not perceive the wooden beam in your own? How can you say to your brother, 'Brother, let me remove that splinter in your eye,' when you do not even notice the wooden beam in your own eye? You hypocrite! Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter in your brother's eye. "A good tree does not bear rotten fruit, nor does a rotten tree bear good fruit. For every tree is known by its own fruit. For people do not pick figs from thornbushes, nor do they gather grapes from brambles. A good person out of the store of goodness in his heart produces good, but an evil person out of a store of evil produces evil; for from the fullness of the heart the mouth speaks."*

**Parish Prayer List**

Alexa Busia & Family, Michael Vose, Lisa Everett Vose, Nicole Colandrea, Anthony Church, Mike Lavender, Matt & Heather R., Hilda Cleary, Mildred Maloskie, James Pascal, Teddy Rauh, Terry Rauh, Carson Rhodes, Mike & Gail Stankiewicz, Debra Tartaglia, Mrs. Widrew, Barbara Wojcik, and Parishioners & Their Families in Homes & Hospitals

**Prayer Service with the Knights of Columbus**

The Knights of Columbus Icon “Our Lady Help of Persecuted Christians” will be at our Parish until *March 4<sup>th</sup>*. The Knights on *Saturday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>* are sponsoring a short prayer program after the **4PM Mass** featuring the Icon. This program is to honor Our Lady and to pray before this beautiful icon for persecuted Christians in the Middle East and around the world. Since 2014, the Knights of Columbus have been very active in Middle Eastern countries who suffered under the scourge of ISIS militants. The Knights’ charitable initiatives have been instrumental in the recovery of many displaced Christians. Come join with us in prayer and solidarity for our brothers and sisters who are still suffering.

### Masses on Ash Wednesday

There will be three Masses celebrated on Ash Wednesday. The School Mass will be at **8:45AM** with two additional Masses at **12PM and 6PM**. The distribution of ashes will take place at both Masses. Please note that Ash Wednesday is NOT a Holy Day of Obligation.

### Stations & Soup

Our Friday Night Lenten Stations and Soup will begin on **March 8<sup>th</sup>**. Stations will begin at **5:30PM** followed by soup at St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry at **6PM**.

Soup will be provided by the following groups:

*March 8 – Rectory*

*March 15 – Religious Education*

*March 22 – Knights of Columbus  
and Daughters of Isabella*

*March 29 – Parish & Finance Committees*

*April 5 – St. Michael School*

*April 12 – St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry*

### Rice Bowl 2019 - Encounter Lent

Join our faith community—and nearly 14,000 Catholic communities across the United States—in a life-changing Lenten journey of encounter with CRS Rice Bowl. Pick up your family's CRS Rice Bowl from the church, and don't forget to download the CRS Rice Bowl app! May these 40 days better prepare us to encounter ourselves, our neighbors and our God.

### Learn How to Make a Ribbon Wreath

Did you see the beautiful ribbon wreath that was raffled last fall? Would you like to learn how to make your own? If you are interested in making a ribbon wreath on **March 30, 2019**, call Sue at 257-7451 or Sheri at 490-2390. They will give you the list of supplies needed to make your very own wreath. Instruction will begin at **10AM**.

### Michael James Mette and Family in Concert

All are welcome to join us for a concert with national performer Michael James Mette, **Friday, March 15th**, at St. Michael School, from **7-8:30PM**. Michael Mette travels all over the country with his family spreading the Gospel through music and personal witness. A father of six, the family is part of the musical performance. The evening will be inspiring and we hope you will bring the whole family.

### **Parish Registration & Parish Group Email List**

To register with the parish, update your address, or to be added to the parish group email list, please fill out this form and place it in the collection basket.

**Registration**

**Change of address**

PLEASE PRINT

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

City, State, Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Please send envelopes: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

### Reminders of Guidelines for Lent

Lent is to be observed by Catholics as a special season of prayer, penance, and works of charity. Ash Wednesday and Good Friday, in particular, are the most important penitential days of the liturgical year. They are days of both fasting and abstinence, and all Fridays during Lent are days of abstinence. The discipline of fasting states that only one full meal a day can be taken. Two small meals sufficient to maintain strength are allowed, but together they should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals breaks the fast, but drinking liquids does not. Fasting obliges all Catholics from the age of 18 to 59. Abstinence refers to not eating meat and binds all Catholics 14 years and older. The substantial observance of the disciplines of fasting and abstinence is a serious obligation and self-imposed fasting on the other weekdays of Lent is recommended. Abstinence on all Fridays throughout the year is also highly recommended. Parents and teachers should see to it that, even those who are not bound by the disciplines of fasting and abstinence because of age, are brought up in an atmosphere conducive to a sense of penance.

### 40 Hours of Continuous Adoration

We will be having 40 hours of continuous Adoration beginning **Thursday, March 28th at 5PM** and ending on **Saturday, March 30th at 9AM**. Please consider signing up in order to spend time with our Lord Jesus during this Lenten season. The sign-up sheet is in the back of the church but you may also call the rectory.

### Adoration Chapel

During the season of Lent, we invite you to spend some intimate time with Our Lord Jesus by making a visit to our adoration chapel which is open every **Tuesday through Friday from 8AM until 5PM** (Begins Wed at 9:15AM).

### The Disciple Maker Index Survey

Don't forget to share your feedback on the Disciple Maker Index! The Survey is LIVE and will be open until **March 23<sup>rd</sup>**. You can visit [www.disciplemakerindex.com](http://www.disciplemakerindex.com) or pick up a paper copy at the Rectory. We really need your help in making this a success, so please participate!

### Thomas Aquinas College

231 Main Street, Northfield, Massachusetts

The afternoon of **March 3** will mark a truly glorious moment in the early history of Thomas Aquinas College, New England: The Blessed Sacrament will be reserved for the first time in the campus chapel. Would you please join us? The joyous occasion will begin at **1:30PM** with what will be the first regularly scheduled Mass on the New England campus. Afterward, the Eucharist will be reposed in the chapel's new tabernacle. From that moment forward, Our Lord will abide — Body, Blood, Soul, and Divinity — on the new campus, guiding us as we prepare for the arrival of students this fall. All are welcome to come to the Mass and reservation ceremony, after which we will offer refreshments and a campus tour for those who would like to learn more about Thomas Aquinas College, New England. If you plan to attend, please RSVP by way of our online form.