

SAT: 4PM Evelyn Mathis (by the Kontanchik Family)
SUN: 8AM St. Michael Parishioners and Their Intentions
10:30AM Mary E. Reilly (by Margaret Aherns)
MON: NO MASS
TUES: 5:15PM Ralph Winter (by the Family)
WED: 8:45AM Rolando Pareja Cabiluna
THURS: 5:15PM Fr. John Gibbons and Family
 (by the Family)
FRI: 7:30AM Heather and Steve Spada & Their Intentions
SAT: 4PM Ralph Winter (by the Family)
SUN: 8AM Alma Prusak (by Dolores Konchalski)
10:30AM St. Michael Parishioners and Their Intentions



Events This Week

Sat. (12/14): St. Ambrose, Bishop & Doctor

11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)
 3PM — Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)
 2:45-3:30PM — Confessions (church)

Sun. (12/15): Third Sunday of Advent

7:30AM — Confessions (church)
 11:30AM — Children’s Choir Rehearsal

Mon. (12/16):

11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)

Tues. (12/17):

8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)
 4:15PM — Rosary at Planned Parenthood (Pliny Park)
 4:30PM — Confessions (church)
 4:45PM — Rosary (church)
 5:15PM — Mass (church)
 6PM — Knights of Columbus Social (PC)
 6PM — Bible Study (YC)

Wed. (12/18):

8:05AM — Rosary (church)
 8:45AM — Mass (church)
 9:30AM-6PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)
 10AM — Rosary at Pine Heights
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)
 1PM — Confessions with Several Priests (church)
 6:30PM — RCIA (PC)

Thurs. (12/19):

8AM-5PM — Eucharistic Adoration (chapel)
 10AM — Mass at Holton Home
 4:45PM — Rosary (church)
 5:15PM — Mass (church)
 6PM — “Dignity and Vocation of Women” (YC)

Fri. (12/20):

7AM — Rosary (church)
 7:30AM — Mass
 8AM-7PM — Eucharistic Adoration (church)
 11:30AM — Hot Meal served (SBK)
 6:30PM — Confessions (church)

Sat. (12/21): St. Peter Canisius

10AM — Confessions (church)
 11:30AM — Hot Meal Served (SBK)
 3PM — Adult Choir Rehearsal (church)
 2:45-3:30PM — Confessions (church)

Sun. (12/22): Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:30AM — Confessions (church)
 9:10AM -10:10AM — Religious Education (SMS)

Weekly Stewardship Report:

<u>Offertory</u>	
This Week	\$3,951.41
Retirement Fund for Religious	\$773.25

2019 Bishop’s Annual Appeal Parish Update

Our parish is now at **80%** of our pledge goal. We are grateful to all of those who have been able to participate and encourage others to learn more about your gift at work: bishopsappeal.vt.org.

Parish Prayer List

Baby Ellis Reed Kasper, Blake, Thomas Bartis,,Anthony Church, Carol Condon, Mike Lavender, Matt & Heather R., Hilda Cleary, Mary Jane Giroux, Rodney Howe, Tony Iannarone, Mildred Maloskie, Michael, Keagan Puffer, Carson Rhodes, Joan Richardson, Jenna Ross, Lawrence “Larry” Rouleau, Chip Runge, Peter Smyth, Mike Stankiewicz, Michael Vose, Lisa Vose, Shannon Wladyka and Parishioners & Their Families in Homes & Hospitals

Adoration Chapel

Our Adoration Chapel is open every Tuesday through Friday. We still are looking to fill the hours of **11AM-12PM on Thursdays** and **4-5PM and 5-6PM on Fridays**. If interested, please contact Pete Nero at 254-4818.

Nativity Collection

Shirley Squires has opened up her beautiful and inspirational Nativity Collection for public viewing. For more information, call her at 254-2696.

Additional Confession Times During Advent

Tuesdays – 4:45PM & Sundays – 7:30AM
 Wednesday, December 18th – 1PM
 (with several priests – for the school and for the parish)
 Friday, December 21st – 6:30PM
 Saturday, December 22nd – 10AM & 2:45PM

Christmas Mass Schedule

Christmas Eve:
 4PM – Church; 4PM – School; 7PM
Christmas Day:
 Midnight - 12AM, 8AM & 10:30AM

Scripture Readings

Isaiah 35:1-6, 10; Psalm 146: 6-7, 8-9, 9-10;

James 5:7-10; Matthew 11:2-11

When John the Baptist heard in prison of the works of the Christ, he sent his disciples to Jesus with this question, "Are you the one who is to come, or should we look for another?" Jesus said to them in reply, "Go and tell John what you hear and see: the blind regain their sight, the lame walk, lepers are cleansed, the deaf hear, the dead are raised, and the poor have the good news proclaimed to them. And blessed is the one who takes no offense at me." As they were going off, Jesus began to speak to the crowds about John, "What did you go out to the desert to see? A reed swayed by the wind? Then what did you go out to see? Someone dressed in fine clothing? Those who wear fine clothing are in royal palaces. Then why did you go out? To see a prophet? Yes, I tell you, and more than a prophet. This is the one about whom it is written: Behold, I am sending my messenger ahead of you; he will prepare your way before you. Amen, I say to you, among those born of women there has been none greater than John the Baptist; yet the least in the kingdom of heaven is greater than he."

Thank You!

I want to thank the Prayer Shawl ministry for making available lovely prayer shawls at our Christmas Bazaar. I am so grateful to have one.

Many blessings, Carol Young

School Custodian Needed!

Saint Michael School is looking for a part-time custodian 5 days per week during the school year. Hours are 2:30-6:30PM, but can be somewhat flexible. Please call 254-6320 if this opportunity is right for you. Background check required.

Caroling

Please join us as we go caroling in the neighborhoods of Brattleboro on **December 21st following the 4PM Mass.** (We welcome all voices!). It will be a wonderful opportunity to share Christmas joy with our parishioners and neighbors! Please bring a flashlight! For more information call the Rectory.

Fundraising Benefit Event for St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry

Saturday, January 3rd at 8PM

Stone Church

210 Main Street, Brattleboro, VT

An entertaining evening with:

The WYLDNIGHTZ Band

Come and dance – or just listen – to the Classic Rock tunes of the *Wyld Nightz* band for the benefit of St. Brigid's Kitchen! *Wyld Nightz* is a local favorite band that plays mostly classic rock and roll from the 1960's to the present. All of the band's proceeds from the door will be donated to St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry. Tickets are \$10 and may be purchased at the door. Doors OPEN at 7:30PM

Take-A-Bag

St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry is sponsoring the Take-A-Bag Program **December 28th & 29th**. If you, or someone you know, need food, stop by St. Brigid's Kitchen & Pantry after the **4PM, 8AM, or 10:30AM Mass.**

Brigid's Boutique

Brigid's Boutique is in need of warm winter coats, hats, boots, and gloves, mainly for men. Our past donations have been greatly appreciated. Any out of season, spring/summer clothes, can be put directly in the Planet Aid box. Thank you!

24th Ecumenical Festival of Lights

December 22, 2019

Our Lady of Ephesus House of Prayer invites you to come celebrate the 24th Ecumenical Festival of Lights. Gathering Time – 4PM Procession, Caroling and Blessing of the Living Creche – 4:30PM Turning on all the Lights for the Season – 5PM. Children are invited to come dressed as Shepherds or Angels!

Bonfire, hot chocolate and doughnuts

For directions and information call 802-896-6000 or check our web page: ourladyofephesushouseofprayer.org. Please use the directions from our webpage not your GPS.

Pro-Life Mass: January 26th

Everyone is invited to the annual Pro-Life Mass at St. Augustine Church with Bishop Christopher Coyne in Montpelier on **Saturday, January 18th at 9:30AM.** All are invited to join the march to the State House which begins in the parking lot behind the church at **10:45AM.**

Children's Choir

The Children's Choir will be singing at the 4PM Christmas Vigil Mass on **December 24th**. Even if your child is not able to commit to children's choir on a regular basis, we would love to have him/her for Christmas Eve. Rehearsals are every Sunday during December right after the **10:30AM Mass (around 11:30AM)**. Please contact Breton, the Music Director, at Breton@stmichaelvt.com or at 802-257-5101 if your child can join us.

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: _____