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OFFICE HOURS (window service)

Monday –Thursday 8:30 am to 12:00 pm

1 pm to 4:30 pm CLOSED FRIDAY

CELEBRATION of the EUCHARIST

DAILY MASS (upper church)

Monday 10:00 am at Senior Living Centers

Suspended until further notice

Tuesday-Thursday 8:00 am,

Wednesday 6 pm

Friday, Liturgy of the Word, with Communion

Suspended until further notice

WEEKEND MASSES

Sunday: 8:15 & 10:30 am

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION

Sunday 9:45 -10:15 am

Every Wednesday, 7:00-8:00 pm

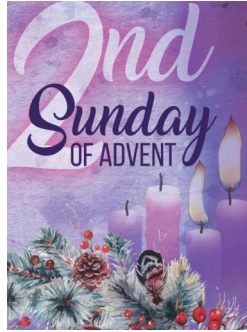
or by appointment

HOLY HOUR

Wednesday, 6:45-7:45 pm

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Please check the bulletin for updates



Fr. Mike's Message...

The Wonderworker

In my homily on the Feast of All Saints, I encouraged everyone to learn more about the saints and, if you had not already, to try and foster a devotion to a particular saint. I thought I might take this opportunity today to write about a saint whom I have great fondness for and whom we would be celebrating today if it did not fall on the Second Sunday of Advent. That saint is St. Nicholas of Myra, whose Feast day is December 6.

St. Nicholas lived during the 4th Century, and was Bishop in the City of Myra, which is in modern day Turkey. What is interesting about him is that we can be certain of very little about his life. In fact, the only detail of his life that seems to be shared in all stories and in any records is that he was the Bishop of Myra in the 4th Century. Most of what we “know” about him instead comes from legends, stories, and hearsay.

The most famous story about St. Nicholas centers around a man with 3 daughters during Nicholas’ time as Bishop of Myra. This poor man had no way to pay the dowry for his daughters to marry. Rather than allow the girls to be sold into prostitution, St. Nicholas came to their house on three separate nights and dropped a bag of gold coins through their window each time, thus paying for the dowries of each daughter and enabling them to be married.

There is some doubt as to whether or not St. Nicholas was actually at the Council of Nicaea in 325 AD, the first Ecumenical Church Council. However, it is certain Bishop Arius was at this council. Arius was the one who began and then spread the Arian heresy that Jesus was not actually fully divine. This false teaching was the main reason the council was created, and it was officially condemned by the time the council came to an end. It was said that St. Nicholas was a staunch defender of Christ and the true teachings of the Church, so much so that he was tortured and put in prison for his belief in Christ in his younger years, before Christianity became legal in the Roman Empire. The legend is that St. Nicholas became so frustrated with Arius that he actually hauled off and hit Arius in the face!

Of course, in the modern day, we cannot help but think of Santa Claus when we hear the name St. Nicholas, and his gifts to the three daughters eventually gave rise to the idea of giving gifts in his memory. In the East, the tradition is to exchange gifts on his feast day, whereas in the West, with his amalgamation as Santa Claus, the tradition is to exchange gifts on Christmas Day.

I chose Nicholas as my confirmation name and I have learned more about him and appreciate him more as the years pass. You can read more about his legend and about many other saints online or in various books about their lives.

We are limited to the number of people at each Mass, with social distancing. You are not obligated to go to Sunday Mass at this time. The Bishop encourages people to go to daily Mass to help with the overflow of Sunday Masses. Please do not sit where there is tape across a pew. Also, please remember to practice these few guidelines, below, when coming to Mass. These are for the safety of you and others.

- ⇒ If you don't feel well, please stay home.
- ⇒ Please wear a mask in church at all times. This protects all, especially our elderly.
- ⇒ Wash your hands with sanitizer when you enter & when leaving the church.
- ⇒ Please remain 6 feet apart from each other. Please sit in open pews.

The church will be cleaned after each Mass for everyone's protection.






MASS SCHEDULE

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**Please don't
forget to
wear your
masks!**

DAY	MASS INTENTION	EVENTS
Sunday, December 6 Second Sunday of Advent 	8:15 am ~ Theresa & her Dad, Frank Muio—Rose 10:30 am ~ M/M Fred Prysbyc—family	<i>Lector</i> 8:15 am ~ D. LaGasse 10:30 am ~ K. Vitaro Advent Giving Tree Tag Selection Christmas Flowers due
Monday, December 7 St. Ambrose, bishop and doctor of the church	<i>Masses suspended at Nursing Homes</i>	<i>Immaculate Conception Vigil Masses</i> 7 pm ~ St. Michael, Lyons and St. Thomas, Red Creek
Tuesday, December 8 <i>The Immaculate Conception of the Blessed Virgin Mary</i>	8:00 am ~ For the people of the parish 6:00 pm ~ Deceased members of the Dennis & McCall families—Patricia & Richard Dennis	<i>Immaculate Conception Masses</i> 8:30 am ~ St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott 7 pm ~ St. John, Clyde
Wednesday, December 9 Advent Weekday	8:00 am ~ Margaret Tedesche—Judy, Randy & Ann 6:00 pm ~ Netta Colacino—Bill & Mary Kay McGrath	6:45-7:45 pm ~ Holy Hour
Thursday, December 10 Advent Weekday	8:00 am ~ Margaret Therese Nordbye—Joanne Palmer	
Friday, December 11 Advent Weekday	<i>No Communion Service</i>	
Saturday, December 12 Our Lady of Guadalupe	<i>No Mass</i>	10 am ~ Advent Penance and Adoration
Sunday, December 13 Third Sunday of Advent 	8:15 am ~ Julia Lentz—David 10:30 am ~ Arlene, Natalie & Jerome—Betty	<i>Lector</i> 8:15 am ~ K. Sergeant 10:30 am ~ C. Hasseler <i>Return gifts for the Advent Giving Tree</i>

Many thanks for your support of St. Michael's	Actual YTD As of 9/30/20	Budget YTD	YTD Overage shortage
Total Collections	\$75,839.00	\$86,417.00	(\$10,578.00)
Total Operating Income	\$89,175.00	\$95,550.00	(\$6375.00)
Total Operating Expenses	\$83,645.00	\$93,211.00	\$9567.00
Deficit/Surplus	\$5530.00	\$2338.00	

ELECTRONIC GIVING PROGRAM St. Michael's is pleased to offer this safe and convenient option for you to contribute your Sunday offerings to the Church automatically through your checking, savings account or credit card. Please check our website, click on to Financial Giving.

Your offertory envelopes can be placed in the baskets at the two entrances. The main entrance and the side entrance where the handicap lift is.



ST. MICHAEL'S FINANCIAL GIVING Weekly Offertory

November 22 \$4018.35

Social Ministry (additional) \$356.00

Thank you for your support & generosity.

CATHOLIC MINISTRIES APPEAL

Goal: \$44,851.00 Actual: \$17,830.00 Donors: 128

We thank those who have given generously and ask all who have not yet given to prayerfully consider doing so. The CMA helps our Church and our parish in so many ways. Please consider all the ways that God has blessed you and your family and think how the Church has brought goodness into your lives. Join our appeal and give back what you can so that we remain strong and able to do God's great work! .

Christ, Our Light



Christmas Mass Reservations

We will be taking reservations
for all Christmas Masses until
Monday, December 14th.

PLEASE **CALL THE PARISH CENTER**
FOR ALL RESERVATIONS, 315-331-6753.

When you call for your reservation you will be instructed on
how you can pick up your tickets.

This is all new to us. We appreciate your understanding and
help to make this process go smoothly and successfully.

Thank you!



December 24, 2020 ~ Christmas Eve

4:30 pm 7:00 pm 12 midnight

December 25, 2020 ~ Christmas

8:30 am



Advent Giving Tree

Advent Tree Tag Process

The advent tree is up in the gathering
space. When choosing your tags from
the tree, please **fill out the purple tag**
and **leave it** in the gathering space **be-**
fore leaving church. After wrapping
your gift, **securely attach the white**

tag to it so the child's name is showing. Gifts **must be**
returned to the church the weekend of **DECEMBER**
13. Thank you for your help to make this year's Advent
program run smoothly. Any questions please call the par-
ish center, 315-331-6753 or Nona, 315-398-8364.

OUTDOOR CHRISTMAS DECORATION CONTEST

St Michael's -Newark is having an Outdoor Christmas Decoration
Contest. Prizes are \$100 Amazon Gift Cards for Best Religious
Theme, Best Whimsical Theme and Most Original. Judging will be
on 12/20/20 from 4-6 PM. There is no entry fee and is only open to
St Michael-Newark Parishioners. If interested please call Lee Lauster
(315-879-4809) or Chris Taylor (315-573-5896). Leave a message
with your name, address, phone number and if you are willing to have
your address published for other St. Michael Parishioners to drive by
and view your decorations.

Entry must be received by December 13, 2020.

Good news! Wal-Mart is allowing bell ringers. Bell ringers
will have to wear a mask and gloves and stay 6 feet from
shoppers. The times have been shortened; Thursday and
Friday will be from 3pm-6pm. Saturday from 9am-
3pm. Christmas Eve will be all day, 9am-9pm. Wal-Mart is
even adding the option for shoppers to 'round up' their
purchase if they don't have the cash to put in the kettle.
Domino's Pizza and Woody's Pizza have agreed to include a
donation flyer with every pizza. The flyer has a QR code
for a safe, contactless donation option. All donations will
go to the Newark service unit. For more information,
www.empire.salvationarmy.org. Please call Anne Rogers,
315-879-5478 if you would like to be a bell ringer.

Guerra y Dictaduras

Cada año el 7 de diciembre llega y me hace pensar primero en
mi hermano Ron porque es su cumpleaños y este año
especialmente doy gracias a Dios por su vida y ministerio como un
sacerdote en Houston. Pero pienso también en lo que pasó en
1941 cuando los japoneses atacaron de sorpresa a los Estados
Unidos en Pearl Harbor, Hawái. Los países de Europa ya habían
estado metidos en la Segunda Guerra Mundial, pero los Estados
Unidos no estaba metido. Estaba en conversaciones diplomáticas
con Japón. Al destruir buques y aviones y las vidas de más de
2,000 hombres de los EE. UU., los japoneses pensaron que los EE.
UU. no iba a poder reaccionar ante ataques futuros contra colonias
en Indochina y Filipinas que Japón quería controlar. Ese ataque
sorpresa llevó este país a entrar la guerra, aunque le faltó mucho de
su aparato militar.

El 8 de dic. de 1941 el presidente de los EE. UU., Franklin D.
Roosevelt, dio un discurso pidiendo que el Congreso declara que
existía el estado de guerra entre Estados Unidos y el Imperio
japonés. El empezó su discurso con: "ayer, 7 de diciembre de 1941
—una fecha que vivirá en la infamia— Estados Unidos de Améri-
ca fue atacado repentina y deliberadamente por fuerzas navales y
aéreas del Imperio de Japón.

...toda nuestra nación siempre recordará el carácter del ataque
contra nosotros. No importa cuánto tiempo nos tome superar esta
invasión premeditada, el pueblo estadounidense con su honrada
fuerza triunfará hasta la victoria absoluta.

Creo que interpreto la voluntad del Congreso y del pueblo cuan-
do afirmo que no sólo nos defenderemos al máximo, sino que con-
seguiremos que esta forma de traición nunca más nos ponga en
peligro. Las hostilidades existen. No hay que cerrar los ojos al
hecho de que nuestro pueblo, nuestro territorio y nuestros intereses
están en grave peligro.

Con confianza en nuestras fuerzas armadas —con la ilimitada
determinación de nuestro pueblo— obtendremos el inevitable
triunfo, con la ayuda de Dios.

Así Estados Unidos entró la Segunda Guerra Mundial. No había
sido su intención de entrar, pero la diplomacia había fracasado.
Japón como Alemania querían extender su poder sobre otras na-
ciones y los territorios de otras naciones. Son los deseos de los
que buscan poder y reconocimiento de otros que no tienen poder.

No importa a quienes pisan encima, no importa que pasa a los sol-
dados quienes están en el medio de las batallas, no importa si hay
una razón legítima por la guerra, no importa que
están robando el territorio de otra nación. Solamente
lo que les es importante es que el egoísmo del hombre
esté satisfecho y que puede poner bajo su pie los su-
puestamente más débiles. Y esto sigue pasando hoy
en día de muchas maneras.

Que oremos por la paz en nuestro mundo, para que los líderes de
países actúen por el bien de su propio pueblo el bien de todos los pue-
blos en la tierra.

Hermana Kay



St. Michael Beanie Hats for Sale, just in time for
Winter. Hats are black in color with stitched white
lettering "St. Michael Church, Newark, NY". Hats
are \$15 each. Sale starts the weekends of 12/13 and
12/20 in the church hall.

Makes a great stocking stuffer.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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2020/2021 YEAR
The beginning of our Religious Education program will be delayed until early Winter.

We will have our Sacramental Preparation Program for any child who is of age to make their First Communion.

Family Ministry

Gospel Reading Mark 1:1-8

John the Baptist preached repentance and baptized the people, in preparation for the one who would baptize with the Holy Spirit.

The season of Advent invites us to renew our lives in preparation for the coming of Jesus. The people who heard the message of John the Baptist repented for their sins and were baptized as a sign of God's forgiveness. In Baptism, our sins are forgiven, and we receive the gift of the Holy Spirit, who helps us in our life of discipleship. Led by the Holy Spirit, we use this Advent season to renew our lives so that we, like John the Baptist, might prepare the way for Jesus. As you gather together as a family, talk about ways in which the example of others has called you to be a follower of Jesus. Name the people who have been examples to you of Christian discipleship and describe their characteristics that you have tried to emulate. Read together today's Gospel, Mark 1:1-8.

As John the Baptist prepared the way for Jesus, Baptism commissions us to prepare the way of the Lord. The gift of the Holy Spirit leads us to continually renew our lives so that we might lead others to Jesus. As a family, identify at least one action that you will take this week to try to be more faithful followers of Jesus. Conclude in prayer together that God will receive this action and use it to lead others to Jesus. Pray the Prayer to the Holy Spirit.



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Cluster Mass Schedule

St. Joseph the Worker (St. Michael Lyons, St. Patrick Savannah & St. John the Evangelist, Clyde) & **Blessed Trinity** (St. Thomas Red Creek, Winter, St. Jude Fair Haven, Summer & St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott)

Weekend Schedule

4:00 pm ~ Saturday St. Michael Lyons
4:30 pm ~ Saturday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott* change
8:00 am ~ Sunday St. Thomas Red Creek (winter)
8:00 am ~ Sunday St. Jude Fair Haven (summer)
10:30 am ~ Sunday St. John the Evangelist Clyde* change
4:00 pm ~ Sunday St. Patrick's, Savannah *change

Daily Mass Schedule

8:30 am ~ Monday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott
7:30 am ~ Tuesday St. John the Evangelist Clyde
6:00 pm ~ Wednesday St. John the Evangelist, Clyde
7:30 am ~ Thursday St. John the Evangelist Clyde
7:30 am ~ Friday St. Michael Lyons
8:30 am ~ Friday St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott

Confessions

3:30-4:15 pm ~ Saturday St. Mary Magdalene, Wolcott
3:15-3:45 pm ~ Saturday St. Michael Lyons
7:00-7:50 am ~ Sunday St. Jude, Fair Haven
5:20-5:50 pm ~ Wednesday, St. John the Evangelist, Clyde

St. Joseph the Worker

Phone: 315-902-4130

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Facebook page: St. Joseph the Worker Parish, Wayne County, New York

The Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity

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Webpage: www.ccblessdtrinity.org

Facebook page: Catholic Community of the Blessed Trinity

Advent Penance and Adoration

St. John in Clyde ~10:00 am—Noon ~ December 19, 2020
Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament, Benediction and Confessions
St. Mary Magdalene Wolcott December 18, 2020
Confessions after 8:30 am Mass

Christmas Mass Schedule

December 24, 2020 Christmas Eve

4:00 pm ~ St. Magdalene in Wolcott
4:30 pm ~ St. Michael in Lyons
4:30 pm ~ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde
7:00 pm ~ St. Thomas in Red Creek
7:00 pm ~ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde

December 25, 2020 Christmas

Midnight ~ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde
8:30 am ~ St. John the Evangelist in Clyde
10:30 am ~ St. Michael in Lyons
10:30 am ~ St. Mary Magdalene in Wolcott

Due to Christmas and New Year holidays the bulletin deadlines are as follows:

Bulletin for **Sunday, December 20th** deadline is **December 9th.**

Bulletin for **Sunday, December 27th** deadline is **December 16th.**

Bulletin for **Sunday, January 3rd** deadline is **December 21st.**



To everything there is a season and a time to every purpose under heaven

"... a time to be born..."

"...a time to love..."

"... a time to be healed..."

Please pray for the sick of our Parish.

Steven Sapp, Leigh Ann Henry, Nate Barnes, Claire Childs, Kim Zielinski, Michael Kowaleski, Gretchen Switzer Bouwens, Mary Santoro, Cathy Wilhelm, David Murphy, Darlene Fletcher, Marie Wemesfelder, ET Trunick, Donald Pieters, Marcia Palermo, Jerry Sielawa, Georgette Eagley, Mary Gilligan, Fran DeVelder, Mary Talbo, Ann Straight, Ivana Ernst, Gloria Viola, Michael George, Ada Lasken, Phillip Juliano, Sr. & Pearl Johnson

And please pray for our Parish friends. *Scott Weber, Richard Schweitz, Jr., Bonnie Crane, Tracy Diaz-Cruz, Barb Gallant, Ann Maliborski, Sherry Caughell, Tom DeYoung & Michael Bauer, Jr*

"... a time to die..."

"... and a time for peace."

In our world and for all people, military and civilian, who are in the midst of war. ***Ecclesiastes 3:11***

Advent Penance and Adoration

Saturday, December 12, 2020

*Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament beginning
at 10:00 am, ending at Noon with Benediction.
Confessions heard throughout the two hours.*

FOOD CLOSET ITEMS ARE STILL NEEDED.

The Newark Food Closet is still accepting donations of non-perishable food items. A few suggestions are found below.

Canned vegetables and fruit, Peanut butter and jams

Pasta and sauce, cereal, etc.

Please leave in the gathering space. Thank you for your generosity.

The Newark Food Closet at 301 E. Miller St., Newark, is open Monday-Friday from 10 till noon.



**CHRISTMAS ALTAR FLOWERS DONATIONS ARE DUE TODAY, DECEMBER 6TH,
AT THE PARISH CENTER. THANK YOU.**

