St. Michael the Archangel

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Dear Parish Family,

A few days ago, I had my radio turned on just to listen to music while I was warming food for lunch. I did a double take when I heard the music that was being aired. I said to myself, "What?" The radio station was actually playing Christmas songs!!! I could not believe my ears. Is that time already? Or is it too early to be playing Christmas songs? In previous years, if I remember correctly, Christmas songs begin to be aired after Thanksgiving Day, to get us in the mood for the Christmas holidays.

But honestly when I heard it, it brought a smile to my face. I know it's early to be playing these songs but it was comforting and relaxing to listen to the melody and the lyrics of the song. We have been through a lot these past months. We have suffered from the effects and disruptions in our lives that the coronavirus has brought upon us. It has affected many areas of our lives and we long and pray to God for an end to this pandemic so that we can reclaim normalcy of our lives. If that was not enough already, we suffered another setback. This time the enemy was the brain eating amoeba. It certainly shook us up again. For our safety, we had to observe and follow regulations mandated by the authorities on our use of the water. So we have been through a lot these past months. Because we are burdened much, I felt comforted and at peace when I heard those Christmas songs again. For the time being, its giving us hope for better days. Just like Christ coming into the world brought hope and peace to a waiting world for the Messiah.

My radio dial is still on that station!

Sincerely,

Fr. Dwight