# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

490 ARNOLD MILL ROAD, WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

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# NOVEMBER 26TH - CHRIST THE KING



# **CLERGY**

**Pastor** 

Fr. Larry Niese

Parochial Vicar

Fr. Fausto Marquez

Priest in Residence

Fr. Vincent Sullivan

Deacons

Rev. Mr. Victor Taylor

Rev. Mr. Joe Pupo

Rev. Mr. Jack Herndon

Rev. Mr. Wayne Topper

Rev. Mr. Kelly Stinson

Administrative Office

770-516-0009

770-516-4664 (fax)

Religious Education

770-516-9699

Preschool Office

678-213-1517

Hispanic Office

678-213-0685

# MASS

Saturday

9:00 AM • 5:00 pm (Vigil)

Sunday

7:30 am • 9:00 am • 11:00 am • 12:45 pm

2:30 (Spanish) • 5:30 pm (Life Teen)

Monday-Saturday • 9:00 AM

Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 6:30AM

# CONFESSIONS

Wednesday • 5:00 pm

Saturday • 9:30 am

## **ADORATION**

Tuesday 9:30 AM-Saturday 9:00 AM

To volunteer as a Guardian, please contact Carol Wolff: 678-827-5450 or sma.adoration@gmail.com.

## ROSARY

Monday - Saturday following the 9:00 am Mass Sunday 10:30 am

## MASS INTENTIONS

#### November 27

6:30 am Lo Bui (D) Daughter

9:00 am Kelly Alfaro Pirrello (L) Bruno Pirrello

#### November 28

9:00 am John Niese (D) Toan Hoang

#### November 29

6:30 am Marci Surovchak (D) MTS & H

9:00 am Rita Wall (D) Vince & Patricia Baker

#### NOVEMBER 30

9:00 am Nguyen-Hoang-Tang Families (D) Toan Hoang

#### DECEMBER 01

6:30 am Luke Germino (L) Jimmy & Bonnie Carver

9:00 am Carlos Crameri (L) Rolan Family

#### DECEMBER 02

9:00 am Pat Griner (D) Tish Burns

5:00 pm People of the Parish

#### DECEMBER 03

7:30 am Richard Russo (D) Annamarie Villani

9:00 am Tina & Juan Guevara (L) Peterson Family

11:00 am Jon Gridley (D) Mary Ann Gridley

12:45 pm Frank A. Ruggiero (D) Louise & Family

2:30 pm Olivia Garcia Sanchez (D) Lilia Rodriguez

5:30 pm Sal & Fran Sclafani (L) Laura Brueggemann

# SACRAMENTS

## **BAPTISM**

Parents must be registered and active parishioners of St. Michael's (regularly attending mass, using envelopes, and involved in ministries), for at least 3 months. Before scheduling a baptism, you must attend a baptism class at St. Michael's. (Next class is December 9 at 10am in Room 103.) Only one parent must attend so that the other can take care of the child(ren) at home. Godparents must also be active, practicing Catholics. Baptisms are normally the 1st and 3rd Saturdays of the month at 11:30 am in the church. Please call the parish office to register for a baptism.

#### CONFESSION

Saturday mornings 9:30 am to 10:30 am and Wednesdays 5 pm to 6 pm.

#### MARRIAGE

Couples are required to contact one of our priests at least 6 months before they wish to marry to arrange for instruction and spiritual preparation for the sacrament of marriage. A wedding date cannot be **confirmed** until after the initial interview with the priest. Contact parish office.

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND NEWS

ADVENT PARISH MISSION- LIVING WATER: HOW TO LIVE IN AND FROM THE FOUNTAIN OF THE SACRED HEART OF JESUS - DECEMBER 3-6, (7-8PM) IN THE CHURCH.

Dynamic Speaker and Catholic Author Sonja Corbitt will teach us how to live in the Sacred Heart of Jesus this Advent. Corbitt is the host of Evangelista Bible Study on Catholic TV and the Bible Study Evangelista show on radio and podcast. A Carolina native who was raised Southern Baptist before converting to Catholicism, will share her journey and the things we can do this Advent and beyond to live in and from the Fountain of the Sacred Heart of Jesus. All are invited!

## LECTOR TRAINING

We will have Lector training on December 6th at 8pm in the Church with Brian Middleton. This is the last class of 2023. If you are interested in being a Lector, please make plans to attend. Lectors must have received the Sacrament of Confirmation and be at least 16 years of age.

#### Advent Penance Service

All are invited to St. Michael's Advent Penance Service that will be on Monday, December 11 at 7pm in the Church. We will have over 15 Priests available to hear confessions. A Guide to Confession will be available in the narthex for adults and kids.

## CHRISTMAS EVE NATIVITY PAGEANT

Calling all Angels and Shepherds! Little drummer boys! A cow, sheep, donkey, the Angel Gabriel, Mary, Joseph & the Bethlehem star! Sign up now to participate in our Christmas Eve Nativity Pageant, Dec. 24th.

We will have one practice the week leading up to Christmas Eve. Thank you for helping to share this beautiful story. Sign up is online on the SMA website under the Music Ministry page.

## GIVING TREE

There are lots of tags on the tree representing those in our Parish and Community who need help this Christmas season. If you are able to take tag(s), please remember they MUST be returned with the wrapped gift no later than Sunday, December 12. If you don't return the tag, the person whose tag you took will not receive a gift. The tag is necessary to determine who the gift is for. Please read the instructions on the back of the tag. Checks should be placed in an ENVELOPE and the tag FIRMLY attached to the envelope. Thank you for your generosity!

## NATIVITY SETS IN CHURCH

We are continuing our Advent tradition of having families place a nativity set in the window sills of the stained glass windows of the church. Nativity sets can be placed starting Saturday, 12/2. Please set out nativity and make sure your set is labeled with your name and phone number. Do not leave any boxes or packing materials behind. Thank you for blessing our church with your family nativity set for the Advent & Christmas season.

## RECENTLY DEPARTED LOVED ONES

Our sympathy is extended to the families of:

Michael Chin, husband of Patricia Chin & father of Lisa Stinziano

Betty Valentine, wife of Kingsley Valentine

Laura Hallisy

Please keep their families in your prayers.



# FAITH FORMATION - CHILDREN, TEENS, & ADULTS

#### FAITH FORMATION - PSR

## ADVENT IS DECEMBER 3-24.

December 3 is the First Sunday of Advent Prepare now by getting your Advent wreath ready to light the first violet candle on December 3.

"...you know what time it is, how it is now the moment for you to wake from sleep." Romans 13:11

Pray: Jesus, you have given us this time to pray, study, help and celebrate. May this advent be a happy time for us as we prepare our home and our lives for you.

## REAL LOVE AND REAL LIFE - January 12-13 Save the date!

Providing a Catholic framework on the truth and meaning of sexuality, love, and family for 7th or 8th GRADE ADOLESCENTS with at least one parent.

Do You Need Help in Talking to Your Child About Chastity?

Would you like to jump-start communication with your son or daughter? Do you need help in talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, marriage, dating and other important topics? If you answered YES to any of these questions and you're the parent of a 7<sup>th</sup> or 8<sup>th</sup> grader, we encourage you to register for the Real Love & Real Life parent-teen chastity education retreat, to be held at St Michael the Archangel in the Family Center on Friday night, January 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30pm to 8:30pm (Parents only) and Saturday, January 13<sup>th</sup> from 8:30am to 2:00pm. (Parents and Teens)

For more information and online registration visit: https://saintmichaelcc.org/family-honor-real-love-real-life Questions? Contact: Priscilla Balmes at spbfamilyhonor@gmail.com

Saul Onate Perez, Director of Faith Formation (770) 516-9699 x233, sperez@saintmichaelcc.org

#### EDGE

What is EDGE?

EDGE is a fun, interactive, Christ-centered program for 6th-8th graders.

Please try us out and see what you think!!

EDGE Middle School youth group meets Sundays 6:30-8:30pm, two times a month in the Parish Hall.

Schedule: Dec 3 EDGE Night; Dec 10 EDGE Night

Steven Taveras, Life Teen Assistant & EDGE Coordinator (770) 516-9699 x251, staveras@saintmichaelcc.org

## LIFE TEEN

Weekly Events - Sunday Life Night Schedule - 6:30pm-9:00pm in the Family Center Schedule: Nov 26 No Life Teen due to Thanksgiving, Dec 3 Life Teen; Dec 10 Life Teen



Lisa Fiamingo, Director of Youth Ministry (770) 516-0009 x232, lfiamingo@saintmichaelcc.org

# Jesus in the Eucharist 7 week Study - Coming Soon!

Jesus in the Eucharist, a seven week study is coming on January 9 to Feb 27. Small groups will renew their awareness of Jesus' real presence in the Eucharist. Evening session will provide a meal. Morning sessions available also starting January 11 to Feb 29. More details to come.

## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MINISTRIES

## KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

December Outlook

12/2 - Breakfast with Santa; 12/4 - Business Meeting; 12/9 - Exemplification; 12/16 - Disability Drive; 12/18 - Officer Meeting



#### COLUMBIETTES

The Columbiettes are a Catholic women's organization that is dedicated to assisting not only our Parish and parishioners, but also supporting the Knights of Columbus. We participate in various service and charity projects that benefit the local community, the homeless and our veterans. We also run St. Michael's Bookstore after Mass. Stop by after Mass for the perfect gift! For more information, please contact: Dr. Donna Alexander (678) 794-8604 Check our website! www.smtacolumbiettes.com

## WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA

Trail Life GA1613 at SMA is seeking donations for wreaths, which the troop will assist in placing at the Georgia National Cemetery on Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>. A portion of every wreath donated remains with the troop to assist in our program costs. To learn more or donate, please go to: <a href="https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/161387/">https://wreathsacrossamerica.org/pages/161387/</a>.

## Marian Movement of Priests Prayer Group

A Means by Which The Message of Fatima is Being Fulfilled. We meet Wednesdays, 10-11am in the Multi-Purpose Room. On the First Saturday of each month we meet in the chapel after 9am Mass for the First Saturday devotion of reparation requested by Our Lady of Fatima. The first Saturday next month is December 2.

## St. Michael's Food Pantry

St. Michael's Food Pantry Hours: Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday from 10:00am - 11:45am Parishioners are welcome to visit the food pantry during service hours.

Your donations of non-perishable foods may be dropped off every day at the donation box, located inside the vestibule of the covered entrance to the church. Please do not leave perishable food and clothing items in the food pantry donation box.

The food pantry remains in need of: Breakfast Cereals (hot & cold), Canned Meats (chicken, tuna & SPAM), Canned Fruits, Instant Mashed Potatoes, Healthy Snacks and regular sized jars of Jelly.

Our food pantry is now serving over 400 families each month. Thank you for your generous support of St. Michael's Food Pantry!

## ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

ARE YOU WANTING TO VOLUNTEER FOR A MINISTRY BUT DON'T KNOW WHERE TO START????

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL CONFERENCE INVITES you to learn the many different ways it is involved in helping our brothers and sisters in our Cherokee County community.

Come & See! Second & Fourth Mondays of the month, Rm 206, 7:00 PM

Help Line - 770-591-4643 St. Michael's House - 770-367-0168 (Lori) SVDP Thrift Store - 678-232-0907 (Linda) Job Board - 770-592-0183 (John) - posted in narthex

## AGAPE -

## ACCEPTING GRACE AND PRAYERFUL ENCOURAGEMENT

The AGAPE group is open to all women who have experienced the loss of a husband and are seeking fellowship.

Contacts: Selena Dowell, 404-409-5912 Sandy Meyer, 404-271-2382

## COUNSELORS AVAILABLE AT ST. MICHAELS

#### Bill Powers, MS, MBA, NCC, LPC

Bill Powers, a Catholic therapist from Holy Family Counseling Center, will be at St. Michael's on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays to provide marriage, family and individual counseling services. For information and appointments, please call 678-993-8494 or www.holyfamilycounselingcenter.com

#### Dunia Lobo, MA, LPC, CPCS, RPT-S

Clinical Director, Bilingual English/Spanish Georgia Board Professional Licensed Registered Play Therapist-Supervisor. Provides Individual, Couple, & Family Psychotherapy. For information and appointments, please contact 770-855-4100 or email dunia@4growthcounseling.com

#### **Grief Counseling**

Please call Charmiel Teresi, parishioner, to set up an appointment at 512-968-8255.

## Personal and Group Coaching

Ruth ONeil, Certified Life and Strengths Strategies Master Coach and People Acuity Specialist is at St. Michael's. Ruth@RuthONeil.com or 770-883-3916

# ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MEMBERSHIP, STEWARDSHIP, & PRESCHOOL

## PARISH MEMBERSHIP

Active members of our parish are identified by their generosity of Time, Talent and Treasure.

Stewardship is determined by:

- Being registered and active for at least 6 months
- Faithful participation at Sunday liturgies
- Regular and identifiable support of the parish, use of parish envelopes. Even if you can't make a donation, please use your envelopes.

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, activities, enrichment programs and Catholic School verification.



Registration QR Code:

Have you moved? Please help us save money by submitting a change of address with the post office as well as letting us know. Envelopes and the Georgia Bulletins that get returned to us are charged a return to sender fee. Thank you!

## St. Michael the Archangel Preschool



## December 2023 Events

12/6 - Pajama Day and St. Nicholas Day

12/7 - SMA Preschool Spirit Day

12/7 - Gingerbread House Decorating Contest

12/14 - Christmas Program at II:30am in Family Center

12/20 - Christmas Parties at 12:00pm in classrooms

12/21-1/8 - No School - Christmas Break - Merry Christmas!

We do have a few spots left in our Pre-K program.

Please call the Preschool office at 678–213–1517 or email tbarnhill@ saintmichaelcc.org for more information or to schedule a tour.

## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL STEWARDSHIP

St. Michael's takes up a collection for Debt Relief the first Sunday of each month. (An envelope is provided in your offertory packet or available to set up online.)
This collection is applied to the building debt.

To set up payments online, please go to our website: saintmichaelcc.org and go to online giving tab or use QR Code listed to the right.

As of 10/31/23 the new loan balance is \$611,462

11/12/23 Offertory: \$43,741 SVDP (11/12): \$22,677



# Archbishop's Annual Appeal 2023

Goal: \$133,700

As of 11/09/23

Amount Received: \$128,278 Shortfall: \$5,422



If you haven't already made a pledge or donation to the 2023 Annual Appeal, please consider doing so. Any shortfall comes from offertory. For more information or to make a donation, go to archatl.com/appeal or scan the QR code.

Thank you for your generosity.

## **SMA BOOKSTORE**

The SMA Bookstore is open after all Sunday Masses. Stop by to pick up the perfect gift for your family and friends. It is run by the Columbiettes.

# AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE...

## BLESSED TRINITY SHRINE ADVENT RETREAT

Blessed Trinity is offering an Advent Retreat December 13-17. Guests can choose to spend one night or all four nights. This retreat is a silent, private retreat where guests will be welcome to join the Sisters for morning and evening prayer.

Online registration is easy at msbt.org/btsr

REFUGEE AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAM - Catholic Charities - Help kids navigate the American school system and rise to their potential by dedicating just two hours of your time each week! Volunteers will assist staff with tutoring a group of 2nd and 3rd grade refugee students in Clarkston, GA. The After School Program runs Monday through Thursday during the school year from 2:15 PM to 4:30 PM. Volunteers are asked to participate at least one set day per week. Please contact: <a href="wolunteer@ccatlanta.org">wolunteer@ccatlanta.org</a>

## ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC SCHOOL

Now Enrolling For the 2024-2025 School Year!

For a Tour: 770-428-3328 or information: www.stjosephschool.org



