

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

490 ARNOLD MILL ROAD, WOODSTOCK, GA 30188

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The Epiphany of the Lord

Come, let us adore Him.

La
Epifania
del Señor

Venid y Adoremos.



JANUARY 5 - EPIPHANY OF THE LORD



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 pm (Spanish) • 5:30 pm (Life Teen)

Monday-Saturday • 9:00 am

Monday, Wednesday, Friday • 6:30 am

CONFESSIONS

Wednesday • 5:00 pm - not on 12/25

Saturday • 9:30 am

ADORATION

Tuesday 9:30 am-Saturday 9:00 am

No Adoration 12/24-1/4.

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

JANUARY 06

6:30 am Mary Jones (L) *Brothers & Sisters*

9:00 am Chris Berens (D) *People of the Parish*

JANUARY 07

9:00 am Fr. Larry's 30th Ordination Anniversary

JANUARY 08

6:30 am Anthony Gras (L) *Helen Gras*

9:00 am Tony Rowe (D) *June Rowe*

JANUARY 09

9:00 am Mary O'Hara (L) *People of the Parish*

JANUARY 10

6:30 am Kenneth A. Niese (D) *The Gable's*

9:00 am Jadon Nguyen (L) *Mom*

JANUARY 11

9:00 am Eduardo Suarez (D) *Camilo Salazar*

5:00 pm All First Responders (L)

JANUARY 12

7:30 am Omar Arteaga (L) *Obdulia Garcia*

9:00 am People of the Parish

11:00 am Hilda Rolan (L) *Mom*

12:45 pm C M Joseph (D) *Kevin Joseph*

2:30 pm Celso Cruz (D) *Johanna Cruz*

5:30pm Lori Neinaber (D) *Mary McIsaac*

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 January 11 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.

CONFESSIONS

Saturday 9:30 am

Wednesdays 5 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

THANK YOU SO MUCH!

Special thanks to everyone who brought gifts to our priests and office staff. We appreciate your thoughtfulness. We also want to thank everyone who donated gifts to the Giving Tree. All of our recipients were overwhelmed by your generosity!

CATHOLICS RETURNING HOME - WELCOME HOME!

This is a personal invitation for you to consider coming back home, no matter how long you have been away from the Catholic Church. St. Michaels will be hosting a 7-week round table discussion group for those who are looking for answers as to why they left, and to deal with the reason they feel that “pull”, that “tug” about their Catholic faith time and time again. Sundays, starting January 5, 2025, at 10:15am-11:30am in Conference Room A (1st floor by the Family Center)

Contact Walter Morawa at returning catholics@saintmichaelcc.org or visit the website: www.catholicscomehome.org

HAPPY 30TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY FR. LARRY!

Fr. Larry celebrates his 30th Anniversary of being ordained a priest this Tuesday, January 7th. Please offer prayers and congratulations to him!

FR. LARRY'S 30TH ORDINATION ANNIVERSARY PARTY!

Everyone is invited to Fr. Larry's 30th Ordination Anniversary Party on Saturday, January 11, at 6pm in the Family Center. Please bring an appetizer to share! No desserts, please! We have cake!

BABY BOTTLE BOOMERANG RETURNS!

The Baby Bottle Boomerang returns the weekend of January 12 and will end on Sunday, January 26. This wonderful event supports the life saving work of the HOPE Center in Woodstock.

FAMILY HONOR'S REAL LOVE & REAL LIFE

Real Love and Real Life is coming back to St. Michael's on February 8th. This is a fun parent-teen program that brings you and your 7th or 8th grader together to talk about some of the big questions in life. It is presented by Family Honor. Parents, if you need help talking to your child about chastity, sexuality, dating, marriage and other important topics, please join us for the Real Love & Real Life Family Honor retreat. Topics include communication, understanding our purpose in life, fostering virtues and much more. Registration available on St. Michael's website. Click on the Family Honor button which is located on the home page.



Miracle Night
January 18, 2025
6pm

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Come and experience the
magical mystery of
miracles
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Dinner
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Miracle Stories
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Beautiful Music
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Dessert
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\$20 per person or \$35 per couple
register: www.saintmichaelcc.org/miracle-night
770-516-9699 x252

Sponsored by the Adult Faith Formation
Questions: email Kathleen
klindemann@saintmichaelcc.org
770-516-9699 x252



FAITH FORMATION - CHILDREN, TEENS, & ADULTS

FAITH FORMATION - PSR

Upcoming Events:

First Reconciliation-

February 3, 2025 for All Regular 2nd Grade Classes (Sunday, Wednesday and Thursday)

February 10, 2025 for all Sacramental Prep Year 2 Classes and Home School & Catholic School Students

Winter Break-February 16-22, 2025

Saul Onate Perez, Director of Faith Formation,

(404)491-0807

sperez@saintmichaelcc.org



LIFE TEEN

Spring Semester 2025:

SAVE THE DATE: Spring Retreat April 25-27, 2025 at Hidden Lake Life Teen Camp.

LIVING STATIONS OF THE CROSS: Life Teen will be performing the Living Stations of the Cross this year during Lent. Any teens who would like to be in the Living Stations, please contact Daisy Olaya.

All High School Teens are invited to Life Teen on Sundays!

Sunday Life Night Schedule - 6:30pm-9:00pm in the Family Center

Jan 5 - Life Teen

Jan 12 - Life Teen

Jan 19 - Off from Life Teen (Holiday)

Jan 26 - Life Teen

Daisy Olaya, Life Teen Director (770) 516-9699 x232, dolaya@saintmichaelcc.org



**CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING
WITH LIFE TEEN?**



Spring Semester 2025

The St. Michael the Archangel EDGE program invites all those in 6th-8th grades to join us for a year of fun, faith and fellowship! Dinner is provided!

Sunday EDGE Schedule - 6:30pm-8:30pm in the Parish Hall

Jan 12 - EDGE

Feb 2 - EDGE

Feb 26 - EDGE

Save the Date: March 15 - Spring Retreat (One Day)

Daisy Olaya, Life Teen Director (770) 516-9699 x232, dolaya@saintmichaelcc.org



EDGE WEBSITE

So whoever is in Christ is a new creation; the old things have passed away; behold, new things have come.

- 2 Corinthians 5:17

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MINISTRIES

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

1/6 - Business Meeting; 1/18 - State Officers Meeting; 1/20 - Officer Meeting; 1/25 - Disability Drive

Check out the Knights at www.kofc11768.org. Please contact Bernie Palcisko at (470) 242-9210 or email: bernieandginny@comcast.net Use the QR Code for the Knights to contact you:



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. **We also run St. Michael's Bookstore after Mass.** For more information, please contact: Dr. Donna Alexander (678) 794-8604 Check our website! www.smtacolumbiettes.com

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 in February is February 1st.**

Hispanic Marian Movement of Priests - Meets Mondays 9:45am-11:00am in Conference Room A. All are welcome!

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 narthex. Please do not leave perishable food and clothing items in the food pantry donation box.

The food pantry is currently in great need of: **Breakfast Cereals (hot & cold)**. We kindly request you focus your donations on breakfast cereals.

Because our parishioners have been so generous with donations to the Food Pantry, they are now able to help out the Hope Center with baby formula, diapers and other baby needs. These items are also available to those who come to the pantry for help with food and hygiene supplies.

We served **474 families** in November! Thank you for your continued and generous support!

RIVERS OF AMAZING GRACE PRAYER GROUP

St. Michael's charismatic prayer group meets Tuesdays at 7:30PM in the choir practice room (second floor of the church).

All are welcome! Come praise with us. You can also participate via Zoom! For information, contact David Heinrich at (770) 778-6975.

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

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.

We are in need of volunteers to help with case work, intake screening, SVDP Thrift Store, and St. Michael's House mentors and volunteers.

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 - 404-663-4653 (Peter) - posted in narthex

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.

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, or give electronically, please drop your empty envelope into the basket.**

These criteria are used to verify parishioner status for: sponsorship, participation in sacraments, education, pastoral and social ministries, activities, programs and Catholic School verification*. **Please contact Dana Wood at dwood@saintmichaelcc.org.*



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!

RESPECT LIFE NEWS...

The Annual Mass for the Preborn will be on Saturday, January 25th at 10am at Holy Spirit Catholic Church with Bishop Shlesinger. The Rosary will be prayed prior to the Mass at 9:30am. All are invited to come and pray!

The Georgia March for Life will be Thursday, March 6, at Liberty Plaza outside the state capitol (11am Rally/12pm March). Archbishop Hartmayer will be one of the speakers.

AROUND THE ARCHDIOCESE...

RETRouvaille - MARRIAGE RETREAT WEEKEND

In marriage, communication is more than just talking. Did you stop sharing about the things that were important to you? Improving a marriage takes time and a conscious effort to learn about your spouse. Growing closer in a marriage does not happen automatically. Retrouvaille is a marriage program dedicated to helping couples grow closer and develop a stronger bond. Sometimes the distance between a husband and a wife can seem so wide that it cannot be repaired. Retrouvaille is a marriage program designed to bring couples closer together. If you want more information about our upcoming Retrouvaille Weekend program, January 10-12, 2025, contact: Mus and Rubina @ 404.234.6006 or visit our website: HelpOurMarriage.org

AM 1160 THE QUEST - ATLANTA CATHOLIC RADIO PRESENTS: LEGISLATION MADE SIMPLE

This program will shed light on political issues, primarily legislation in the Georgia General Assembly. It will explain how you can affect policy to help restore a culture that enables the Kingdom of God to advance. It airs Saturdays at 2pm beginning on January 11th.

50TH AND 60TH MARRIAGE ANNIVERSARY MASS - SAVE THE DATE!

The Archdiocese of Atlanta would like to honor couples married in 1975 and 1965 with an invitation to a Golden/Diamond Wedding Anniversary Mass. The Mass will be celebrated on Saturday, February 8, 2025, at noon at Saint Brigid Catholic Church in Johns Creek, Archbishop Hartmayer will be the principal celebrant of the Mass. A reception will follow the Mass for the anniversary couples and their families. Please go to <http://tiny.cc/anniversarymass> to RSVP for this event and for additional information. Congratulations!

ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL STEWARDSHIP

It is not too late to make a pledge to our Capital Campaign. Please pick up a pledge envelope on the Welcome Table in the Narthex, fill it out and drop it in collection basket or mail it to the office. We take up a collection for the Building Fund/Capital Campaign the first Sunday of each month. An envelope is provided in your offertory packet or available to set up in our online giving portal. To set up payments online, please go to our website: saintmichaelcc.org and go to online giving tab or use the QR code listed here:



As of 10/31/24 the updated loan balance is \$315,558.

12/22/24 Offertory as well as Christmas Offertory will be listed in the 1/12 bulletin.

St. Michael the Archangel Preschool



January Events:

- 1/7 - Preschool Resumes
- 1/16 - 3 year old Parents Open House for Pre-K Program
- 1/20 - No School - MLK Holiday
- 1/23 - SMA Preschool Spirit Day
- 1/26-31 - Catholic Schools Week
- 1/27 - Returning Student Registration Forms sent home
- 1/30 - Hot Cocoa Run Rally at the Pavilion



Please email Teresa Barnhill at tbarnhill@saintmichaelcc.org if you have any questions about our school, want to schedule a tour, or have questions about registration.





SOLEMNIDAD DE LA EPIFANIA DEL SEÑOR

El Catecismo de la Iglesia Católica (párrafo 528) dice:

La Epifanía es la manifestación de Jesús como Mesías de Israel, Hijo de Dios y Salvador del mundo. Con el bautismo de Jesús en el Jordán y las bodas de Caná, la Epifanía celebra la adoración de Jesús por unos “magos” venidos de Oriente.

"Hoy los Reyes Magos miran con profundo asombro lo que ven: cielo en la tierra, tierra en el cielo, hombre en Dios, Dios en el hombre, aquel que todo el universo no puede contener ahora encerrado en un cuerpo diminuto. Al mirar, creen y no cuestionan, como sus dones simbólicos dan testimonio: incienso para Dios, oro para un rey, mirra para quien va a morir."
San Pedro Crisólogo



Jesús es la puerta de la esperanza. Él quiere entrar en nuestros corazones. No olvidemos nunca que somos peregrinos en un viaje. No tenemos un hogar permanente en esta tierra. En el tiempo de Dios, el mundo como lo conocemos pasará. Por ahora, recordemos seriamente las palabras del autor del Libro del Eclesiastés: "...comprendí que lo único bueno para el hombre es alegrarse y buscar el bienestar en la vida".

"Todos esperan. En el corazón de toda persona anida la esperanza como deseo y expectativa del bien, aun ignorando lo que traerá consigo el mañana. Sin embargo, la imprevisibilidad del futuro hace surgir sentimientos a menudo contrapuestos: de la confianza al temor, de la serenidad al desaliento, de la certeza a la duda. Encontramos con frecuencia personas desanimadas, que miran el futuro con escepticismo y pesimismo, como si nada pudiera ofrecerles felicidad. Que el Jubileo sea, para todos, ocasión de reavivar la esperanza".

La Esperanza no defrauda.
Papa Francisco

"El Bautismo es la puerta de la vida espiritual y la puerta de entrada a los Sacramentos."

Santo Tomás de Aquino

SACRAMENTO DEL BAUTISMO

- 1.Registro y Membresía:** Los padres deben estar registrados como miembros activos y practicantes de la parroquia de San Miguel durante al menos tres meses antes de programar el bautizo de su hijo/a.
- 2.Clase de Bautismo:** Los padres deberán asistir a una clase de bautismo, que se realiza el segundo viernes de cada mes a las 7 p.m. en el salón 103. No es necesario registrarse para asistir, y la clase es válida por dos años.
- 3.Padrinos:** Los padrinos deben ser católicos activos y practicantes. Si no son miembros de la parroquia de San Miguel, deberán obtener un certificado de padrino o madrina de la parroquia donde están registrados. Además, si están casados, deben estarlo por la Iglesia Católica.
- 4.Fechas de Bautizo:** Los bautizos se celebran el cuarto sábado de cada mes a las 11:30 a.m. en la Iglesia. Los padres y padrinos deberán llegar a las 11:00 a.m. puntualmente por favor.

Para más información, por favor contacta a Brenda López al 678-213-0685 o por correo electrónico a blopez@saintmichaelcc.org

¡Gracias por ser parte de nuestra comunidad!



SACRAMENTO DE LA RECONCILIACIÓN

Miércoles de 5:00-6:00pm

Sábados de 9:30-10:30am



UNCIÓN DE LOS ENFERMOS

Para recibir los Santos Oleos o una visita al hospital llamar al teléfono de Emergencias 678-861-7977



SACRAMENTALES

Los Sacramentales son signos sagrados instituidos por la Iglesia, por medio de los cuales se reciben los efectos espirituales.

PRESENTACIONES DE 3 AÑOS:

Último domingo de cada mes, registren a los niños en la oficina del Ministerio Hispano antes de la presentación.

QUINCEAÑERAS:

La Quinceañera es una celebración tradicional de vida y gratitud a Dios. La familia debe estar registrada en la parroquia 6 meses antes de apartar la fecha.

BENDICIONES DE CASAS; NEGOCIOS:

Hacer una cita con el Padre Fausto Márquez al: 770-516-0009 X226

ANUNCIOS Y PRÓXIMOS EVENTOS

MUCHAS, MUCHAS GRACIAS!

Muchas gracias especialmente a los que por su gran generosidad han traído regalos a nuestros sacerdotes y al personal de la oficina. Al igual a todos los que pudieron donar regalos del Árbol de Navidad, El Día de la Virgen de Guadalupe y en La Posada. Que Dios les multiplique!

FELICIDADES PADRE LARRY POR SU 30 ANIVERSARIO!

El martes 7 de Enero, el Padre Larry cumplirá 30 Años de Ordenación Sacerdotal. Por favor alcen una plegaria por él y no olviden felicitarlo!

Todos están invitados a celebrar con él éste sábado 11 de Enero a las 6PM en el Centro Familiar. Por favor traigan un aperitivo para compartir. Por favor, no postres. Tendremos pastel!

RETIRO DEL PERDÓN

¡La Gracia de Dios hace que nuestros resentimientos se conviertan en perdón, nuestra venganza en compasión y nuestras acciones en amor! Sábado 15 de Marzo de 7:45 AM - 3:00 PM Costo: \$ 50 Persona, \$100 Pareja, \$150 Familia.

CLASES DE PLANIFICACIÓN FAMILIAR NATURAL

Los métodos de planificación familiar natural pueden ayudar a las parejas a lograr sus metas reproductivas para prevenir o lograr un embarazo mediante la observación de los signos y síntomas para identificar los días fértiles del ciclo menstrual. Dos métodos naturales simples, modernos y efectivos son el Método de Días Fijos® y el Método de Dos Días®. Para obtener información sobre clases en español o para cualquier otra pregunta, póngase en contacto con Katia León al 404-556-8953 ó por email stmichael.pfn@gmail.com

SERVIDORES DEL SERVIDOR

El hijo del hombre no ha venido a ser servido, sino a servir. Mt 20:28

Los invitamos a ser parte de éste hermoso ministerio de servicio. El 3er Lunes y 4to Miércoles de cada mes. Para más información contacte a Nidia Olaya al 770-910-6746

ADORACIÓN EUCARÍSTICA

Siguiéndote a Ti, camino, verdad y vida, queremos penetrar en el aparente “silencio” y “ausencia” de Dios, rasgando la nube del Tabor para escuchar la voz del Padre que nos dice: “Este es mi hijo amado, en quien tengo mi complacencia: Escuchadle” Mt 17:5

Tenemos adoración perpetua en la Capilla desde Martes a las 9:30AM a Sábado 8:30AM

Necesitamos personas que cubran los turnos de Adoración: Miércoles 4-5PM; Jueves 1-2AM y 7-8AM; Viernes 9-10PM y 11-Medianoche;. No estará expuesto el Santísimo del 24 de Diciembre al 4 de Enero. La Adoración se reanuda el 7 de Enero a las 9:30AM

MEMBRESIA PARROQUIAL

Los miembros activos de nuestra parroquia se identifican por su generosidad de Tiempo, Talento y Tesoro. La corresponsabilidad se determina por:

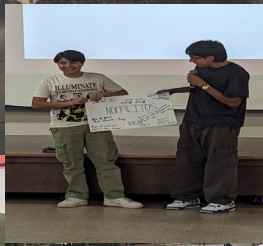
- Estar registrado y active durante al menos 3 meses
- Participación fiel en las liturgias dominicales
- Apoyo regular e identificable de la parroquia, uso de sobres parroquiales. Incluso si no puede hacer una donación use sus sobres.

Estos criterios se utilizan para verificar el estatus del feligres para: patrocinio, participación en sacramentos, educación, ministerios pastorales y sociales, actividades, programas de enriquecimiento y verificación de escuela católica.

“MARÍA quiere que pongamos en su protección nuestra ESPERANZA. Lo que no puedan los hombres, lo hará Ella”
San Juan Bosco



EN SUS MANOS
Grupo de Adolescentes 13-17 años
Sábados 4:30-6:30PM
Más información Samantha Figueroa 404-906-9016



GRUPO JUVENIL LOS PESCADORES VIERNES 8-10PM SALÓN PARROQUIAL

