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STEWARDSHIP



he theme chosen by the Archdiocese of Hartford this year is called "Stewards of God's Gifts." St. Michael's will use the season of Lent for a renewal of stewardship using our gifts of time, talent, and treasure.

Time in today's hectic world seems to be limited for many. Each of us has a schedule which provides time to work and play. Praying is also vital so that we can achieve an emotional and spiritual balance in our everyday lives. Reflection on how our time is now being used and how God wishes us to use our time is necessary to realize that each of us has more time than we realize. Time is a valuable thing given to us by God; therefore let us use it to its fullest potential.

What is the best gift anyone has given you? Whatever it was, it made a lasting impression on you. This was certainly an exciting moment – pleasure because the gift was special; gratitude toward the

person who gave the gift; and a desire to return the favor. With these thoughts, each parishioner has a least one gift to share with the parish community. Let us take some time to use our talent given to us by God as it is a special gift.

Money is a topic that concerns everyone. Society worries about how to get more money and how to keep it. We need to acknowledge that what we have now and what we will receive tomorrow is the result of God's goodness. Just think each time we use money the words "In God We Trust" is found on the coin or bill. Our given treasure from God is a blessing. Therefore, let us share this gift according to our means.

Commitment to stewardship is sharing our gifts of time, talent and treasure with our parish community. May your days be filled with the joy of knowing you are using your special gifts given to you by God †

◆ Bonnie Schuster...888-3455

KUDOS TO:

Kathy & Joe Poirier: Thank you to both Kathy and Joe for the wonderful flowers they planted. This marks the 26th year that they planted.



Patryk Krakowski: Congratulations to Patryk, Saint Michael's Youth of the Year.

Ginny Zollo: Congratulations to Ginny, Saint Michael's Woman of the Year.

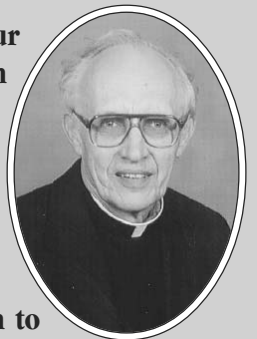
Ray Binkowski: Congratulations to Ray, Saint Michael's Man of the Year.

Walter Plankey: Congratulations to Walter for celebrating his 90th Birthday.

Pastoral Passages



e await the birth of Our Lord Jesus on Christmas. One of the titles we give this child is *Prince of Peace*...certainly something we all long for in our world today.



Our inner peace is given to us by God's forgiveness. We learn to accept His mercy and forgive ourselves for the sins and the wrongs of our past. Then this happens we learn to reach out and forgive others their sins against us as expressed in the Lord's Prayer.

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A term used often in modern day when conflict or hurt arises is the word "closure". Forgiveness is the only thing that can bring full closure or complete inner peace to the hurts we have experienced.

Today when the world so readily tends toward polarization, litigation, and division as answers, we welcome and pray that this newborn *Prince of Peace* softens and changes our hearts so that we may feel in our own personal lives and in the whole world the peaceful effects of forgiveness and mercy.

~Rev. Leonard Kvedas



MINISTRIES



Respect Life



We thank all those who donated clothing for infants and toddlers, diapers, toiletries, etc; plus \$100.00. Carolyn's Place was most appreciative for everything. This is a very positive way to show that we indeed do respect life from conception to natural death.

We must pray and work to preserve the sanctity of life at all times. On Monday, January, 24th, there will be a day of prayer and adoration, for Life and Peace, here at St. Michael's.

Let us remember: Deut. 30:19. *I have set before you life and death, the blessing and the curse. Choose life then, that you and your descendants may live!* †

- ◆ Gisele Guillette..... 888-2936
- ◆ Paula Sill..... 888-3247

Direct Service

Sandwich Teams



There are drivers needed for the Sandwich teams. Please call with your availability †

- ◆ Mary Anne Botticello888-9493
- ### Food Bank



There is always a need for contributions to our Food Bank. Turkeys are especially needed this time of year.

Please bring non perishable items to the lyceum and place them on the stage, please call before bringing perishable items - we will have someone to properly store these items †

- ◆ Edith Minnick..... 729-1524

HomeFront



Applications are available for the 2005 project †

- ◆ Kathy Grace..... 729-9858

Small Christian Communities



The Small Christian Community is a way to help people slow down, to notice their lives and discover GOD's presence in the midst of the "stuff" of life. We find help through the scriptures to focus on our faith in a world whose values frequently run counter to the gospel. †

- ◆ Ruth Holt..... 729-8345

Love is Patient

Love is Kind



CHRISTOPHER WILEMSKI &

CASSANDRA LEVITT

ERIC GUILLETTE &

JENNIFER CHEBRO

TAE HO SONG &

KIMBERLY PICCIOLI

CHRISTIAN SETARO &

MELISSA MOLLEUR

PAUL IZOKAITIS &

MANDY NORLING

WILLIAM LENGYEL &

KRISTEN LEVINE



Advent is a time of preparation, waiting and hope. The Advent liturgy resounds with the longing cries of the Hebrew prophets, the voice of Jesus, and John the Baptist's preaching that the Lord is near. Hear their message still ringing through today's dark winters.

Advent is the beginning of the Church Year for most churches in the Western tradition. It begins on the fourth Sunday before Christmas day, which is the Sunday nearest November 30, and ends on Christmas Eve. When Christmas Eve falls on a Sunday, it is counted as the fourth Sunday of Advent, with Christmas Eve proper beginning at sundown.



May They Rest In Peace



William Steinbacher

Justin Bergen

Emma Grace Piccioli

Mckenzie Bousquet

Margaret Williams

Ross Cook

John Dunn

Frances Foetsch

George Zeigler

Johnny Bartlett

Dorothea O'gara

John Hatfield

Carl Palmiero

Catherine Sanford

Alice Burke

PARISH CLUB NEWS

Womens' Retreat News



In the weekend of February 25 - 27, the women of our parish are invited to Our Lady of Calvary Retreat in Farmington, CT. This year's theme is **W H G O All Things are Possible.**

During the weekend, you will explore questions such as, "Is my heart seeking for something more?" and "How am I invited to use my gifts (material, spiritual, intellectual, emotional) for the benefit of the whole body of Christ?" This year's theme is inspired by the story of the rich young man found in Mark 10: 17-27 †

◆ Mary Anne Botticello888-9493

Ladies' Guild Scholarship



Applications will be accepted for the SAINT MICHAEL'S LADIES' GUILD SCHOLARSHIP of \$500.00 beginning December 1st, deadline is February 28th.

Applicants must be an eighth grade parishoner entering a Catholic High School. Please call the rectory at 729-2504 or Lynn Gadacy, Scholarship Chairperson for details †



◆ Lynn Gadacy729-3317

Welcome Into Our Parish Family



- Brooke Emily Reilly
Joseph & Elaine Reilly
- Jason Thomas Palmieri, Jr.
Jason & Debra Palmieri
- Joseph Robert James Hagen
James & Angela Hagen
- Isabella Rose Cybulski
Eric & Kerri Cybulski
- Carrick Graham Duggan
Patrick & Karen Duggan
- Kayla Marie Drmic
Steven & Nadine Drmic
- Noah Matthew Rodorigo
Jeremy & Shannon Rodorigo
- Isabella Marie Klobukowski
Robert & Allison Klobukowski
- Chelsa Avila
Victor & Luz Stella Avila
- Cassidy Rose Doiron
Christopher & Karen Doiron
- Abigail Rose Messina
Anthony & Kelly Messina
- Benjamin Arthur Brooks
William & Amy Brooks
- Jayden Noah Tomasella
Corey & Diurca Tomasella
- Kaitlyn Emma Pryor
Robert & Diane Pryor
- Lucinda Dias Felix
Sergio & Fernanda Felix
- Grace Elizabeth Sizer
John & Lisa Sizer
- Alyssa Jean Atkins
Joseph & Paula Atkins
- Jackson Paul Bradley
Paul & Janet Bradley
- Kylie Ann Bulinski
Robert & Karen Bulinski



Confirmation Class



This years confirmation class was presided over by Most Reverend Archbishop **Henry J Mansell.**

Rachael Battis
Perissa Betkoski
Nicholas Bielik
Kathleen Bradley
Douglas Briere
Jason Broadbent
Abby Conroy
Frank D'Angelo
Amber Delorenzo
Justin Elliott
Holly Gendreau
Thomas Iwaniec
Daisy Jaruga
Jeffrey Jurzynski
Andrew Kearns

Sean Kelly
Sarah Kersten
Jordan Krakowski
David Krawiecki
Donald Matejek
Justine McCurrey
Jason Moscato
Michael Moscato
James Norton
Daniel Papale
Ashley Preneta
Natalia Rygiel
Cory Scarduzio
Regina Sura
Jessica Tucker
Daniel Walsh



SPOTLIGHT



Four Seasons Fair 2004

This years Four Seasons Fair went off without a hitch. As you can see the weather was great and there was plenty of activity for young and old alike.

Like last year we had booths set up representing each of the years' seasons (opposite page). Each booth offered themed items for sale, Christmas ornaments and baked goods at the Winter booth, botanicals and planting supplies at the Spring booth, barbeque and drinks at the Summer booth and lastly produce, cider and deserts at the Fall booth.

Those who could not make it this past year really missed out on a great day. Next year will be even better so tell a friend and we will see you next year.



SPOTLIGHT



CALENDAR

November

28 ... First Sunday of Advent

December

- 6 ... Ladies' Guild Christmas Party
- 8 ... IMMACULATE CONCEPTION
- 10 ... Men's Club Christmas Party
- 11 ... Tree Lighting, Blessing of the Crib & Caroling
- 13 ... Parish Council Meeting
- 19 ... Children's Mass/Tree Decoration Dressing the Church
- 24 ... CHRISTMAS EVE
Mass at 5:00 pm & Midnight
- 25 ... CHRISTMAS DAY

January

- 1 ... MARY MOTHER OF GOD
New Year's Day
- 24 ... Pro-Life Mass

February

- 9 ... ASH WEDNESDAY
Lent Start
- 12 ... Men's Club Valentines Dance
- 25-27 Women's Retreat

This Advent-Christmas-Epiphany season's focus is based on four major themes: peace, hope, joy, and love. Advent begins a new liturgical year. The readings will be from the gospel of Matthew, I Corinthians, Philippians, and Romans.

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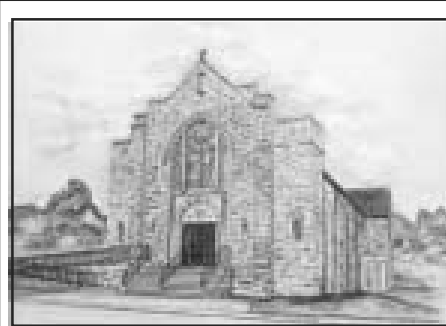
❖ **SICK CALLS:** *Please inform the rectory if anyone from your family is hospitalized. We regularly visit our parishioners that are hospitalized or confined to home. †*

❖ **WEDDINGS:** *Arrangements should be made at least six months prior to the desired date. Call the rectory before booking your reception! †*

❖ **COMMUNION AT HOME:** *To arrange for communion for elderly and sick at home, please call the rectory. †*

❖ **BAPTISMS:** *Baptism is celebrated every Sunday at 12 noon. Parental instructions are required. Call the rectory for registration. †*

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Deacon Victor M. Lembo
Mrs. Judith Carlson - Secretary

MASSES:

Vigil Saturday..... 5:00 pm
Sunday..... 7:30 am, 9:15 am, 11:00 am
Holy Days..... 8:00 am - 6:00 pm

CONFESSIONS:

Saturday..... 3:30 pm - 4:00 pm

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*And Mary said: "My soul glorifies the Lord
and my spirit rejoices in God my Savior,"
Luke 1:46, 47*

