

# ST. MICHAEL PARISH

75 DERBY AVENUE · DERBY, CONNECTICUT 06418

## WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY

### *Parish Membership*

Through baptism we become God's Sons and Daughters, and brothers and sisters of each other in Christ. We ask that every family in the parish be properly registered and every adult receive a set of envelopes. Registration of new parishioners should be done at the Parish Office as soon as possible. This registration is our only means of certifying anyone as a member of our parish family.



### *Vincentian Fathers*

Rev. Marek Sadowski, CM *Pastor*  
Rev. Marek Sobczak, CM, *Vicar*  
Deacon Robert Carter

### *School Principal*

Toni Ann LaMattina

### *Parish Trustees*

Ryszard Przydzial & Brian Tarini

### *Parish Financial Council*

Irene Loman & John Zaprzalka

### *Ministry of Music / Choir Directors*

Marc Garofalo & Tatyana Yedigarova

### *Religious Education*

Margaret Mattei, DRE

## *Masses*

**SUNDAY VIGIL MASS:** Saturday at 4:30 pm

**SUNDAY:** 8:30, 10:00, 11:30 am (*Polish*) & 5:30 pm

### **WEEKDAYS**

**Monday:** Novena with Mass at 7:00 pm (*English*)

**Tuesday:** Morning Mass at 7:00 am (*English*)

**Wednesday:** Novena with Mass at 7:00 pm (*Polish*)

**Thursday:** Morning Mass at 7:00 am (*English*)

**Friday:** Morning Mass at 7:00 am (*English*)

**Friday Masses during Lent:** 5:30 pm (*English*) & 7:00 pm (*Polish*)

**Saturday:** Morning Mass at 8:00 am (*English*)

**First Friday:** 7:00 am Mass (*English*) followed by the Litany to Sacred Heart of Jesus; 7:00 pm Mass (*Polish*)

**HOLY DAYS:** Consult schedule inside

### **NOVENA TO OUR LADY OF THE MIRACULOUS MEDAL**

Every Monday at 7:00 pm (*Rosary at 6:45 pm*)

## *Sacraments*

**Baptism:** Arrangements for baptism to be made at the Parish Office. Please call for an appointment.

**Marriage:** Arrangements for marriage are to be made at least 6 months prior to the Wedding date. Please call for an appointment.

**Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confession):** Confession is heard before weekday Mass & on Saturdays at 3:30 pm.

**Sick Calls:** Please advise the office of any hospitalization and to arrange for the Sacraments for the elderly and sick.

**Vocations:** Please contact the Pastor at the parish office or the office for Vocations, 1-860-286-7670.

**St. Michael Cemetery:** A bridge to the Communion of Saints ~ burial and cremation plots are available. Kindly call the Parish Office, 203-734-0005 for information. A parish managed Catholic Cemetery, Silver Hill Rd., Derby.

**Parish Office:** The parish office is open Mondays from 9:30 am to 3:00 pm, Wednesdays from 9:30 am to noon and Fridays 11:00 am to 2:30 pm.

Please call ahead to be sure staff is in. Closed Tuesdays and Thursdays and weekends.

**Parish Office:** 203-734-0005

**Website:** <https://saintmichaelsderby.org>

**School:** St. Mary - St. Michael: 203-735-6471

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024**

**First Sunday of Advent**

**SATURDAY, NOV. 30, - SUN. VIGIL MASS**

4:30pm Ted & +Wanda Frankiewicz on  
Wedding anniversary - family

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 1, 2024**

8:30 am +In memory of Lucille Orloski (4 yrs.)  
- husband

10:00 am +Karol Jaje  
- Grazyna & Franciszek Kaczowka

11:30 am (Polish) +Jan Kiwak (7 yr.  
Anniversary) - family

5:30 pm +Emily Najda  
- Josephine Beattie & family

**MONDAY, DECEMBER 2, 2024**

7:00 pm +Samuel Verzi, Sr. - Emily

**TUESDAY, DECEMBER 3, 2024**

7:00 am + Andrew Skoronski  
- father, mother, siblings & family

**WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 4, 2024**

7:00 pm (Polish) +Stanislaw Grzesko  
- Czeslaw i Elzbieta Zygodlo

**THURSDAY, DECEMBER 5, 2024**

7:00 am +Henry Smierciak and deceased of  
Smierciak, Kuchinski, Mycek, Andreadis,  
Brockschlager, Bys, Nunez & Evaristo Rodriguez  
families - Michael Smierciak

**FIRST FRIDAY DECEMBER 6, 2024**

7:00am +Genevieve Dziekan  
- Irene Haldas

7:00 pm (Polish) Barbara Mlynek  
- Ryszard & Zofia Przydzial

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024**

8:00 am +Lois Peck - husband, Richard

**SATURDAY, DEC. 7, - SUN. VIGIL MASS**

4:30pm +John J. Madura  
- Neil & Barbara Dorso

**SUNDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2024**

8:30 am +Frania Tracz  
- Annette & Art

10:00 am +Deacon Louis Canaveri (28<sup>th</sup> anniv.)  
- daughters and families

11:30 am +Martin & Catherine Kuna  
- granddaughter Josephine

5:30 pm +Frank & (sister) Anna Balusek  
- daughter/niece Carol

**COLLECTION – November 24, 2024**

Figures not available due to early bulletin deadline.



**MIRACULOUS MEDAL NOVENA**

The Rosary is prayed at 6:40 pm every Monday before the Miraculous Novena and Mass and also on Wednesdays in Polish at the

7:00 pm Novena and Mass.

**SANCTUARY LAMP INTENTION**

In loving memory of Jan Kiwak from wife, children, grandchildren, and great-grandchildren.

**COMMUNION HOSTS**

In memory of Rev. Ronald Wiktor, CM from friends.



**SACRAMENTAL WINE INTENTION**

In loving memory of Kathryn Wilczak from Stefan & Anna Tokarz.

**PRO LIFE ROSES**



1. In loving memory of Lucille Orloski on 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary from husband.
2. In loving memory of husband Ralph Trcka celebrating his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday in Heaven on December 6 from wife Patricia.



**OPLATKI – CHRISTMAS WAFERS**

Oplatki are available in the Sacristy or at the Parish Office. A donation is kindly requested.



**Roof Replacement Fund**

Previous total: \$230,139.00  
Recent donations: 3,900.00  
Total donations a/o 11/15 \$234,039.00



**Thank you** to every one for your donations and pledge payments. Please keep them coming. Trying to reach our goal in January so work can begin on the roof in spring. If you have not had the opportunity to make a donation towards the roof project, please prayerfully consider making one. Every amount counts and will get us closer to closing “that umbrella” and will help to prevent more damage to the interior roof of the Church. Repairing all that damage will be another undertaking.



**SCHOOL RAFFLE...** The School will hold its annual **SNOWFLAKE CALENDAR RAFFLE** during the month of December (there are 15 drawings). Prizes are printed on the calendar which includes \$100 prizes on Dec. 16, 17, 18, & 19 and a grand prize of \$300 on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>. A few tickets are still available at the parish office or tickets may be picked up at the school office. Your support will be greatly appreciated. Call the school for additional information at 203-735-6471. The drawings begin on Monday, Dec. 1, (weekdays). Proceeds benefit our parish school.

**CASH CALENDAR DRAWINGS**

The **CATHOLIC WAR VETERANS OF AMERICA AND AUXILIARIES** have been serving God, Country and Family since 1935. Please support the Catholic War Veterans by considering to purchase a **2025 Cash Calendar** for yourself or as a holiday gift. Calendars are \$25 each and your calendar stub number is eligible for all 365 daily drawings. Please send payment of \$25 to ‘Catholic War Veterans USA’, to: Treasurer, St. Michael Post 1562, 112 Derby Ave. Derby, Ct. 06418. Upon receipt, a calendar will be mailed to you. You may also stop at the Post to purchase one; or Email CWV@Post1562.comcastbiz.net for info.

**CCD CLASS SCHEDULE 2024**

**8:30 to 9:45 am**

**November 24,**

**December 8, 22**

**CLASS SCHEDULE 2025**

**10:00 to 11:15 am**

**January 12, 26**

**February 9, 23**

**March 9, 23**

**April 6, 27**

**May 11, 25**

Cancelled classes due to weather will meet the following week. Call Margaret Mattei, DRE, for information: 203-530-2808.

*CCD students and their families donated over 200 non-perishable items to St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank. Generous giving!!*

**OFFICE NEWS**

...Please note: with the holidays quickly approaching, it is important if you wish to have pro-life rose intentions, Sanctuary Lamps, etc. in the bulletin, that they are submitted at least two weeks before they are to appear as there are early bulletin deadlines in the next few week.

**...For the Christmas flowers donations, please print intentions clearly as they are printed in the bulletin and sometimes are difficult to read. Thanks!**

...Info regarding Cemetery plots, etc., such as purchases, please call the parish office.

**NOVEMBER/DECEMBER CALENDAR**

Sun., Nov. 24 – 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for heating.

Thurs., Nov. 28 – Thanksgiving Day Mass at 9:00 am.

Friday, Nov. 29 – Parish Office CLOSED.

Sun., Dec. 1 -2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Christmas Flowers.

Sun., Dec. 8 -2<sup>nd</sup> collection for Immaculate Conception.

Sun., Dec. 15 -2<sup>nd</sup> collection for the Retirement Fund for Religious.

Sun., Dec. 22 – 2<sup>nd</sup> collection snow removal

Sun., Dec. 25 – 2<sup>nd</sup> collection gift to parish.

Sun., Dec. 29 – 2<sup>nd</sup> collection for utilities.

Wed., Jan. 1 – Holy Day,  
Solemnity of Mary

**WREATHS ACROSS AMERICA**

**Co-ordinated by St. Michael’s CWV**

**Post #1562**

Sponsor a wreath at St. Michael’s Cemetery to honor and remember the troops buried there. Go to Wreaths Across American.org/CT0121. All are invited to the program and wreath laying on Sat. December 14 at noon. For info call the Post at 203-734-9748 or visit the website



## “NUNCRACKERS”

*The Nunsense Christmas  
Musical Comedy  
at the*

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### PERFORMANCE DATES

Friday - December 6, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday - December 7, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.  
Saturday - December 7, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday - December 8, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.  
Thursday - December 12, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.  
Friday - December 13, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.  
Saturday - December 14, 2024 - 7:30 p.m.  
Sunday - December 15, 2024 - 2:00 p.m.

*Adults - \$36 – Students - \$18*

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## ARCHBISHOPS ANNUAL APPEAL 2024

Parish Goal: \$22,000  
Total pledged: \$16,361.65  
Total paid: \$16,249.65  
Total gifts: 121

*A gift can still be made.*

*Info on line at the Archdiocese web site.*

## “CHRISTMAS IN AFRICA”

Knights of Columbus Museum

1 State St. New Haven, thru February 2

A CHRISTMAS EXPERIENCE

The Blessed McGivney Pilgrimage Center in New Haven is showcasing the art and traditions of Christmas in Africa. The Christmas Tree Festival displays 20 trees decorated through the imagination and talent of Connecticut elementary school children who created handmade ornaments and trim to decorate a tree. The Center is open Wednesday through Sunday, 10:00am to 4:00pm, with free admission and free parking. There is also a gift shop.

## GŁOSZENIA PARAFIALNE, I NIEDZIELA ADWENTU

**WYMIANA DACHU KOŚCIELNEGO** będzie kosztowała około \$400,000. Zapisani do parafii otrzymali listy, dla pozostałych kopie listu są wyłożone przy bocznym wyjściu z kościoła. Aktualny stan zbiórki na ten cel jest zamieszczony w angielskiej części biuletynu. Dziękujemy wszystkim ofiarodawcom za złożone dary. Bóg zapłać. Prace zaczną się na wiosnę 2025 roku, ale do tego czasu musimy zbierać większość pieniędzy, aby otrzymać zezwolenie Kurii. Przypominam, że do parafii zapisanych jest ponad 700 rodzin, a na dzień dzisiejszy ofiary złożyło nieco ponad 200 rodzin.

**PODZIĘKOWANIE.** Bardzo serdecznie dziękuję **POLSKIEJ SZKOLE SOBOTNIEJ.** Podziękowanie kieruję na ręce Pani Dyrektor Alinie Zawojki i Panu Prezesowi Andrzejowi Jaworskiemu za zorganizowanie i przeprowadzenie jesiennej zabawy tanecznej, której dochód w wysokości **\$6.500** przeznaczony został na wymianę dachu kościelnego. Bóg zapłać.

**MSZE ŚW. RORATNIE** w adwencie będziemy odprawiać w środy.

**OPLATKI** świąteczne są do nabycia w zakrystii.

**LEKTORZY, MINISTRANCI I SZAFARZE EUCHARYSTII.** Chętnych do służby przy ołtarzu proszę o zgłoszenie się do ks. Proboszcza.

**MSZE ŚW. NA 2025 ROK.** Archidiecezja zatwierdziła nowy program Mszy św. na 2025r. W Msze św. w tygodniu pozostaną bez zmian. Niedzielne msze będą: sobotnia Msza św. wigilijna o 16.30. W niedzielę o 9.00 po angielsku, 11.00 po polsku i 17.30 po angielsku.

# < KID'S > KORNER

## Gospel Today

First Sunday of Advent | Luke 21:25-28, 34-36

Jesus tells us to be on guard, and be watchful for His coming.

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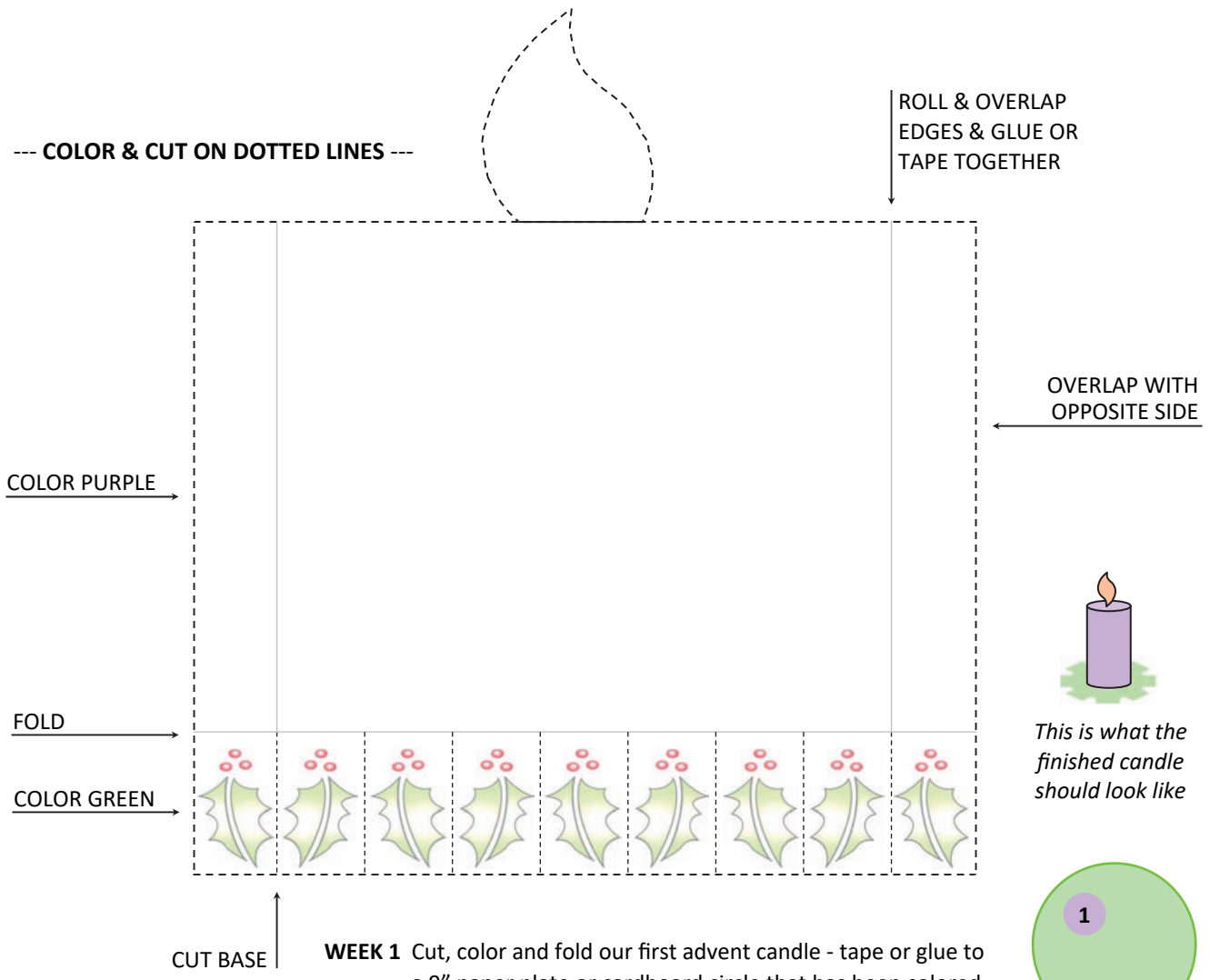
### WEEK 1, evening lighting prayer

Prayer said by Father or head of household

“O Lord, stir up Thy might, we beg Thee, and come, that by Thy protection we may deserve to be rescued from the threatening dangers of our sins and saved by Thy deliverance. Through Christ our Lord, Amen”.

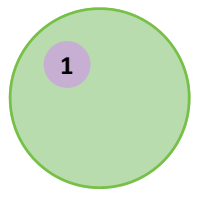
Youngest child lights 1 purple candle.

# FIRST SUNDAY OF ADVENT



*This is what the finished candle should look like*

**WEEK 1** Cut, color and fold our first advent candle - tape or glue to a 9" paper plate or cardboard circle that has been colored green. Place as shown on the diagram at right.



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