



St. Michael

Romanian Byzantine Catholic Church

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Rectory Office Hours: Tuesday-Friday, 9:00am-5:00pm

Cantors and Readers (Cantori ai Bisericii)

Saturday: Diane Moreau, Lynn Matyas, Denise Matyas

Sunday: Ana Muresan, Marius Misca , Ioan Ileni

January 14, 2024

15th Sunday after Holy Cross – Zacchaeus Sunday

This Sunday: Tone 8, Epistle 1 Tim 4:9-16, Gospel Luke 19:1-10

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, January 15, 2024: - No Divine Liturgy

Tuesday, January 16, 2024 – No Divine Liturgy

Wednesday, January 17, 2024 – 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for John Banks
by Mary Ann Banks

Thursday, January 18, 2024 -8:00AM: Divine Liturgy for George Onak by
family

Friday, January 19, 2024: No Divine Liturgy

Saturday, January 20, 2024: 4:00 PM: Divine Liturgy for Gerard and
Elizabeth Kish by family

Sunday, January 21, 2024: 10:00AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members
of St. Michael

**CONFESSION: AT ANY TIME BY REQUEST, PLEASE CONTACT FATHER
REMUS DIRECTLY at 330-809-2500**

**Please pray for our sick and others: Robert Banks, Jim Banks, Joseph Popp,
Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, Vasile Moga, Florence Moga, Lisa
Mickle, Stefana Pupek, Steve Korody, Carol Bristow, and all others who are
confined to their homes or are in nursing homes.**

Please let Father Remus know if you have an upcoming surgery, illness, etc. so
we may add your name to our prayer list.

Collection: December 6 & 7, 2023

- **Weekly Offerings: \$908.00**
- **Candles: \$27.00**
- **Building Fund: \$780.00**
- **Initial Offering: \$100.00**
- **Loose: \$111.00**
- **Holy Day: \$253.00**
- **Membership: \$345.00**

Total Offerings: \$ 2,524.00

Thank you all for your support!

Can my sins be forgiven outside of the Sacrament of Penance?

God, who created the sacraments for our salvation, is Himself not bound by them. Our sins are first forgiven, of course, through the sacrament of baptism.

For post-baptismal sins, the Church has always taught that, for example in a danger of death situation without the possibility of recourse to the sacrament of confession, God could forgive our sins if we pray to him with perfect contrition.

The reality is, however, that we can never know if we have made a perfect act of contrition.

The Church teaches, therefore, that “individual, integral confession and absolution remain the only ordinary way for the faithful to reconcile themselves with God and the Church, unless physical or moral impossibility excuses from this kind of confession” (CCC 1484).

The great gift of this sacrament is that, if we confess all our serious sins with sorrow and a firm purpose of amendment, we do not need to doubt whether our sins have been forgiven.

God created this sacrament so that we might know he has forgiven us through the ministry of priests.

- **Candles:** During the month of January 2024, our candles have been graciously donated by Ionutas Family in memory of Claudiu’s and Monica’s grandparents and family members who are no longer with us.

Thank you for your generosity!

We are also in need of donations for future months. The total costs for altar candles, incense, and other liturgy supplies for one month is \$100.

- **2023 Donations:**

Thank you to everyone who helped support our church with your time, talents, and treasures throughout the year. May you be blessed with good health and happiness!

DUE TO HAZARDOUS WEATHER CONDITIONS, THE CEMETERY WILL BE CLOSED THE WEEK OF JANUARY 14TH

• Office

***To facilitate accurate accounting, please make sure that you use separate checks/cash for the Special Collection, Candles, Heat and A/C, Building Fund, Cemetery, and Saturday and Sunday collection envelopes.

***For Holy Baptism, contact the Parish Office at least **one** month prior to the date requested.

***For Weddings, contact the Parish Office at least **six** months prior to the date requested. **No exceptions!**

***For Funerals, please contact Fr. Remus **before** making the arrangements with the funeral home.

• **Online donations:** Check out our online offering page! You can also sign up for Online donations to St. Michael's by scanning the QR Code:



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

Two Jesuit novices both wanted a cigarette while they prayed. They decided to ask their superior for permission. The first asked but was told no. A little while later he spotted his friend smoking and praying. "Why did the superior allow you to smoke and not me?" he asked. His friend replied, "Because you asked if you could smoke while you prayed, and I asked if I could pray while I smoked!"

January Birthdays

Jan 2: Brianna Alexis Cirstoiu

Jan 6: Jessica Moga

Jan. 8: Claudiu Ionutas

Jan. 11: Marius Misca

Jan. 13: Anastasia Dogaru

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Jan. 14. Marian Matesan

Jan. 17: Sofia Olaru

Jan. 21: Madelyn Naghi

Jan. 26: Jason Welsch

Jan. 27: Emily Adriana Russo

Jan. 27: Gert Saros