



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 11th, 2026
Sunday after the Theophany

This Sunday: Tone 6, Epistle Eph 4: 7:13, Gospel Matt. 4:12-17

Weekly Liturgy Schedule

Monday, January 12, 2026: No Divine Liturgy. Office closed.

Tuesday, January 13, 2026: 8:00 AM: Divine Liturgy for Lena and John Matyas by family

Wednesday, January 14, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Thursday, January 15, 2026: 8:00AM - Divine Liturgy for Susan and Chad Breedlove and family by Jeffrey and Kathleen Matyas

Friday, January 16, 2026: No Divine Liturgy.

Saturday, January 17, 2026: 4:00PM: Divine Liturgy for John Banks by Mary Ann Banks

Sunday, January 18, 2026: 10:00AM: Divine Liturgy for all the members of St. Michael Church

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

Please pray for our sick and others: Dona Popp, Joseph Popp, Susan Banks, Emilia Adriana Russo, Mary Ann Signorelli, 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 that your name can be placed on our prayer list.

Collection: January 3 and January 4

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| • Candles: \$54.00 | • Weekly: \$2,440.00 |
| • Cemetery: \$660.00 | • Building Fund: \$ 1,885.00 |
| • Loose: \$136.00 | • Initial Offering: \$150.00 |
| • Heat: \$640.00 | • Bake Sale Ing.: \$50.00 |

Total Offerings: \$6,015.00

Thank you all for your support!

Why Go To Confession?

From a Catholic point of view, going to Confession is important because it is a sacrament instituted by Jesus Christ for the forgiveness and healing of sins. After His Resurrection, Jesus gave the apostles the authority to forgive sins, saying, “Whose sins you forgive are forgiven them” (John 20:23).

Sin harms our relationship with God and weakens our spiritual life. Confession restores Sanctifying Grace lost through mortal sin and strengthens the soul against future temptation. It also reconciles the sinner not only with God but with the Church, since sin affects the whole Christian community.

Confession brings a unique peace and freedom. Hearing the words of absolution gives objective assurance of forgiveness, something that private prayer alone cannot fully provide. By confessing sins aloud, the penitent practices humility, takes responsibility, and allows God’s mercy to heal spiritual wounds.

The sacrament also prepares the faithful to receive the Eucharist worthily. Since Holy Communion is an intimate union with Christ, the Church teaches that serious sin must be forgiven through Confession before receiving it.

Ultimately, Confession is a personal encounter with God’s mercy, where the faithful experience forgiveness, healing, and renewal of heart, enabling them to grow in holiness and live more faithfully as disciples of Christ.

- **Candles:** During the month of **January 2026**, our candles have been graciously donated by the Ionutas family in memory of Claudiu’s and Monica’s grandparents and family members who are no longer with us. We are also in need of donations for future months. The total cost for altar candles, incense, and another liturgy supplies for one month is \$100.

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

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

*****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 Church by scanning the QR Code below.



To Tickle Your Funny Bone 😊

A man goes to confession and says,

“Father, I accuse myself of the sin of impatience. I get angry very quickly.”

The priest replies,

“Okay, my son. For your penance, pray three Hail Marys ... slowly.”

The man sighs and says,

“Father... do I have to start right now?” 😊

Happy Birthday! La multi ani!

January Birthdays

Jan 2: Diana Pinelli

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

If you would like your birthday in the bulletin, please inform Father, so it will be listed in the future.