

# Saint Michael The Archangel Parish

December 31, 2011 & January 1, 2012

Administrator, Rev. Dale A. Branson

Parish Office: 25394 N. Poseidon Rd., Florence, AZ 85132

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Office hours: Monday 9:30AM – 1 PM,

Tuesday thru Friday 9:30AM – 4 PM

## Mass Schedule

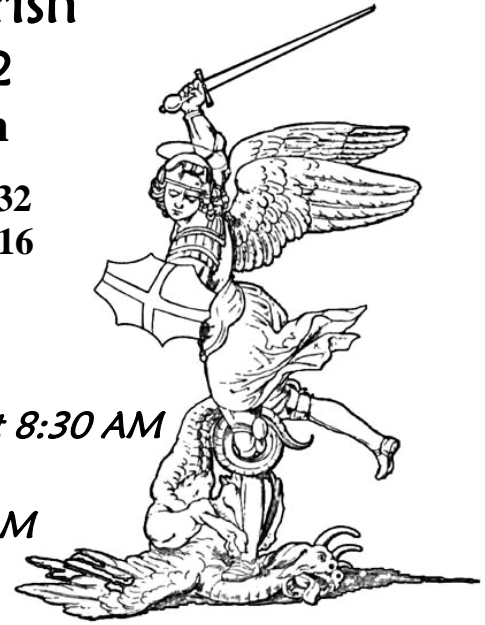
*Weekday Masses: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday at 8:30 AM*

Daily Masses are held at the Parish Rectory/Office

*Weekend Masses: Saturday: 4 PM Sunday: 8 AM and 10:30 AM*

Weekend Masses are held at Copper Basin School

*Confessions before Mass or by appointment*



## *Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God*

“Mary kept all these things, reflecting on them in her heart.” [Luke 2:19 ]

What are the things Mary reflected on “in her heart”?

Both marvelous events such as the angelic message relayed by the shepherds, and the painful circumstance such as a birth in a stable.

Mary grappled with both sides of the mystery of Jesus’ birth: the miraculous and the everyday, the joyous and the painful, what was already unfolding and what was yet to be revealed.

In all this she was really pondering the mystery of God’s presence and thus sublimely models how we too can recognize the Word being made flesh and dwelling among us- the incarnation.<sup>1</sup>

Mary’s divine motherhood broadens the Christmas spotlight. Mary has an important role to play in the Incarnation of the Second Person of the Blessed Trinity.

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## MINISTRY SCHEDULE FOR THE WEEKEND OF JAN. 7/8, 2012

### SATURDAY, JANUARY 7

4 PM

**Altar Servers:** Jayne Jaicks

**Lectors:** Marie Mormino and Judy Varley

**Eucharistic Ministers:** John Nielsen, Kenneth Ring and Darrell Stonerook

**Set Up:** Virginia Bombolino and Mary Teese

**Ushers:** Jackie Jaicks, Clyde Varley and Virginia Bombolino

**Greeters:** Pat Mick and Tom Mick

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

8 AM

**Altar Servers:** Bryana Piccirilli and Christina Piccirilli

**Lectors:** Sarah Estrada Varela and Marlene Dole

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Kelly Grant, Robin Piccirilli and Peggy Peterson

**Set Up:** Marlene Dole and Joe Mirda

**Ushers:** Al Piccirilli and Mario Piccirilli

**Greeters:** Marlene Dole and Frank Varela

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 8

10:30 AM

**Altar Servers:** AJ Harris, Daniel Ramirez and Gabe Castillo

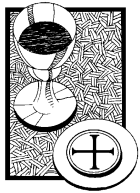
**Lectors:** Suzanne Baitinger and Diana Albert

**Eucharistic Ministers:** Craig Rudko and Jenny Rudko

**Set Up:** Rachael Courtright and Jenny Rudko

**Ushers:** Walter Pampanin, Noah Rudko and Mark Armijo

**Greeters:** Mary Masella, Shane Armijo and Tess Arayon



## Week Day Masses

Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday  
and Friday

At 8:30 AM

At the parish rectory

25394 Poseidon Rd., Florence, AZ 85132  
(520) 723-6570

### **Please Pray . . .**

for those suffering in mind, body  
and spirit.

for those with serious or life-  
threatening illnesses: Sue and John.

for those who have died.

for families traveling during the Christmas  
season.

for those serving in the military.

for the members of St. Michael the Archangel  
parish.



### *~ Prayer Requests ~*

For a Prayer Group request: You may  
contact Virginia Bombolino (480)888-7914  
or sign our petition list at the Greeters'  
table. All requests are held private.

### Mass Intentions

Jan. 1 - 10:30 AM - For the people of St. Michael  
the Archangel Parish

Jan. 7 - 4 PM - For the people of St. Michael the  
Archangel

Contact the Rectory Office to place a Mass Intention.

**Congratulations to the children for a  
wonderful Christmas Program!**

**&**

**Many thanks to the choir and  
musicians for the joyful music.**

## St. Michael the Archangel Finance Report



### Income December 24/25, 2011

|                   |                    |
|-------------------|--------------------|
| \$ 150.00         | Building fund      |
| 982.55            | Loose cash         |
| <u>1,752.00</u>   | Envelope offerings |
| <b>\$2,884.55</b> | <b>Total</b>       |

Offering checks should be made payable to St.  
Michael the Archangel Parish.

Note: 10% of our collection contributions go for  
the Church building fund.

### Expenses paid the week of December 18th- 24th

|                 |                        |
|-----------------|------------------------|
| \$ 88.79        | Electricity            |
| 67.50           | Quarterly trash pickup |
| <u>400.00</u>   | Choir - November       |
| <b>\$556.29</b> | <b>Total</b>           |

### Electronic Givers

Since we have new bank accounts, those of you  
giving electronically may have your  
contributions kicked back. Just set it up again as  
before, if possible, with St. Michael as the  
recipient. If they haven't kicked back you will  
need to reset your account. Hopefully, we will  
have more information later.

### Parish Council Meeting

There will be a closed Parish Council  
meeting on Tuesday, January 10<sup>th</sup> starting  
at 6:30 PM at the parish rectory.

*Thank you to the Parishioner who left some  
Christmas treats for the children at Christmas Eve  
Mass. They have been given to the CCD Director*

## Solemnity of Mary, The Holy Mother of God . . .

Some theologians insist that Mary's motherhood of Jesus is an important element in God's creative plan. God's "first" thought in creating was Jesus. Jesus, the incarnate Word, is the one who could give God perfect love and worship on behalf of all creation. As Jesus was "first" in God's mind, Mary was "second" insofar as she was chosen from all eternity to be his mother.

The precise title "Mother of God" goes back at least to the third or fourth century. In the Greek form *Theotokos* (God-bearer), it became the touchstone of the Church's teaching about the Incarnation. The Council of Ephesus in 431 insisted that the holy Fathers were right in calling the holy virgin *Theotokos*. At the end of this particular session, crowds of people marched through the street shouting: "Praised be the *Theotokos*!" The tradition reaches to our own day. In its chapter on Mary's role in the Church, Vatican II's *Dogmatic Constitution on the Church* calls Mary "Mother of God" 12 times.<sup>2</sup>

Like the Churches of the East, Rome wished to honor the Virgin Mother of God during the days after Christmas. As a result the *Natale S. Mariae* ("Anniversary of St. Mary") made its appearance on January 1 in the seventh century; it has accurately been called "the first Marian feast of the Roman liturgy." — *The Church at Prayer*

The Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God, represents our Lady's greatest title.<sup>3</sup>

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2 *Saint of the Day*, Lives, Lessons and Feast By Leonard Foley, O.F.M.; revised by Pat McCloskey, O.F.M., An [AmericanCatholic.org](http://AmericanCatholic.org) Site from the *Franciscans* and *Franciscan Media Copyright* © 1996-2011  
3 Excerpted from the *Directory on Popular Piety and the Liturgy*.

"If the only prayer you ever say in your whole life is 'thank you,' that will suffice."

- Meister Eckhart, Christian mystic (c.1260-1327/8)

## CCD Classes



The January 2012  
CCD class schedule

is as follows: Jan. 8, 22 and 29

Jenny Rudko, CCD Director

481 people attended mass last weekend.

**FYI ! FYI ! FYI !**

**We have a new website!**  
**[www.stmichaels77.org](http://www.stmichaels77.org)**

**Check it out!**  
**Visit it regularly!**

### Help Needed!

We need a person to take on the **Safe Environment Program**. To find out more about this position contact Father Branson at [pastor@stmichaels77.org](mailto:pastor@stmichaels77.org) or call the parish office (520) 723-6570 or leave your name at the Greeters Table.

### The Holy Father's Intentions for the Month of January 2012

**General:** That the victims of natural disasters may receive the spiritual and material comfort they need to rebuild their lives.

**Missionary:** That the dedication of Christians to peace may bear witness to the name of Christ before all men and women of good will.

## ST. MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL MINISTRIES & COMMITTEES

**Altar Servers:** Bert Pampanin [BertandPat@AOL.com](mailto:BertandPat@AOL.com)

**Altar Society (includes Set Up/Take Down) :**

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**Webmaster:** Craig Rudko

[webmaster@stmichaels77.org](mailto:webmaster@stmichaels77.org)

**Youth Group:** Andy Ramirez

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**HAPPY NEW YEAR**

## New to St. Michael the Archangel Parish?



We would like to welcome you and we ask that you please take a minute to register. The signup sheets are located at the Greeters Table.

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## Sacramental Policies

### **Anointing of the Sick:**

At the 8:00 AM Mass on the first Friday of each month.

### **Baptism:**

Parents should contact the office, provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and participate in the class, to be offered monthly. Godparents must be practicing Catholics who are confirmed. Baptisms are scheduled in consultation between the family and the pastor. Please contact the pastor to make arrangements.

### **Confession:**

One-half hour before all Masses, or by appointment.

### **Confirmation:**

Only high school students will be admitted to the Confirmation Program. Youth are required to participate in CCD during both the 9<sup>th</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup> grades, and also participate in a special series of 6 classes for confirmation. Sponsors must be practicing Catholics who are already confirmed. Parents should not be sponsors for their own children.

For information on Confirmation preparation for adults, please contact the Pastor.

### **First Holy Communion:**

Is offered to students in Grade 3. Children must attend CCD regularly throughout Grade 2 in order to be eligible to enter the sacramental preparation program in Grade 3. Students will also be prepared for the Sacrament of Reconciliation in Grade 3

### **Marriage:**

Both parties are expected to participate in the preparation program. Parties must notify the pastor at least one year prior to their proposed marriage date. Please meet with the Pastor for a fuller explanation of and to make arrangements.

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**Tucson Diocese Website:** Visit the diocese website and go to the Bishop's Monday Memo and find out about what is happening in the diocese. The diocese website [www.diocesetucson.org](http://www.diocesetucson.org) is a valuable source of information about the diocese.