



# Saint Mary Parish

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## PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL THE ARCHANGEL

St. Michael the Archangel,  
defend us in battle.

Be our defense against the wickedness  
and snares of the Devil.

May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,  
and do thou,

O Prince of the heavenly hosts,  
by the power of God,  
cast into hell Satan,  
and all the evil spirits,  
who prowl about the world  
seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.

### WHY ARE WE PRAYING THE PRAYER TO ST. MICHAEL AT THE END OF MASS?

Michael the Archangel appears multiple times in the Bible as protector and defender. In the book of Daniel, Michael the Archangel appears in Daniel's vision as "the great prince" who defends Israel against its enemies. In the Book of Revelation, he leads God's armies to final victory over the forces of evil. Devotion to Michael the Archangel is the oldest angelic devotion, rising in the East in the fourth century. The Church in the West began to observe a feast honoring Michael and the angels in the fifth century. Today, St. Michael is invoked for protection from evil and from enemies.

***"Christ has conquered sin and death, but we are still in the midst of a spiritual battle. For that reason, I would like the Prayer to Saint Michael the Archangel recited at the end of every Mass in the Diocese. I believe that the Church is facing a moment of crisis that demands honesty and repentance from the bishops and decisive action to ensure that these failures will never happen again." –Bishop Frank Caggiano***

Bishop Frank also asks that the faithful of the Diocese pray the St. Michael Prayer personally as well. [Bridgeportdiocese.org](http://Bridgeportdiocese.org)