

ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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 Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM

<u>ADORATION</u>	<u>HOLY MASS</u>		<u>CONFESSION</u>
<p><u>St. Michael's</u></p> <p>Daily Adoration Chapel Open 8AM-8PM</p> <p><u>St. Joseph's</u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6:00-7:00PM Benediction 6:45PM</p>	<p><u>St. Joseph's</u></p> <p><u>Daily Mass (9AM)</u> Tuesday Thursday Saturday</p> <p><u>Weekends</u> Saturday 5:15PM Sunday 7:00AM 10:45AM</p> <p>* NO 7PM Mass Memorial Day - Labor Day.*</p>	<p><u>St. Michael's</u></p> <p><u>Daily Mass</u> Monday (Eng) 9AM Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM Friday (Port) 9AM</p> <p><u>Weekends</u> Saturday 4:00PM (Eng) Sunday 9:30AM (Eng) 12PM (Port) * 7PM (Eng)</p>	<p><u>St. Michael's</u></p> <p>Wednesdays 5-5:30PM Saturday 3-3:30PM</p> <p><u>St. Joseph's</u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6-6:45PM Saturday 9:30-10:30AM</p> <p>Any time by appointment.</p>

SEPTEMBER 24TH, 2023

WELCOME TO ST. MICHAEL'S AND ST. JOSEPH'S

St. Michael's and St. Joseph's in the North End of the city of Fall River are two parishes that have come together to share our resources to effectively accomplish our common mission—to preach, teach and live the Gospel of Jesus Christ, for His glory and the salvation of souls. If you are visiting or are new to our parish, please introduce yourself to our Pastor, Fr. Jay. Please know how welcome you are here. God bless

PARISH STAFF

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FAITH FORMATION BEGINS THIS MONTH

Our Faith Formation programs will begin this week, with our first class for grades 1-7 on Wednesday at 6:15PM at St. Joseph's Parish Center. If you know of a family with young children who are in need of Catechism, please let them know to arrive early to register their children.

BLUE MASS FOR POLICE OFFICERS

This year's annual Blue Mass will be celebrated on Thursday, September 28th at 7:00PM. St. Michael the Archangel is the patron saint of those in law enforcement. Please let all police officers and firefighters, and their families, know.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

Mark your calendars for these upcoming events at Saint Michael's (SM) and Saint Joseph's (SJ)

September 25th - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)

September 26th - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)
- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ)

September 27th - Rel. Ed. Class, 1-7, 6:15PM (SJ)
- Parents meeting, grades 1 & 2
7PM (SJ)

September 28th - Blue Mass, 7PM (SM)

September 29th - Jr. Youth Group, 7-9PM (SM)

MALASSADAS SALE

There will be a Malassada Sale on Saturday, October 7th from 7AM-2PM at St. Michael's Hall. Please let your family and friends know.

SCHOOL BUS TRIP TO ENCORE

St. Michael School PTO will host an evening bus trip to Encore Casino on Friday, November 3rd. The bus will depart from St. Michael School at 6PM and leaving the Encore at Midnight. The price is \$35 each, for adults only over the age of 21, and includes a \$20 game voucher to use at the casino. Spaces are very limited. Please contact the school or parish office to reserve your space.

PARENTS MEETING FOR GRADES 1 AND 2

There will be a parent meeting for ALL who have children in Grades 1 and 2 in our Religious Education Program or School on Wednesday, September 27th at 7:00PM in St. Joseph's Church. This meeting is for First Holy Communion.

ST. JOSEPH PARISH DINNER

St. Joseph's Parish is hosting a dinner on Saturday, November 4th, immediately following the 5:15PM Mass. It will be a spaghetti and meatball dinner and tickets will be available starting next week after all Masses. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

Join us on Sunday, October 8th, after 7AM and 10:45AM Masses for our Second Sunday Social in St. Joseph's Parish Center. There will be refreshments served, as well as time for fellowship and community.

THE RETURN OF 7PM MASS

Our 7PM Mass on Sundays has returned. The 7PM Mass is offered at St. Michael's Church from September to May.

SOUP KITCHEN

Our parishes host a monthly soup kitchen for those in our community in need of a warm meal. All are welcome to assist on Saturday, October 21st at 4PM at St. Michael's Hall.

PLEASE REFRAIN FROM SIGN OF PEACE

With reports of recent COVID cases once again, all are respectfully asked to refrain from any form of the Sign of Peace, and to pray/sing the "Lamb of God". Thank you for your cooperation.

CATECHESIS ON HOLY MASS

I have already been asked, with great respect, why I am writing this column. The simple answer is that we have not been teaching correct behavior in church at all well. Truly, people don't know any more how to act in church, and it is mainly the fault of us pastors. So here is the problem: say someone comes into church, and even approaches Holy Communion, chewing gum. This is wrong because it breaks your Eucharistic fast, it's distracting, it is considered impolite in a formal setting, and it doesn't help us pray better. (Can you imagine the Pope popping gum during Mass?) There are two solutions. The first is to go up to the person and ask him or her to stop, causing embarrassment and possibly an angry response. The second is to do just this: write a column and present it for consideration in an impersonal, less confrontational situation. I hope this second approach will be successful. I don't mean to criticize. In fact, I hate it. But we need to address these issues to give greater glory to God and to keep peace in our hearts. Thank you for your response!

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

ADULTS WHO NEED TO BE CONFIRMED

RCIA is for any adult over the age of 18 who desires Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation, or for an adult who may have been baptized but did not receive the Sacraments of First Communion or Confirmation. Adult Confirmation will be conferred on November 30th at the Cathedral of St. Mary. For more information, please contact Deacon Paul.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, led by Deacon Paul, takes place on Tuesdays at 9:30AM at St. Joseph's School. The focus will be on the following week's readings. For more information, please see Deacon Paul.

MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP

Deacon Paul leads a study group for those searching to get more out of their faith. Through Scripture stories, commentary, and questions for reflection and discussion, we'll learn how to receive the freedom and the new life Jesus died to give us. These sessions take place every Monday at 10AM.

FORMED ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION

We are pleased to give you a free subscription to www.formed.org, filled with entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks and a great selection of popular ebooks. To register, visit www.formed.org/signup, and enter our zip and select St. Joseph, and enter your name and email address to sign up.

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www.stjosephschurchfr.com
www.smsfr.org

Fr. Jay's blog: fatherjaymello.wordpress.com

SAVE THE DATE

*Please save the date for the following events
at our parishes and school.*

St. Joseph Dinner - Sat., November 4th, 6PM

Holy Ghost Dinner - Sat., November 11th, 6PM

YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

The following dates have been scheduled for our Jr. Youth Group and High School Youth Group events.

Junior Youth Group -
Friday, September 29th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

High School Youth Group -
Friday, October 6th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church

Daily Adoration Chapel -
daily from 8AM-8PM

St. Joseph's Church

Eucharistic Holy Hour with Confessions
Tuesday - 6-7PM

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, contact the parish office. To enroll in Online Giving, please visit:

St. Joseph's: stjosephschurchfr.weshareonline.org
St. Michael's: smpfr.weshareonline.org

PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

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.

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

September 16-17, 2023

Weekly Collection: \$4,133.00

Religious Education Collection: \$ 665.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
Monthly School Collection

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

September 16-17, 2023

Weekly Collection: \$3,154.00

Religious Education Collection: \$ 879.00

Next Weekend's Second Collection:
Church Maintenance Collection

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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PIES AND COOKIES

St. Michael School is selling pies and cookies through October 2nd. All orders will be in the Friday before Thanksgiving. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/SMSpies2023> to place an online order or click on the link on our school website.

FOLLOW SMS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow all the great things going on at St. Michael School on our social media accounts, "like" our Facebook page: St. Michael's Church and School, and our Instagram page: @saint_michael_school

MARY WICK SCHOLARSHIP FUND

Mrs. Mary Wick was a dedicated parishioner involved in many different things at St. Michael's parish, including teaching in our parish school for many years. If you would like to remember and honor Mary in this way, please make checks payable to the "Mrs. Mary Wick Scholarship." Donations can be mailed in, placed in the collection basket or to Fr. Jay.



Religious Education News

1st & 2nd Grade Parents Meeting

Wednesday, September 27th - 7PM

St. Joseph's Church

Religious Ed Grades 1-7 - First Class

Wednesday, September 27th - 6:15PM

St. Joseph's Parish Center

Confirmation Grade 9 Class

Monday, October 2nd - 7PM

St. Michael's Hall

Confirmation Grade 8 Class

Monday, October 16th - 7PM

St. Michael's Hall

For questions, contact Lisa Ouellette for grades 1-7 at 508.567.6358, or Ana Lucy Mello for grades 8-9 at 508.494.3916.

PROJECT RACHEL FOR EXPECTING MOTHERS

The Family and Respect Life Office of Diocese of Fall River's mission is to educate and promote a culture of life that protects and preserves all life from the moment of conception until natural death. The office offers support for expecting mothers, mothers considering adoption and mothers healing from the trauma of abortion. Call 508.997.3300 for assistance.

CHOOSE LIFE.



If you are in need of someone to talk to about a crisis pregnancy or in dealing with the pain of abortion, call 508.997.3300

Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

Tuesday, September 26 - Ss. Cosmas & Damian

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Thursday, September 28th - St. Wenceslaus

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Saturday, September 30th - St. Jerome

9:00AM - John Camara

Saturday, September 30th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Edward and Dorothy Pedro

Sunday, October 1st - 26th Sunday in Ordinary

7:00AM - George Arruda, 17th Anniversary

10:45AM - For those who died in September

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, September 25th

9:00AM - Ana Pacheco

Wednesday, September 27th - St. Vincent de Paul

9:00AM - For our Parish and School

Friday, September 29th - St. Michael

9:00AM - Simao Arruda, Francisco Carlos e familia

Saturday, September 30th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Jesse M. Aguiar

Sunday, September 24th - 25th Sunday in Ordinary

9:30AM - For those who died in September, especially Lucille Peixoto

12:00PM - Lydia, Gus e Pat Gonsalves

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

MASSES AND CANDLES

To book a Mass, or have the candles in our sanctuary or Blessed Sacrament Chapel lit in memory or for the intentions of a loved one, please contact the parish office. The Mass book for the first half of 2024 will open on **Wednesday, October 11th.**

WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS? At each Mass, during the Prayer of the Faithful, we hear that prayers are requested at this Mass for... This is referred to as a "Mass Intention." This means that this Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, or for the special intentions of someone who is still living but requesting prayers for a particular intention. If you would like a Mass offered for someone that you have lost, particularly on the anniversary of their death or birthday, please call the parish office to schedule that Mass. Remember, the greatest thing that we can do for someone who has died is to pray for them, and the Mass is the greatest of all prayer.

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Intentions of Maria Pacheco

St. Michael's - Frank Arruda

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Intentions of the Carreiro family

CONFESSIONS

St. Michael's

Wednesdays 5-5:30PM

Saturday 3-3:30PM

St. Joseph's

Tuesdays 6-6:45PM

Saturday 9:30-10:30AM

BOLSA DE ESTUDO EM NOME DE SRA. WICK

A Sra. Mary Wick era uma dedicada paroquiano envolvida em muitas coisas diferentes na Paróquia de S. Miguel, incluindo o ensino em nossa escola paroquial por muitos anos. Era desejo de Mary que uma bolsa de estudos fosse iniciada em seu nome para ajudar as famílias com o custo das propinas. Se gostaria de lembrar e honrar a Mary desta forma, por favor, fazer um cheque a "Mrs. Mary Wick Scholarship." Doações podem ser enviadas na paróquia, colocadas na cesta de coleta ou entregues diretamente ao Padre Jay. Vamos todos nos lembrar da Mary e de todo o bem que ela fez!

MISSA AZUL PARA OFICIAIS DE POLÍCIA

A Missa Azul anual deste ano será celebrada na Quinta-Feira, 28 de Setembro, às 7PM. São Miguel Arcanjo é o santo padroeiro daqueles na aplicação da lei. Por favor, informe todos os policiais e bombeiros, e suas famílias.

POR FAVOR, ABSTENHA-SE DE SINAL DE PAZ

Com relatos de casos recentes de COVID, mais uma vez, todos são respeitosamente convidados a abster-se de qualquer forma de Sinal de Paz e a rezar/cantar o "Cordeiro de Deus". Obrigado pela sua cooperação.

VENDA DE MALASSADAS

Haverá uma venda de Malassadas no Sábado, 7 de Outubro, das 7 da manhã às 2 da tarde, no Salão paroquial. Por favor, deixa sua família e amigos saber.

GUARDA A DATA

Por favor, guarda a data pelos eventos planejados pelas paróquias e a escola.

Jantar de S. Jose - Sab., 4 de Novembro, 6PM

Jantar da Mordomia - Sab., 11 de Novembro, 6PM

DOENTE OU NO HOSPITAL

Se está doente, vá ter uma cirurgia ou no hospital e gostaria de receber a Santa Unção, ou ser visitado pelo Pe. Jay, por favor, ligue para o escritório da paróquia. A única maneira de sabermos é se você ou sua família nos contar.

CATEQUESE SOBRE SANTA MISSA

Já me perguntaram, com muito respeito, por que estou escrevendo esta coluna. A resposta simples é que não temos ensinado nada bem o comportamento correto na igreja. Na verdade, as pessoas não sabem mais como agir na igreja, e a culpa é principalmente de nós, pastores. Então aqui está o problema: digamos que alguém entra na igreja e até se aproxima da Sagrada Comunhão, mascando chiclete. Isto é errado porque quebra o jejum eucarístico, distrai, é considerado indelicado num ambiente formal e não nos ajuda a rezar melhor. (Você consegue imaginar o Papa estourando chiclete durante a missa?) Existem duas soluções. A primeira é ir até a pessoa e pedir que ela pare, causando constrangimento e possivelmente uma resposta de raiva. A segunda é fazer exatamente isto: escrever uma coluna e apresentá-la para consideração numa situação impessoal e menos conflituosa. Espero que esta segunda abordagem seja bem sucedida. Não pretendo criticar. Na verdade, eu odeio isso. Mas precisamos de abordar estas questões para dar maior glória a Deus e manter a paz nos nossos corações. Obrigado pela sua resposta!

Oração de São Miguel Arcanjo

São Miguel Arcanjo, defendei-nos neste combate, sede nossa guarda contra a maldade e as ciladas do demônio. Humildamente pedimos que Deus, sobre ele impere, e vós, príncipe da milícia celeste, Com o poder divino, precipitai no inferno a satanás e aos outros espíritos malignos, que vagueiam pelo mundo para perdição das almas. Amen.