

# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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

## ADORATION

### St. Michael's

Daily Adoration  
Chapel  
Open 8AM-8PM

### St. Joseph's

Tuesdays  
6:00-7:00PM  
Benediction 6:45PM

## HOLY MASS

### St. Joseph's

#### Daily Mass (9AM)

Tuesday  
Thursday  
Saturday

#### Weekends

Saturday 5:15PM  
Sunday 7:00AM  
10:45AM

### St. Michael's

#### Daily Mass

Monday (Eng) 9AM  
Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM  
Friday (Port) 9AM

#### Weekends

Saturday 4:00PM (Eng)  
Sunday 9:30AM (Eng)  
12PM (Port)  
7PM (Eng)

## CONFESSION

### St. Michael's

Wednesdays  
5-5:30PM  
Saturday 3-3:30PM

### St. Joseph's

Tuesdays 6-6:45PM  
Saturday  
9:30-10:30AM

Any time by appointment.

FEBRUARY 20, 2022

## **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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Ms. Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation [jrevil@comcast.net]

Mr. Daniel Marshall, Music Director [dmarshall@musician.org]

#### **WHITE ATTIRE PARTY**

The Holy Ghost Committee is hosting a “Festa Branca” or all white attire party on Saturday, March 26th at 6PM. Tickets are \$30 and include appetizers, soup, surf and turf, dessert and coffee, as well as live entertainment. Please contact the parish office for tickets.

#### **CONGRATULATIONS TO RECENTLY MARRIED**

Congratulations to Christopher and Monica Cunha who recently had their marriage blessed at St. Joseph's Church. May the Lord grant them a happy and holy marriage! Anyone interested in getting married, or having their civil marriages blessed by the Church, they should see Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

#### **WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

We welcome to our parish our newly registered members: Alyssa Santos and Bryan Kozak and their son Thomas to St. Joseph's Parish and Kenneth and Cheryl Leger, Joseph and Karen Rodrigues and their sons, Derek and Ryan, and Sonia Pereira and her children Aubrey and Julian to St. Michael's Parish. If you would like to register as a parishioner, please see Father Jay or call the parish office at 508-672-6713.

### **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES**

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

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| February 21st | - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)<br>- Office Closed, Holiday                    |
| February 22nd | - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)<br>- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ) |
| February 23rd | - Confessions, 5-5:30PM (SM)<br>- NO CCD, Vacation week                 |

### **ASH WEDNESDAY**

March 2nd, 2022

#### **St. Joseph's**

7AM

6:30PM

#### **St. Michael's**

8:30AM - (with school children)

12PM - In Portuguese

### **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.

## SEVENTH SUNDAY OF ORDINARY TIME

### FROM FATHER JAY

The Holy Season of Lent is just about 10 days away. As we prepare for the Lenten season, we can easily get caught up in the busy-ness of life. This craziness can sometimes make us forget our purpose of Lent and what our goal should be - getting closer to God, confronting and overcoming our weaknesses and temptations and living holy lives. So, what are we going to do? What are we going to do as a parish? As families? As individuals? We each need a game plan, a plan for the next 50 days. Yes, 50! We can't start thinking about Lent on Ash Wednesday - *what we are going to do, what we are going to give up*, etc. I want to invite all parishioners to take these next 10 days to a sort of "Pre-Lent" - a time to get ready for Lent. Lent is the annual spiritual retreat for the entire Church. It is a time for us to address our relationship with the Lord. So, let me begin with these basic but pointed questions: Are you happy with your relationship with the Lord? Is your faith strong? Is it lukewarm? Could it be better? How is your prayer life? Are you tired of struggling with the same sins year after year? Think about these questions the next 10 days and then ask yourself this important follow up question - What are you going to do about it? During these following weeks of Lent, I am going to make it a point to write a weekly column for our bulletin to guide us through the Lenten season. Lent really is such a beautiful season with so many opportunities to grow in holiness. Allow me to suggest a few ideas. Perhaps making it a point to attend Daily Mass? Maybe a daily visit to the Adoration Chapel? Praying the Rosary each day on the way to work or together as a family. Reading a chapter a day of the bible or a good spiritual book, coming to Stations of the Cross each Friday. Obviously, we take our lead from the words spoken to us on Ash Wednesday when we receive ashes: "Turn away from sin and be faithful to the Gospel." Making a good confession is essential to the Lenten Season. Let us use these next 10 days to get ready for our annual 40-day retreat!

## ADULT FAITH FORMATION

### LENTEN STUDY GROUP

During Lent, Deacon Paul will be leading a study on the Seven Last Words of Christ- the seven short sentences uttered by Jesus as he endured his crucifixion. This will help us bring the real meaning of Easter alive! Sessions will be held on Mondays during Lent from 10:00 am-11:30 am at St. Josephs Hall. If there is enough interest, it will also be offered Monday evenings from 6:30 pm-8:00 pm. The cost will be \$5 for a workbook. Please call the office to register, indicating morning or evening session

### ADULT CONFIRMATION

Adults, ages 18 and older, who are members of St. Joseph's or St. Michael's and seeking to receive the Sacrament of Confirmation should contact Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation no later than March 1st at [jrevil@comcast.net](mailto:jrevil@comcast.net). Classes will be held for seven weeks in March and April. Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 19th.

### BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, led by Director of Adult Faith Formation, Jean Revil, will take place on Tuesdays, at 9:30AM and 7PM at St. Joseph's school, focusing on the following week's readings.

### FORMED" FREE ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION

We are pleased to give you a free subscription to [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), filled with entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks and a great selection of popular ebooks. It is an incredible online gate-way to the best Catholic content, all in one place. To register, visit [www.formed.org](http://www.formed.org), and click on Register in the lower right of page. Enter parish access code: Q368NW and create an account.

### LIGHTHOUSE MEDIA

You will notice at the main entrance of the Church a display class with CDs from Lighthouse Media. These are inspiration and education CDs from well known Catholic Speakers to help each of us learn more about and grow in our faith. Each CD is only \$3. These are great for listening in the car on the way to work, or to give as a small gift to someone who might need some encouragement in their faith.

## ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In preparation for our 150th Anniversary at St. Joseph's, we have begun some restoration work on the exterior of both our church and our parish office building. We have begun a capital campaign to raise \$250,000 over the next two years. It is also a wonderful opportunity to memorialize our loved ones. A memorial plaque will be dedicated at the end of the campaign to honor all major benefactors. Memorial plaques will be made for donations of: \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000.

Total raised \$86,500.

## Sharing Our Faith

### *Adult Faith Formation Series*

Presented by Jean Revil  
Director of Adult Faith Formation  
Wednesdays at 6:30PM  
St. Joseph School

### *March 9th - The Gift of Reconciliation*

"Come now, let us set things right"  
Isaiah 1:18

God is constantly inviting us to set things right, to be reconciled, to begin again. This session will examine the incredible gift the Sacrament of Reconciliation is and why we should avail ourselves of it frequently.

## EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

### St. Michael's Church

Daily Adoration Chapel -  
Daily from 8AM-8PM

### St. Joseph's Church

Eucharistic Holy Hour with Confessions  
Tuesday - 6-7PM

## MASS DURING SNOW STORMS

As we enter the winter season and inclement weather, please be advised that daily Mass will be cancelled if school is cancelled. All Mass intentions will be rescheduled. Weekend Masses will not be cancelled unless such severe conditions warrant a driving ban. Please use prudence and safety!

## AMAZON SMILE TO SUPPORT SMS

Want to help make a difference while you shop in the Amazon app, at no extra cost to you? Simply follow the instructions below to select "St. Michael School" as your charity and activate AmazonSmile in the app. They'll donate a portion of your eligible mobile app purchases to us. How it works:

1. Open the Amazon app on your phone,
2. Select the main menu & tap on "AmazonSmile" within Programs & Features,
3. Select "St. Michael School" as your charity
4. Follow the on-screen instructions to activate AmazonSmile in the mobile app.

## SIGN UP FOR PARISH EMAILS

Stay connected to our parishes and sign up to receive communications via email. Please sign up for our messaging service by texting the code "SMSJFR" to 84576.

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

In both of our churches and at the Adoration Chapel, parishioners have the opportunity to reserve the lamps lit in memory of their loved ones. The Sanctuary and Chapel Lamps are \$15, and the Altar of the Blessed Sacrament lamps are \$15 together. Please contact the parish office for more information.



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.



# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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## 2022-2023 SCHOOL REGISTRATION

Registration for Pre-K through 8th grade is now open. Please let your family and friends with young children know. Space is limited and spots are filled in a first come, first served basis. If you would like to have your child registered at St. Michael School, please call the school office as soon as possible as spots fill quickly.

## FINANCIAL AID AVAILABLE

The Foundation for Advancing Catholic Education (FACE) assists families with the cost of tuition for Catholic education. Please see Fr. Jay for more information.

## MRS. MARY WICK MEMORIAL SCHOLARSHIP

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. It was Mary's wish that a scholarship be started in her name to assist families with the cost of tuition. 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 the parish, placed in the collection basket or given directly to Fr. Jay. Let us all remember Mary and all the good she has done!

## Religious Education News

### Grades 1-7, NO CCD Class

*Wednesday, February 23rd - Vacation Week*

### Grades 1-7, Class

*Wednesday, February 23rd - 6:15-7:35PM*

St. Joseph's Church

### First Communion Retreat

*Saturday, March 5th - 9AM*

St. Michael's Hall

### Confirmation Grade 9 Class

*Monday, February 7th - 7:00-8:30PM*

St. Michael's Hall

### Confirmation Grade 8 Class

*Monday, March 7th - 7:00-8:30PM*

St. Michael's Hall

### Confirmation Retreat

*Saturday, April 2nd - 9AM-5PM*

St. Joseph's School

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For more information about Religious Education Grades 1-7, contact Lisa Ouellette at 508.567.3638.

For more information about our Confirmation program, please contact Ana Lucy Mello at 508.494.3916.

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[www.smpfr.org](http://www.smpfr.org)

[www.stjosephschurchfr.com](http://www.stjosephschurchfr.com)

Fr. Jay's Blog:

[fatherjaymello.wordpress.com](http://fatherjaymello.wordpress.com)

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 19th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - David and Alma Bond, David Bond

### Sunday, February 20th - 7th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM - Edward Gosselin, Luis Rego, John and Gertrude Lawrence, Fr. John J. Perry

10:45AM - Gilbert Piedade (1st Ann.), Debra Piedade, Everett Mello (4th Ann.)

### Tuesday, February 22nd - Chair of St. Peter

9:00AM - Germana Araujo

### Thursday, February 24th

9:00AM - Rick and Linda McCarthy

### Saturday, February 26th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### Saturday, February 26th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Jose Joaquim Pereira & family, Gilberto Vieira, Margarida Revoredo, Tony Costa Jr., Stephanie Sousa & family, Virginia, Joaquim & Steve Reis

### Sunday, February 27th - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

7:00AM - Margaret Arruda

10:45AM - Irene Silva

## SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's -

St. Michael's - Antonio Paulos, Jezuina Medeiros

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Nelson Mello

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

February 12-13, 2022

First Collection: \$3,738.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$1,060.00

Next Week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

## CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

February 12-13, 2022

First Collection: \$2,171.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$ 743.00

Next Week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

## Mass Intentions

### Saturday, February 19th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Silvino Estrela

### Sunday, February 20th - 7th Sunday of Ordinary Time

9:30AM - Jose S. Mendes

12:00PM - Kimberly Dias, Alvaro e Palmira Luciana Carvalho, Al Carvalho, Joao e Germana Medeiros, Gilda e Jose Botelho, Genoveva and Alfredo Furtado, Isaura DoRego, Alfredo e Maria Sousa, Jacinto e Isabel Tome, Joao Andrade e familia, Lucinda deMelo e familia, John Chaves, Maria e Manuel Barbosa, Carlos Goncalves, John D. Carvalho, Jose e Umbrazina Carvalho, Hermano, Maria de Jesus, Maria do Espirito Santo, Abel, Marcolino Teves, Eugenia Albernaz, Moises Barbosa, Julio Tome, Teodora M. Pereira, Julio Tomé, Intenções de Connie e John Chaves, Lorena Oliveira

7:00PM - Steve Couto, Ines Vieira

### Monday, February 21st - St. Peter Damian

9:00AM - Maria da Luz Furtado and family

### Wednesday, February 23rd - St. Polycarp

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

### Friday, February 25th

9:00AM - Maria Fonseca Oliveira

### Saturday, February 26th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Antonio F. Cabral, Lydia Gonsalves and family, Miguel & Helena Aguiar & family, Jose & Diamantina Amaral, Joe Correia, Joao deMedeiros, Laureana & Antonio Camara, Maria Barroso, Virgínio & Joaquim Reis, Steve Reis, Joao & Maria DaSilva, Agostinho & Maria Medeiros, Sandra, Alphonse & Norman Lavoie, Eddie Pavao, Matilde Borges, Maria Borges, KerriAnn Fonseca, Joao DeMello Botelho, Connie Aguiar, Mariana Carlos and family, Moises Camara, Intentions of Deolinda Camara, Mariana Mattias Aguiar and Teresa Botelho

### Sunday, February 27th - 8th Sunday in Ordinary Time

9:30AM - Maria Isabel Barbosa, Hermano, Joao, Liberio and Sandra Barbosa, Peter C. Rego, Miguel Medeiros

12:00PM - Sara Tavares do Rego, Antonio Medeiros, Carlos Goncalves, Guilherme do Rego Martins

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

## DE PADRE JAY

Faltam apenas 10 dias para o Tempo Sagrado da Quaresma. Enquanto nos preparamos para a Quaresma, podemos facilmente ser pegos pela agitação da vida. Essa loucura às vezes pode nos fazer esquecer nosso propósito da Quaresma e qual deve ser nosso objetivo - aproximar-se de Deus, confrontar e superar nossas fraquezas e tentações e viver uma vida santa. Então o que nós vamos fazer? O que vamos fazer como paróquia? Como famílias? Como indivíduos? Cada um de nós precisa de um plano, um plano para os próximos 50 dias. Sim, 50! Não podemos começar a pensar na Quaresma na Quarta-Feira de Cinzas - o que vamos fazer, o que vamos desistir, etc. Quero convidar todos os paroquianos a levar estes próximos 10 dias para uma espécie de "Pré-Quaresma" - um tempo para se preparar para a Quaresma. A Quaresma é o retiro espiritual anual de toda a Igreja. É um momento para abordarmos nossa relação com o Senhor. Então, deixe-me começar com estas perguntas básicas, mas diretas: está feliz com seu relacionamento com o Senhor? Sua fé é forte? É morno? Poderia ser melhor? Como está sua vida de oração? Está cansado de lutar com os mesmos pecados ano após ano? Pense nessas perguntas nos próximos 10 dias e, em seguida, faça a si mesmo esta importante pergunta - o que é que vai fazer a respeito? Durante estas próximas semanas da Quaresma, vou escrever uma coluna semanal para o nosso boletim para nos guiar no tempo da Quaresma. A Quaresma é realmente uma época tão bonita com tantas oportunidades para crescer em santidade. Permitam-me sugerir algumas ideias. Talvez assistindo à Missa Diária? Talvez uma visita diária à Capela da Adoração? Rezar o terço todos os dias a caminho do trabalho ou em família. Lendo um capítulo por dia da Bíblia ou um bom livro espiritual, indo à Via Sacra todas as Sextas-Feiras. Obviamente, seguimos o exemplo das palavras que nos foram ditas na Quarta-feira de Cinzas quando recebemos cinzas: "Afastar-se do pecado e seja fiel ao Evangelho". Fazer uma boa confissão é essencial para a Quaresma. Vamos usar esses próximos 10 dias para nos prepararmos para nosso retiro anual de 40 dias!

## FESTA BRANCA

A Mordomia do Espírito Santo está organizando uma "Festa Branca" no Sábado, 26 de Março, às 6 horas da tarde. Os bilhetes são \$30 e incluem aperitivos, sopa, surf e turf, sobremesa e café, além de entretenimento ao vivo. Entre em contato com a secretaria paroquial ou Venilia no 508.677.3223 para obter bilhetes.

## MATRICULAS PARA A ESCOLA

As matriculas para o ano letivo de 2022-2023 para os graus de PreK-8 já começaram. Temos uma "Casa Aberta" no dia 30 de Janeiro imediatamente após da Missa das 9:30AM. O espaço para as aulas é limitado e são preenchido por ordem de chegada. Se deseja que seu filho seja registrado na Escola de São Miguel, ligue para a secretaria da escola o mais rápido possível, pois as vagas são preenchidas rapidamente.

## QUARTA FEIRA DE CINZAS

### S. Miguel

8:30AM - com alunos da Escola

12:00PM - Em Portugues

### S. Jose

7AM

6:30PM

## ADORAÇÃO EUCARISTICA

### **Igreja de São Miguel**

Capela aberta de 8AM até 8PM

todos os dias

### **Igreja de São José**

Hora Santa com Confissões

Terças-feiras entre 6 e 7 da tarde