

# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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<u><b>ADORATION</b></u>	<u><b>HOLY MASS</b></u>		<u><b>CONFESSION</b></u>
<p><u><b>St. Michael's</b></u></p> <p>Daily Adoration Chapel Open 8AM-8PM</p> <p><u><b>St. Joseph's</b></u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6:00-7:00PM Benediction 6:45PM</p>	<p><u><b>St. Joseph's</b></u></p> <p><u><b>Daily Mass (9AM)</b></u> Tuesday Thursday Saturday</p> <p><u><b>Weekends</b></u> Saturday 5:15PM Sunday 7:00AM 10:45AM</p>	<p><u><b>St. Michael's</b></u></p> <p><u><b>Daily Mass</b></u> Monday (Eng) 9AM Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM Friday (Port) 9AM</p> <p><u><b>Weekends</b></u> Saturday 4:00PM (Eng) Sunday 9:30AM (Eng) 12PM (Port) 7PM (Eng)</p>	<p><u><b>St. Michael's</b></u></p> <p>Wednesdays 5-5:30PM Saturday 3-3:30PM</p> <p><u><b>St. Joseph's</b></u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6-6:45PM Saturday 9:30-10:30AM</p> <p>Any time by appointment.</p>

MARCH 6TH, 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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#### **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. Contact the parish office for tickets.

#### **WEEKLY EMAIL FROM FATHER JAY**

Each week, Fr. Jay sends an email with information about things going on in the parish, article and videos to help parishioners prepare for Sunday Mass and other reflections to help parishioners grow in their faith. Sign up to be on the email list by texting "SMSJFR" to number 84576, or by calling the parish office

#### **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. Classes will be held for seven weeks in March and April. Confirmation will take place at St. Mary's Cathedral on May 19th.

#### **PARISH FISH FRY**

On Friday, March 11th, there will be fish and chips on sale at St. Michael's parish hall from 12-5PM. Tickets are \$15 each and are available in the parish office or next weekend after Mass.

### **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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| March 7th  | - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)<br>- Confirmation Grade 8, 7-8:30PM<br>- PTO Meeting, 6:30PM (SM)           |
| March 8th  | - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)<br>- Adoration/Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ)                              |
| March 9th  | - Religious Ed, Grades 1-7, 6:15PM<br>- Share Our Faith, 6:30PM (SJ)                                 |
| March 11th | - Fish Fry, 12-5PM (SM)<br>- Stations of the Cross,<br>9:30AM (SM), 6PM (SJ)<br>- NO 1:30PM Stations |
| March 13th | - Second Sunday Social,<br>after all Masses (SJ)   |

### **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.

## FIRST SUNDAY OF LENT

### From Fr. Jay - Lent and the Eucharist

This past Wednesday as we gathered to begin the Lenten Season by receiving Ashes, you heard me speak about the centrality of the Eucharist during the Lenten Season. Although there is clearly a novelty to receiving ashes as we do it only once a year and it is a very powerful and visible sign, we should remain focused on the reality that the Eucharist is not a sign or symbol, but, in fact, the very Body and Blood of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. The Most Blessed Sacrament is infinitely more powerful than marking our heads with ashes, as it is our true Holy Communion with our Lord Himself.

We heard in the opening lines of the First Reading that we should “rend our hearts and not our garments.” In the ancient times of the Old Testament, public acts of penance were quite popular. People wanted others to know that they were praying, fasting or making sacrifices that Jesus even warned against it in the Ash Wednesday Gospel reading – and thus doing it for the wrong reasons – we do those things for the Lord. But when we hear the Lord say that we should rend our hearts and not our garments, he was making it clear that we need an INTERNAL conversion (a change of heart) and not just an EXTERNAL change of behaviors. In other words, we can have ashes on our foreheads and not eat meat on Fridays and still have some darkness in our hearts. And this is what we really need to address and work on – the interior conversion. The reasons that we do external acts of penance and sacrifice is to be a reminder to ourselves, to aid us in that conversion process.

So how to do we do it? How we “rend our hearts?” How do we embrace an interior conversion this Lenten Season? I think the answer is quite simple really – by making these next 40 days a “Eucharistic Lent.” Clearly the end of Lent is very Eucharistically themed, with the celebration of Holy Thursday and the institution of the Eucharist and on Good Friday when we remember that Christ actually sacrificed His Body and Blood on the Cross. But, the whole of Lent, ALL 40 days, can and should be Eucharistic. We can experience true interior conversion, we can draw closer to our Lord, we can resist temptation, we can be holier by spending time with HIM!

I cannot think of anything more spiritually beneficial to us these next 40 days than by making a commitment to visiting the Eucharistic Adoration Chapel, even if just once a week for a few minutes, or every day if you are able. Sitting quietly with our Lord, allowing His True Presence to transform us will make this the best Lent of our lives. When we spend time with someone, it impacts us, we become like them – so let us spend time in Eucharistic Adoration and become more like Jesus.

### THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

#### 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.

#### 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.

#### STATIONS OF THE CROSS

There are many opportunities to pray the Stations of the Cross during Lent. Join us each Friday of Lent.

St. Michael’s—9:30AM (Port.)

1:30PM (with school)

St. Joseph’s— 6:00PM

#### DEANERY LENTEN MISSION

The Fall River Deanery Lenten Mission is coming up from April 4th-7th with guest homilist Rev. Richard Martignetti on the Wounded Heart: Reflecting on the 5 Wounds of Christ. Each night confessions will be available from 6-6:45PM, and Mass will begin at 7PM. Daily, Mass will also be available at St. Mary’s Cathedral at 12:00PM.

Monday, 4/4 - Holy Trinity (Stafford Road)

Tuesday, 4/5 - St. Joseph’s (North Main Street)

Wednesday, 4/6 - Holy Name (Hanover Street)

Thursday, 4/7 - St. Anthony of the Desert (Eastern Ave)  
(Fall River)

#### CONFESSIONS

An integral part of the Lenten Season is repenting of our sinful behaviors. It will an opportunity for confessions with a number of visiting priests on Wednesday night, March 16th at St. Joseph’s church from 6:30-8PM. I strongly encourage all parishioner to take advantage of this opportunity, or to go to confession during one of the regularly scheduled confession times.

Tuesday - 6-6:45PM, St. Joseph

Wednesday - 5-5:30PM, St. Michael

Saturday - 9:30-10:30AM, St. Joseph  
3-3:30PM, St. Michael

## 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 \$88,490.

## PARISH EXPENSES DURING WINTER

During the winter months, and especially this year, our parishes have more expenses each month due to snow removal and high heating costs. This year, the cost of oil and gas heat has more than doubled. Please keep this in mind when making your weekly parish contribution. As always, thank you for your generosity.

## 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.

## DIOCESAN LENTEN REGULATIONS

All adults 18 and older are bound to the law of fast up to their 60th year, limited to a single full meal that is meatless. Two other meatless meals may be taken to maintain one's needs, but together they shall not equal a full meal. The two prescribed days of Fast are Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. Those who are 14 years of age and older are obliged to serve the Law of Abstinence from meat on all Fridays of Lent, as well as of course Ash Wednesday and Good Friday. During Lent, we the Christian faithful are bound to do penance in virtue of the divine law; in order that all may be joined in a common observance of penance, penitential days are prescribed in while in all in a special way pray, exercise works of piety and charity, and deny themselves by fulfilling their responsibilities more faithfully and especially by observing fast and abstinence.



### ***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



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, 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 8 Class

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

St. Michael's Hall

### Confirmation Retreat

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

St. Joseph's School

### Confirmation

*Wednesday, April 6th - 7PM*

St. Joseph's Church

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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, March 5th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Belmiro Costa, Horacio daCosta, Carlos Pereira

#### Sunday, March 6th - First Sunday in Lent

7:00AM - Maureen Harrington

10:45AM - For those who died in February

#### Tuesday, March 8th - St. John of God

9:00AM - Manuel and Agnes Lawrence

#### Thursday, March 10th

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

#### Saturday, March 12th

9:00AM - David and Mario Jardin

#### Saturday, March 12th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Antonio Medeiros

#### Sunday, March 13th - 2nd Sunday of Lent

7:00AM - Edward Gosselin, John and Gertrude Lawrence, Brian Carlos, Horacio and Adelaide DeSa

10:45AM - Orlando Fernandes

### Mass Intentions

#### Saturday, March 5th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Gilbert and Eva Mello and family

#### Sunday, March 6th - First Sunday in Lent

9:30AM - For those who died in February, especially Jacinto Creador, Germaine Medeiros, Virginia Reis, Jason Vieira, Alzira Sousa, Manuel Abarrota

12:00PM - Manuel Pereira DaPonte, Joao Rego, Antonio Santos, Maria Salome Fonseca e familia, Genoveva e Alfredo Furtado, Isaura DoRego, Antonio e Conceicao Moreira, Eduarda Furtado, Jose Creador, Carlos Goncalves, John D. Carvalho, Jose e Umbrazina Carvalho, Hermano e Maria de Jesus Teves, Maria do Espirito Santo, Abel, Marcolino Teves e Eugenia Albernaz, Teodora M. Pereira, Ernesto Tavares, Joaquim e Virginia Reis, Maria e Horacio Barao, Diamantina Machado, Joao Oliveira, intenções da esposa, e pela alma mais aflita

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

#### Monday, March 7th - Ss. Perpetua and Felicity

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira

#### Wednesday, March 9th - St. Frances of Rome

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

#### Friday, March 11th

9:00AM - Mariano deSousa

#### Saturday, March 12th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Theodore Bernier

#### Sunday, March 13th - Second Sunday of Lent

9:30AM - Taylor Patricio

12:00PM - Jose Creador, Maria dos Anjos e Jacinto Creador, Manuel e Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Peter e Melanie Creador, Jacinto Creador

7:00PM - For the People of our Parish

### CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

February 26-27, 2022

First Collection: \$3,702.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$1,160.00

Next Week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

### CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

February 26-27, 2022

First Collection: \$2,309.00

Church Maintenance Collection: \$ 858.00

Next Week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

### SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - In Thanksgiving

St. Michael's - Manuel Pereira DaPonte & Jose DaPonte

Blessed Sacrament Chapel - Manuel Carvalho

## **Do Pe. Jay - Quaresma e Eucaristia**

Na Quarta-Feira passada, quando nos reunimos para iniciar o tempo quaresmal recebendo as cinzas, vocês me ouviram falar sobre a centralidade da Eucaristia durante o tempo quaresmal. Embora haja claramente uma novidade em receber as cinzas, pois só o fazemos uma vez por ano e é um sinal muito poderoso e visível, devemos permanecer focados na realidade de que a Eucaristia não é um sinal ou símbolo, mas, de fato, a próprio Corpo e Sangue de nosso Senhor e Salvador, Jesus Cristo. O Santíssimo Sacramento é infinitamente mais poderoso do que marcar nossas cabeças com cinzas, pois é a nossa verdadeira Sagrada Comunhão com o próprio Senhor.

Ouvimos nas primeiras linhas da Primeira Leitura que devemos “rasgar o coração e não as vestes”. Nos tempos antigos do Antigo Testamento, os atos públicos de penitência eram bastante populares. As pessoas queriam que os outros soubessem que eles estavam sacrificando, jejuando ou fazendo sacrifícios – e, portanto, fazendo isso pelas razões erradas – fazemos essas coisas para o Senhor. Mas quando ouvimos o Senhor dizer que devemos rasgar nossos corações e não nossas vestes, ele estava deixando claro que precisamos de uma conversão INTERNA (uma mudança de coração) e não apenas uma mudança EXTERNA de comportamentos. Em outras palavras, podemos ter cinzas na testa e não comer carne às sextas-feiras e ainda ter um pouco de escuridão em nossos corações. E é isso que realmente precisamos abordar e trabalhar – a conversão interior. A razão pela qual fazemos atos externos de penitência e sacrifício é para ser um lembrete para nós mesmos, para nos ajudar nesse processo de conversão.

Então como vamos fazer? Como “rasgamos nossos corações”? Como abraçar uma conversão interior nesta Quaresma? Eu acho que a resposta é bem simples – fazendo destes próximos 40 dias uma “Quaresma Eucarística”. Claramente, o final da Quaresma tem um tema muito eucarístico, com a celebração da Quinta-feira Santa e a instituição da Eucaristia e na Sexta-feira Santa, quando lembramos que Cristo realmente sacrificou Seu Corpo e Sangue na Cruz. Mas, toda a Quaresma, TODOS os 40 dias, pode e deve ser eucarística. Podemos experimentar a verdadeira conversão interior, podemos nos aproximar de nosso Senhor, podemos resistir à tentação, podemos ser mais santos passando tempo com ELE!

Não consigo pensar em nada mais espiritualmente benéfico para nós nestes próximos 40 dias do que me comprometer a visitar a Capela da Adoração Eucarística, mesmo que apenas uma vez por semana por alguns minutos, ou todos os dias, se você puder. Sentar-se em silêncio com nosso Senhor, permitindo que Sua presença o transforme, fará desta a melhor Quaresma de sua vida. Quando passamos tempo com alguém, isso nos impacta, nos tornamos como eles – então vamos passar tempo em Adoração Eucarística e nos tornarmos mais como Jesus.

## **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.

## **FRITO DE PEIXE DA PARÓQUIA**

Na Sexta-Feira, 11 de Março, haverá venda de peixe e batatas fritas no salão paroquial de São Miguel das 12 às 17 horas. Os bilhetes são \$15 cada e estão disponíveis no escritório paroquial ou no próximo final de semana após a Missa.

## **VIA SACRA**

Há muitas oportunidades para rezar a Via Sacra durante a Quaresma. Junte-se a nós todas as sextas-feiras da Quaresma.

São Miguel - 9:30AM (Port.)

1:30PM (com a escola)

São José - 6:00PM

## **DESPESAS DURANTE O INVERNO**

Durante os meses de inverno, e especialmente este ano, as nossas paróquias têm cada mês mais despesas devido à remoção de neve e aos elevados custos de aquecimento. Este ano, o custo do aquecimento a óleo e gás mais que dobrou. Por favor, tenha isso em mente ao fazer sua contribuição semanal paroquial. Como sempre, obrigado por sua generosidade.

## **LÂMPADAS DO SANTUÁRIO**

Em ambas as nossas igrejas e na Capela da Adoração, os paroquianos têm a oportunidade de reservar as lâmpadas acesas em memória dos seus entes queridos. As lâmpadas do Santuário e da Capela custam \$15, e as lâmpadas do Altar do Santíssimo Sacramento custam \$15 juntas. Entre em contato com a secretaria paroquial para mais informações.