

SAINT MICHAEL & SAINT JOSEPH PARISHES



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

DECEMBER 8, 2019

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 you.

PARISH STAFF

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ADVENT CONFESSIONS

In addition to our regularly scheduled confessions times, the Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. Joseph's on ***December 11th*** from 6:30-7:30PM. What better way to prepare for Christmas than by examining our consciences and going to confession to receive our Lord's mercy and forgiveness. There will be multiple priests here to hear confessions.

PORTUGUESE CONFESSIONS

Monday, December 9 @ 7PM - St. Michael Church
Tuesday, December 10 @ 11AM - Santo Christo Church—Confessions will also be heard in English.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

- December 8th — Second Sunday Social,
after all Masses (SJ)
— Confirmation, grade 9
4:30-6:45PM (SM)
- December 9th — Study Group with Deacon Paul,
10AM (SJ)
- December 10th — Adoration (SJ)
— Bible Study, 9:30AM and 7PM (SJ)
- December 11th — Adoration, 9AM-5:30PM (SM)
— Advent Confessions, 6:30-7:30PM
7PM, Port. (SM Chapel)
— Religious Ed. Class, 6:15-7:35PM (SJ)
- December 15th — Breakfast with Santa, 9AM-1PM (SM)

ANNUAL APPEAL

The St. Joseph Church Annual Appeal has ended. This year, we raised **\$15,400**, a 17% increase from last year. THANK YOU for your generous support of our parish.

GIVING TREE

Please visit the Giving Tree at the entrance of our churches and pick a tag to provide a gift for a child in need. Please return all gifts **no later than December 15th**.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

Our school will have a special visitor on Sunday, December 15th. Breakfast served between 8AM-1PM, with Santa visiting after 9:30AM Mass and 10:45AM Mass. Tickets are \$10 for adults and \$8 for children 8 and under. For tickets, please contact the school or parish office.

CHOIR REHEARSALS FOR CHRISTMAS

Our Christmas Choir rehearsals will be on Wednesdays at 7:30PM beginning 12/11 for the bi-lingual Midnight Mass choir at St. Michael's Church, and on Tuesday, 12/10 at 7PM for the St. Joseph's and St. Michael's Vigil Mass choirs.

CHRISTMAS FLOWER MEMORIALS

This month, in both the collection envelope mailings as well as in the back of the church, you will find Christmas Memorial envelopes. With these envelopes, your donation is asked as an offering for flowers to decorate our sanctuary during the Christmas season in memory of a loved one. The list with all the names of those remembered will be published on Christmas Day. We thank you for your generosity.

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!

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

SAVE THE DATE—"MADE FOR MORE"

Together with Our Lady of Grace and St. Francis Xavier parishes, we are hosting world renowned speaker and author Christopher West, along with musician, Mike Mangione, at Our Lady of Grace Parish with an all new event called "MADE FOR MORE: VISIONS OF THE PROMISED LAND." Go to www.corproject.com/westport for tickets and more information about the event.

CHRISTMAS CARD SALE

The sale of Christmas Cards will continue throughout Advent. The Christmas cards come in sets of 12, with 3 different photos of our church decorated at Christmas for \$10. They will be available after all Masses and at the parish office.

ASSISTANCE DURING THE HOLIDAY SEASON

If you are in need of assistance during this holiday season and winter months, please contact the parish office or Fr. Jay directly. Our parishes have a very active St. Vincent de Paul Society that works with those in need.

BIBLES, ROSARIES AND RELIGIOUS ITEMS

Every family should have a bible in their home. If you don't and would like one, we have some available in the parish office for only \$20, available in both English and Portuguese. There are various other religious items available as well.

PRE-REGISTRATION AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Pre-registration for Pre-K3, Pre-K 4 and Kindergarten for the 2020-2021 year has begun. If you would like to have your child registered at St. Michael School, please call the school office as soon as possible as spot fill quickly.

SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—SAVE THE DATE

There will be an Open House at St. Michael's School on Sunday, January 26th from 10:30AM-12:30PM. Please pass along this information to families with young children that you may know and might be interested in our parish school. We appreciate everyone's effort to spread the word about our parish school, especially among families in our own parish. There is financial aid available.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Tuesday, December 24th—Christmas Eve

4PM—Saint Joseph's

5:30PM—Saint Michael's (English)

Midnight Mass

12:00AM—Saint Michael's (Bilingual)

Wednesday, December 25—Christmas Day

7:00AM—Saint Joseph's

9:00AM—Saint Michael's (Portuguese)

11:00AM—Saint Joseph's

ST. JOSEPH'S ORGAN FUND

The organ at St. Joseph's Church is preparing for the third phase of repairs. We would like to thank those who generously gave to their project. To date, \$4,566.00 of \$17,500.00 has been raised. If you would like to make a contribution to this effort, there are envelopes at the main entrance of the church.

PRAYER BEFORE MASS

I approach the sacrament of Your only-begotten Son our Lord Jesus Christ, I come sick to the doctor of life, unclean to the fountain of mercy, blind to the radiance of eternal light, and poor and needy to the Lord of heaven and earth. Lord, in your great generosity, heal my sickness, wash away my defilement, enlighten my blindness, enrich my poverty, and clothe my nakedness. May I receive the bread of angels, the King of kings and Lord of lords, with humble reverence, with the purity and faith, the repentance and love, and the determined purpose that will help to bring me to salvation. May I receive the sacrament of the Lord's Body and Blood, and its reality and power. Kind God, may I receive the Body of Your only-begotten Son, our Lord Jesus Christ, born from the womb of the Virgin Mary, and so be received into His mystical body and numbered among His members. Loving Father, as on my earthly pilgrimage I now receive Your beloved Son under the veil of a sacrament, may I one day see him face to face in glory, who lives and reigns with You for ever. Amen. — *Saint Thomas Aquinas*

PRAYER AFTER MASS

I thank you, holy Lord, almighty Father, eternal God, who deigned to feast me, sinful and unworthy servant, with the precious body and blood of your Son, Jesus Christ our Lord, not for any merit of mine, but only because of your merciful goodness. And I pray that this Holy Communion, far from condemning me to punishment, may bring about my pardon and salvation, encompassing me with the armor of faith and the shield of a good will. By it let my vices be done away, all lustful desires extinguished. May it advance me in charity, patience, humility, obedience, and every other virtue. Let it be strong defense against the wiles of all my enemies, visible and invisible, allaying for me every disturbance of flesh and spirit, binding me firmly to you, the one true God, and bringing my last hour to a happy close. I pray, too, that it may be your pleasure to call my sinful self one day to that banquet, wonderful past all telling, where you, with your Son and the Holy Spirit, feast your saints with the vision of yourself, who are true light, the fulfillment of all desires, the joy that knows no ending, gladness unalloyed, and perfect bliss: through the same Christ our Lord. Amen.—*St. Thomas Aquinas*

THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins next weekend! It is a blessed and holy time of year in which we make many preparations for the celebration of our Lord's birth! With society becoming more and more secular, we as Catholics must make a concerted effort to make Advent and Christmas a truly spiritual and faithful celebration. I invite each of you as individuals and families to think about and choose a way in which you will make this season of Advent a spiritual time of preparation, perhaps it is saying the Rosary together as a family each night, or one night a week. Maybe it is going to daily Mass if you schedule allows. Perhaps it is going to confession, if you have not been in a while. Perhaps it is going to Adoration on Tuesday nights or during the day on Wednesday. Maybe it is Bible Study or reading a good Catholic book. Choose something to do this Advent, and I guarantee, Christmas will be that much greater of a celebration!

LITURGICAL CHANGES FOR ADVENT

The Holy Season of Advent is meant to spiritually and liturgically prepare our hearts for Christmas. The liturgy is meant to grab our attention and focus us toward the Lord's coming. Here at our parishes, Mass will be celebrated "*Ad Orientem*" (with the priest and the congregation all facing the same direction) as we have done the past few years. To offer options to all parishioners, this will only be done at the 9:30AM at St. Michael's and the 10:45AM at St. Joseph's. The music is also noticeably different during Advent. The *Gloria* is not said or sung at the beginning of Mass. The "*Kyrie*" (Lord, have mercy) will be chanted in the original Greek (*Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison*). The "*Holy, Holy, Holy*" and the "*Lamb of God*" will be chanted in Latin. These changes will only be for the weeks of Advent.

ENTRANCE AND COMMUNION ANTIPHONS

You have probably noticed the use of a "*Communion Antiphon*" at Mass the last few months in place of a hymn. I want to take this opportunity to explain further what the Antiphon is and why we use them at Mass. The "Entrance Antiphon (Introit), Offertory Prayer, and Communion Antiphons are called the "Propers of the Mass" which match the Gospel or Feast of the day. Proper texts of the Mass change every day. In addition to the Antiphons, the Responsorial Psalm and the prayers said by the priest are also proper texts. Proper texts differ from the "Ordinary" texts of the Mass which never change: *Gloria, Kyrie, Sanctus, Agnus Dei*, etc. Up until Vatican II the antiphons were sung in Latin by the choir *instead of* an opening, offertory, and communion hymn. The congregation joined in singing the Creed, *Gloria*, and chanted Mass responses (which they still do). You may remember a few years ago when the revised translation of the English Mass was introduced with a more accurate translation. This process caused many Catholics to rediscover the Proper Antiphons, which were a part of our Mass tradition for hundreds of years. Since Vatican II did not suggest that the Proper Antiphons be removed, many contemporary Catholic composers have been looking for ways to incorporate them back into the Mass. We have been singing the Communion Antiphon for several months now. Beginning with Advent and the new liturgical year, we will be able to hear the Entrance Antiphon before Mass begins as a way of helping us to prepare our hearts and minds. I hope the incorporation these sacred text enhances your worship and is another reminder of the Gospel message for the day. The Antiphons for both the Entrance and Communion can be found in our new hymnals.

A EUCHARISTIC ADVENT

This year, during the four Sundays of Advent, the homily will focus on the Eucharist! Recently, you heard me mention that a recent survey revealed that only about 20% of Catholic believe that Jesus Christ is truly present in the Eucharist. To focus on rediscovering and strengthening our faith in the Eucharist, each Sunday of Advent will be a teaching on the Eucharist using different images and themes of Christmas. There will also be a brief catechesis here in the bulletin as well.

SACRED SILENCE AND PRAYER BEFORE MASS

Recently, Pope Francis called out the common habit of chatting with people before Mass, stressing that this is a time for silent prayer, when we prepare our hearts for an encounter with the Lord. "When we go to Mass, maybe we arrive five minutes before, and we start to chitchat with those in front of us," the Pope said, "However, it is not a moment for chitchat. It is a moment of silence for preparing ourselves for dialogue, a time for the heart to collect itself in order to prepare for the encounter with Jesus," he said, adding that "silence is so important." I am happy that many have commented on how they enjoy the Gregorian Chant before Holy Mass, helping them to prepare for Holy Mass. Arriving early and recollecting ourselves is an important way to preparation for the celebration of Holy Mass as it helps us to clear our mind, recall why we are there, and also to enter into the sacred presence of God. Because Holy Mass is a communal celebration, there is the temptation to talk with others, but I respectfully ask that we try and keep conversations until after Mass, or if they are necessary, to have them in the foyer area or outside, so as to not disturb others who have come to pray. Let us always remember that we are in a sacred space and should conduct ourselves accordingly.

BEST ADVENT EVER!

The students of our school and religious education programs have received a copy of the book "The Best Advent Ever: The Adventures of Nick and Sam". It is a gift from our parishes to your family, and I hope that you read it to or with your child as a way of coming to a greater understanding of what it is that we celebrate at Christmas—the birth of our Lord Jesus Christ! There will be a book available for adults at the entrances of our churches the weekend before Christmas.

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL



SAVE THE DATE—WINE TASTING EVENT

Please save the date for our 9th Annual Wine Tasting, to be held on Saturday, February 1st, 2019. Tickets will be available soon at the Parish and School offices. If you or someone you know has a business that would like to support St. Michaels with an item for our silent auction or an event sponsor, please contact the parish office.

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!

STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM

When doing your grocery shopping at Stop and Shop, use your loyalty card to earn dollars for SMS. To link your card to the program, visit www.stopandshop.com, click "register" and create an account. Select "manage my account" and then "Rewards and Savings." Enter your card number and the school code - 07125. At the end of the program, we will receive CASH to go towards our educational needs.

SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL VIA AMAZON

Enter the link below in a web browser and you will be brought to the —Welcome to Amazon Smile page. Be sure to put St. Michael School, Fall River, MA. Or type the link below in your browser, and they will donate a percentage for qualified purchases to be donated to St. Michael School. <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/042106670>

Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

Religious Education Class

Wednesday, December 11th—6:15-7:35PM
St. Joseph's Parish Center

Religious Education Class

Wednesday, December 18th—6:15-7:35PM
St. Joseph's Parish Center

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Lisa Ouellette at louellette@smsfr.dfrcs.org or 508.567.3638.

Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

Confirmation Class—Grade 9

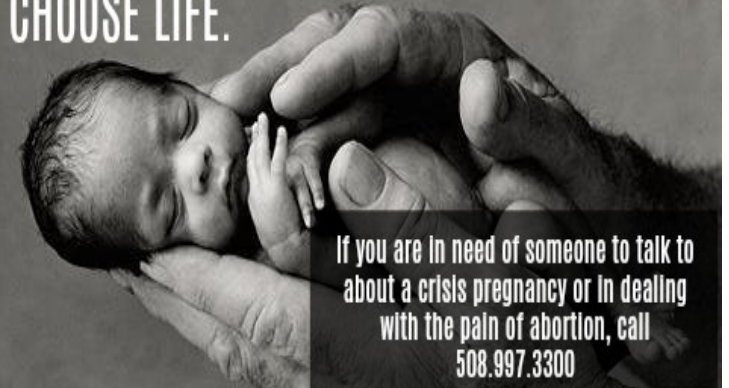
Sunday, December 8th—4:30-6:45PM
St. Michael's Hall

Confirmation Class—Grade 8

Sunday, January 12th—4:30-6:45PM
St. Michael's Hall

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Ana Mello at analuciamello@gmail.com or 508.494.3916.

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

JR. YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Save the Date—Our Junior Youth Group will gather for a night of fun on Friday, December 20th. Save the date for a night of fun! More information will be forthcoming.

YOUTH GROUP NEWS

Christmas Party—Our Annual Youth Group Christmas Party will take place on Monday, December 16th at St. Michael's parish hall, at 6:30PM. All youth ages 13-18 are invited to join us for food, fun and games, celebrating the upcoming Christmas season.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7th—Vigil Mass

5:15PM—Maria Amelia Lourenço

Sunday, December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM—Jose C. and Lydia Oliveira

10:45AM—In Memory of those who died in November especially Evelyn Cabeceiras and Robert Harrington

Tuesday, December 10th—Advent Weekday

9:00AM—Anna Natale

Thursday, December 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe

9:00AM—For the people of our parish

Saturday, December 14th—St. John of the Cross

9:00AM—Cheryl Butler

Saturday, December 14th—Vigil Mass

5:15PM—Louis Fernandes, Manuel, Maria and Aaron Nunes

Sunday, December 15th—3rd Sunday of Advent

7:00AM—Mariana Velho

10:45AM—Antonio V. Amaral

SANCTUARY CANDLE

*In Memory of
Jose M. Frias*

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 7th—Vigil Mass

4:00PM—Robert Botelho and family

Sunday, December 8th—2nd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM—In Memory of those who died in November especially Manuel Ramos, Glenn Proto, and Maria Soares

12:00PM—Jose Creador, Manuel e Maria Tavares,

Jacinto e Maria Creador, Peter Creador, Melanie

Creador, John DaSilva, Jacinto e Angelina Silva,

Agostinho e Paixão Silva, Alex Silva, Angela

Coimbra e familia, Jose Luis Cabral, Raul T. Medeiros

e familia, Antonio Pavao, Sandra e Joshua St.

Lawrence, John Oliveira, intenções da esposa,

intenções de Gilberto, Gorette Almeida e familia

Monday, December 9th—Immaculate Conception

9:00AM—Pelo Povo da Paroquia

Wednesday, December 11th—St. Damasus

8:30AM—Pelo Povo da Paroquia

Friday, December 13th—St. Lucy

9:00AM—Cristovao Aguiar e familia

Saturday, December 15th—Vigil Mass

4:00PM—Abel Teves

Sunday, December 16th—3rd Sunday of Advent

9:30AM—Octavio A. Raposo, Diamantina Machado,

Encarnacao and Daniel Raposo Medeiros

12:00PM—Alvaro e Palmira Luciana Carvalho, Al

Carvalho

7:00PM—Emanuel Barcelos

SANCTUARY LAMP

*Em Memoria de
Manuel, Gertrude, Michael
E Brian Troia*



CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

November 30—December 1st, 2019

First Collection: \$2,913.00

Church Maintenance Fund: \$1,146.00

This week's Second Collection:

Retired Religious

(Transferred to Diocese)

Next week's Second Collection:

Christmas Memorials

(Assessable)

Thank you for your generous support of our parish!

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

November 30—December 1st, 2019

First Collection: \$4,000.00

Monthly School Collection: \$ 996.00

This week's Second Collection:

Retired Religious

(Transferred to Diocese)

Next week's Second Collection:

Christmas Memorials

(Assessable)

Thank you for your generous support of our parish!

MUDANÇAS LITÚRGICAS PARA O ADVENTO

O Tempo Santo do Advento é para espiritualmente e litúrgicamente preparar nossos corações para o Natal. A liturgia destina-se a chamar nossa atenção a nos concentrar na vinda do Senhor. Aqui em nossas paróquias, a Missa será celebrada "Ad Orientem" (com o sacerdote e a congregação todos de frente para a mesma direção) como fizemos no ano passado. Para oferecer opções a todos os paroquianos, isso só será feito às 9:30 da manhã em S. Miguel e às 10:45 em S. José. A música também é visivelmente diferente durante o Advento. O Gloria não é dito ou cantado no início da Missa. O "Kyrie" (Senhor, tenha misericórdia) será cantado no grego original (Kyrie Eleison, Christe Eleison, Kyrie Eleison). O Santo Santo e o Cordeiro de Deus serão cantados em latim. O organista irá ensaiar antes da Missa.

CONFISSÕES NO ADVENTO

O Sacramento da Reconciliação será oferecido na Igreja de São Jose na Terça-Feira, 11 de Dezembro das 6:30 até 7:30, em Inglês. Que melhor maneira de se preparar para o Natal do que examinando nossas consciências e ir para a confissão para receber a misericórdia e o perdão do Nosso Senhor. Sacerdotes de língua portuguesa estarão presentes. Confissões em Português também estão disponíveis á noite em:

Segunda-Feira, 9 de Dezembro—São Miguel
Terça-Feira, 10 de Dezembro - Santo Cristo
entre as 11 da manhã e meio dia

ALMOÇO COM PAI NATAL

Nossa escola terá um visitante especial no Domingo, dia 15 de Dezembro. O almoço será servido entre 8AM e 1PM, com a visita do Pai Natal após das Missas de 9:30 e 10:45AM. Os bilhetes custam \$10 para adultos e \$8 para crianças de 8 anos ou menos. Para bilhetes, entre em contato com a escola ou o escritório da paróquia.

ENSAIOS DOS COROS

Nossos ensaios do Coro de Natal serão às Quartas-Feiras às 7:30 da noite, começando no dia 11 de Dezembro para o coro bilíngue da meia-noite na Igreja de São Miguel.

STOP AND SHOP PROGRAMA

Ao fazer suas compras no Stop and Shop, use seu cartão de fidelidade para ganhar dólares por SMS. Para ligar o seu cartão ao programa, visite www.stopandshop.com, clique em "registar" e crie uma conta. Selecione "gerenciar minha conta" e, em seguida, "Prêmios e Poupança". Digite o número do seu cartão e o código da escola - 07125. No final do programa, receberemos o CASH para atender às nossas necessidades educacionais.

CARTAS DE NATAL

Agora disponível no escritório paroquial são um conjunto de cartões de Natal com fotos da nossa igreja decorada no tempo de Natal. Os conjuntos são de 12 cartas, com três imagens diferentes, por \$10 por conjunto.

TEMPO SAGRADO ANTES DA MISSA

Estou feliz que muitos tenham comentado sobre os Cantos Gregoriano antes da Santa Missa, ajudando-os a se preparar para a Santa Missa. Chegando cedo e lembrando-nos é uma maneira importante de preparar a celebração da Santa Missa, pois isso nos ajuda a limpar nossa mente, lembre-se porque estamos lá, e também para entrar na presença sagrada de Deus. Porque a Santa Missa é uma celebração comunal, há a tentação de conversar com os outros, mas peço respeitosamente que tentamos manter conversas até depois da Missa, ou se for necessário, para as ter na área do vestíbulo ou fora, de modo a não perturbar outros que vieram rezar. Lembremo-nos sempre de que estamos em um espaço sagrado e devemos nos conduzir em conformidade.

REVERÊNCIA NA CASA DE DEUS

A igreja é o lugar onde nos reunimos todas as semanas para louvar o Senhor! A nossa comunidade é composta de indivíduos, mas nos reunimos como uma paróquia inteira, e por isso devemos estar atentos aos que estão à nossa volta. Como tem ouvido me dizer em várias ocasiões, devemos trabalhar para "Restaurar o Sagrado" - lembrando que cada vez que entramos na Igreja, estamos entrando na Casa de Deus e todas as nossas ações devem refletir isso. Recentemente, o Papa Francisco nos lembrou que deveríamos estar "levantando nossos corações," não o nossos telefones. Eu acho que foi uma ótima oportunidade para refletirmos sobre o nosso tempo na Igreja. Isso não é uma crítica, mas um encorajamento para que possamos trabalhar juntos para tornar a casa de Deus um lugar de reverência e oração para todos

FLORES PARA O NATAL

Este mês, tanto nos envelopes da coleção como na parte de trás da igreja, há envelopes para as Flores do Natal. Com esses envelopes, sua oferta é solicitada para as flores do santuário durante o tempo de Natal em memória de um querido defunto. A lista com todos os nomes dos lembrados será publicada no dia de Natal. Agradecemos sua generosidade.

ARVORE DE OFERTAS

Por favor visite a Arvore de ofertas que está á entrada da Igreja e retire um talão. As ofertas são para crianças com necessidade. Por favor devolve as ofertas desembulhadas antes de dia 15 de Dezembro.

SUBSCRIÇÃO DA "THE ANCHOR"

Considere comprar uma subscrição do Anchor, o jornal da Diocese de Fall River. Envie \$25 para uma subscrição de um ano ou \$45 para uma assinatura de dois anos, com um cheque para "The Anchor", e inclua seu número de telefone, endereço e endereço de e-mail, se disponível. Envie seu cheque para The Anchor, 887 Highland Ave, Fall River, MA 02720.