

SAINT MICHAEL & SAINT 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>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></p> <p>Tuesday 6-6:45PM Saturday 9:30-10:30AM</p> <p>Any time by appointment.</p> |

DECEMBER 29, 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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THANK YOU!

I want to express a sincere thank you to each of you who so kindly remembered me at Christmas with cards and gifts. I am touched by your generosity and kindness! May the Lord continue to bless each of you! - Fr. Jay

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

I would like to wish each and every one of you and your families a very happy new year. I pray that the Lord bless each of you with health and happiness, and that He continue to bless each of our parishes, that we might continue to grow in our Catholic faith and strive to grow in holiness.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

- December 30th — Study Group with Deacon Paul, 10AM (SJ)
- December 31st — New Year's Eve, Office Closed
— No Adoration or Bible Study
- January 1st — New Year's Day, Office Closed
— No Adoration
- January 3rd — First Friday Devotions (SJ)
Adoration and Confessions, 5-6PM
Holy Mass, 6PM
- January 4th — First Saturday Devotions (SJ)
Mass, 9AM
Rosary and Confession, 9:30AM

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

On January 12th, our parish will celebrate the baptisms of those children who were baptized during 2019. We invite all families who had children baptized to either the 9:30AM Mass at St. Michael's or the 10:45AM Mass at St. Joseph's. At the end of Mass, families will be invited to stand for a special blessing, that the Lord continue to bless them as they strive to raise their children in the faith. If you need to have your child baptized, please speak directly to Fr. Jay or call the parish office.

MASSES CELEBRATED AD ORIENTEM

For the past few years, during the Advent Seasons, I have celebrated Mass in what is referred to as "Ad Orientem" or facing the Tabernacle as opposed to facing the congregation. This was the practice of the Church for hundreds of years. I have received a lot of positive feedback about this practice and therefore have decided to continue celebrating Mass in this fashion for the 10:45am Mass at St. Joseph's and at the 8:30am Mass on Wednesdays for our school students. I think will provide an option for those who find this style more prayerful.

HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE

Wednesday, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, the Solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

Wednesday, January 1st, 2020

8:30AM—Saint Michael's (English)

12:00PM—Saint Michael's (Portuguese)

5:00PM—Saint Michael's

FEAST OF THE HOLY FAMILY

“MADE FOR MORE” - TICKETS AVAILABLE

Made for More with Christopher West and Mike Mangione is an inspired bond of teaching, live music and art that taps into the deepest desires of the human heart revealing their ultimate purpose and goal. The event will take place on March 10, 2020 at 7PM at Our Lady of Grace Church in Westport, MA. The event is hosted by Our Lady of Grace, St. Michael's, St. Joseph's and St. Francis Xavier Parishes. Please see Deacon Paul or contact the parish office for more information and to reserve your tickets today.

REGISTRATION AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Registration for the 2020-2021 school year for grades PreK—8 has begun. 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.

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.

NO ADORATION

There will be **NO** Adoration on December 31st at St. Joseph's and January 1st at St. Michael's.

OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The office will be closed on December 31st and January 1st. Thank you.

BAPTISMS AND WEDDINGS

If you are expecting a child or planning a wedding, and would like to schedule a baptism or wedding ceremony, please contact the parish office or speak with Fr. Jay.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

Our church will be participating in a Baby Bottle Campaign to support A Woman's Concern – Learn Your Options. In January, individuals and families will have the opportunity to respond to the issue of Life. We will be handing out Baby Bottles or a donation envelope for you to take home, fill with cash, checks, and change and bring them back to the church. Our financial support will help to make the services available free of cost to those who are in need of support and guidance in the fight for life! If you decide to give a donation by check, please make the check out to A Woman's Concern.

DAILY MASS IN CHAPEL

Beginning January 6th, daily Mass will be held in the Daily Mass Chapel at St. Michael's Church on Mondays and Fridays.

REGISTER FOR THE PARISH

If you attend Mass here regularly, or are new here and would like to be registered as a parishioner, please call or stop by the parish office. Accurate counts of registered parishioners is important for pastoral planning purposes. It is also important for mailing and communications from the parish office. Additionally, it is important to be registered at a parish when you are asked to be a Godparent for a Baptism or Confirmation, without which, you can not be given a sponsor form.

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, \$4,598.00 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.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

An investment in the future of St. Joseph's Parish and St. Michael's Parish goes beyond the walls of our church; it has a life-changing impact on our parish's families and the community we serve, and helps keep the spirit of Christ's message alive for future generations. You can uphold our mission and help us thrive for years to come by remembering St. Joseph's or St. Michael's in your estate plans. Please see Fr. Jay to learn more.

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!



If you would like to sponsor the Wine Tasting, either personally or with your business, please contact the parish office.

DINNER FOR TWO BOOKS

Looking for a gift idea? Dinner for Two books are now available for purchase at the parish office and after weekend Masses at St. Joseph Church. The books sell for the exact same price as they are offered in stores and malls (\$29.95) and contain coupons for a wide variety of area restaurants as well as some for concerts, plays and cruises. Anyone buying three books gets a fourth book for free! It's a great gift anyone can use, and you'll be supporting your parish with \$10 from every book sold! Coupons are valid until December 30, 2020.

CHANGE IN CHOIR DIRECTORS

Our current Music Director, **Adam Morin**, will be moving to Texas for a job opportunity, and will no longer serve as Music Director in our parishes. We would like to thank him for his years of dedication to our parishes and wish him well on his future endeavors. Beginning this January, our parishes will have a new Music Director for our English speaking Masses, **Daniel Marshall**. Dan is a senior at Providence College, where he is currently finishing his degree in Humanities, concentrating his studies in Sacred Music. Prior to joining St. Michael's and St. Joseph's, Daniel has worked as a Substitute Organist for many Parishes throughout the Diocese of Providence and Fall River. He also currently works as a Coordinator for the Pro-Life Apostolate & Project Rachel in the Fall River Chancery Office. He is extremely passionate about Sacred Music and its impact in the prayer lives of the faithful. He is excited to begin and start working here the weekend after Christmas.

FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTION TO THE SACRED HEART

Devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus is a beautiful devotion to the redemptive love of our Lord that is celebrated on the First Friday of each month. The Saint who is most often associated with this devotion is St. Margaret Mary Alacoque [1647-1690] who popularized the devotion after receiving a vision of the Sacred Heart. On Friday, January 3rd, we will have Eucharistic Adoration and Confessions from 5-6pm and then Holy Mass at 6pm. This will continue on the First Friday of each Month. Please make an effort to attend.

FIRST SATURDAY DEVOTION

Our Lady of Fatima appeared to three shepherd children in Fatima, Portugal and said: "I ask that on the First Saturday of every month, Communions of reparation be made in atonement for the sins of the world. I promise at the hour of death the graces necessary for salvation, for all those who, on five consecutive first Saturdays confess, receive Holy Communion, recite five decades of the rosary, and keep me company for 15 minutes while meditating on the mysteries of the rosary." To respond to Our Lady's request please join us at St. Joseph's every First Saturday for Mass at 9AM followed by Confessions and the rosary. The next First Saturday Devotion will be on Saturday, January 4th at 9AM.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

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.

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.

GETTING MORE OUT OF FAITH

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. Any questions please contact Deacon Paul.

ADULTS WHO NEED SACRAMENTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) is the process by which an adult becomes a full member of the Catholic Church. If you, or someone you know, would like to explore the possibility of joining the Catholic Church through the Sacraments of Baptism, First Communion, and Confirmation, please contact the Director of Adult Faith Formation, Jean Revil at jrevil@comcast.net to register for classes or to seek more information.

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.

MY PARISH APP

Our new St. Joseph & St. Michael Parish app is now available to download for iPhone and Android smart phones. Stay connected with our parish throughout the week with instant notifications, an easy-to-access event calendar, and the ability to quickly reply to or share messages via Facebook or Twitter. Download our app today at myparish-happ.com or search your phone's app store for myparish, or **by texting the word APP to 88202 from your smart phone**. Download the App, and select —St. Joseph and St. Michael Parish App from the list of available parishes.

SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL



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>

BOX TOPS FOR EDUCATION

You may have noticed in the back of our church, a plastic Box Top collection box. Certain grocery goods, such as cereal, butter, baking supplies and more have "Box Tops" on them. Please cut them out and return them to this box to make a donation to St. Michael's School.

Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

Religious Education Class

Wednesday, January 8th—NO CLASS

Religious Education Class

Wednesday, January 15th—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.dfres.org or 508.567.3638.

Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

Confirmation Class—Grade 8

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

Confirmation Grade 9 Parent Meeting

Monday, January 13th—7PM
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

UNITED INTERFAITH ACTION EVENT

On Thursday, January 9th, from 5:30-7:30PM, there will be an Open House of the United Interfaith Action group held at the Frederick Douglass Unity House, UMASS Campus. They will gather for dinner to learn about UIA and its mission, and to share in conversation on how we can put our faith in action together in the year ahead. All are invited to attend.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, December 28th—Vigil Mass
5:15PM—Jane and Maria DaPonte
Sunday, December 29th—Holy Family
7:00AM—George Arruda
10:45AM—William Michaud
Tuesday, December 31st—St. Sylvester
9:00AM—For the People of our Parish
Thursday, January 2nd—St. Basil the Great
9:00AM—David Cordeiro Miranda
Saturday, January 4th—St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
9:00AM—For the People of our Parish
Saturday, January 4th—Vigil Mass
5:15PM—John Lizak
Sunday, January 5th—Epiphany of the Lord
7:00AM—Margaret Arruda, 14th Anniversary
10:45AM—Antonio V. Amaral

SANCTUARY CANDLE

In Memory of
George Arruda



Mass Intentions

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4:00PM—Mary and John Vieira and family
Sunday, December 29th—Holy Family
9:30AM—Antero Matos Frias and family, Jose S. Mendes, Manuel, Maria, Claudio, Manuel, Zelia, Daniel Leite, Iberia Gabriela, Amelia Furtado, Margarida Resendes, Jose and Diamantina DoRego, Natalia Silva, Jeffrey Martins, Arnaldo Paquette, Julio and Francelina Moniz and family, Robert Mello, Raul Medeiros and family, John Chaves, Taylor Patricio and family, Intentions of Ana Maria Cabral, Connie Chaves and John Chaves
12:00PM—Eduarda Duarte
7:00PM—For the People of our Parish
Monday, December 30th—
9:00AM—Abel Matias, Hermano Alves e pelas as almas do purgatório
Wednesday, January 1st—Mary, Mother of God
8:30AM—For our Parish and School Community
Friday, January 3rd—Holy Name of Jesus
9:00AM—Almas do Purgatório mais perto de Deus
Saturday, January 4th—Vigil Mass
4:00PM—Maria Conceição Torres
January 5th—Epiphany of the Lord
9:30AM—For all those who died in December
12:00PM—Alcina Aguiar Leonardo, João Oliveira Pavão, Genoveva Furtado, Rosa Araujo Cardoso, Intenções do Delfina Borges
7:00PM—Marie Bradley

SANCTUARY LAMP

Em Memoria de
John D. Carvalho e Intenções da família

SANCTUARY LAMP

Em Memoria de
Julia e Francelina Moniz e família

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

December 21-22, 2019
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FELIZ ANO NOVO!

Gostaria de desejar a todos e suas famílias um feliz ano novo. Rezo para que o Senhor abençoe-vos com saúde e felicidade, e que continuemos a abençoar as paróquias, para que cresçam em nossa fé e nos esforcarmos para crescer em santidade.

OBRIGADO!

Quero expressar um sincero agradecimento a todos que se lembraram de mim tão amavelmente no Natal com cartões e presentes. Estou emocionado com a sua generosidade e gentileza! Que o Senhor continue a abençoar vos!

FESTA DE MARIA, MÃE DE DEUS

No dia 1 de Janeiro, a Igreja celebra a solenidade de Maria, mãe de Deus. Teremos a missa diária neste dia às 8:30 da manhã em S. Miguel em Inglês, à Meio-Dia em Português e uma missa noturna às 5 horas em S. Jose. Que maravilhosa oportunidade de celebrar o novo ano, assistindo à Santa Missa com nossas famílias para pedir as bênçãos do Senhor e a intercessão da nossa Santíssima Mãe.

ADORAÇÃO EUCARÍSTICA

Lembrar que a Adoração tem lugar todas as Quartas-Feiras a seguir à missa das 8:30 e a Bênção às 5:30 da tarde. Há também uma hora de Adoração Eucarística em S. José todas as Terças-Feiras à tarde das 6 às 7, confissões disponíveis. Por favor considere fazer uma visita a Nosso Senhor presente na Santa Eucaristia.

COMUNHÃO AOS ENFERMOS

Se você ou alguém que conhece está enfermo, doente ou impedido de atender Missa, e gostaria de receber a Comunhão, por favor ligue para o escritório paroquial para marcar uma visita ao seu lar.

DOAÇÕES PARA A ESCOLA

Se gostaria de fazer uma pequena doação para a escola de São Miguel, estão aceitando ofertas para as aulas, especialmente suprimentos sanitárias (lenços de nariz, Clorox toalhetes, desinfetante de mão, toalhas de papel, “baby wipes”) para o próximo ano. Por favor, traga a sua doação diretamente para a escola ou no átrio da igreja depois da Missa.

CERTIFICADOS PARA PADRINHOS

É uma grande honra quando somos convidados a ser padrinhos do Batismo ou Confirmação. Para obter um certificado, contate o Padre Jay no escritório ou depois das missas. Para ser padrinho é necessário ser um paroquiano registrado e ser confirmado, assistir à missa regularmente, ter um casamento válido (pela igreja) e viver uma vida moralmente boa.

NÃO HÁVERA ADORAÇÃO

Não haverá Adoração no dia 1 de Janeiro no S. Jose e no dia 2 de Janeiro no S. Miguel.

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.

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.

GUARDA A DATA– CASA ABERTA NA ESCOLA

Por favor, guarda a data de 26 de Janeiro para a “Casa Aberta” da escola, entre as horas de 10:30 da manhã até meio dia e meia.

MAU TEMPO

À medida que entramos na estação do inverno e mau tempo, informe-se sobre a Missa diária. Quando a escola é cancelada, não há Missa. Todas as intenções de Missa serão reprogramadas. As Missas de fim de semana não serão canceladas a menos que tais condições severas justifiquem uma proibição de condução. Por favor, use prudência e segurança!

REGISTRO PARA A PARÓQUIA

Se atende Missa regularmente na nossa paróquia ou quer ser registrado como paroquiano, fale com Padre Jay depois de qualquer Missa ou contate o escritório paroquial. É necessário termos o número de paroquianos certo para o planejamento pastoral. Também é importante para enviação do correio ou comunicação do escritório paroquial. É importantíssimo está registrado numa paróquia quando for convidado para ser padrinho de Batismo ou Confirmação, sem isto, não terá certificado de padrinho.