

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>
<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.) No 7:00PM during summer.</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>

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

WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS

Please join me in welcoming our new parishioners, Courtney Fortin and daughter Kiyleyah, William Sylvia, and Kerry Morales and family to St. Joseph's Parish and Judy Russo and Ariana Giorgianni and family to St. Michael's Parish. If you would like to register for our parishes, please contact the parish office.

2018 ANNUAL APPEAL

Our Annual Appeal was a great success. This year, we raised **\$13,180**, surpassing last year's total of \$13,040. Thank you for your generous support of our parish.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

- December 9th — Second Sunday Social,
after all Masses (SJ)
— Confirmation Class, Grade 9
4:30-6:45PM (SM)
- December 10th — Youth Group Gathering, 6:30PM (SJ)
- December 11th — Adoration, 6-7PM (SJ)
— Bible Study, 9:30AM and 7PM (SJ)
- December 12th — Adoration, 9AM-5:30PM
— Rel. Ed. Grades 1-7, 6:15-7:35PM (SJ)
— Advent Confessions,
6:30-7:30PM (SJ)
- December 15th — Soup Kitchen, 2-6PM (SM)
— Feast Cake Sale, after all Masses (SM)
- December 9th — Feast Cake Sale, after all Masses (SM)
— Breakfast with Santa, 8AM-1PM (SM)
— Confirmation Class, Grade 8
4:30-6:45PM (SM)

WELCOME DEACON PAUL LEVESQUE

This past week, I was informed by Bishop da Cunha, that Deacon Paul Levesque has been assigned to our parishes. I have known Deacon Paul and his wife Carol for a number of years and I am very happy to welcome them to our community. Deacon Paul will begin here the weekend of December 22/23 and will be with us for the celebration of Christmas! Please welcome Deacon Paul and Carol and introduce yourself to them.

BREAKFAST WITH SANTA

In a joint effort with St. Michael's and St. Joseph's, there will be a special visitor on Sunday, December 16th at St. Michael School. 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, or after any Mass at St. Joseph's this weekend.

MASS ATTENDANCE RESULTS

As was previously mentioned, the diocesan pastoral planning office does a count of how many people are attending Mass each November. We take a count each weekend of the month to determine an average. I am very happy to report that our numbers have increased yet again (4 years in a row). At St. Michael's our average weekend attendance was **914** up from last year's average of 906. At St. Joseph's, our number was **618**, up from last year's average of 609. There are not many places that I am aware of that continue to show such an increase in numbers. It is a testimony to the wonderful parish communities that we have here in the north end of the city. But I think it is also important that we do not grow complacent in our outreach. As we enter into the Advent Season, let each of us make it our personal goal to invite a new person or family to join us at Holy Mass. Personal invitations are the most effective means of evangelization and the building up of our parishes.

SECOND SUNDAY OF ADVENT

PORTUGUESE CONFESSIONS

What better way to prepare for Christmas than by examining our consciences and going to confession to receive our Lord's mercy and forgiveness. The following opportunities are available for confessions in both English and Portuguese.

Tuesday, Dec. 11th 7PM—**Espirito Santo**

Wednesday, Dec. 12th 7PM—**St. Anthony**

Thursday, Dec. 13th 11AM & 7PM—**Santo Christo**

FOUR REASONS FOR THE INCARNATION OF CHRIST

This year, during the four Sundays of Advent, the homily will focus on the four reasons that Jesus Christ, the Son of God took on human flesh. With the profession of the Creed each Sunday, we profess our belief that, "*For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven; by the power of the Holy Spirit, he became incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and was made man.*" The reasons for the incarnation are explained in the Catechism of the Catholic Church, they are: 1.) The Word became flesh for us *in order to save us by reconciling us with God;* 2.) The Word became flesh so *that thus we might know God's love;* 3.) The Word became flesh *to be our model of holiness;* and 4.) The Word became flesh to make us "*partakers of the divine nature*".

2.) The Catechism of the Catholic Church explains that the Word became flesh so *that we might know God's love:* "In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. For God so loved the world that he gave his only Son, that whoever believes in him should not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16)

ADVENT CONFESSIONS

The Sacrament of Reconciliation will be offered at St. Joseph's on December 12th 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. This time is in addition to our regularly scheduled confessions.

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

Gathering—Our Youth Group will gather on Monday, December 10th for our monthly meet-up at 6:30PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. We will be having our Christmas Party on this night. All youth age 13-18 are invited.

Soup Kitchen—Together with our parishes, our Youth Group will help with feeding those who are less fortunate on Saturday, December 15th from 2-6PM at St. Michael's Hall.

THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent begins has begun! 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 did the last two 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 for weeks of Advent

SACRED SILENCE AND PRAYER BEFORE MASS

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 out-side, 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.

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.

SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

On December 9th, and the Second Sunday of each month, refreshments are offered in the parish hall to build community among parishioners. Stop by after the Sunday Morning Masses for pastry and coffee and fellowship.

"A LOOK AT THE BIBLE & THE STORY OF SALVATION"

The next topic in our Adult Faith Formation Series is "A Look at the Bible and the Story of Salvation" on Wednesday, January 9th at 6:30PM at St. Joseph's Parish Hall. Jean Revil, Director of Adult Faith Formation will be presenting on this and a number of topics to help our parishioners grow in their knowledge of the Catholic Faith. I encourage you to attend these nights and learn more about your faith.

CHRISTMAS 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.

HOLY GHOST LUNCHEON RESULTS

The Holy Ghost luncheon held on December 2nd was a great success, raising \$8,331 for our parish. I would like to thank the Mordomos, the Holy Ghost feast committee and the many parishioners who helped make this luncheon a great success. Our Live Nativity play was dedicated to the memory of Mrs. Mary Wick, and the Holy Ghost Feast Committee has made a donation of \$500.00 to the Mary Wick Scholarship.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food donations after every Mass this weekend and next weekend. Please leave unperishable goods at the entrance of the church. Baskets will be distributed to those in need this Christmas. If you are in need of assistance and would like to receive a Thanksgiving basket, please contact the parish office at 508-673-1123 or the St. Vincent de Paul Society at 774.526.7320.

CHRISTMAS GIFT WRAPPING

All are invited to join us on Tuesday, December 18th from 5-8PM at Catholic Social Services, 1600 Bay Street, Fall River to wrap the gifts for the Christmas gifts donated from the Diocesan giving trees.

ST. MICHAEL'S SOUP KITCHEN

On December 15th, our parishes will work together to provide for those who are less fortunate in our community. In addition to a hot meal, non-perishable food and clothing is also given out. If you are interested in helping, show up between 2-6pm at the St. Michael's hall on the third Saturday of each month.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

RCIA—RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION OF ADULTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults 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.

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. For more information, please see Jean Revil or Fr. Jay.

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 Face-book 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.

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.

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SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL



OPEN HOUSE—SAVE THE DATE

There will be an Open House at St. Michael's School on Sunday, January 27th from 10:30AM-2:30PM. 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 school as we make an effort to increase enrollment, especially among families in our own parish.

CALENDARS FOR SALE

The 2019 School Calendar is now available, with the theme of —a day in the life of our students. Calendars are \$12 each and are available in the school and parish offices.

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!

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>

Save the Date



Saint Michael School
Wine Tasting
February 2, 2019

Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

Religious Ed. Class
Wednesday, December 12th—6:15-7:35PM
St. Joseph's School

Religious Ed. Class
Wednesday, December 19th—6:15-7:35PM
St. Joseph's School

No Religious Ed. Class
Wednesday, December 26th
St. Joseph's School

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 9th—4:30-6:45PM
St. Michael's Hall

Confirmation Class—Grade 8
Sunday, December 16th—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.



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

Saturday, December 8th—Vigil Mass

5:15PM—For the People of our Parish

Sunday, December 9th—Second Sunday of Advent

7:00AM—Jose M. Frias

10:45AM—For those who died in November, especially Anna Cloutier and Mary Correira

Tuesday, December 11th—St. Damasus

9:00AM—For the People of our Parish

Thursday, December 13th—St. Lucy

9:00AM—Fr. Paul McCarrick

Saturday, December 15th—St. Mary Di Rosa

9:00AM—Manuel Galego

Saturday, December 15th—Vigil Mass

5:15PM—Mary S. Moniz, Roberta and Joseph Trainor

Sunday, December 16th—Third Sunday of Advent

7:00AM—Maria Silvestre

10:45AM—Maria Amelia Lourenço

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
José M. Frias



CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

December 1-2, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$2,236.00

Church Maintenance Fund: \$ 977.00

This week's Second Collection:

Retired Religious
(Transfer to Diocese)

Next week's Second Collection:

Christmas Flowers
(Non-Assessable)

Third Phase:

Organ Restoration Fund \$3,307.00 of \$17,500.00

Mass Intentions

Saturday December 8th—Vigil Mass

4:00PM—Antonio F. Cabral, Richard Powell, Maria Conceicao and Antonio Torres, Antonio and Maria Isabel Aguiar and family, Diamantina and Jose Amaral, Eva and Gilbert Mello and family, Jose Fonseca and family, Leontina Bizarro and Antonio Ambrosio, Cesar and John Aguiar, Manuel Pereira, Robert Botelho, Carlos Alves, Alfredo Delia Peixoto, Aurelia Soares, Maria Encarnação and family, Maria de Gloria Reis, Firmino Sousa and family, Intentions of family, Intentions of Vieira family

Sunday, December 9th—Second Sunday of Advent

9:30AM—For those who died in November, especially Maria Correia, Manuel Gaspar, Clara Cabral

12:00PM—Almino Botelho and family, Joao M. Rego, John DaSilva, Jacinto e Angelina Silva, Agostinho e Paixao Silva, Alex Silva, Angela Coimbra e familia, Antonio Medeiros, Manuel Camara, Frank Cabral, Jose Domingos Cabral, Palmira Luciana e Alvaro Carvalho, Al Carvalho, Hortensia e Manuel Ledo e familia, Rachel Fernandes Cordeiro, Maria de Deus Linhares, Manuel Jose Verissimo e familia, Maria da Luz Furtado, Maria dos Anjos, Guilherme Tavares, Maria Dias, Guilherme Dias, Jose Dias, Nikita Dias, Maria Isabel Dias, Manuel Camara, Joao Oliveira, Intencoes de esposa, Intencoes de Joao Manuel Borges e familia

7:00PM—For the People of our Parish

Monday, December 10th—Pope St. Gregory III

9:00AM—Silvana e Manuel Carvalho e familia

Wednesday, December 12th—Our Lady of Guadalupe

8:30AM—For our Parish and School Community

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

9:00AM—Pela Almas do Purgatório

Saturday, December 15th—Vigil Mass

4:00PM—Tony Costa

Sunday, December 16th—Third Day of Advent

9:30AM—Margarida Resendes, Jose Creador, Jacinto and Maria dos Anjos Creador, Manuel and Maria dos Anjos Tavares, Melanie and Pedro Creador, Kimberly Dias, Jose Sales Mendes, Jose Moniz and family, Manuel Silva, Maria Fonseca Oliveira, Julio and Francelina Moniz, Dilia Reis Carvalho, Jose Filipe Carvalho, Alexandrina and Manuel Reis, Helena and Manuel Carvalho, Sebastião De Medeiros, Paul Melo, John Chaves, Intentions of Connie Chaves

12:00PM—Palmira Luciana and Alvaro Carvalho, Almino Botelho e familia, Al Carvalho, Antonio V. Amaral e familia, Abel and Maria de Conceicao Oliveira

7:00PM—For the People of our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intenções de
Emilia e Conceição Cabral
E familia

CHAPEL LAMP

Em Memoria de
Helena Aguiar

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

December 1-2, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$3,032.00

School Collection: \$ 919.00

This week's Second Collection:

Retired Religious
(Transfer to Diocese)

Next week's Second Collection:

Christmas Flowers
(Non-Assessable)

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 dias 9-10 de Dezembro.

CONFISSÕES NO ADVENTO

O Sacramento da Reconciliação será oferecido na Igreja de São Jose na Quarta-Feira, 12 de Dezembro das 6:30 até 7:30. 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. Confissões em Português também estão disponíveis á noite em:

Terça-Feira, 11 de Dezembro, ás 7 - Espírito Santo
Quarta-Feira, 12 de Dezembro, ás 7 - Santo Antonio
Quinta-Feira, 13 de Dezembro, ás 7 - Santo Cristo

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.

"BOX TOPS" PARA EDUCAÇÃO

Podem ter notado na entrada da nossa igreja, uma caixa plastica com a placa dos "Box Tops". Certos produtos de mercearia, tais como cereais, manteiga, suprimentos e muito mais têm "Box Tops" sobre eles. Por favor, corte-os para fora e devolvê-los nesta caixa para fazer uma doação para St. Michael's School.

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!

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.

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 vestibulo 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 refletir-mos 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