SAINT MICHAEL & SAINT JOSEPH PARISHES







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Parish Office at St. Joseph's Rectory, 1335 North Main St., Fall River Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM

ADORATION

St. Michael's

Wednesdays 9:00AM-5:30PM Benediction 5:30PM

St. Joseph's

Tuesdays 6-7PM Benediction 6:45PM

HOLY MASS

St. Joseph's

Daily Mass (9am)

Tuesday Thursday Saturday

Weekends

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

St. Michael's

Daily Mass

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

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

No 7:00PM during summer.

CONFESSIONS

St. Michael's

Wednesday 5-5:30PM Saturday 3-3:45PM

St. Joseph's

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

Any time by appointment.

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

Rev. Jay Mello, Pastor [fatherjaymello@gmail.com]

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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, Donna Deston and Thomas Paul to St. Joseph's and Gabriel Moreno, Alyssa Moreno and Jeanne Bernier to St. Michael's. If you would like to register for our parishes, please contact the parish office.

GIVING TREE GIFTS

I want to thank each of you who purchased gifts for the annual Giving Tree Project helping families and chil-dren in our community who are less fortunate. May God bless you for your generosity.

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. There will be tickets available at the door.

SAVE THE DATE—CLAM CAKES AND CHOWDER

Please save the date for the Clam cakes and Chowder dinner being held on Saturday, January 12th immediately after 5:15PM Mass. More information will be forthcoming.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

December 16th — Feast Cake Sale, after all Masses (SM)

— Breakfast with Santa, 8AM-1PM (SM)

— Confirmation Class, Grade 8 4:30-6:45PM (SM)

December 18th — Adoration, 6-7PM (SJ)

— Bible Study, 9:30AM and 7PM (SJ)

December 19th — Adoration, 9AM-5:30PM

— Rel. Ed. Grades 1-7, 6:15-7:35PM (SJ)

WELCOME DEACON PAUL LEVESQUE

Deacon Paul was born and raised in Fall River, Massachusetts. He attended Catholic elementary and high schools and graduated from the University of Massachusetts, Dartmouth, with a Master's degree in engineering. Deacon Paul and his wife Carol have been married for 48 years and have two sons and two grandchildren. The Levesques have been active at St. Bernard parish since moving to Assonet in 1978. They have been very involved in RCIA, Adult Faith Formation, and Religious Education. In addition to parish involvement, Deacon Paul was an active member of the Cursillo Movement for many years, serving as Lay Director for the Diocesan Cursillo Secretariat, and also as the Regional Coordinator for the New England/New York region. Paul was ordained to the Permanent Diaconate in 2013. In addition to his parish, Deacon Paul also ministers at Somerset Ridge Nursing Home. There will be a welcome reception on Sunday January 13th following the 10:45 am Mass at St. Joseph's. We welcome Deacon Paul and Carol to our parishes.

CHRISTMAS MASS SCHEDULE

The Christmas Mass schedule is as follows:

Monday, December 24th—Christmas Eve

4PM—Saint Joseph's 5:30PM—Saint Michael's (English)

Midnight Mass

12:00AM—Saint Michael's (Bilingual)

Tuesday, December 25—Christmas Day

7:00AM—Saint Joseph's 9:00AM—Saint Michael's (Portuguese) 11:00AM—Saint Joseph's

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".

3.) The Word became flesh <u>to be our model of holiness</u>: Jesus said "Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me." He also said, "I am the way, and the truth, and the life; no one comes to the Father, but by me." On the mountain of the Transfiguration, the voice of the Father was heard: "Listen to him!" Jesus is the model for the Beatitudes and the norm of the new law: "Love one another as I have loved you." This love implies an effective offering of oneself, after his example.

PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT

Next weekend, the annual parish Christmas gift will be available at all Masses. This year's book is entitled "Signs of Life: Catholic Customs and their Biblical Roots" by Scott Hahn. I hope you enjoy this short, easy to read book and that it helps you with your understanding of our Catholic faith and in particular, the way our traditions and customs are rooted in scripture.

WELCOMING PEOPLE TO MASS AT CHRISTMAS

Christmas is a wonderful opportunity for us to be witnesses of our Catholic Faith and to invite others to share our joy. As we prepare for the celebration of Christmas, I invite you to consider two things: First, making a deliberate point to invite people to join you for Mass this Christmas. We have all heard the expression, "Keep Christ in Christmas" but let us also remember to "Keep Mass in Christmas" (Christmas is Christ's Mass). Your simple invitation can have a huge impact on one's life. Second, let us remember the virtue of hospitality. There are many guests who will be joining us for Mass on Christmas who are not normally here. Let us give them a reason to want to come back next Sunday - a warm welcome to our Church and parish community. Please extend that hospitality to the parking lot! Be joyful! Be welcoming!

YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

<u>Fun Night</u>—Our Youth Group will enjoy a delicious meal as well as fun and games on Friday, January 4th at 6:30PM, at St. Joseph's Hall. All youth aged 13-18 are invited to join us.

THE HOLY SEASON OF ADVENT

The Season of Advent is almost over! 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.

"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 helps 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.

CHRISTMAS FOOD DRIVE

The Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be collecting food donations after every Mass this 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.

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.

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 canceled. 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.

LETTER FROM BISHOP DA CUNHA

Recently, Bishop DaCunha wrote a letter regarding the Pastoral Planning process taking place in our Diocese. If you would like more information on the planning process, there are copies of this letter in the entrance of the church.

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 avail-able 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 myparis-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 Appl 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.



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



Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

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

> <u>No</u> 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.

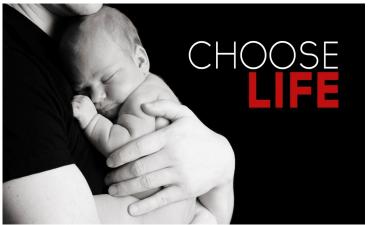
Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

Confirmation Class—Grade 8
Sunday, December 16th—4:30-6:45PM
St. Michael's Hall

Confirmation Class—Grade 9
Sunday, January 6th—4:30-6:45PM
St. Michael's Hall

Sponsor and Parent Meeting Monday, January 7th—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.



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 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

Tuesday, December 18th—St. Rufus

9:00AM—Francisco Xavier and special intentions

Thursday, December 20th—St. Julius

9:00AM—Philip G. Chesley

Saturday, December 22nd—St. Demetrius

9:00AM—For the People of our Parish

Saturday, December 22nd—Vigil Mass

5:15PM—Rita Jean Pontes

Sunday, December 23rd—Fourth Sunday of Advent

7:00AM—George Arruda

10:45AM—Robert Moore

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of Deceased Parishioners



CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

December 8-9, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$2,515.00 Retired Religious: \$896.00

This week's Second Collection:

Christmas Flowers

(Non-Assessable)

Next week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection (Non-Assessable)

Third Phase:

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

Mass Intentions

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, Chris Levesque, Susan Arruda Levesque, Jose and Maria Jose Vieira, Brian April, 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

Monday, December 17th—St. Florian

9:00AM—Louvor de Santa Luzia

Wednesday, December 19th—St. Darius

8:30AM—For our Parish and School Community

Friday, December 21st—St. Peter Canisius

9:00AM—Pelas Almas do Purgatorio

Saturday, December 22nd—Vigil Mass 4:00PM—Raul Medeiros and family

Sunday, December 23rd—Fourth Sunday of Advent

9:30AM—Maria Isabel Barbosa

12:00PM—Kimberly Dias, Manuel Natal e Maria Conceicao Tavares, Jose Maria e Gilda Lourenco, Anibal e Amelia Almeida, Al Carvalho, Manuel Pavao Farias, Maria Isabel Oliveira, Jose Terceira de Sousa e familia, Sebastiao deMedeiros, Helena Aguiar, os defuntos do Santoro, Armindo e Rosa Pacheco e familia, Carlos Ferreira e family, Taylor Patricio, Michael D. Sousa, Helena Aguiar, Intenção Particular, Intenções de Ana Maria Cabral e familia, em Honra da Infança de Jesus, pelas Almas do Purgatório

7:00PM—For the People of our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

CHAPEL LAMP

*Intenções de*Tony Costa

Em Memoria de Julio and Francelina Moniz

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

December 8-9, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$4,477.00 Retired Religious: \$685.00

This week's Second Collection: Christmas Flowers

(Non-Assessable)

Next week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection

(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.

CUMPRIMENTOS DO NATAL

É com grande alegria que aproveite esta oportunidade para desejar a todos e suas famílias um Feliz Natal e garantir-lhe as minhas orações por um Ano Novo abençoado e feliz. Jesus Cristo nasceu hoje! Deixe nossos corações cheios de alegria e felicidade, alegando que Deus está perto de cada um de nós, especialmente nos momentos difíceis de nossas vidas. Alegremos que temos um Deus que nos ama e quer que estejamos perto dele! Ao celebrar seu nascimento e entrar no novo ano, vamos nos esforçar para trazer essa alegria para aqueles em nossas vidas! Pe. Jay

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!

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.

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!

BEM-VINDO DIÁCONO PAUL LEVESOUE

Diácono Paul nasceu e cresceu em Fall River, Massachusetts. Ele frequentou escolas primárias e secundárias Católicas e se formou na Universidade de Massachusetts, em Dartmouth, com mestrado em engenharia. Diácono Paul e sua esposa Carol estão casados há 48 anos e têm dois filhos e dois netos. Os Levesques têm estado ativos na Paróquia de São Bernardo desde que se mudaram para Assonet em 1978. Eles estiveram envolvidos na RCIA, Formação de Fé para Adultos e Educação Religiosa. Além do envolvimento paroquial, o diácono Paul foi um membro ativo do Movimento dos Cursilhos por muitos anos, atuando como diretor do Cursilho Diocesano e também como coordenador regional para a região da Nova Inglaterra / Nova Iorque. Paul foi ordenado para o Diaconado Permanente em 2013. Além de sua paróquia, o diácono Paul também ministra no Lar de Idosos em Somerset Ridge. Haverá uma recepção de boas-vindas no Domingo, 13 de Janeiro, após a missa das 10:45 na Igreja de São José. Damos as boas-vindas ao diácon Paul e Carol às nossas paróquias.

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.

HORÁRIO DE MISSAS DE NATAL

Segunda-Feira, dia 24 de Dezembro 4PM—S. José 5:30PM—S. Miguel (inglês)

Missa do Galo 12:00AM—S. Miguel (Bilingual)

Terça-Feira, 25 de Dezembro 7:00AM—S. José 9:00AM—S. Miguel (Português) 11:00AM—S. José