

# 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><b><u>St. Michael's</u></b></p> <p>Wednesdays                      9:00AM-5:30PM                      Benediction 5:30PM</p> <p><b><u>St. Joseph's</u></b></p> <p>Tuesdays                      6-7PM                      Benediction 6:45PM</p>	<p><b><u>St. Joseph's</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Daily Mass (9am)</u></b>                      Tuesday                      Thursday                      Saturday</p> <p><b><u>Weekends</u></b>                      Saturday 5:15PM                      Sunday 7:00AM                      10:45AM</p>	<p><b><u>St. Michael's</u></b></p> <p><b><u>Daily Mass</u></b>                      Monday (Port) 9AM                      Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM                      Friday (Port) 9AM</p> <p><b><u>Weekends</u></b>                      Saturday 4:00PM (Eng.)                      Sunday 9:30AM (Eng.)                      12:00PM (Port.)  <b>No 7:00PM during summer.</b></p>	<p><b><u>St. Michael's</u></b>                      Wednesday 5-5:30PM                      Saturday 3-3:45PM</p> <p><b><u>St. Joseph's</u></b>                      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**

Rev. Jay Mello, Pastor [fatherjaymello@gmail.com]  
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**PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT**

This 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 sacred 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 as well! Be joyful! Be welcoming!

**WELCOME NEW PARISHIONERS**

Please join me in welcoming our new parishioner, Elora Collins to St. Michael's. If you would like to register for our parishes, please contact the parish office.

**HOLY DAY MASS SCHEDULE**

Tuesday, January 1st is a Holy Day of Obligation, the solemnity of Mary, Mother of God

**Tuesday, January 1st**  
9:00AM—Saint Joseph's  
6:00PM—Saint Michael's

**CHRISTMAS GREETINGS**

It is with great joy that I take this opportunity to wish each of you and your families a very Merry Christmas and assure you of my prayers for a blessed and happy New Year. Jesus Christ is born today! Let our hearts be filled with joy and happiness as we rejoice that God is close to each of us, especially in the difficult moments of our lives. Let us rejoice that we have a God who loves us and wants us to be close to him! As we celebrate his birth and enter into the new year, let us strive to bring that joy to those in our lives! Fr. Jay

**CELEBRATING BAPTISMS**

On January 13th our parish will celebrate the baptisms of those children who were baptized during 2018. 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.

**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

## FOURTH SUNDAY OF ADVENT

### 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"*.

4.) The Word became flesh in order to make us *"partakers of the divine nature": "For this is why the Word became man, and the Son of God became the Son of man: so that man, by entering into communion with the Word and thus receiving divine sonship, might become a son of God. "The only-begotten Son of God, wanting to make us sharers in his divinity, assumed our nature, so that he, made man, might make men gods."*

### NO ADORATION

There will be **NO** Adoration on December 25th at St. Joseph's or December 26th at St. Michael's, or on January 1st at St. Joseph's and January 2nd at St. Michael's.

### SAVE THE DATE—CHICKEN POT PIE DINNER

Please save the date for the Chicken Pot Pie dinner being held on Saturday, January 12th immediately after 5:15PM Mass. Tickets are available now at the parish office.

### SECOND SUNDAY SOCIAL

On Sunday, January 13th, St. Joseph's will have our monthly Second Sunday Social after all Masses. All are invited to join us for coffee and pastries, as we enjoy time with our fellow parishioners.

### JR. YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

**Fun Night**—Our Jr. Youth Group will meet on Friday, January 18th at 6:30PM at St. Michael's hall. All youth in grades 5-7 are invited to join us.

### YOUTH GROUP UPCOMING EVENTS

**Fun Night**—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.

### 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](mailto: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](http://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.

#### "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.

#### 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.

#### OFFICE CLOSED FOR HOLIDAY

The office will be closed on 12/24 and 12/25 in observance of the holiday. We will reopen on Wednesday, December 26th. The office will also be closed on December 31st and January 1st. Thank you.



*Diocese of Fall River*  
*Office of the Bishop*  
*Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V., D.D.*

*Bishop da Cunha's 2018 Christmas Message*

Dear friends in Christ,

This year that is coming to a close, has been a year full of challenges for our world, our country, our diocese and for the Universal Church. We have seen natural disasters: fires destroying homes, lives and entire communities in California; we have seen powerful hurricanes affecting the lives of millions of people; we have seen violence in our country and around the world; we have seen racial tensions and migrants suffering from displacement. We have seen scandals ripping through the heart of the Church and affecting the faith and trust of God's people in the Church and her leaders. We have seen the face of sin and evil all around us.

In our own diocese, four churches closed: Saint Bernadette, Holy Rosary, Holy Cross and Saint Anne. As Bishop of Fall River, these were difficult decisions to make, knowing that closing these beloved places of worship would cause tremendous sadness for the faithful parishioners of these parishes.

On the other hand, we have also seen commitment of so many good people to remain faithful and connected to God and the Church. We have seen the solid faith of so many who are not abandoning God or the Church. We have seen people fighting the evil of racism, working to eradicate the sin of sexual abuse, and dedicating their talents to protect life and to protect this planet, our common home. It is because of the generosity and commitment of so many good people, and because we know that God will never abandon us, that hope is kept alive. God's grace and our faith continue to help us remain committed to making this world a better place.

As we celebrate Christmas, let us remember that when Jesus came, He did not find a peaceful, loving world; He found a world filled with discrimination, division, violence and war. Jesus Himself was a victim of these evils, but He faced these evils head-on because He is the Prince of Peace.

Jesus comes to us again this Christmas, in the midst of all the evil in the world, to bring peace. He asks us to embrace with Him the mission of transforming the world by eliminating what is evil in ourselves first. "Remove the wooden beam from your eye first; then you will see clearly to remove the splinter from your brother's eye" (Mt. 7:5). Christmas is the perfect time for us to pause and reflect on how we each contribute to what is not going well in the world and how we can contribute to make the necessary changes. The message of peace and Salvation that Jesus brought us 2,000 years ago will only be realized when we accept our responsibility to make a difference through our faith and with our talents.

This Christmas, as we gather with family and friends, let us remember that Christmas is much more than just a holiday or feast; it is a Sacred moment celebrating the coming of Christ to save us and our world and entrusting us with the task of continuing His mission of saving and Sanctifying the world. Let us pass on to our children and young people the values we received from our ancestors and rekindle the real Spirit of Christmas in our hearts, our homes, our families and throughout the world.

*Merry Christmas! Feliz Natal! Feliz Navidad! Joyeux Noel!*

Sincerely yours in Christ,

Most Reverend Edgar M. da Cunha, S.D.V.  
Bishop of Fall River

# 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!

## SAVE THE DATE—WINE TASTING

Please save the date for our 8th Annual Wine Tasting, to be held on Saturday, February 2nd, 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 advertisement in our program booklet, please contact the parish office.

## Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

No Religious Ed. Class  
**Wednesday, December 26th**

No Religious Ed. Class  
**Wednesday, January 2nd**  
*Catechist Prep—St. Joseph's School*

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

## Confirmation Program Grades 8-9

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*

Confirmation Class—Grade 8  
**Sunday, January 27th—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](mailto: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 22nd—Vigil Mass**

5:15PM—Rita Jean Pontes

### **Sunday, December 23rd—Fourth Sunday of Advent**

7:00AM—George Arruda

10:45AM—Robert Moore

### **Tuesday, December 25th—The Nativity of the Lord**

7:00AM—For the People of our Parish

11:00AM—For the People of our Parish

### **Thursday, December 27th—St. John, Apostle**

9:00AM—Manuel J. Sousa

### **Saturday, December 29th—St. Thomas Becket**

9:00AM—David Cordeiro Miranda

### **Saturday, December 29th—Vigil Mass**

5:15PM—Manuel J. Souza

### **Sunday, December 30th—The Holy Family**

7:00AM—Gertrude O'Neil, 50th Anniversary

10:45AM—Antonio V. Amaral

## SANCTUARY LAMP

*In Memory of*  
George Arruda

## Mass Intentions

### **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, Joao Camara, 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 Infância de Jesus, pelas Almas do Purgatório

7:00PM—For the People of our Parish

### **Monday, December 24th—St. Adele**

9:00AM—Abel Matias, Hermano Alves

5:30PM—For the People of the Parish

Midnight—For the People of the Parish

### **Tuesday, December 25th—Christmas Day**

9:00AM—Pelo Povo da Paroquia

### **Wednesday, December 26th—St. Stephen**

8:30AM—For our Parish and School Community

### **Friday, December 28th—The Holy Innocents**

9:00AM—Jose Oliveira Pavao e Joao Manuel Garcia Pavao

### **Saturday, December 29th—Vigil Mass**

4:00PM—Tony Costa, John DeMedeiros, Emanuel Barcelos,

Maria Conceicao Torres, Antonio DoRego

### **Sunday, December 30th—The Holy Family**

9:30AM—Antero Frias and family

12:00PM—Manuel Camara, Frank Cabral, Jose Domingos

Cabral, Conceicao e Jose Camara, Elena e Jose Mateus, Maria

Jose e Manuel Francisco Mateus, Emilia e Caetano DeSousa,

Ana Bruno e Joao Camara, Conceicao e Joao Camara, Xica e

Manuel Botelho DeSousa, Irondina e Joao Mateus, Maria e

Caetano Sousa, Adelaide Angelina e Serafim Mateus,

Henrique Silva, Jose Manuel Silva, Luis Mateus, Jose Dias,

Joao Silva, Serafina e Jose Melo e familia, Almas do

Purgatorio

7:00PM—For the People of our Parish

## SANCTUARY LAMP

*Em Memoria de*

John Carvalho e Intenções

Da familia

## CHAPEL LAMP

*Em Memoria de*

Julio e Francelina Moniz



## **CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S**

December 15-16, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$2,734.00

Christmas Flowers: \$1,345.00

This week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection  
(Non-Assessable)

Next week's Second Collection:

Church Maintenance Fund  
(Non-Assessable)

Third Phase:

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

## **CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S**

December 15-16, 2018

Weekly Collection: \$4,539.00

Christmas Flowers: \$2,385.00

This week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection  
(Non-Assessable)

Next week's Second Collection:

Church Maintenance Fund  
(Non-Assessable)

## **BEM-VINDO À NOSSA PARÓQUIA!**

Se estão visitando as igrejas de São Miguel ou São José para a celebração do Natal, bem-vindo as nossas igrejas. Estamos honrados e abençoados por tê-lo aqui conosco nesta ocasião especial, a celebração do nascimento do nosso Senhor Jesus Cristo! Somos duas paróquias com só um pastor, que servem os que estão no norte da cidade de Fall River e nas cidades vizinhas. Ambas as paróquias têm uma longa e rica tradição, e estamos construindo sobre essa história enquanto olhamos o futuro, e convidamos a fazerem parte disso. Estamos aqui para servir o Senhor, e todos! Permita-me novamente desejar-te e á sua família um Feliz Natal e muito prospero Ano Novo. Recebe este convite para se juntar a nós todos os Domingos na Santa Missa. Por favor, não hesite em falar comigo se houver algo que eu possa fazer para ajudar-te. Deus te abençoe! Pe. Jay

## **FELIZ 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 esta alegria para todos 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!

## **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!

## **NÃO HÁVERA ADORAÇÃO**

Não haverá Adoração no dia 25 de Setembro no S. José ou no dia 26 de Dezembro no S. Miguel, ou no dia 1 de Janeiro no S. José e no dia 2 de Janeiro no S. Miguel.

## **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 9 da manhã em S. José e uma missa noturna às 6 horas em S. Miguel. 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.

## **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.

## **ESCRITÓRIO DA PARÓQUIA ENCERRADO**

O escritório da paróquia estará fechado na Segunda-Feira, 24 de Dezembro e Terça-Feira, 25 de Dezembro. Nós reabriremos na Quarta-Feira, 26 de Dezembro. Obrigado.

## **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