

ST. MICHAEL & ST. 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>CONFESSION</u>
<p><u>St. Michael's</u></p> <p>Daily Adoration Chapel Open 8AM-8PM</p> <p><u>St. Joseph's</u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6:00-7:00PM 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 (Eng) 9AM Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM Friday (Port) 9AM</p> <p><u>Weekends</u> Saturday 4:00PM (Eng) Sunday 9:30AM (Eng) 12PM (Port) 7PM (Eng)</p>	<p><u>St. Michael's</u></p> <p>Wednesdays 5-5:30PM Saturday 3-3:30PM</p> <p><u>St. Joseph's</u></p> <p>Tuesdays 6-6:45PM Saturday 9:30-10:30AM</p> <p>Any time by appointment.</p>

DECEMBER 25, 2022

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

PARISH STAFF

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MERRY CHRISTMAS FROM FR. JAY

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. 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! Please know of my daily prayers for each of you and your families! Fr. Jay

PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT

Our Parish is happy to offer a gift to all of our Parishioners this Christmas. This year's book is entitled "The Mindful Catholic: Finding God One Moment at a Time" by author Dr. Gregory Bottaro. They will be available this weekend and next. After everyone who wants a copy has taken one, I invite you to take one for family and friends.

THANK YOU — GIVING TREE

Thank you to the many parishioners who donated to our Giving Tree campaign this year. Collectively, over \$5,000 was raised for families in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

On January 8th, our parish will celebrate the baptisms of those children who were baptized during 2022. 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.

HOLY GHOST TAKE OUT

On Saturday, January 14th, there will be a Holy Ghost sponsored take out from 11AM-2PM. Tickets are \$20 each for fish and chips or roasted chicken with rice and potatoes. All plates include soup and dessert. Please contact Mordoma Ana Rego or the Parish Office for tickets.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL WINE TASTING

Please save the date of Saturday, February 4th for the 11th Annual St. Michael School Wine Tasting fundraiser. Please contact the Parish Office if you would like to sponsor this event.

MASS SCHEDULE ON JANUARY 1ST

We will return to the regular weekend Mass schedule on Saturday, December 31st and Sunday January 1st. This is the Feast day of Mary, Mother of God.

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Myles Paul Santos who was recently baptized at St. Michael's Parish and Benjamin Parker Smith at St. Joseph's Church. With great joy, we welcome them into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Anyone interested in having their child baptized, should speak with Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

OFFICE CLOSED

In observance of the New Years Day holiday, the office will be closed the following dates: Monday, January 2nd. If you are in need of assistance, you can call the parish office and we will return your call.

EMAILS FROM FR. JAY

Each Friday, Fr. Jay sends an email to parishioners with articles, videos and parish news. Stay connected to our parishes and sign up to receive communications via email. To join online, visit our website or fill out a form at the entrance of the church and place in the collection basket or mail to the parish office.

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.

JR. AND HIGH SCHOOL YOUTH GROUP

The following dates have been scheduled for our Jr. Youth Group and High School Youth Group events.

High School Youth Group -
Friday, January 20th 7-9PM at St. Michael's

Jr. Youth Group -
Friday, January 27th, 7-9PM, at St. Michael's

THANK YOU – CHRISTMAS LUNCHEON

Thank you to the many parishioners and school families that attended our Mary Wick Scholarship Fund Christmas Luncheon on Sunday, December 11th. The students and volunteers who together helped organize this event and the Live Nativity made it a beautiful afternoon for our parish. The total raised was \$11,752!

ST. JOSEPH'S CAPITAL CAMPAIGN PLAQUE

You will notice when you enter St. Joseph's Church posterboards with a sample of the plaque that will hang in our church after the completion of our Capital Campaign. If you would like to have your family name represented on this plaque, please contact the parish office for more information.

FORMED" FREE ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION

We are pleased to give you a free subscription to www.formed.org, filled with entertaining movies, enlightening programs, inspiring talks and a great selection of popular ebooks. It is an incredible online gate-way to the best Catholic content, all in one place. To register, visit www.formed.org, and click on Register in the lower right of page. Enter parish access code: Q368NW and create an account.

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, led by Deacon Paul Levesque, will take place on Tuesdays, at 10AM at St. Joseph's school, focusing on the following week's readings.

NO BIBLE STUDY OR STUDY GROUP

Due to the holiday, there will be no Study group on Monday, 12/26 or Bible Study on Tuesday, 12/27.

Adult Faith Formation


Presented by Fr. Jay on Wednesdays at 6:30PM
at St. Joseph's Parish Center.

*January 4th - The Spiritual and Interior Life:
Developing a "Plan of Life"*

January 11th - Forming a Spiritual Life of Prayer

CHRISTMAS DAY

St. Joseph Parish
150th Anniversary Commemorative Booklet



Containing images and details about the beautiful stained glass windows in our church, available now!
\$20 each

PRAYER OF ST. MICHAEL

St. Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle.
Be our defense against the
wickedness and snares of the Devil.
May God rebuke him, we humbly pray,
and do thou, O Prince of the heavenly hosts,
by the power of God, cast into hell Satan,
and all the evil spirits, who prowl
about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.

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www.stjosephschurchfr.com
www.smsfr.org

Fr. Jay's Blog: fatherjaymello.wordpress.com

EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

St. Michael's Church
Daily Adoration Chapel -
Daily from 8AM-8PM

St. Joseph's Church
Eucharistic Holy Hour with Confessions
Tuesday - 6-7PM

ST. JOSEPH CHURCH CAPITAL CAMPAIGN

In preparation for our 150th Anniversary at St. Joseph's, we have begun some restoration work on the exterior of both our church and our parish office building. We are now more than half way through a capital campaign to raise \$250,000. It is also a wonderful opportunity to memorialize our loved ones. A memorial plaque will be dedicated at the end of the campaign to honor all major benefactors. There is a sample of this plaque in the entrance of our church. Memorial plaques will be made for donations of: \$25,000, \$10,000, \$5,000, and \$1,000.

Total raised \$165,230.

ONLINE GIVING

Online Giving is now available for parishioners with WeShare, an easy and convenient way to save time and support the church. Donating is simple, safe, and completely secure. If you have any questions or concerns about the program, contact the parish office. To enroll in Online Giving, please visit:
St. Joseph's: stjosephschurchfr.weshareonline.org
St. Michael's: smpfr.weshareonline.org

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

December 17-18th, 2022

Due to printing deadlines, last weekend's totals will be included in next weekend's bulletin.

Next week's Second Collection:

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SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—SAVE THE DATE

There will be an Open House at St. Michael's School on Sunday, January 29th 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.

CATHOLIC SCHOOLS WEEK 2023

Catholic Schools Week begins on Sunday, January 29th with an All School Mass at 9:30AM followed by a reception in the hall and an open house. This will kick off a full week of celebrating our Catholic identity and our community. More information will be forthcoming. A special thank you to all those who support Catholic education and SMS.



Religious Education News

NO Religious Education Classes

Wednesday, January 4th

Catechist Prep Night

Confirmation Parent/Sponsor Meeting

Wednesday, January 9th - 7PM

St. Michael's Hall

Rel. Ed. Classes, Grades 1-7

Wednesday, January 11th - 6:15-7:35PM

St. Joseph's Hall

Confirmation Class, Grade 9

Monday, January 23rd - 7-9PM

St. Michael's Hall

For more information about Religious Education Grades 1-7, contact Lisa Ouellette at 508.567.3638.

For more information about our Confirmation program, please contact Ana Lucy Mello at 508.494.3916.

PROJECT RACHEL FOR EXPECTING MOTHERS

The Family and Respect Life Office of Diocese of Fall River offers support for expecting mothers, mothers considering adoption and mothers healing from the trauma of abortion. If you would like more information, contact their office at 508.669.7702 or visit their website at www.familyrespectlife.org

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

Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's

Tuesday, December 27th - St. John

9:00AM - David, Leonardo, Matilde & Joseph
Miranda

Thursday, December 29th - St. Thomas Becket

9:00AM - John and Stella Costa

Saturday, December 31st - St. Sylvester I

9:00AM - All Souls in Purgatory

Saturday, December 31st - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - For the People of our Parish

Sunday, January 1st - Mary, Mother of God

7:00AM - Edward Gosselin

10:45AM - Maria Viana, Dorothea C and Joseph
A. Levesque, Jose C. and Mary
Oliveira

MASS INTENTIONS AND CANDLES

To book a Mass, or have the candles in our sanctuary or Blessed Sacrament Chapel lit in memory or for the intentions of a loved one, please contact the parish office. The Mass book for January through June 2023 is now open.

WHAT ARE MASS INTENTIONS?

At each Mass, during the Prayer of the Faithful, we hear that prayers are requested at this Mass for... This is referred to as a "Mass Intention." This means that this Mass is being offered for the repose of the soul of someone who has died, or for the special intentions of someone who is still living but requesting prayers for a particular intention. If you would like a Mass offered for someone that you have lost, particularly on the anniversary of their death or birthday, please call the parish office to schedule that Mass. Remember, the greatest thing that we can do for someone who has died is to pray for them.

Mass Intentions - St. Michael's

Monday, December 26th - St. Stephen

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

Wednesday, December 28th - The Holy Innocents

8:30AM - For our Parish and School

Friday, December 30th - The Holy Family

9:00AM - Antero Frias and family

Saturday, December 31st - Vigil Mass

5:30PM - João deMedeiros, For the Soul Most
In Need of Thy Mercy

Sunday, January 1st - Mary, Mother of God

9:30AM - Agostinho Sousa

12:00PM - Jose O. Pavao, Joao M. Gouveia
Pavao

7:00PM - Intention Antonio and Maria Santos
Oliveira and family

SANCTUARY LAMPS

St. Joseph's - Antonio Costa Jr.

St. Michael's - Intentions of Carvalho
and Campos families

Blessed Sacrament Chapel -

John D. Carvalho,
Intentions of Octavia
Carvalho & children

BOAS FESTAS

É com muito alegria que aproveito esta oportunidade para desejar a cada um de vocês e suas famílias um Feliz Natal e assegurar-lhes minhas orações por um abençoado e feliz Ano Novo. Jesus Cristo nasceu no dia de Natal! Que nossos corações se encham de alegria e felicidade ao nos alegrarmos por Deus estar perto de cada um de nós, especialmente nos momentos difíceis de nossas vidas. Alegremo-nos por termos um Deus que nos ama e quer que estejamos perto dele! Enquanto celebramos seu nascimento e entramos no novo ano, vamos nos esforçar para trazer essa alegria para aqueles em nossas vidas! Fr. Jay

ASSISTANCIA DURANTE O INVERNO

Se precisar de ajuda durante esta temporada de férias e meses de inverno, entre em contato com a paróquia ou pe. Jay diretamente. Nossas paróquias têm uma Sociedade São Vicente de Paulo muito ativa que trabalha com os necessitados.

JANTAR DO ESPIRITO SANTO

No Sabado, dia 14 de Janeiro, haverá um jantar de levantar para fora entre 11AM-2PM. Ementa será peixe com batata frita ou galinha assada com batata e arroz, todos servidos com sopa e sobremesa. Tickets são \$20 e estão disponíveis com a Mordoma Ana Rego ou no escritório.

SUPORTE A ESCOLA VIA AMAZON

Visite smile.amazon.com e entre St. Michael School, Fall River, MA como seu selecionado caridade. Toda vez que você faz uma compra na Amazon, comece em [Smile.amazon.com](https://smile.amazon.com) e eles doarão um porcentagem para compras qualificadas a serem doadas para Escola de São Miguel.

MISSAS PELO PROXIMO FIM DE SEMANA

Pelas Missas no dia 31 de Dezembro e Domingo, dia 1 de Janeiro, vamos seguir o horário normal de fim de semana.

CASA ABERTA NA ESCOLA

No Domingo, dia 29 de Janeiro, teremos a Casa Aberta da Escola de São Miguel imediatamente após da Missa das 9:30AM até meia dia e meio. Se tem filhos ou familiares que estão interessados em visitar a nossa escola, podem vir entre estas horas ou fazer apontamento com a escola.

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

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!

OBRIGADO — AVORE DE OFERTAS

Obrigado a todos os paroquianos que trouxeram cartões de oferta para os que mais necessitam. Colheremos mais de \$5,000 em cartões para ajudar as famílias necessitadas. Obrigado!

CELEBRANDO BATIZADOS

No dia 8 de Janeiro, a nossa paróquia celebrará os batizados de 2022. Convidamos todos as famílias que tiveram os seus filhos batizados em 2022 para as Missas de 9:30AM em São Miguel e 10:45AM em São José. No fim da Missa, as famílias serão convidados para levantar para uma bênção, que o Senhor continua a benzer-lhes em suas vidas Cristãs.

OBRIGADO - JANTAR DE MARY WICK

O jantar no dia 11 de Dezembro foi um grande sucesso, angariando \$11,752 para o fundo de Mary Wick, que ajuda famílias que necessitam pela atender a escola de São Miguel. Obrigado a todos que ajudaram neste lindo evento, tanto como na cozinha como na preparação e limpeza.