

# ST. MICHAEL & ST. JOSEPH PARISHES



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Office Hours: Monday - Thursday 9:00AM-3:00PM Friday 9:00AM-12:00PM

## ADORATION

### St. Michael's

Daily Adoration  
Chapel  
Open 8AM-8PM

### St. Joseph's

Tuesdays  
6:00-7:00PM  
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 (Eng) 9AM

Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM

Friday (Port) 9AM

#### Weekends

Saturday 4:00PM (Eng)

Sunday 9:30AM (Eng)  
12PM (Port)  
\* 7PM (Eng)

## CONFSSION

### St. Michael's

Wednesdays  
5-5:30PM

Saturday 3-3:30PM

### St. Joseph's

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

Any time by appointment.

\* NO 7PM Mass Memorial Day - Labor Day.\*

**DECEMBER 31, 2023**

## **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**

Rev. Jay Mello, Pastor [frjmello@diocese-fr.org]

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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

### **PARISH CHRISTMAS GIFT**

Our Parish is happy to offer a gift to all of our Parishioners this Christmas. This year's book is entitled "This is My Body: A Call to Eucharistic Revival" by author Bishop Robert Barron. 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.

### **THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES**

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

January 8th    - Study Group, 10AM (SJ)  
                  - Confirmation Grade 9, 7-9PM (SM)  
                  - PTO Meeting, 6:30PM (SM)

January 9th    - Bible Study, 9:30AM (SJ)  
                  - Adoration/Confessions, 6PM (SJ)

January 10th    - Rel. Ed. Grades 1-7 Class,  
                  6:15PM (SJ)

January 14th    - Second Sunday Social,  
                  after all Masses (SJ)

### **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. - Fr. Jay

### **MASS SCHEDULE ON JANUARY 1ST**

Monday, January 1st is the Feast of Mary, the Holy Mother of God. There will be Mass offered at 9AM at St. Michael's and 5PM at St. Joseph's.

### **THANK YOU — GIVING TREE**

Thank you to the many parishioners who donated to our Giving Tree campaign this year. Collectively, over \$4,500 was raised for families in need in our community. Thank you for your generosity!

### **OFFICE CLOSED**

In observance of the New Years Day holiday, the office will be closed the following dates: Monday, January 1st.

### **SMS WINE & APPETIZER TASTING**

Save the date of Saturday, February 3rd for the 12th annual St. Michael School Wine and Appetizer Tasting fundraiser. The event features wine, beer, spirits and appetizer tasting, as well as dancing, raffles and a silent auction. Please contact the parish office if you would like to sponsor this event or buy tickets.

## **MESSAGE FROM DEACON PAUL & CAROL**

Thank you everyone for the countless Christmas and New Year's wishes, cards and gifts we received over the holidays from the amazing members of St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parishes, and St. Michael School. We both feel so very blessed to be part of this awesome Catholic community. May the Lord continue to bless all of us as we continue our journey together toward sainthood. God bless! Deacon Paul & Carol

## **MONDAY MORNING STUDY GROUP**

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.

## **RECENTLY MARRIED**

Congratulations to Brian DeMelo and Michelle DeMelo who recently had their marriage blessed at St. Joseph's Church. May the Lord grant them a happy and holy marriage! Anyone interested in getting married, or having their civil marriages blessed by the Church, they should see Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

## **BIBLE STUDY**

Our Bible Study, led by Deacon Paul, takes place on Tuesdays at 9:30AM at St. Joseph's School. The focus will be on the following week's readings. For more information, please see Deacon Paul.

## **FORMED" FREE ONLINE SUBSCRIPTION**

We are pleased to give you a free subscription to [www.formed.org](http://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](http://www.formed.org), and click on Register in the lower right of page. Enter parish access code: Q368NW and create an account.

## **BABY BOTTLE CAMPAIGN**

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,

## **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.

## **HOLY GHOST TAKE OUT**

On Saturday, January 20th, there will be a Holy Ghost sponsored take out from 11AM-2PM. Tickets are \$20 each for fish and chips or chicken with rice and potatoes. Please contact Mordoma Brittany Almeida or the Parish Office for tickets.

## **SAINT JOSEPH'S DINNER**

Tickets are now available for our Soup-a-thon dinner being held on Saturday, January 27th following the 5:15PM Mass. There will be various soups served including minestrone, Portuguese kale, chili, New England clam chowder and Manhattan chowder, all served with salad, bread and desserts. Tickets are \$20 for adults and \$10 for children. Please contact the Ana Lucy Mello or the parish office for tickets.

## **WEDDING ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION**

A special Mass of thanksgiving will be celebrated for couples observing significant wedding anniversaries, including the first year. This celebration will take place on Sunday, February 11, 2024 at 3PM at St. Mary's Cathedral. Please contact the parish office as soon as possible to obtain an invitation.

## THE HOLY FAMILY

### EUCCHARISTIC ADORATION

#### St. Michael's Church

Daily Adoration Chapel -  
Daily from 8AM-8PM

#### St. Joseph's Church

Eucharistic Holy Hour  
with Confessions  
Tuesday - 6-7PM

### 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.

### YOUTH GROUP EVENTS

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

Junior Youth Group -  
Friday, January 19th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

High School Youth Group -  
Friday, January 26th, 7-9PM at St. Michael's

### CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

#### December 16-17, 2023

First Collection:	\$4,606.00
Christmas Memorials:	\$1,363.00

#### December 23-24, 2023

First Collection:	\$3,496.00
Church Maintenance:	\$1,109.00

#### December 25, 2023

Christmas Collection:	\$4,675.00
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### CHURCH SUPPORT ST. JOSEPH'S

#### December 16-17, 2023

First Collection:	\$3,737.00
Christmas Memorials:	\$1,681.00

#### December 23-24, 2023

First Collection:	\$3,350.00
Church Maintenance:	\$ 945.00

#### December 25, 2023

Christmas Collection:	\$5,106.00
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# ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL



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## FOLLOW SMS ON SOCIAL MEDIA

Follow all the great things going on at St. Michael School on our social media accounts, "like" our Facebook page: St. Michael's Church and School, and our Instagram page: @saint\_michael\_school

## SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE—SAVE THE DATE

There will be an Open House at St. Michael's School on Sunday, January 28th from 11AM-1PM. 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.



## Religious Education News

**Religious Ed Grades 1-7 NO Class**  
*Wednesday, January 3rd - NO CLASS*  
Catechist Prep

**Confirmation Grade 9 Class**  
*Monday, January 8th - 7PM*  
St. Michael's Hall

**Religious Ed Grades 1-7 Class**  
*Wednesday, January 10th - 6:15PM*  
St. Joseph's Parish Center

**Religious Ed Grades 1-7 Class**  
*Wednesday, January 17th - 6:15PM*  
St. Joseph's Parish Center

**Confirmation Grade 8 Class**  
*Monday, January 22nd - 7PM*  
St. Michael's Hall

*For questions, contact Lisa Ouellette for grades 1-7 at 508.567.6358, or Ana Lucy Mello for grades 8-9 at 508.494.3916.*

## PROJECT RACHEL FOR MOTHERS

At the core of Project Rachel (post-abortion healing), the Sacrament of Reconciliation, a place where we have the amazing opportunity to encounter God's endless and loving Mercy, which is the ultimate source of all healing. If you desire, you will be able to meet with one of our priests who will welcome and counsel you in a prayerful environment with an atmosphere of respect, sensitivity and confidentiality. If you would like support from a counselor, contact 508.617.3230.

## **Mass Intentions - St. Joseph's**

### **Tuesday, January 1st - Mary, Mother of God**

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### **Tuesday, January 2nd - Ss. Basil & Gregory**

9:00AM - Manuel and Claire Brilhante

### **Thursday, January 4th-St. Elizabeth Ann Seton**

9:00AM - Gilberto Vieira, Sofia Aguiar & family

### **Saturday, January 6th - St. Andre Bessette**

9:00AM - Mr. and Mrs. Antonio De Sousa

### **Saturday, January 6th - Vigil Mass**

5:15PM - Valdemar and Marcia Rego

### **Sunday, January 7th - Epiphany of the Lord**

7:00AM - Arminda and Maria Olivia Correia, Luis Linhares, Antonio Medeiros, Gail Conforti, Thomas R. Medeiros, Helen M. Rutkowski

10:45AM - For those who died in December, especially Julia LaChance and Hector Gauthier

## **SANCTUARY LAMPS**

**St. Joseph's** - Hector Gauthier

**St. Michael's** - Maria Conceição Torres

**Blessed Sacrament Chapel** -  
Margaret Rego

## **Mass Intentions - St. Michael's**

### **Monday, January 1st - Mary, Mother of God**

9:00AM - For the People of our Parish

### **Wednesday, January 3rd - Holy Name of Jesus**

9:00AM - For our Parish & School Community

### **Friday, January 5th - St. John Neumann**

9:00AM - João Oliveira Pavão

### **Saturday, January 6th - Vigil Mass**

4:00PM - Belmira Correia

### **Sunday, January 7th - Epiphany of the Lord**

9:30AM - For those who died in December, especially Maria do Carmo Silva, Evelyn Marques, Antonio Velho

12:00PM - Gabriel e Lucina M. Sousa

7:00PM - For the People of the Parish

## **MASSES 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.

## **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.

## **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 crescem em nossa fé e nos esforçarmos 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!

## **HORÁRIO DE MISSAS DO DIA 1º DE JANEIRO**

Segunda-feira, 1º de Janeiro é festa de Maria, Santa Mãe de Deus. Haverá missa às 9AM na Igreja de São Miguel e às 5PM na Igreja de São José.

## **OBRIGADO — ARVORE DE OFERTAS**

Obrigado aos muitos paroquianos que doaram para a nossa campanha “Giving Tree” este ano. Coletivamente, mais de \$4,500 foram arrecadados para famílias necessitadas em nossa comunidade. Obrigado pela sua generosidade!

## **ESCRITÓRIO FECHADO**

Em observância ao feriado de Ano Novo, o escritório estará fechado nas seguintes datas: Segunda-Feira, 1º de Janeiro.

## **“WINE TASTING”**

Reserve a data de Sábado, 3 de Fevereiro, para a 12ª arrecadação anual de fundos para prova de vinhos e aperitivos da Escola de São Miguel. O evento conta com prova de vinhos, cervejas, destilados e petiscos, além de bailes, sorteios e arremetação silencioso. Entre em contato com a secretaria paroquial se desejar patrocinar este evento.

## **CASA ABERTA NA ESCOLA**

No Domingo, dia 28 de Janeiro, teremos a Casa Aberta da Escola de São Miguel imediatamente após da Missa das 11AM até meio dia e meio. Se tem filhos ou familiares que estão interessado em visitar a nossa escola, podem vir entre estas horas ou fazer apontamento com a escola.

## **MENSAGEM DO DIÁCONO PAUL E CAROL**

Obrigado a todos pelos inúmeros votos, cartões e presentes de Natal e Ano Novo que recebemos durante as férias dos incríveis membros das paróquias de São Miguel e São José, e da Escola São Miguel. Nós dois nos sentimos muito abençoados por fazer parte desta incrível comunidade católica. Que o Senhor continue a abençoar a todos nós enquanto continuamos nossa jornada juntos em direção à santidade. Deus abençoe! Diácono Paulo e Carol

## **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 Grupo de Ajuda Paroquial muito ativa que trabalha com os necessitados.

## **TAKEOUT DO ESPIRITO SANTO**

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

## **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!

## **JANTAR DE SÃO JOSÉ**

Já estão disponíveis os bilhetes para o nosso jantar Soup-a-thon que se realiza no Sábado, 27 de Janeiro, após a missa das 5:15PM. Serão servidas várias sopas, incluindo minestrone, couve portuguesa, chili, sopa de mariscos da Nova Inglaterra e sopa de Manhattan, todas servidas com salada, pão e sobremesas. Os ingressos custam \$20 para adultos e \$10 para crianças. Entre em contato com a Ana Lucy Mello ou com a secretaria paroquial para obter ingressos.