

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 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 (Port) 9AM Wednesday (Eng) 8:30AM Friday (Port) 9AM</p> <p><u>Weekends</u> Saturday 4:00PM (Eng) Sunday 9:30AM (Eng) 12PM (Port) 7:00PM (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>

JANUARY 3, 2021

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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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

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.

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. I know that this has been a difficult year for all of us, there have been many challenges and losses, but as we celebrate Christmas, let us never forget that 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! Please know of my daily prayers for each of you and your families! Fr. Jay

CELEBRATING BAPTISMS

On January 10th, our parish will celebrate the baptisms of those children who were baptized during 2012. 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.

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.

THIS WEEK IN THE PARISHES

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

January 4th - **NO** Study Group with Deacon Paul

- PTO Meeting, 6:30PM (SM)

January 5th - Bible Study, 9:30AM & 7PM (SJ)

- Adoration & Confessions, 6-7PM (SJ)

January 6th - Rel. Ed. Grades 1B & 2A

6PM (SJ)

EPIPHANY OF THE LORD

FOLLOWING GUIDELINES AT MASS

We ask that you please review our guidelines for opening our churches during the current health situation, and continued to wear your masks and observe social distancing. Please use hand sanitizer upon entrance and exit of church, as well as before and after receiving Holy Communion. Please refrain from any form of the Sign of Peace. Please use only center aisle for Communion.

ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT

St. Michael's school is now accepting applications for the 2021-2022 school year. Our pre-school program takes students ages 3 and 4, but space is limited. To schedule a tour, please call the school office today 508.678.0266 or speak directly with Fr. Jay. More information about an Open House will be forthcoming. Financial assistance is available.

CHRISTMAS MEMORIALS

The following names are in addition to our Christmas Memorials listing: the Yentz and Bedard families, David Jardin, Jennifer Jardin Kalapos, Robert Curran Sr., Alice LaPierre, David and Al Bond, David Bond, Lucille and Raymond Melia, W. Arthur Berube, Yvonne Berube, William Berube, Joseph R. Lomastro, Julia Berube and Michael Pacheco.

PRAYER BEFORE THE NATIVITY

God our Heavenly Father, from the moment of creation you have never ceased showing your love for us. Even when we turned away from you, you did not abandon us to the darkness of sin and death. Indeed, it was when our need was greatest that you sent us a Redeemer—your Son, Jesus—to be born of the Virgin Mary. Bless us as we look upon this manger. May it remind us of the humble birth of Jesus and raise our minds to contemplate the awesome mystery of Godmade-flesh. Let this holy season fill us with hope that we might join him in the eternal Kingdom of peace in heaven. Through Christ, our Lord and Savior, who lives and reigns for ever and ever. Amen

BIBLE STUDY

Our Bible Study, led by Director of Adult Faith Formation, Jean Revil, meets on Tuesdays, at 9:30AM and 7PM at St. Joseph's school, focusing on the following week's readings this Advent. Seating will be set up to maintain social distancing.

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.

YEAR OF ST. JOSEPH

On Tuesday December 8, the Solemnity of the Immaculate Conception, Pope Francis announced a "Year of St. Joseph" in which the faithful are encouraged to learn more about the Husband of Mary and the earthly Father of Jesus. This was done to commemorate the 150th Anniversary of St. Joseph being declared the Patron of the Universal Church by Pope Pius IX in 1870. Throughout the year, I will be providing materials and opportunities for parishioners to cultivate a devotion to St. Joseph, Patron of the Church and Patron of our Parish.

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.

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

ST. JOSEPH'S ORGAN FUND

The organ at St. Joseph's Church is preparing for the third phase of repairs. We would like to thank those who generously gave to their project. To date, **\$11,625** of \$17,500.00 has been raised. If you would like to make a contribution to this effort, there are envelopes at the main entrance of the church.

"SCHOOL OF PRAYER"

Deacon Paul has started a new series called School of Prayer. In this series we will learn how the Church prays, the different forms and stages of prayer, the spiritual aids that help us to pray well, how to recognize and overcome common obstacles to prayer, and practical tips for developing good habits of prayer. The Monday Morning Study Group meets every Monday at 10:00 am in St. Joseph's Hall and is open to all. For more information contact Deacon Paul at paul.levesque@comcast.net

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 Facebook or Twitter. Download our app today at myparishapp.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.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES

It is a great honor when we are asked to be a Godparent (or Sponsor) for a baptism or confirmation. To obtain a sponsor certificate, please see Fr. Jay in the parish office or after one of the Masses. To be a Godparent, one must be a registered parishioner, have received their Confirmation, attend Mass regularly and be in a valid marriage (Church wedding) and live a good moral life.

PERSONAL MISSALETTES FOR SALE

We are not able to have commonly used Missalettes but if you would like your own copy of the new Missalette, please contact the parish office. They are \$5 each. They are available for sale in the office.

REMEMBERING YOUR PARISH IN YOUR WILL

An investment in the future of St. Joseph's Parish and St. Michael's Parish goes beyond the walls of our church; it has a life-changing impact on our parish's families and the community we serve, and helps keep the spirit of Christ's message alive for future generations. You can uphold our mission and help us thrive for years to come by remembering St. Joseph's or St. Michael's in your estate plans. Please see Fr. Jay to learn more.

REGISTRATION AT ST. MICHAEL SCHOOL

Registration for the 2021-2022 school year for grades PreK—8 has begun. Space is limited and spots are filled in a first come, first served basis. If you would like to have your child registered at St. Michael School, please call the school office as soon as possible as spots fill quickly.

BABY BOTTLE DRIVE

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, checks, and change and bring them back to the church. Our financial support will help to make the services available free of cost to those who are in need of support and guidance in the fight for life! If you decide to give a donation by check, please make the check out to A Woman's Concern.

ADULTS WHO NEED SACRAMENTS

The Rite of Christian Initiation of Adults (RCIA) 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.

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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.

Visit: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/042106670>

STOP AND SHOP REWARDS PROGRAM

When doing your grocery shopping at Stop and Shop, use your loyalty card to earn dollars for SMS. To link your card to the program, visit www.stopandshop.com, click "register" and create an account. Select "manage my account" and then "Rewards and Savings." Enter your card number and the school code - 07125. At the end of the program, we will receive CASH to go towards our educational needs.

Religious Education Program Grades 1-7

Grades 1-2

January 6th - Classes 1B and 2A

St. Joseph's School

Grades 3-7

Remote Class

Students must sign in at Mass each week. If the student attends Mass outside of our parishes, please collect a bulletin and have the pastor sign and date the bulletin. Please include your child's name on the bulletin when turning it in.

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

Grade 8 Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 13th - 7-8:30PM

St. Michael's School

Grade 9 Confirmation Class

Wednesday, January 20th - 7-8:30PM

St. Michael's School

If you have any questions, please contact the Director of Religious Education, Ana Lucy Mello at analuciamello910@gmail.com

Students must sign in at Mass each week. If the student attends Mass outside of our parishes, please collect a bulletin and have the pastor sign and date the bulletin. Please include your child's name on the bulletin when turning it in.

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2nd - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - Irene Moffitt, Catherine Curley, Mr. and Mrs. Edward Berube Sr., Thomas Kroger, Intentions of David, Ann and Bear Ballard

Sunday, January 3rd - Epiphany of the Lord

7:00AM - Margaret Arruda, 15th Anniversary

10:45AM - Leonard J. Grandfield, Elaine Capeto

Tuesday, January 5th - St. John Neumann

9:00AM - Frank and Cora Sousa

Thursday, January 7th - St. Raymond of Penafort

9:00AM - David Cordeiro Miranda

Saturday, January 9th

9:00AM - Jaime and Maria DaPonte

Saturday, January 9th - Vigil Mass

5:15PM - John and Maria dos Anjos Silva, Antonio V. Amaral, Maria Amelia Lourenco, Eleanor Sprague

Sunday, January 10th - Baptism of the Lord

7:00AM - John Lizak

10:45AM - Mary St. Laurent, Normand Pelletier, Doris DeCoste, Teresa Frederick

SANCTUARY LAMP

In Memory of
Margaret Arruda

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. JOSEPH'S

December 19-20, 2020

First Collection: \$2,167.00

Diocesan Assessment: \$ 426.00

December 26-27, 2020

First Collection: \$2,066.00

Church Maintenance: \$ 797.00

Christmas Collection: \$2,807.00

This week's Second Collection:

Diocesan Assessment Collection
(Non-Assessable)

Mass Intentions

Saturday, January 2nd - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Antonio F. Cabral, Maria Conceicao Torres, Antonio Aguiar and family, Intentions of Antonio and Maria Cabral

Sunday, January 3rd - Epiphany of the Lord

9:30AM - Margarida Resendes

12:00PM - Valdemiro Rodrigues, Osvaldo, Henrique Nunes e familia, Joao Oliveira e intenções da família

7:00PM - For People of our Parish

Monday, January 4th - St. Elizabeth Ann Seton

9:00AM - João O. Pavão

Wednesday, January 6th - St. Andre Bessette

8:30AM - For our Parish and School Community

Friday, January 8th

9:00AM - Manuel Farias

Saturday, January 9th - Vigil Mass

4:00PM - Jose, Antonio, Belmira, João, José Fonseca, Manuel Farias

Sunday, January 10th - Baptism of the Lord

9:30AM - Silvino Estrela, Alberto Broccoli, Evangeline Costa, Josephine Cunha, Valentina Oliveira

12:00PM - João O. Pavão, intenções da esposa

7:00PM - For the people of our Parish

SANCTUARY LAMP

Intenções de
Antonio Carvalho e familia

CHURCH SUPPORT ST. MICHAEL'S

December 19-20, 2020

First Collection: \$ 3,603.00

Diocesan Assessment: \$ 1,179.00

December 26-27, 2020

First Collection: \$ 4,923.00

Church Maintenance: \$ 1,432.00

Christmas Collection: \$13,836.00

This week's Second Collection:

Monthly School Collection
(Transfer to School)

FELIZ NATAL DE FR. JAY

É com grande alegria que aproveito a oportunidade para desejar a cada um de vocês e a suas famílias um Feliz Natal e assegurar-lhes minhas orações por um abençoado e feliz Ano Novo. Sei que este foi um ano difícil para todos nós, houve muitos desafios e perdas, mas ao celebrarmos o Natal, nunca nos esqueçamos que Jesus Cristo nasceu hoje! 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 levar essa alegria para aqueles em nossas vidas! Por favor, conheçam minhas orações diárias por cada um de vocês e suas famílias! Fr. Jay

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 cresçam 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!

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 vestíbulo 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.

MATRICULAS PARA A ESCOLA

A escola de São Miguel está aceitando inscrições para o ano letivo de 2021-2022. Nosso programa pré-escolar aceita alunos de 3 e 4 anos, mas as vagas são limitadas. Para agendar uma visita, ligue para a secretaria da escola hoje 508.678.0266 ou fale diretamente com o pe. Jay. Mais informações sobre uma Casa Aberta estarão disponíveis. Assistência financeira está disponível.

ANO DE ST. JOSEPH

Na Terça-Feira, 8 de Dezembro, solenidade da Imaculada Conceição, o Papa Francisco anunciou um "Ano de São José", no qual os fiéis são incentivados a aprender mais sobre o Esposo de Maria e o Pai terreno de Jesus. Isso foi feito para comemorar o 150º aniversário de São José sendo declarado Patrono da Igreja Universal pelo Papa Pio IX em 1870. Ao longo do ano, estarei fornecendo materiais e oportunidades para os paroquianos cultivarem uma devoção a São José, Patrono da Igreja e Padroeira da nossa Paróquia.

SEGUINDO DIRETRIZES EM MASSA

Pedimos que reveja nossas diretrizes para abrir nossas igrejas durante a atual situação de saúde, e continue a usar suas máscaras e observar o distanciamento social. Use desinfetante para as mãos na entrada e saída da igreja, bem como antes e depois de receber a Sagrada Comunhão. Abstenha-se de qualquer forma do Sinal da Paz. Por favor, use somente o corredor central para a comunhão.

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!