

SAINT MICHAEL PARISH

CELEBRATING 150 YEARS
1876–2026
HUDSON, MASSACHUSETTS



TWENTIETH SUNDAY IN
ORDINARY TIME
AUGUST 16, 2026

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MASS SCHEDULE

Sunday Mass: English

4:00 p.m. (Saturday Vigil)
8:00 a.m. & 10:00 a.m.

Sunday Mass: Portuguese

9:15 a.m. Chapel
11:30 a.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

Daily Mass: English

Wed-Sat. | 9:00 a.m.

Daily Mass: Portuguese

Mon | 7:00 p.m. Chapel (*Brazilian*)

CONFESSION & ADORATION

Mondays: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Confession
(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

First Fridays: 6:00-7:00 p.m.

Adoration Only

Saturdays: 9:30-10:30 a.m.

Confession & Adoration
Confession also available after most Masses by appointment.

Parish Pastoral Council

The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send ideas, talent, expertise or feedback to

PastoralCouncil@stmikes.org.

Note: this email is checked weekly and the PPC meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.

St. Vincent de Paul

Tel. 978-618-6328
svdp.hudsonma@gmail.com
For Hudson neighbors in need of assistance.

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Twentieth Sunday in Ordinary Time, August 16th, 2026

Processional Hymn: Missal #316 Praise to the Lord, the Almighty

Offertory Hymn: We Walk by Faith

(by Marty Haugen)

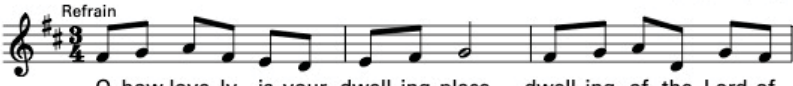
- 1, 5. We walk by faith, and not by sight: no gracious words we hear
of him who spoke as none e'er spoke, but we believe him near.
2. We may not touch his hands and side, nor follow where he trod;
yet in his promise we rejoice and cry "My Lord and God!"
3. Help then, O Lord, our unbelief, and may our faith abound;
to call on you when you are near, and seek where you are found.
4. That when our life of faith is done in realms of clearer light
we may behold you as you are in full and endless sight.

Communion Hymn:

HOW LOVELY IS YOUR DWELLING PLACE

Randall DeBruyn

Refrain

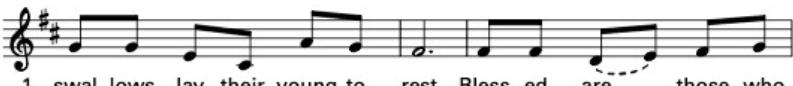


O how love-ly is your dwell-ing place, dwell-ing of the Lord of
hosts! How we long for your house, O Lord,
sing-ing out a song of joy to the liv - ing God!

Verses

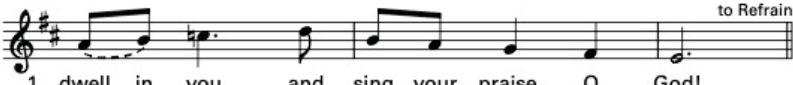


1. E - ven spar - rows find a home with you, and
2. Bless'd are those who find their strength in you, whose
3. Hear our prayer, O Lord — God of hosts; re -
4. For one day with - in your house ex - ceeds a
5. For our God pro - tects us from all harm; he



1. swal-lows lay their young to rest. Bless-ed are — those who
2. hearts are high-ways for your will. Bring-ing joy to those a -
3. ceive our lives in - to your hands! Look in - to the hearts of
4. thou-sand spent a - way from you. We would rath - er serve with-
5. gives his fa - vor and his love. All good things will come to

to Refrain



1. dwell in you and sing your praise, O God!
2. round — them, they go from strength to strength.
3. those you love and grant us all we need!
4. in your house than wealth and pow'r re - ceive.
5. those who love the Lord, and walk with him.

Hymn of Praise:

HYMN OF PRAISE

(Te Deum)

Based on chant *Regina caeli, laetare*

The musical score is written on four staves in G major (one sharp) and 4/4 time. The melody is simple and hymn-like, with lyrics written below the notes. The first staff contains the first line of the hymn. The second staff contains the second line, with a large bracket on the right side grouping the lyrics for the third and fourth lines. The third staff contains the third line. The fourth staff contains the fourth line. The fifth staff contains the fifth line. The sixth staff contains the sixth line. The seventh staff contains the seventh line. The eighth staff contains the eighth line. The ninth staff contains the ninth line. The tenth staff contains the tenth line. The eleventh staff contains the eleventh line. The twelfth staff contains the twelfth line. The thirteenth staff contains the thirteenth line. The fourteenth staff contains the fourteenth line. The fifteenth staff contains the fifteenth line. The sixteenth staff contains the sixteenth line. 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1. To you, O God, our Fa - ther: al - le - lu - ial To
2. To you, O Christ, our Broth - er: al - le - lu - ial To
3. To you, O Breath of Heav - en: al - le - lu - ial To
4. To you, O God, be glo - ry: al - le - lu - ial To

1. you, the Sing - er of cre - a - tion's song:
2. you, the Sto - ry of the Fa - ther's love:
3. you, the Spir - it of un - end - ing grace:
4. you, e - ter - nal dance of Trin - i - ty: } al - le - lu - ia!

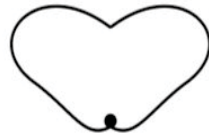
1-4. With heart and hand and soul and voice, to you we raise

1-4. this, our hymn of end-less praise. Al - le - lu - ia!

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Prayer to St. Michael The Archangel (all): See the back cover of the Missal.

Recessional Hymn: Missal #382 There's a Wideness in God's Mercy



Holy Spirit

Letter of Appreciation

With deep respect and heartfelt gratitude, St. Michael Parish extends its sincere appreciation to everyone who, throughout the years, devoted their time, faith, generosity, and service to keep alive the cherished tradition of the Micaelense Holy Ghost Society in Hudson, Massachusetts.

As the Trindade Holy Ghost Society Micaelense concludes its activities, its current officers, Emanuel Graca and Maria Resendes, settled the Society's accounts and distributed the remaining funds between two institutions that continue to serve the community.

Distribution of Funds

- St. Michael Parish: US\$16,225.59
- Sociedade do Imperio Mariense de Hudson: US\$16,225.58

St. Michael Parish gratefully receives this generous gift, recognizing it as a lasting legacy built through the dedication, sacrifice, and spirit of service of every member and volunteer who helped sustain the Society over the years.

We also congratulate the Sociedade do Imperio Mariense de Hudson on receiving its share, confident that these resources will help preserve the traditions of faith, culture, and fellowship that unite our community.

To all founders, officers, volunteers, benefactors, families, and members, we offer our deepest thanks. May the Holy Spirit and St. Michael the Archangel bless you and your families, rewarding abundantly the good you have done for our community.

"Although the Micaelense Holy Ghost Society has concluded its activities, its legacy will continue to live on through faith, friendship, generosity, and the example it has left for future generations."

St. Michael Parish

Hudson, Massachusetts

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. Aug 15	9am	Alfred Thoman
Sat. Aug 15	4pm	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. Aug 16	8am	Private Intention
Sun. Aug 16	10am	Leonard Pauplis
Wed. Aug 19	9am	Maureen Kelly
Thurs. Aug 20	9am	Luiz Augusto Campos Santana
Fri. Aug 21	9am	Private Intention
Sat. Aug 22	9am	Private Intention
Sat. Aug 22	4pm	Private Intention
Sun. Aug. 23	8am	Mary and Will Akins
		All Students and Teachers
Sun. Aug. 23	10am	St. Michael Parishioners

August Sponsors

*Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Mary & Lawrence Leary and family
Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Mary Bernedette O'Connor Cordeiro
Flowers are offered in Memory of Eugenia Matos*

*For weekend Masses in memory of loved ones, please know
that the families of the deceased are invited to bring up the gifts of
bread and wine to the altar during the offertory.*

FLOWERS FOR THE CHURCH



Mass Arrangement

In addition to accepting Memorial Offerings for Bread and Wine **we will now be accepting Monthly offerings for flowers for the church** Each month we will accept **2 donations from 2 different families \$100/each donation** to help defray the cost of flowers for the Upper and Lower church throughout the year.

Please note the Parish Altar Guild will choose the flowers based on the liturgical season and the church's interior temperature (especially during the hot summer months). So the donor will not have the ability to offer any requests for type of flower but will surrender this choice to the discretion of the Altar Guild. Thank you for your continued generosity!

*ALTAR CANDLES * BREAD & WINE *



If you would like to reserve a Mass, sponsor a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in honor/memory of someone, please call the parish office.

Suggested stipends: Altar Candles \$50 | Bread & Wine \$75.

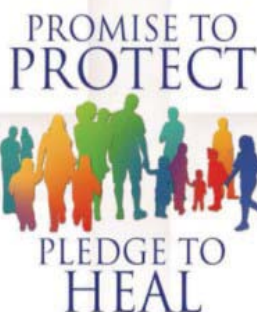
MATRIMONY



Contact the parish office to make an appointment with a member of the clergy **at least eight months prior to the desired wedding date.**

Attention Volunteers

The Archdiocese requires that all parish volunteers must complete the Protecting God's Children seminar. The next session will be held at St. Michael's on Saturday August 22 at 9am. Please register at virtusonline.org. Contact Lori at the Parish Center with any questions.



Financial Blessings

August 3-August 10

Thank you all for your generosity!!!

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory 8/09
In-Pew/Mailed	\$6,576
Online Giving	\$2,475
GRAND TOTAL	\$9,111

On-Line Giving Helps us During the Summer

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Please consider On-Line giving as it greatly benefits the Parish, particularly during the summer months when folks are traveling on vacation and Mass attendance drops.

Please use the QR code above to set up your on-line giving. If you need help, please contact Marcy at the Parish Center and she can assist.

Current and Upcoming 2nd Collections

Aug 16 – No Second Collection

Aug 23 – No Second Collection

Aug 30- No Second Collection

Bulletin cover art:
Tiziano Vecellio:
Assumption of the
Virgin



St. Monica Novena

for Our Children

As a parish family, let us come together in prayer through the St. Monica Novena, lifting up our children — and especially those enrolled in our Religious Education program. St. Monica, known for her years of persistent, faithful prayer for her son St. Augustine's conversion, is a powerful intercessor for parents and all who pray for the spiritual growth of the young people in their lives.

Let us ask her intercession that our children may grow in faith, wisdom, and love of God, and that our Religious Education families may be strengthened in their journey together.

Novena Begins: August 19 • Feast Day: August 27

Join us in person to pray together as a parish
on the closing night of the novena:

August 27 at 7:00 PM — led by Deacon Jared

The evening will include Adoration, Confession, and the Liturgy of the Hours.

Scan to Join the Novena



praymorenovenas.com/st-monica-novena

St. Monica, pray for us and for our children.

OCIA Program at St. Michael's:

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to be Catholic?

If you were never baptized, or if you were baptized by a non-Catholic minister, we invite you to learn more about Catholicism by registering for the 2026-2027 session of OCIA at St. Michael Parish. Our OCIA program meets on Monday evenings, beginning in late September and ending at the Easter Vigil on March 27, 2027.

Throughout the OCIA process, participants are invited into deep study and reflection on the teachings of the Church. Guided by a team of priests, deacons, and lay people, we explore Scripture, the Sacraments, Church history, and moral teachings. These sessions are instructional, but always allow time for open conversations—for questions, doubts, and heartfelt dialogue, where the learning is as much about growing in understanding as it is about growing in faith.

At the end of the instructional year, the Catechumens will receive the Sacraments of Initiation on Holy Saturday. For them, this is the moment they will encounter the Body and Blood of Christ for the first time. But it is equally a monumental moment for us—the St. Michael's community—as we welcome these new members into the family of believers. It is a profound reminder that the Church is not just a place, but a living, breathing community of faith, united in love and purpose.

Please contact Lori in the parish center for more information,

NOTICE

There will be limited access to the Parish Center (PC) through the remaining weeks of August and will be closed completely through most of the month of September, so that we can conduct extensive deep cleaning (mold, rug extraction, water intrusion) throughout the building.

To facilitate this, we will suspend Parish Meetings during this time. Accordingly:

- * There will be no coffee and donuts after the weekend Masses.
- * Please consider cancelling scheduled Parish meetings until October.

Please call Hannah at the office regarding booking spaces in the PC for the beginning of October to ensure the work has been completed.

Thank you and stay tuned for more information to come.

Come support our parish and enjoy good food, music, and more!

5pm-10:30pm

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SATURDAY AUGUST 22ND

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Catholic Community Trust Scholarship

Is your child enrolled in a Catholic school?

St. Michael Parish has a limited amount of funds earmarked to be used to help defray the costs of Catholic school education for our young parishioners (grades 1-12).

-If your child/children are enrolled in Catholic school and you are interested in applying for this scholarship, please contact Hannah Smillie in the parish center offices and she will provide you with an application.

-Applications are due by August 23rd, with the award decision made by August 31st. Please note that all scholarship support will be paid directly to the student's school. Thank you!

Upcoming Events at St. Michael's

August 19: Join us in praying the Novena to St. Monica, August 19-27

August 22: Protecting God's Children @ 9am at the Parish center

August 22: Brazilian and Portuguese Augustino Festival. **All are welcome for good food and fun! Please see Antonio**    **after Masses to buy raffle tickets. All proceeds go towards supporting St. Michael's**

August 27: Gathering for the last day of the St. Monica Novena @ 7pm; led by our Deacons

August 28: Faith Formation Registration due

Sept 8th-Sept 28th: Parish center closed for cleaning



Religious Education 2026-27 Registration is now Open!

*Register your child and family
to know, love, and serve God.
"God is love." (1 John: 4:16)*

To register: go to www.stmikes.org/religious-education or scan QR code



-Registration will be open through August 28th
-Join us for a Family Welcome and Orientation Meeting on Sunday, September 20th
-Classes begin September 27th; See calendar for more details

Questions?
Feel free to contact helenmarie@stmikes.org

weekly faith facts

Did you know?

a little wonder for your week



Full, Conscious, and Active Participation (Part 2 of 3): Two Practices Worth Understanding

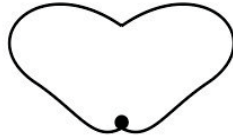
Last week we looked at what the Church really means by "full, conscious, and active participation" in the Mass — an interior union of mind and heart with what happens at the altar, not simply a matter of external busyness. This week and next, we turn to two specific moments in the liturgy where good and sincere intentions sometimes outpace liturgical understanding: the orans posture at the Our Father, and the Sign of Peace.

The Orans Posture: A Gesture Reserved to the Priest

One area where confusion has crept in involves the "orans" posture — hands extended and lifted, palms up — during the Our Father. This gesture began appearing among the laity through the charismatic renewal and has since spread more widely. It is a legitimate posture for personal prayer, but at Mass it has a very specific, reserved meaning: it belongs to the priest, who prays it on behalf of the assembly, standing in the person of Christ.

The Roman Missal calls for this gesture roughly two dozen times, always as an instruction for the celebrant, never for the congregation. The 1997 Vatican instruction **Ecclesiae de Mysterio**, co-signed by eight pontifical offices, states plainly that non-ordained members of the faithful may not use gestures reserved to the priest celebrant. A columnist for the Diocese of Lincoln summarized the conclusion simply: the laity are asked to pray the Our Father with the priest in words, but not by mirroring his gestures. Canon law commentator Dr. Edward Peters has noted that even setting the disciplinary question aside, the gesture's meaning as a sign of the priest's intercession "on behalf of" the congregation is undercut when the whole congregation adopts it simultaneously — the very unity of sign the gesture is meant to express becomes confused instead.

None of this is meant to embarrass anyone who prays this way with good faith. But it's worth understanding why the Church asks for this particular restraint: not to diminish the laity's role, but to preserve the ordered, symbolic language of the liturgy, in which every gesture — kneeling, standing, folded hands — carries a distinct and intentional meaning.



Espírito Santo

Carta de Agradecimento

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Com profundo respeito e sincera gratidão, a Paróquia de São Miguel vem expressar o seu reconhecimento a todos aqueles que, ao longo de tantas décadas, dedicaram seu tempo, trabalho, fé e generosidade para manter viva a tradição do Império Micaelense na cidade de Hudson, Massachusetts.

Com o encerramento das atividades da Trindade Holy Ghost Society Micaelense, os seus atuais dirigentes, Emanuel Graça e Maria Resendes, procederam à liquidação das contas da associação e decidiram distribuir os recursos remanescentes entre duas instituições que continuam a servir a comunidade.

Distribuição dos recursos:

- Paróquia de São Miguel – US\$ 16.225,59
- Sociedade do Império Mariense de Hudson – US\$ 16.225,58

A Paróquia de São Miguel recebe esta generosa doação com grande honra e responsabilidade, reconhecendo que ela representa um legado construído pelo empenho, dedicação e espírito de serviço de todos aqueles que fizeram parte do Império Micaelense.

Ao mesmo tempo, congratulamo-nos com a Sociedade do Império Mariense de Hudson pela parcela recebida, certos de que estes recursos contribuirão para a continuidade das tradições, da fé e da cultura que unem a nossa comunidade.

A todos os fundadores, dirigentes, mordomos, voluntários, benfeitores, famílias e membros, deixamos a nossa mais profunda gratidão. Que o Divino Espírito Santo e São Miguel Arcanjo abençoem cada um de vocês e suas famílias, recompensando abundantemente todo o bem realizado em favor da comunidade.

Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

XX Domingo do Tempo Comum: A litúrgia de hoje nos convida a refletir a universalidade da salvação. Deus ama todos os seus filhos e à todos convida para o banquete do Reino. (Revista Dehonianos)

"Louvado sejas Senhor, pelos povos de toda a terra". Sl 66-67

BÊNÇÃOS FINANCEIRAS

Agradecemos sua generosidade!

Coleta do Ofertório de Domingo	Domingo, 9 de Agosto de 2026
9:15 Portuguese	\$417
11:30 a.m. Brazilian	\$1,005
4:00 p.m. English	\$1,129
8:00 a.m. English	\$2,107
10:00 a.m. English	\$8,97
Total coletado nos bancos	\$5,555

Por favor, considere a opção Online, pois ela nos permite prever nossa receita mensal com maior precisão, de modo que possamos gerenciar as despesas e aumentar nossa reserva prudente para custos inesperados.



Info sobre o Boletim: *Regina-7743605856

Inscrição para a catequese

Estão abertas as inscrições da Catequese ano 2026-2027. Crianças a partir de 6 anos de idade são bem vindas! As fichas de inscrição estão sendo distribuídas após a missa dominical das 11:30AM.

Curso "Protecting God's Children" em português

Se você ainda não fez o curso "Protecting God's Children" (Protegendo os Filhos de Deus), exigido de todos os voluntários, por favor, considere inscrever-se na turma que será oferecida em Lowell no sábado, 15 de agosto, às 15h30. O "Protecting God's Children" é um curso de três horas que precisa ser realizado apenas uma vez e é obrigatório para todos os voluntários da Paróquia de São Miguel (St. Michael Parish). É necessária uma inscrição prévia. Por favor, acesse o site virtusonline.org, crie uma conta (caso ainda não tenha uma) e faça a sua inscrição. Em caso de dúvidas, Lori, no centro paroquial, poderá ajudá-lo(a) em inglês.



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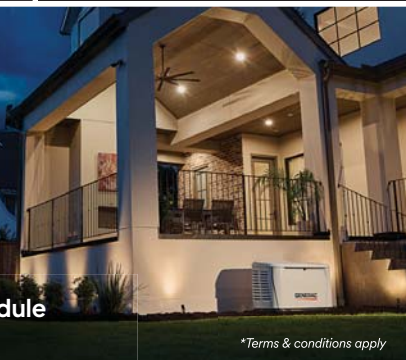
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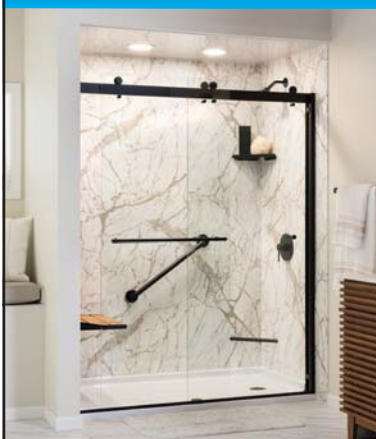
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