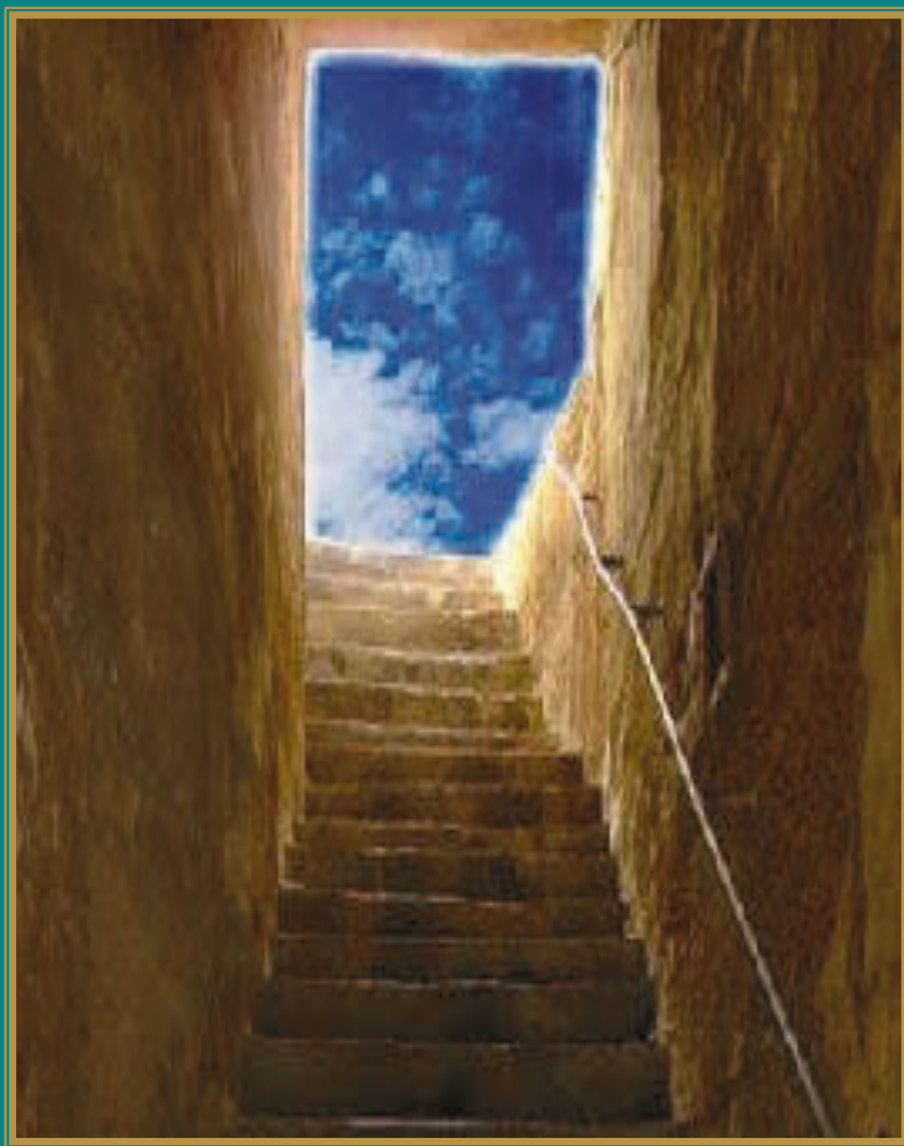


Saint Michael Parish

Hudson, Massachusetts



Twenty-first Sunday in Ordinary Time
August 24, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Twenty-First Sunday in Ordinary Time | Sunday, August 24, 2025

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN: *(all)* “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” LAUDA ANIMA

1. Praise, my soul, the King of heav - en; To his feet your
2. Praise him for his grace and fa - vor To our fa - thers
3. An - gels, help us to a - dore him; You be - hold him

1. trib - ute bring. Ran - somed, healed, re - stored, for - giv - en, Ev - er -
2. in dis - tress; Praise him, still the same as ev - er, Slow to
3. face to face; Sun and moon, bow down be - fore him, Dwell - ers

1. more his prais - es sing: Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Praise the
2. chide, and swift to bless. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia: Glo - rious
3. all in time and space. Al - le - lu - ia, al - le - lu - ia, Praise with

1. ev - er - last - ing King.
2. in his faith - ful - ness.
3. us the God of grace.

Text: Henry F. Lyte. Melody: LAUDA ANIMA, 8.7.8.7.8.7; John Goss.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON *(all)* *Missal, p. 485*

SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING *Missal, p. 1*

PENITENTIAL ACT (Form A) *Missal, p. 2*

KYRIE ELEISON *(all)* “*Missa Primitiva*” *Missal, p. 35*

GLORIA *(all)* “*Missa Primitiva*” *Missal, p. 35*

COLLECT *Missal, p. 485*

LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: *Isaiah 66: 18-21* *Missal, p. 485*

RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(all)* *Psalm 117 (116): 1bc, 2* *Missal, p. 485*

SECOND READING: *Hebrews 12: 5-7, 11-13* *Missal, p. 486*

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(all)* *John 14: 6* *Missal, p. 4*

GOSPEL: *Luke 13: 22-30* *Missal, p. 486*
HOMILY
NICENE CREED (*all*) *Missal, p. 7*
UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (*all*) *Missal, p. 487*

OFFERTORY I SLANE

1. Be thou my vi - sion, O Lord of my heart;
2. Be thou my wis - dom, and thou my true word;
3. Rich - es I heed not, nor man's emp - ty praise,
4. High King of heav - en, my vic - to - ry won,

1. Naught be all else to me, save that thou art. Thou my best
2. I ev - er with thee and thou with me, Lord; Thou my great
3. Thou mine in - her - it - ance, now and al - ways: Thou and thou
4. May I reach heav'n's joys, O bright heav-en's Sun! Heart of my

1. thought, by day or by night, Wak - ing or sleep - ing, thy
2. Fa - ther, and I thy true son; Thou in me dwell - ing, and
3. on - ly, the first in my heart, High King of heav - en, my
4. own heart, what-ev - er be - fall, Still be my vi - sion, O

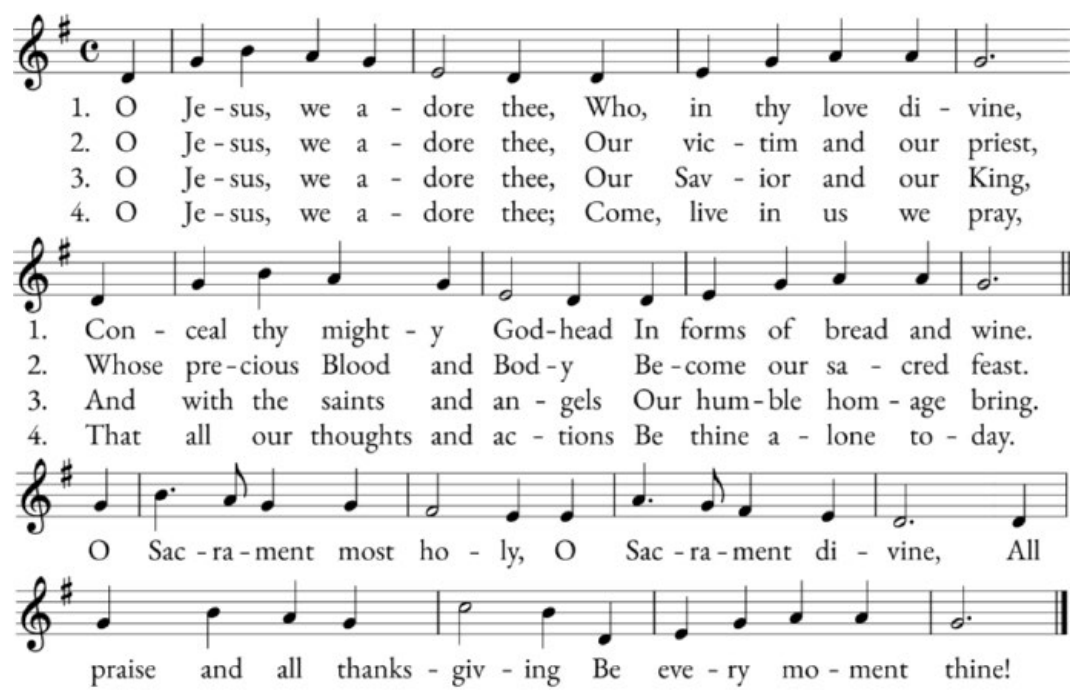
1. pres - ence my light.
2. I with thee one.
3. treas - ure thou art.
4. Rul - er of all.

Text: *Rap tui mo baile*, St. Dallán Forgaill; Tr. Mary Byrne; Para. Eleanor Hull. Melody: SLANE, 10.10.9.10; Trad. Irish.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS *Missal, p. 11*
PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS *Missal, p. 487*
PREFACE DIALOGUE *Missal, p. 12*
SANCTUS (*all*) "*Missa Primitiva*" *Missal, p. 36*

EUCCHARISTIC PRAYER

I (The Roman Canon) “To you, therefore, most merciful Father...”	Missal, p. 13
II “You are indeed holy, O Lord, the fount of all holiness...”	Missal, p. 17
III “You are indeed holy, O Lord, and all you have created rightly gives you praise...”	Missal, p. 19
IV “We give you praise, Father most holy...”	Missal, p. 22
LORD’S PRAYER (all)	Missal, p. 25
AGNUS DEI (all) “Missa Primitiva”	Missal, p. 37
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION	Missal, p. 27
COMMUNION ANTIPHON (all)	Missal, p. 487
COMMUNION HYMN: (all) “O Jesus, We Adore Thee”	FULDA MELODY



1. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Who, in thy love di - vine,
2. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Our vic - tim and our priest,
3. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee, Our Sav - ior and our King,
4. O Je - sus, we a - dore thee; Come, live in us we pray,
1. Con - ceal thy might - y God-head In forms of bread and wine.
2. Whose pre - cious Blood and Bod - y Be - come our sa - cred feast.
3. And with the saints and an - gels Our hum - ble hom - age bring.
4. That all our thoughts and ac - tions Be thine a - lone to - day.
O Sac - ra - ment most ho - ly, O Sac - ra - ment di - vine, All
praise and all thanks - giv - ing Be eve - ry mo - ment thine!

Text: John Rodgers. Melody: FULDA MELODY, 7.6.7.6 with refrain; 19th c. German.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION	Missal, p. 488
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CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING	<i>Missal, p. 29</i>
DISMISSAL	<i>Missal, p. 30</i>
PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL	<i>Missal, back cover</i>

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Greetings, brothers and sisters. Over the past couple of weeks, we've been building on insights into what discipleship really means for all of us as members of the Body of Christ. Two weeks ago, we heard Abraham's stories of courage and his stepping out faithfully into the unknown. His faithfulness was found in doing all that God commands, never questioning, and being prepared to say yes to whatever God asked of him. When we respond similarly, we become like the faithful stewards – dressed for action, with our lamps lit and ready for whatever the Master asks of us. Last weekend, we heard the story of Jeremiah being cast into the cistern to die – because his faithfulness in preaching God's word was not well received. We learned that Jesus came to bring division between the ways of the world and His way. Discipleship costs us something when we choose to follow Him instead of the popular culture of the world. But no matter where we find ourselves, or how deep our 'pit' may feel, God never abandons us and rescues us in our times of need.

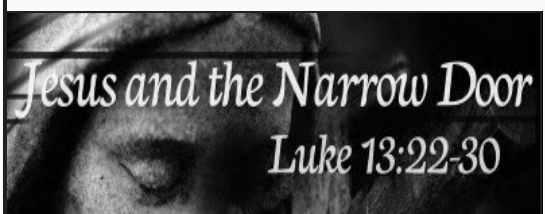
A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck Rossignol

Our readings this weekend add to what we've learned already. This weekend, we're encouraged to endure the *discipline* of the Lord, which can be painful at times, but it strengthens us as His faithful to 'walk straight paths' and be healed of those things which hold us back. In our reading from Hebrews, we're reminded again that following Christ requires perseverance, purification and endurance. Our reading from Isaiah adds something else: we're got companions on the journey with us across the world! God is gathering his faithful from ALL nations. God's invitation to follow Him applies to all; even the Gentiles and all foreigners to the faith are invited to be part of God's covenant people. God's kingdom is open to all, but it requires us to *respond* to God's call!

In our gospel from Luke, Jesus warns us that entry into God's kingdom is through a narrow gate. Many will try to come through but won't be able to make it. If we don't truly 'own' our faith, we're tepid at best. Think of any athlete training for a marathon or an Olympic event. Putting in the effort only part time will only get us part of the way there. *Responding* to God's call means being 'all in'. He wants all of our hearts, not just when it feels convenient or checks the box to satisfy compliance. No athlete ever won the prize without putting his/her heart into it!

Although the discipline can be challenging, the author of Hebrews encourages us to 'strengthen our drooping hands and our weak knees'. 'Faithfulness brings the peaceful fruit of righteousness for those who are trained by it!' St. Michael's offers an abundance of 'training programs' every weekend at all of our Liturgies and throughout the week. Sign on and join millions of others everywhere in becoming an Olympian for God!



Wishing you great peace,

— Dcn Chuck

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. August 23, 9 a.m.	Bernard Joseph Callahan Jr.
Sat. August 23, 4 p.m.	Francis Harrity Francis Walsh and Francis Walsh Jr. Angelo Gigliotti Leonard Pauplis
Sun. August 24, 8 a.m.	Private Intention
Sun. August 24 10 a.m.	St. Michael Parishioners
Wed. August 27, 9 a.m.	Tuck Walsh
Thu. August 28, 9 a.m.	No Intention
Fri. August 29, 9 a.m.	Jeanne Maria Valborge
Sat. August 30, 9 a.m.	Maxine Crocker & Scott Bedell (deceased) James & Elizabeth Luttrell (living)
Sat. August 30, 4 p.m.	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. August 31, 8 a.m.	The Deceased Member of the Devlin Family Barbara Ann Vezeau
Sun. August 31, 10 a.m.	Private Intention

Please let Father Bert or the head usher know if you wish to bring the gifts of bread and wine to the altar during the offertory.

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 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Confession & Adoration
(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

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

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

Confession & Adoration
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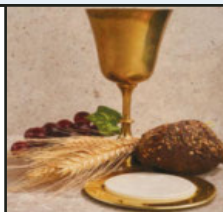
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Interested in booking a Mass intention? Please stop by or call the parish office if you would like to reserve a Mass for someone. The suggested stipend for Masses is \$10.

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If you would like to sponsor a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in memory of someone, please stop by or call the parish office. Stipends for Altar Candles are \$50 and Bread & Wine are \$75.

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The Pastoral Council helps Fr. Bert with practical parish matters. Please send a message to offer ideas, talent, expertise, or feedback. *Note: This e-mail is checked weekly, and the Pastoral Council meets every 6-8 weeks. For immediate pastoral needs, contact the appropriate clergy or staff above.*

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For any of our Hudson neighbors in need of assistance, the local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ready to help.

UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

MONDAY, AUGUST 25

Religious Education registration opens— sign up your child for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Program— open to children grades 1 through 8. Please see the website for more details www.stmikes.org/religious-education

TUESDAY, AUGUST 26

Altar Program Training—girls and boys grades 3-12
2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Upper Church)
Contact Dcn Chuck—deacon_chuck@stmikes.org

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 27

St. Monica Feast Day - Join us in the Upper Church at 6:30 p.m. as we pray the last day of the novena.

EVERY SUNDAY IN AUGUST

Sunday Coffee Social—9 a.m. to 10 a.m. in the Parish Center (ground floor) immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. All are welcome!

AUGUST—Registration is open for the 2025-2026 **Walking with Purpose (WWP)** Women's Bible Study. For more information: www.stmikes.org/ministries

SEPTEMBER 7

A limited number of **WooSox Tickets** are still available! Bus departs parking lot 11:30 a.m., Game start 1:05 p.m. —\$19/pp, kids under 2 are free. Please see Andrea at the Parish Center to purchase tickets.

MAGNIFICAT

We will be discontinuing our St. Michael subscription to the Magnificat. Our last issue will be October 2025. If you are interested in purchasing your own subscription, please go to <https://www.bookstore.magnificat.net>

ST. MICHAEL'S 150TH ANNIVERSARY

St. Michael Parish will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2026! We would like to mark this memorable occasion with a series of special events. If you are interested in being part of the St. Michael Anniversary Planning Committee, please reach out to Lori in the Parish Center. Thank you!

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

August 12 – 18, 2025

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory	Assumption
In-Pew	\$5543	\$1971
Online Giving	\$1333	—
GRAND TOTAL	\$6876	\$1971

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Upcoming 2nd Collections
August 24—Texas Flood Relief
August 31— No Second Collection

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM 2025/26

Religious education registration opens on August 25. The Faith Formation Program is open to children grades 1 through 8. We will meet at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Upper Church on the following dates:

September 24	October 29
November 19	December 10
January 14	February 25
March 25	April 15

Please see the website for more information.
www.stmikes.org/religious-education

ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

The adult confirmation class is for adult Catholics who were baptized and received their First Holy Communion, but were never confirmed. We will meet in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. on Thursday evenings in October.

October 2	October 9
October 16	October 23

Please contact Lori Morton at the Parish Office for more information.

JOIN US ON THE FEAST DAY OF ST. MONICA
Wednesday, August 27 at 6:30 p.m. in the Upper Church

OPENING PRAYER Lord our God, ever merciful to all who hope in you, you adorned your servant Monica with the priceless gift of reconciling her husband and children to you; you listened to her fervent and continuous prayers calling her son, Saint Augustine, from the ways of error to serve you in holiness making of him a sign in the world of the power of the grace of Christ and of the intercession of the saints on our behalf; renew, O Lord, in your Church and in our hearts the spirit you gave to Saint Monica; grant that in our thirst for true wisdom we and our loved ones may never cease to search for you, and may our hearts rest united in you, the living fountain of unending love. We ask this through Christ, our Lord. Amen.

PRAYER OF PETITION Blessed Saint Monica, please add your prayers to all those concerned and worried about their family members and friends, especially those who have turned away from Christ and His Church. Take them under your protection and give them the courage to walk in the ways of the Lord despite the temptation and false values they find in today's world. Please also, take my personal request to God for my loved ones with the same fervor and persistence with which you prayed for your own son. Amen.

FINAL PRAYER O God, you alone are good, and you never cease doing good; increase our faith, strengthen our hope, and set us on fire with your love, so that we may serve you more faithfully day by day, using the same gifts you have given us for the glory of your name. Amen.

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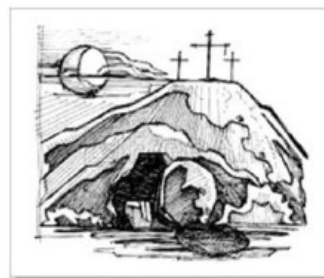
Have you given any consideration to pre-planning your funeral mass? We have a team of experienced lay ministers who are ready to help you.

More and more families seem to be choosing “celebration of life” events at funeral homes over traditional Masses. They do not seem to understand why the Mass is so important to Catholics – particularly at the time of death:

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The rituals of the church are expressions of our hope for those who have died and for those of us who remain and await our call to eternal life.

Planning the Catholic Funeral by Terence P. Curley



Pre-planning your funeral also makes things easier for your family and assures you that your wishes in this matter will be honored. Please call Lori at the Parish Center to be connected to one of our lay ministers.

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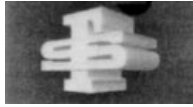
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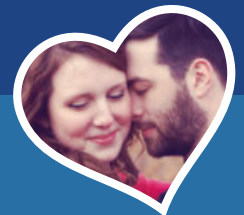
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