Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



Eighteenth Sunday in Ordinary Time August 3, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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Text: Reginald Heber. Melody: NICAEA, 11.12.12.10; John B. Dykes.

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LITURGY OF THE WORD

FIRST READING: Ecclesiastes 1: 2; 2: 21-23		
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (all) Psalm 90 (89): 3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14, 17		
SECOND READING: Colossians 3: 1-5, 9-11		
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (all) Matthew 5: 3		
GOSPEL: Luke 12: 13-21		
HOMILY		
NICENE CREED (all)		
UNIVERSAL PRAYER		
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (all)		
3. hands a - bove, Of - f'ring up on eve - ry shore 1. O - ver and a - round us lies. 2. Sun and moon, and stars of light. Lord of all, to you we raise 3. Her pure sac - ri - fice of love. This our hymn of grate - ful praise.		

Text: Folliot S. Pierpoint. Melody: DIX, 7.7.7.7.7; Conrad Kocher.

PREPARATION OF THE GIFTS	I	Missal, p. 11
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COMMUNION ANTIPHON <i>(all)</i>	. 455
1. Let all mor - tal flesh keep si - lence, And with fear and 2. King of kings, yet born of Mar-y, As of old on 3. Rank on rank the host of heav - en Spreads its van - guard 4. At his feet the six - winged ser - aph, Cher - u - bim with 1. trem - bling stand; Pon - der noth - ing earth - ly mind - ed, 2. earth he stood, Lord of lords, in hu - man ves - ture, 3. on the way, As the Light of light de - scend - eth 4. sleep - less eye, Veil their fac - es to the pres - ence, 1. For with bless - ing in his hand, Christ our God to earth de - 2. In the Bod - y and the Blood; He will give to all the 3. From the realms of end - less day, That the pow'rs of hell may 4. As with cease - less voice they cry: "Al - le - lu - ia, Al - le -	ARDY
 scend eth, Our full hom-age to de - mand. faith ful His own self for heav'n - ly food. 	

Text: Cherubic Hymn, Liturgy of St. James, 4th c. Greek; Tr. Gerard Moultrie. Melody: PICARDY, 8.7.8.7.8.7; Trad. French.

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING	
DISMISSAL	
PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL	Missal, back cover

Spiritual Communion

There are many circumstances which might prevent us from receiving Holy Communion at Mass. (For some helpful guidelines on when Catholics may properly receive Holy Communion, see page 584 in the missalette.) It has long been a Catholic understanding that when circumstances prevent one from receiving Holy Communion, it is possible to make an Act of Spiritual Communion, which is a source of grace. Spiritual Communion is an ardent desire to receive Jesus in the Most Holy Sacrament and lovingly embrace him at a time or in circumstances when one cannot receive Him in sacramental Communion. The most common reason for making an Act of Spiritual Communion is when a person cannot attend Mass. Acts of Spiritual Communion increase our desire to receive sacramental Communion and help us avoid the sins that would make us unable to receive Holy Communion worthily. Here is one of many beautiful Acts of Spiritual Communion:

My Jesus, really present in the most holy sacrament of the altar,
Since I cannot now receive thee under the sacramental veil,
I beseech thee, with a heart full of love and longing, to come spiritually into my soul
through the Immaculate Heart of thy Most Holy Mother,
and abide with me forever.
Thou in me, and I in thee, in time and in eternity, in Mary. Amen.

There is another beautiful Act of Spiritual Communion printed on the back cover of the missalette. May these prayers be a source of grace for all who long for Our Lord Jesus Christ in the Most Holy Sacrament of the altar.



I can remember in my junior and senior high school days, how much time I'd spend preening in front of the mirror before heading off to school – making sure my hair was just right, my clothes fit perfectly, all to be ready to walk out the door like the Star of the Day! (Was I the only one doing that???) I wanted to ensure that I 'fit in' and was one of the cool ones – major priorities! I did have a lot of fun in high school, and I always made sure I was dressed for the part! Was it really so important? I really doubt there's anyone today who even remembers what pants or shirts I wore, or what my hair looked like. I'm not even sure I do!

I reflect on some of the priorities I possess now and realize they may not be that different. Today, I sometimes catch myself still working hard to be one of the 'cool ones'. Am I popular enough, well-liked, and have the esteem of others? Maybe I haven't changed that much after all.

How important are these things in the long run, really! A couple of generations after I'm gone, will anyone really remember much about me at all? Who among us remembers much of anything about our own great grandparents?

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck Rossignol

Our readings this weekend do us a great service by reminding us that our earthly possessions, wealth and accomplishments reflect only the emptiness of materialism, because these things never last. They are fleeting; we don't take them with us when we're gone. Our scriptures invite us instead to seek the lasting treasure of God – things which will endure past the length of our earthly lives. In our OT reading from Ecclesiastes, we see that, for all of our labors while we were here, someone else will inherit the fruit of our work. In our psalm, we see the acknowledgment of human mortality and the shortness of life. In God alone do we have permanence which endures. In Colossians, St. Paul exhorts Christians to set their hearts on heavenly things, not earthly ones. He encourages our detachment from worldly passions like greed and selfishness and instead seek our identity in Christ. Our gospel reading from Luke says the same thing with the parable of the rich fool, who stores up his wealth for himself, thinking he has secured his future. "You fool, this night your life will be demanded of you... thus it will be for all who store up treasure for themselves but are not rich in what matters to God."

None of us take anything with us when we die. Our scriptures this weekend encourage us to reset our perspectives, detach from worldly possessions, be generous, and focus on eternal riches in God. Letting go of building up earthly treasures for our own sake has the great benefit of freeing ourselves for others and building up our eternal treasures. When we meet God, being 'cool' won't even be on His radar!

Wishing you great peace,

— Dcn Chuck

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. August 2, 9 a.m. No Intention

Sat. August 2, 4 p.m. Vincent Graceffa Sr. Sun. August 3, 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. August 3, 10 a.m. St. Michaels Parishioners

Wed. August 6, 9 a.m. No Intention Thurs. August 7, 9 a.m. No Intention

Fri. August 8, 9 a.m. Chester Ralph Ellis

Sat. August 9, 9 a.m. No Intention

Sat. August 9, 4 p.m. St. Michaels Parishioners

Sun. August 10, 8 a.m. Cheryl Ann Rooney, Margaret & Malcom Callahan

Renee Lau

Sun. August 10, 10 a.m. Private Intention

For weekend Masses in memory of loved ones, please know that the families of the deceased are invited to bring the gifts of bread and wine up to the altar during the offertory. If interested, please arrive 10 minutes early to Mass and speak to Father Bert and the head usher about your request.

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.Adoration Only (returning in September)

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

Confession & Adoration

Confession also available after most Masses by request or by appointment

* BOOK A MASS INTENTION *

We are now booking Mass intentions for the second half of 2025. 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. If you mail a check, please note the intention name in the memo section.

* SPONSOR ALTAR CANDLES OR BREAD & WINE *

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. If you mail a check, please note the intention name in the memo section.



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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.

St. Vincent de Paul

978-618-5175, svdp.hudsonma@gmail.com For any of our Hudson neighbors in need of assistance, the local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ready to help.

ADULT FAITH FORMATION

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to become Catholic?

If you are an adult who has not received the Sacrament of Baptism, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation, we invite you to register with our Order of Christian Initiation for Adults Program (OCIA). To learn more, contact Lori Morton in the parish office.

ALTAR SERVING

We are launching our altar program training on Tuesday, August 26 from 2:00 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. in the Upper

Church for both boys and girls, with the program starting in September. Students between grades 3 - 12 who have completed First Holy Communion are invited to join this ministry! If interested or for more information, please contact Dcn Chuck and/or Jackie via email: deacon_chuck@stmikes.org jjohannes1215@gmail.com

We look forward to hearing from you!



ANNUAL WEDDING ANNIVERSARY MASS

Archbishop Richard Henning invites couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, 50th, or other milestone wedding anniversaries to attend the

Wedding Anniversary Mass on Sunday, October 26 at 3:00 p.m. at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston. For more details: https://www.evangelizeboston.com/event/annual-wedding-anniversary-mass-4/

WELCOME BABY GABRIEL!



Joyce and I welcomed our new (and first) grandson, Gabriel William Joy, into the world on Saturday! Daughter Jacqui and husband Brian are doing great. Thanking Jesus for great blessings with his arrival!

Dcn Chuck and Joyce

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

July 22 – July 28, 2025

COLLECTION	Offertory
SUMMARY	
In-Pew	\$8599
Online Giving	\$1636
GRAND TOTAL	\$10235

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Upcoming 2nd Collections

August 3 – Parish Maintenance & Development August 10—No Second Collection

Regular Offertory Collection will be take on August 15—Feast of the Assumption

FEATURED ON OUR PARISH WEBSITE STMIKES.ORG

Do you want to understand more about the Mass and why the Mass is composed the way it is? This video helps explain each component of the Mass and it's purpose...the video can be found on the internal page of our website listed under tab "The Mass", then "The Order of the Mass" - check it out!

https://www.stmikes.org/order-of-the-mass



DID YOU KNOW?

Did you know that our website can be translated into Portuguese with the simple click of a language button that appears in the top corner of the website? Give it a try! Please let us know if you find any problems with the translations.

SPECIAL AUGUST EVENTS ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Friday, August 1

No First Friday Eucharistic Adoration due to vacation schedules.

Saturday, August 9 a.m. to 12 p.m.

Protecting God's Children—Portuguese (Parish Center)

Tuesday, August 12 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Protection God's Children—English (Parish Center)

<u>Thursday</u>, <u>August 14</u> 7 p.m. Portuguese (Lower Church)

Vigil Mass: Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation).

Friday, August 15 7 a.m. | 9 a.m. | 7 p.m. (Upper)

Solemnity of the Assumption of the Blessed Virgin Mary (Holy Day of Obligation).

Tuesday, August 19

St. Monica Novena begins.

Mother of St. Augustine and patron saint of Christian parents.

Saturday, August 23 5 p.m. to 11 p.m.

Agustino Festival, Portuguese Club–13 Port Street, Hudson. All proceeds benefit St. Michael Parish.

Monday, August 25

Religious Education registration opens—sign up your child for the 2025-2026 Faith Formation Program—open to children grades 1 through 11. Please see the website for more details www.stmikes.org

Tuesday, August 26 2 p.m. to 3:30 p.m. (Upper Church)

Altar Program Training—girls and boys grades 3-12

Wednesday, August 27

St. Monica Feast Day 6:30 p.m. (Upper Church)

Novena concludes. Join us as we pray the last day of the Novena for children and lapsed family members.

Month of August

Registration is open for Walking With Purpose (WWP) - Women's Bible Study. Email Joyce: stmikeswwp@gmail.com

Every Sunday in August 9 a.m. to 10 a.m.

Sunday Coffee Social—immediately following the 8 a.m. Mass. Ground Floor Parish Center. All are welcome!

* ATTENTION ALL VOLUNTEERS! * PROTECTING GOD'S CHILDREN

Thank you all for volunteering for the various ministries at St. Michael's. Your efforts keep our corner of God's vineyard fruitful. In our activities we always need to be keeping a safe environment for all. The Archdiocese of Boston now requires certain tasks and trainings for all parish volunteers: every volunteer must complete and submit CORIs annually, and every parish volunteer must also take a class called "Protecting God's Children" (PGC) at least once.

To assist in these efforts, St. Michael's is offering two PGC classes at St. Michael's Parish, 21 Manning Street, at the Parish Center (ground floor) on the following dates:

- ♦ Saturday, August 9th—9 a.m. to 12 p.m. Portuguese
- ♦ Tuesday, August 12th—6 p.m. to 9 p.m.- English

We are asking any parish volunteer who has not already taken this class to sign up. There are other sessions being offered throughout the Archdiocese at <u>www.virtusonline.org</u>. Please note, this requirement is not restricted to those who serve the youth – it is for every volunteer, every staff member, and every member of the clergy team. These training classes must be completed prior to the fall startup of the various ministries here at St. Michael's.

Preregistration is required. To register or view the list of classes being held elsewhere, go to www.virtusonline.org, create an account, and register. If you do not have access to a computer and need assistance with the signup, please call or visit Lori, or Andrea at the parish center. We thank you for your cooperation! This class is a requirement for continuing in any ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston.

COVER ARTWORK

Our bulletin cover this week features the parable of the Rich Fool (1627) by Rembrandt, depicting the futility of the belief that wealth can secure prosperity or a good life. Interesting note: The model for the figure is said to have been Rembrandt's father.

Seek the Things That Are Above

Colossians 3:1-4



ST. MICHAEL PARISH BRAZILIAN PORTUGUESE FESTIVAL





All are welcome to enjoy a night of great food, music, dancing, and a chance to win great prizes in a raffle!





August 23, 2025



5 p.m. to 11 p.m.



Hudson Portuguese Club - 13 Port Street, Hudson MA



Admission is free but please buy your raffle tickets soon! All proceeds to benefit St. Michael Parish. Thank you!

Saint Anthony's Feast Weekend Schedule

AUGUST 28, 29, 30 & 31, 2025

Celebrate the 106th anniversary of Saint Anthony's Feast and the 104th anniversary Feast of Santa Lucia.

The Blessed Relics of Saint **Anthony of Padua**

Saint Anthony's Feast is honored to welcome the Blessed Relics of Saint Anthony of Padua to Boston this year in celebration of our 106 years of Faith, Family, Community, and Tradition. The visit with the Blessed Relics also comes on the heels of the Society's sacred aggregation with the Arcionfraternita di Sant' Antonio located at his basilica in Padua, Italy. The first-class relics will be accompanied by Fr. Alessandro Ratti, OFM Conv. who most recently joined us for our 100th Anniversary in 2019 as well as a delegation from the Arcionfraternita di Sant' Antonio.

Public Veneration of the Relics of Saint Anthony

Friday, August 29th

6:30 PM: Procession from Saint Leonard's Church to the Society Headquarters at 203 **Endicott Street**

7 PM: Opening Ceremonies of the 106th Anniversary Saint Anthony's Feast 8 PM - 10 PM: Saint Leonard's Church, Hanover Street, Boston

9 AM - 12 Noon: Saint Anthony's Outdoor Chapel, Endicott Street 12 Noon - 4:30 PM: Society Headquarters, 203 Endicott Street 5 PM: Outdoor Celebration of the Eucharist, Feast Main Stage 6:30 PM - 8:30 PM: Saint Leonard's Church, Hanover Street Boston

Sunday, August 31st

10:30 AM: Italian Mass in honor of Saint Anthony, Saint Leonard's Church, Hanover Street,

12 Noon: Grand Procession with the Statue of Saint Anthony 1 PM - 5 PM: Saint Leonard's Church, Hanover Street, Boston



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