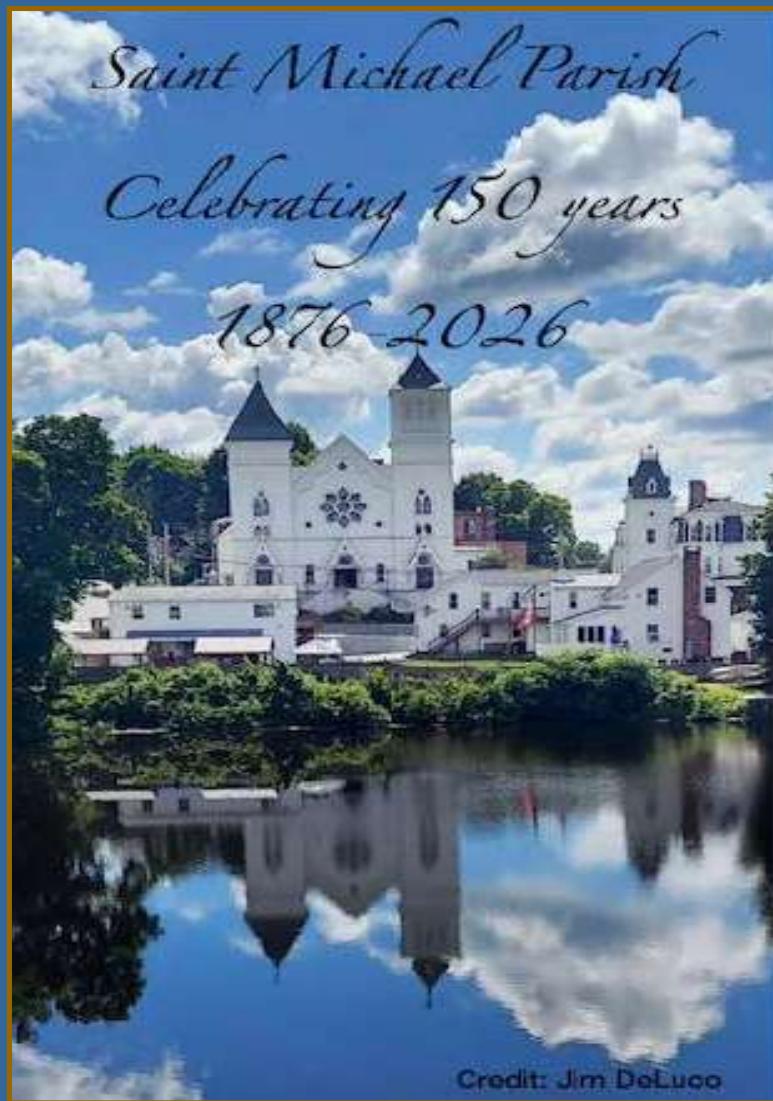


Saint Michael Parish

Hudson, Massachusetts



Second Sunday in Ordinary Time
January 18, 2026

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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Processional Hymn: Missal #99 All Creatures of Our God and King

Kyrie: Missal p. 35

Gloria: Missal p. 35

Responsorial Psalm 40: Here am I, Lord; I come to do your will.

Gospel Acclamation: Alleluia

Offertory Hymn:

HERE I AM, LORD

Dan Schutte

Verbs

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky, I have heard my peo - ple cry.
2. I, the Lord of snow and rain, I have borne my peo-ple's pain.
3. I, the Lord of wind and flame, I will tend the poor and lame.

1. All who dwell in dark and sin My hand will save. I, who
2. I have wept for love of them. They turn a - way. I will
3. I will set a feast for them. My hand will save. Fin-est

1. made the stars of night, I will make their dark-ness bright.
2. break their hearts of stone, Give them hearts for love a - lone.
3. bread I will pro-vide Till their hearts be sat - is - fied.

1. Who will bear my light to them? Whom shall I send?
2. I will speak my word to them. Whom shall I send?
3. I will give my life to them. Whom shall I send?

Refrain
Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord? I have heard you
call-ing in the night. I will go, Lord, if you
lead me. I will hold your peo-ple in my heart.

Eucharistic Acclamations: Missal p. 36 & 37

Communion Hymn:

BEHOLD THE LAMB

Martin Willett

Verbs

1. Those who were in the dark are thank-ful for the
2. Peace-ful now, those whose hearts are blessed with un-der-
3. Gen-tle one, Child of God, join with us at this
4. Lord of all, give us light. De-liv-er us from

1. sun-light; we who live, we who die are grate-ful for his
2. stand-ing of the wheat, of the wine u-nit-ed with his
3. ta-ble. Bless our lives; nour-ish all who hun-ger for this
4. e-vil. Make us one; be our shield. Make still the winds that

1. gift, thank-ful for his love. Be-hold, be-hold the Lamb of
2. word and the love we share.
3. feast; shel-ter them with peace.
4. blow; cra-dle us with love.

God. All who eat, all who drink shall live; and all,
all who dwell in God shall come to know his glo-ry.

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Recessional Hymn: Missal #255 Lord, Who at Thy First Eucharist



The history of St. Michael Parish in Hudson, Massachusetts, is a vibrant tapestry woven from the threads of many different cultures and stories. It is a local story of human striving, hardship, and community, a microcosm of the American immigrant experience. But this history also points us toward a greater, eternal truth, captured in the words of God in the Book of Revelation: "He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God" (Revelation 21:7).

The Mosaic of Human Heritage. When we look back at 19th and 20th-century Hudson, we see people drawn by the promise of work in the shoe factories—a better life, a secure future, a place to belong. Each group brought their own unique "heritage"—their stories, customs, cuisine, and languages. This human heritage is a beautiful gift, a way we connect to our past and find identity in our present. It is something we cherish, preserve, and pass down. Yet, as history shows, these earthly heritages can be challenged, buildings burn down, languages fade, and communities change.

The Divine Promise of an Eternal Heritage. The Book of Revelation offers a profound contrast to our temporary earthly ties. In a vision of the New Heaven and New Earth, God makes a powerful, personal promise: "He who conquers shall have this heritage, and I will be his God, and he shall be My son".

What is this "heritage"? It is not a piece of land in a specific country, a specific language, or an ancestral name. The divine heritage promised here is nothing less than inheriting "all things". It's a share in God's eternal Kingdom, a promise of eternal life in His direct presence, where "He will wipe away every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore". This heritage is unique because:

- **It is inclusive:** While human heritage often divides along ethnic lines, God's heritage is for "whoever" believes, transcending every earthly culture and nation.
- **It is relational:** The greatest part of this inheritance is not a place, but a relationship: "I will be his God and he shall be My son."

Conquering Through Faith The condition attached is that we must "conquer" or "overcome." The Bible makes it clear that this victory isn't achieved by human strength or ethnic pride, but through faith in Jesus Christ. We overcome the world, its trials, temptations, and inevitable losses, by clinging to Him.

The immigrants of St. Michael's displayed incredible perseverance, overcoming immense hardship, prejudice, and economic struggle. Their resilience can inspire us. But the ultimate victory—the one that secures our eternal heritage—comes only through faith in God's promises.

Conclusion. Our ethnic histories in Hudson are wonderful, colorful stories that help us understand where we come from. They are beautiful expressions of our human experience. But let us never confuse our earthly heritage with our eternal destination. Our true, ultimate, everlasting heritage is available to all who conquer through faith in Christ. It is an inheritance that never fades, found in a personal, eternal relationship with God Himself. May we all strive to be among those who conquer, claiming that divine heritage, so that He will be our God, and we shall be His children forevermore.



On this Second Sunday in Ordinary Time, our liturgy invites us to fix our gaze on one of the most poignant titles of Our Lord: *“Behold the Lamb of God, who takes away the sin of the world.”* This profound declaration, spoken by John the Baptist, stands at the heart of today’s Gospel. It shapes our understanding of who Jesus is and calls us deeper into the mystery of salvation.

In ancient Jewish worship, the image of the lamb evokes sacrifice and liberation. At Passover, Israel remembered how the blood of unblemished lambs saved God’s people from death in Egypt. Centuries later, John the Baptist applies this powerful symbol to Jesus. When he sees Jesus approaching, he does not say, “Here is a teacher,” or “Here is a prophet.” He says instead, *“Behold the Lamb of God.”* In doing so, John recognizes that Jesus is the one whose life, death, and resurrection fulfill every foreshadowing of sacrifice in salvation history.

This moment marks a shift: the ministry of John the Baptist—the one who prepared the way—is beginning to diminish, not in failure, but in fulfillment. His mission was to point to the Messiah; now that mission is complete. Jesus is revealed not merely as a spiritual leader, but as the divine Lamb whose sacrifice will restore our broken relationship with God.

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Jared

What does it mean that Jesus *takes away* the sin of the world? Sin alienates us from God and wounds the dignity with which we are created. In becoming the Lamb, Jesus does not merely cover sin; he absorbs it into himself. His death on the Cross, the ultimate act of self-giving love, reconciles humanity to the Father. Through his resurrection, that reconciliation is made triumphant and everlasting.



As Catholics, we encounter this mystery most intimately in the Mass. Each time we proclaim *“Agnus Dei”* just before Communion, we join John’s ancient witness. The Lamb we sing about is the same Jesus present on our altar, offered once for all through the priesthood, and offered here and now in our celebration. The liturgical chant is not simply poetic language—it is a living confession of faith: Jesus truly offers himself to us as Food for the journey, healing our wounds and calling us to holiness.

The Sacrament of the Eucharist is not merely a symbol; it is the real presence of Christ—the Lamb of God—who continues to take away our sins and renew us. When we receive the Eucharist with faith, we partake in his life, dying to sin and rising to newness of life. This is the core of the Christian Gospel and the heart of our worship.

Isaiah’s prophecy reminds us that God’s Servant is a light to the nations; today, in Jesus the Lamb, that light is revealed fully and forever. St. Paul, in the Second Reading, greets the community in Corinth with grace and peace from Christ Jesus—the same peace the Lamb of God won for us.

As we continue Ordinary Time, let us carry this image of Christ, the Lamb, into our daily lives. Let us allow his sacrificial love to shape our relationships and actions. In every *“Agnus Dei”* we sing, may our hearts be renewed with awe and gratitude for the Lamb who takes away the sins of the world—whose mercy endures forever.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. January 17, 9 a.m. Christmas Flowers—Deceased Remembered
Sat. January 17, 4 p.m. St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. January 18, 8 a.m. Private Intention
Sun. January 18, 10 a.m. Jose N. Bairo
Captain Paul Peña
Ilda Andrade
James O'Loughlin
Rosa Chaves
Alexandrina Fernandes
Rosemary Rimkus
Legal Protection of the Unborn
Private Intention
Cheryl Ann Rooney
Margaret & Malcolm Rooney
Jack Hughes
Jose N. Bairo
Sarah Anne Boyle Betz
St. Michael Parishioners

January Sponsors

Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Brad Smith.

Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Fr. Tony Lalli.

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*)

CONFESION & ADORATION

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

Confession & Adoration
(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

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

Adoration Only

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

Confession & Adoration
Confession also available after most Masses by request or by appointment

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.

* MASS INTENTION * ALTAR CANDLES * BREAD & WINE *



If you would like to reserve a Mass for someone, sponsor a month's supply of Altar Candles or Bread & Wine in honor/memory of someone, please call the parish office. Stipends for a Mass Intention is \$10, Altar Candles are \$50 and Bread & Wine are \$75.

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UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

THURSDAY, JANUARY 22—March for Life Adoration Holy Hour, 6:00 p.m., Upper Church. Join us as we pray to end abortion in America.

FRIDAY, JANUARY 23—National March for Life, Washington DC. Theme: “Life is a Gift”. For more info <https://marchforlife.org/national-march-for-life/>

SUNDAY, JANUARY 25—150th Anniversary Bilingual Mass, 11:00 a.m., Upper Church. Celebration followed by a luncheon at the Hudson Portuguese Club.

TUESDAY, JANUARY 27—Founding Day of St. Michael Parish, 1876—2026.

THURSDAY, JANUARY 29—WWP Morning Connect Coffee Session, 9:45 a.m., Parish Center.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 31 & SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 1—Blessing of the Throats will be held at each English weekend Mass. Candlemas—is on Monday, February 2 this year. Please bring your candles to church on the weekend of Jan. 31/Feb. 1 to be blessed! The Feast of St. Blaise—Patron Saint of Throat Illnesses, is on Tuesday, February 3 this year. The clergy team will be blessing throats after each English Mass on the weekend of Jan. 31/Feb. 1.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 7—St. Vincent de Paul Meeting, Parish Center, following the 4:00 p.m. Mass.

SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 8—Scout Sunday, 8:00 a.m. Mass. Scouts and leaders are invited to wear their uniforms to Mass.

TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 10—Knights of Columbus Meeting, 6:30 p.m., St. Matthias Church, Marlborough

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 18—Ash Wednesday (see schedule for Mass times).

MASS SCHEDULE

ASH WEDNESDAY—FEBRUARY 18

7:00 & 9:00 a.m. English—Upper Church

7:00 p.m. English—Upper Church

8:00 p.m. Portuguese—Lower Church



This is the first day of Lent and an obligatory day of fasting (ages 18 through 59) and abstinence for members of the Latin Catholic Church. This is not a holy day of obligation.

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

December 30, 2025—January 12, 2026*

*We are catching up with providing totals from previous weeks due to earlier printer deadlines throughout the holiday season. Thank you for your patience and your on-going generosity.

COLLECTION-SUMMARY	New Years Collection	Sunday 1/4 Offertory
In-Pew	\$2155	\$12,832
Online Giving	—	\$3173
GRAND TOTAL	\$2155	\$16,005
COLLECTION-SUMMARY	Maint. & Dev. 1/4	Sunday 1/11 Offertory
In-Pew	\$2590	\$7481
Online Giving	\$475	\$2012
GRAND TOTAL	\$3065	\$9493

Upcoming 2nd Collections

January 18—No Second Collection

January 25—Church in Latin America

PRO-LIFE CORNER

This Thursday, January 22, the Church in the United States observes the annual “Day of Prayer for the Legal Protection of Unborn Children.” This day is set aside to pray for the legal protection of human life and to do penance for the violations to human dignity through abortion. We are called to observe this day through prayer and penance. For more information: www.respectlife.org

As part of the national day of prayer, please join us for a Holy Hour for Life on Thursday, January 22 at 6:00 p.m. here at St. Michael Parish (upper church) in solidarity with other Catholics through-out the country as we pray for increased respect for the dignity of human life.

Let us also remember those traveling to the National March for Life in Washington DC on Friday, January 23.



GARAGE ROOF REPAIR UPDATE

On December 17, St. Michael's was able to move forward with a critical roof replacement of the garage. Our pictures revealed the extent of the repairs needed to replace rotted roof decking and deteriorated shingles. Our expenses were approximately \$4500. With these repairs, our seasonal landscaping equipment is no longer exposed to the elements.

We are grateful for your support!



CONGRATULATIONS!



Tim and Lisa Lambert were married at St. Michael's on Saturday, January 3. Many close family members joined them at this beautiful wedding service.

Congratulations!

REGIONAL CONFIRMATION

St. Michael's Parish hosted a regional adult confirmation on Sunday, January 11. Our celebrant, Bishop Robert Reed, confirmed six candidates who recently completed their Adult Confirmation Program. They are Jonathan Keats, Felicity Nystrom, John Pulgini, Lillyanna Resendes, Gladstone St. Marie and Sofia Tenaglia. Congratulations on receiving this beautiful sacrament!



Morning Connect Coffee Session

Parish Center - 9:45 a.m.

Jan. 29th "Jesus, the King"

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ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES

Adult Confirmation classes will be held in the parish center every Thursday evening in February 2026, from 7:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m., and pre registration is required. For baptized Catholics age 17 and over who received the Sacrament of First Holy Communion but were never Confirmed. Please visit our website for more information: www.stmikes.org/confirmation-classes-for-adults, or call Lori in the parish center.



**150th
Anniversary
St. Michael Parish
Bilingual Mass**

**Sunday, January 25, 2026
11:00 a.m., Upper Church**

*(combining the 10:00 a.m. English and 11:30 a.m.
Portuguese/Brazilian Masses)*

**Followed by a luncheon at the
Hudson Portuguese Club**



HOSPITAL MINISTRY

Parishioner Audrey Davidson passed away on Christmas day. Audrey used to bring the Eucharist to Catholic inpatients at the Marlboro Hospital every Wednesday, and now there is an Audrey-size hole in that ministry.

If you have been trained as an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion and have some free time during the week, please consider stepping in for Audrey. For more details, or if you are interested in being trained as an EMHC, please contact Lori in the parish center. Please pray for the happy repose of Audrey's soul and Christ's consolation for her family.

150TH COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

The 150th committee would like to inform our parishioners of a very special opportunity for the youth of this parish.

Tracy Wesinger of Hudson is the owner of the award-winning Gallery in the Pines. Her love and talents for the arts have guided 100s of students. Tracy has a special place in her heart for Saint Michael Parish as the past art teacher for Hudson Catholic High School and St. Michael's Grammar School. Her lamp is lit and is offering the youth of Saint Michael Parish a very special opportunity. Starting Sunday, February 15th and continuing every Sunday night from 6:30-8 at our parish center, Tracy is offering free lessons. Come learn how to sketch and paint, be part of a special study from the work of a master artist. Take part in the creation of a large oil painting depicting a moment in Jesus' life. At the end of this class, the painting will become a permanent part of Saint Michael Parish. This program is offered to students ages 8-High School. If interested, please go to the website to fill out an application <https://galleryinthepines.com/art-lessons>. The fees have been waived, but contact information is needed in order to participate.

Throughout the coming year, the 150th celebrations will roll out special family events. From Easter egg hunts and learning about Divine Mercy to All Saints and Souls' Trunk or Treat. Events will be posted in the bell tower staircase throughout the year.



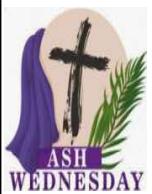
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guide our next
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Brazilian & Portuguese Community Information

HORÁRIO DAS MISSAS QUARTA-FEIRA DE CINZAS — 18 DE FEVEREIRO

7h00 e 9h00 Inglês — Igreja Superior
19h00 Inglês — Igreja Superior
20h00 Português — Igreja Inferior



Este é o primeiro dia da Quaresma e um dia de jejum (para pessoas de 18 a 59 anos) e abstinência obrigatórios para os membros da Igreja Católica Latina. Este não é um dia santo de preceito.

HORÁRIOS DE MISSAS

* Domingos:

Miss Portuguesa: 9:15 a.m.

Miss Brasileira: 11:30 a.m.

* Segundas-feiras:

Confissões: 6:00 p.m.

Santa Missa: 7:00 p.m.

ORAÇÕES EM COMUNIDADE

* Terças-feiras:

Grupo de Jovens: 7:30 p.m.

* Quartas-feiras:

Terço das Mães: 6:30 p.m.

Terço dos Homens: 8:00 p.m.

* Primeira Sextas-feiras de cada mês:

Encontro do Apostolado de Oração: 7:15 p.m.

Missa do Sagrado Coração de Jesus com Adoração:

8:00 p.m.

CATEQUESE

Já estão acontecendo os encontros de catequese para crianças, adolescentes e adultos. Maiores info. podem entrar em contato com as catequistas:

*Sumaya (Crianças e Adolescentes): 5089485083

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