

Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



The Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul
June 29, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, Apostles | Sunday, June 29, 2025

INTRODUCTORY RITES

OPENING HYMN: (all) "Faith of Our Fathers" ST. CATHERINE

1. Faith of our fa - thers, liv - ing still, In spite of
2. Faith of our fa - thers, we will strive To win all
3. Faith of our fa - thers, we will love Both friend and
1. dun-geon, fire and sword; O how our hearts beat high with
2. na - tions un - to thee; And through the truth that comes from
3. foe in all our strife; And preach thee, too, as love knows
1. joy When-e'er we hear that glo - rious Word.
2. God, We all shall then be tru - ly free. Faith of our fa - thers,
3. how By kind-ly words and vir - tuous life.
ho - ly faith! We will be true to thee till death.

Text: Frederick Faber. Melody: ST. CATHERINE, 8.8.8.8.8.8; Henri F. Hemy.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON: (cantor/schola) *Roman Missal (Vigil) / Acts 12: 11 (Day)*

(Vigil) Peter the Apostle, and Paul the teacher of the Gentiles: these have taught us your law, O Lord.

(Day) Now I know that the Lord really has sent his Angel, and has delivered me out of the hands of Herod, and from all that the Jewish people were expecting.

PENITENTIAL ACT

I confess to almighty God, and to you, my brothers and sisters, that I have greatly sinned, in my thoughts and in my words, in what I have done and in what I have failed to do, *(striking breast three times)* through my

fault, through my fault, through my most grievous fault; therefore I ask blessed Mary ever-Virgin, all the Angels and Saints, and you, my brothers and sisters, to pray for me to the Lord our God.

KYRIE ELEISON (all) *Mass XVI*

Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son. ij Chrí - ste, e - lé - i - son. ij Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son. Ký-ri - e, e - lé - i - son.



Glo-ry to God in the high-est, and on earth peace to peo-ple of
 good will. We praise you, we bless you, we a-dore you, we glo-ri-
 fy you, we give you thanks for your great glo-ry, Lord God, heav-en-ly
 King, O God, al-might-y Fa-ther. Lord Je-sus Christ, On-ly Be-got-
 ten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Fa-ther, you take a-way
 the sins of the world, have mer-cy on us; you take a-way the sins of
 the world, re-ceive our prayer; you are seat-ed at the right hand of the
 Fa-ther, have mer-cy on us. For you a-lone are the Ho-ly One, you a-
 lone are the Lord, you a-lone are the Most High, Je-sus Christ, with the
 Ho-ly Spir-it, in the glo-ry of God the Fa-ther. A-men.

COLLECT

(Vigil) Grant, we pray, O Lord our God, that we may be sustained by the intercession of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, that, as through them you gave your Church the foundations of her heavenly office, so through them you may help her to eternal salvation. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

(Day) O God, who on the Solemnity of the Apostles Peter and Paul give us the noble and holy joy of this day, grant, we pray, that your Church may in all things follow the teaching of those through whom she received the beginnings of right religion. Through our Lord Jesus Christ, your Son, who lives and reigns with you in the unity of the Holy Spirit, God, for ever and ever.

LITURGY OF THE WORD

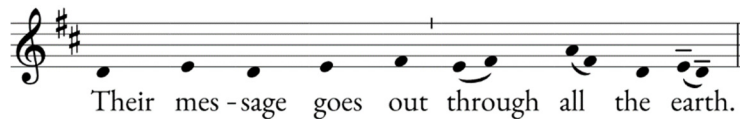
FIRST READING *Acts 3: 1-10 (Vigil) / Acts 12: 1-11 (Day)*

(Vigil) Peter and John were going up to the temple area for the three o'clock hour of prayer. And a man crippled from birth was carried and placed at the gate of the temple called "the Beautiful Gate" every day to beg for alms from the people who entered the temple. When he saw Peter and John about to go into the temple, he asked for alms. But Peter looked intently at him, as did John, and said, "Look at us." He paid attention to them, expecting to receive something from them. Peter said, "I have neither silver nor gold, but what I do have I give you: in the name of Jesus Christ the Nazorean, rise and walk." Then Peter took him by the right hand and raised him up, and immediately his feet and ankles grew strong. He leaped up, stood, and walked around, and went into the temple with them, walking and jumping and praising God. When all the people saw the man walking and praising God, they recognized him as the one who used to sit begging at the Beautiful Gate of the temple, and they were filled with amazement and astonishment at what had happened to him.

(Day) In those days, King Herod laid hands upon some members of the Church to harm them. He had James, the brother of John, killed by the sword, and when he saw that this was pleasing to the Jews he proceeded to arrest Peter also. –It was the feast of Unleavened Bread.– He had him taken into custody and put in prison under the guard of four squads of four soldiers each. He intended to bring him before the people after Passover. Peter thus was being kept in prison, but prayer by the Church was fervently being made to God on his behalf.

On the very night before Herod was to bring him to trial, Peter, secured by double chains, was sleeping between two soldiers, while outside the door guards kept watch on the prison. Suddenly the angel of the Lord stood by him and a light shone in the cell. He tapped Peter on the side and awakened him, saying, "Get up quickly." The chains fell from his wrists. The angel said to him, "Put on your belt and your sandals." He did so. Then he said to him, "Put on your cloak and follow me." So he followed him out, not realizing that what was happening through the angel was real; he thought he was seeing a vision. They passed the first guard, then the second, and came to the iron gate leading out to the city, which opened for them by itself. They emerged and made their way down an alley, and suddenly the angel left him. Then Peter recovered his senses and said, "Now I know for certain that the Lord sent his angel and rescued me from the hand of Herod and from all that the Jewish people had been expecting."

(Vigil) RESPONSORIAL PSALM *(all)* *Psalms 19 (18): 2-3, 4-5*



The heavens declare the glory of God;
and the firmament proclaims his handiwork.
Day pours out the word to day;
and night to night imparts knowledge.

Not a word nor a discourse
whose voice is not heard;
through all the earth their voice resounds,
and to the ends of the world, their message.

(Day) **RESPONSORIAL PSALM** *(all)* *Psalm 34 (33): 2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9*



I will bless the LORD at all times;
his praise shall be ever in my mouth.
Let my soul glory in the LORD;
the lowly will hear me and be glad.

Glorify the LORD with me,
let us together extol his name.
I sought the LORD, and he answered me
and delivered me from all my fears.

Look to him that you may be radiant with joy,
and your faces may not blush with shame.
When the poor one called out, the LORD heard,
and from all his distress he saved him.

The angel of the LORD encamps
around those who fear him, and delivers them.
Taste and see how good the LORD is;
blessed the man who takes refuge in him...

SECOND READING *Gal 1: 11-20 (Vigil) / 2 Tim 4: 6-8, 17-18 (Day)*

(Vigil) I want you to know, brothers and sisters, that the Gospel preached by me is not of human origin. For I did not receive it from a human being, nor was I taught it, but it came through a revelation of Jesus Christ.

For you heard of my former way of life in Judaism, how I persecuted the Church of God beyond measure and tried to destroy it, and progressed in Judaism beyond many of my contemporaries among my race, since I was even more a zealot for my ancestral traditions. But when God, who from my mother's womb had set me apart and called me through his grace, was pleased to reveal his Son to me, so that I might proclaim him to the Gentiles, I did not immediately consult flesh and blood, nor did I go up to Jerusalem to those who were Apostles before me; rather, I went into Arabia and then returned to Damascus.

Then after three years I went up to Jerusalem to confer with Cephas and remained with him for fifteen days. But I did not see any other of the Apostles, only James the brother of the Lord. As to what I am writing to you, behold, before God, I am not lying.

(Day) I, Paul, am already being poured out like a libation, and the time of my departure is at hand. I have competed well; I have finished the race; I have kept the faith. From now on the crown of righteousness awaits me, which the Lord, the just judge, will award to me on that day, and not only to me, but to all who have longed for his appearance.

The Lord stood by me and gave me strength, so that through me the proclamation might be completed and all the Gentiles might hear it. And I was rescued from the lion's mouth. The Lord will rescue me from every evil threat and will bring me safe to his heavenly Kingdom. To him be glory forever and ever. Amen.

GOSPEL ACCLAMATION *(all)* *John 21: 17 (Vigil) / Mt 16: 18 (Day)*



(Vigil) Lord, you know everything: you know that I love you.
(Day) You are Peter and upon this rock I will build my Church,
and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it.

GOSPEL *John 21: 15-19 (Vigil) / Mt 16: 13-19 (Day)*

(Vigil) Jesus had revealed himself to his disciples and, when they had finished breakfast, said to Simon Peter, “Simon, son of John, do you love me more than these?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my lambs.” He then said to Simon Peter a second time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Simon Peter answered him, “Yes, Lord, you know that I love you.” He said to him, “Tend my sheep.” He said to him the third time, “Simon, son of John, do you love me?” Peter was distressed that he had said to him a third time, “Do you love me?” and he said to him, “Lord, you know everything; you know that I love you.” Jesus said to him, “Feed my sheep. Amen, amen, I say to you, when you were younger, you used to dress yourself and go where you wanted; but when you grow old, you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.” He said this signifying by what kind of death he would glorify God. And when he had said this, he said to him, “Follow me.”

(Day) When Jesus went into the region of Caesarea Philippi he asked his disciples, “Who do people say that the Son of Man is?” They replied, “Some say John the Baptist, others Elijah, still others Jeremiah or one of the prophets.” He said to them, “But who do you say that I am?” Simon Peter said in reply, “You are the Christ, the Son of the living God.” Jesus said to him in reply, “Blessed are you, Simon son of Jonah. For flesh and blood has not revealed this to you, but my heavenly Father. And so I say to you, you are Peter, and upon this rock I will build my Church, and the gates of the netherworld shall not prevail against it. I will give you the keys to the Kingdom of heaven. Whatever you bind on earth shall be bound in heaven; and whatever you loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.”

HOMILY

NICENE CREED

I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible.

I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages. God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and for our salvation he came down from heaven,

(bow) and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary, and became man.

(rise) For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the

third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and is seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again in glory to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end.

I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets.

I believe in one, holy, catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins, and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead, and the life of the world to come. Amen.

UNIVERSAL PRAYER

LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIST

OFFERTORY ANTIPHON (*cantor/schola*) *Ps 139 (138): 17 (Vigil) / Ps 45 (44): 17, 18 (Day)*

(Vigil) To me, O God, your friends are made honorable beyond measure. You have made their dominion strong beyond compare.

(Day) You will make them princes over all the earth; they will remember your name through all generations.

OFFERTORY HYMN: (all) "Ye Watchers and Ye Holy Ones" LASST UNS ERFREUEN



1. Ye watch - ers and ye ho - ly ones, Bright
2. O high - er than the cher - u - bim, More
3. Re - spond, ye souls in end - less rest, Ye

1. ser - aphs, cher - u - bim and thrones, Raise the glad strain, Al - le -
2. glo - rious than the ser - a - phim, Lead their prais - es, Al - le -
3. pa - tri - archs and proph - ets blest, Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -

1. lu - ia! Cry out, do - min - ions, prince - doms, pow'rs, Vir -
2. lu - ia! Thou bear - er of the e - ter - nal Word, Most
3. lu - ia! Ye ho - ly twelve, ye mar - tyrs strong, All

1. tues, arch - an - gels, an - gels' choirs:
2. gra - cious, mag - ni - fy the Lord. Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le -
3. saints tri - um - phant, raise the song.

lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia! Al - le - lu - ia!

Text: Athelstan Riley. Melody: LASST UNS ERFREUEN, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.) with alleluias; 17th c. German; Adapt. Ralph Vaughan Williams.

ORATE FRATRES

Priest: Pray, brethren (brothers and sisters), that my sacrifice and yours may be acceptable to God, the almighty Father.

All: May the Lord accept the sacrifice at your hands for the praise and glory of his name, for our good and the good of all his holy Church.

PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS

(Vigil) We bring offerings to your altar, O Lord, as we glory in the solemn feast of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul, so that the more we doubt our own merits, the more we may rejoice that we are to be saved by your loving kindness. Through Christ our Lord.

(Day) May the prayer of the Apostles, O Lord, accompany the sacrificial gift that we present to your name for consecration, and may their intercession make us devoted to you in celebration of the sacrifice. Through Christ our Lord.

PREFACE DIALOGUE

Priest: The Lord be with you.

All: And with your spirit.

Priest: Lift up your hearts.

All: We lift them up to the Lord.

Priest: Let us give thanks to the Lord our God.

All: It is right and just.

SANCTUS (all) Roman Missal

(sung) Holy, holy, holy Lord, God of Hosts. Heaven and earth are full of your glory. Hosanna in the highest.

Blessed is he who comes in the name of the Lord. Hosanna in the highest.

MYSTERY OF FAITH (all) Roman Missal

(sung) We proclaim your death, O Lord, and profess your resurrection, until you come again.

LORD'S PRAYER

AGNUS DEI (all) Mass XVIII

(sung) Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis. Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, miserere nobis.
Agnus Dei, qui tollis peccata mundi, dona nobis pacem.

INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION

Priest: Behold the Lamb of God, behold him who takes away the sins of the world. Blessed are those called to the supper of the Lamb.

All: Lord, I am not worthy that you should enter under my roof, but only say the word and my soul shall be healed.

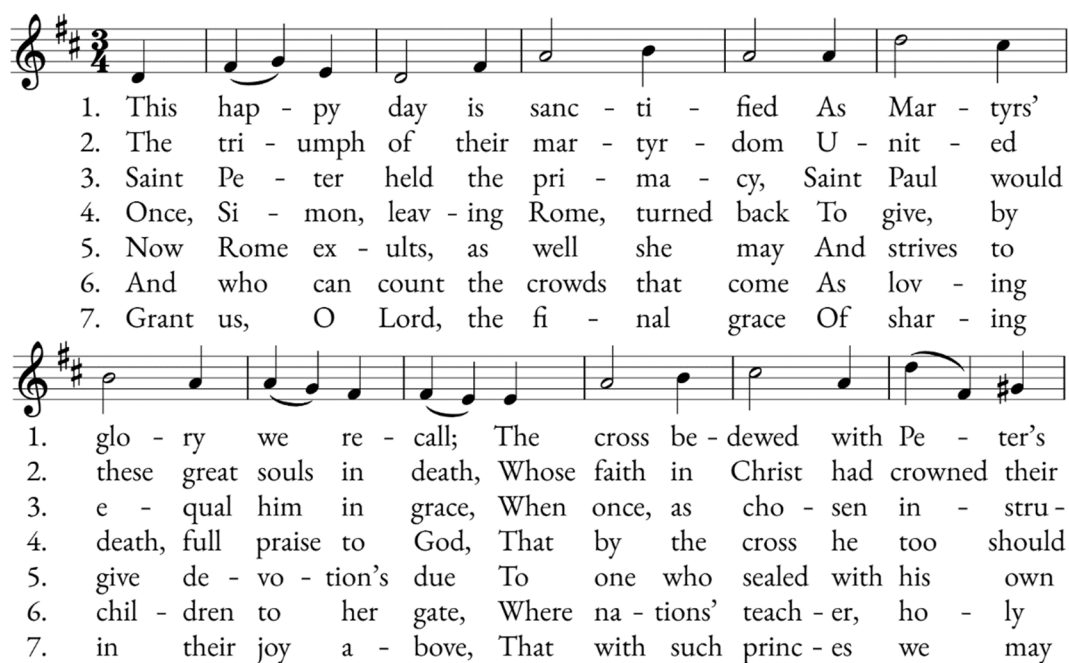
(Vigil) COMMUNION ANTIPHON (all) cf. John 21: 15, 17



(Day) COMMUNION ANTIPHON (all) Matthew 16: 18



COMMUNION HYMN: (all) "This Happy Day Is Sanctified" ROCKINGHAM





1. blood, The sword that won a crown for Paul.
2. lives In ser - vice to their fi - nal breath.
3. ment, The cause of Christ he would em - brace.
4. tread The self - same path his Mas - ter trod.
5. blood His work as priest and pas - tor true.
6. Paul Once dwelt and glad - ly met his fate.
7. praise Your boun - ty and un - dy - ing love.

Text: *Apostolorum passio*, Ambrose; Tr. St. Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde, Isle of Wight, UK; © St Cecilia's Abbey, Ryde, Isle of Wight, UK. All rights reserved. Used with permission. Melody: ROCKINGHAM, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.); Attr. Edward Miller, 1731-1807.

PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION

(Vigil) By this heavenly Sacrament, O Lord, we pray, strengthen your faithful, whom you have enlightened with the teaching of the Apostles. Through Christ our Lord.

(Day) Grant us, O Lord, who have been renewed by this Sacrament, so to live in the Church, that, persevering in the breaking of the Bread and in the teaching of the Apostles, we may be one heart and one soul, made steadfast in your love. Through Christ our Lord.

CONCLUDING RITES

BLESSING & DISMISSAL

PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL

Saint Michael the Archangel, defend us in battle. Be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him, we humbly pray; and do thou, O

Prince of the Heavenly Host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls. Amen.





This weekend, we celebrate the fourth in our string of 'Sunday Solemnities' – that of Saints Peter and Paul. They are the two great 'apostles' who laid the foundations of the early Church through their witness, teaching, and martyrdom. We read about key moments in their lives, highlighting their faith, leadership, and sacrifice.

In Acts, we hear of Peter's miraculous release from prison with the aid of an angel. We can deduce the power of intercessory prayer, as the early Church was fervently praying on his behalf! God's protection over Peter is evident, even in the face of persecution and death. His escape affirms the divine mission and authority given to him, reinforcing his leadership role with the Church, and God's continuing guidance of the Church through him. One can still visit the traditional site of Peter's confinement and the gate through which he was released in Jerusalem. Peter was saved for a purpose – and that was to lead Christ's flock!

In 2 Timothy, St. Paul reflects on his life, having 'fought the good fight'. He is now ready to receive his 'crown of righteousness' – signaling his impending martyrdom. Through it all, Paul credits the Lord's presence and strength for his life of endurance and witness. He trusted in God's saving power – a lesson to all of us that we too are called to that same fidelity.

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Chuck Rossignol

Our Sunday gospel reading from Matthew is so significant in the life of our Church! We hear Peter's confession "You are the Christ, the Son of the living God." Christ then gives to Peter the keys of the kingdom, a symbol of spiritual authority and leadership, and the biblical basis for Peter's primacy and role as first Pope. The significance of the 'keys of the kingdom' is related to Isaiah 22:15-25, where God appointed Eliakim as the new chief steward of the royal household of King Hezekiah. "I will place on his (Eliakim's) shoulder the keys of the house of David; he shall open, and none shall shut; he shall shut, and none shall open." The 'keys' are given by God to Eliakim – the new Chief Steward, who has all authority over the household of the King. In like manner, Christ gives the keys of the Church to Peter, and to his successors throughout all of Church history – so that we are never left without an authoritative leader – a 'chief steward', with exclusive power on earth to bind or loose. Amazing!



Our readings this weekend highlight Peter as the chosen first leader of the Church, Paul's tireless evangelizing work as a complement to Peter, and their bold witness, suffering and faithfulness until their deaths in Rome. This is the apostolic foundation of our Church – and the work to which we are called. Lord – help us to appreciate the gift of these first leaders, model their heroic faithfulness, and persevere in our own faith journeys until You call us home!

In Jesus' Name,

— Dcn Chuck

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. June 28, 9 a.m.	Usha Adolphus
Sat. June 28 4 p.m.	St. Michael Parishioners
Sun. June 29, 8 a.m.	Jennifer Pacitto
Sun. June 29, 10 a.m.	Private Intention
Wed. July 2, 9 a.m.	Charles Darsch
Thurs. July 3, 9 a.m.	Sgt. Matthew Partyka & Cpl. Allic Crawford
Fri. July 4, 9 a.m.	Deceased Members of the James Family
Sat. July 5, 9 a.m.	Stephen Paul Desco
Sat. July 5, 4 p.m.	Private Intention
Sun. July 6, 8 a.m.	St. Michaels Parishioners
Sun. July 6, 10 a.m.	No Intention

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 to 7:00 p.m.

Confession & Adoration

(*Portuguese/Brazilian*)

First Fridays, 6 to 7:00 p.m. Adoration
Only (returning in September)

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

Confession & Adoration

*Confession available after most Masses on
request or by appointment*

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL

For any of our Hudson neighbors in need, the local chapter of St. Vincent de Paul is ready to help! If you need assistance you can reach out to them at (978) 618-5175 or at svdp.hudsonma@gmail.com.



PARISH OFFICE HOURS—4TH OF JULY

In observance of Independence Day the Parish office will close at 1 p.m. Thursday, July 3rd and will reopen on Wednesday, July 9th.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEACON CHUCK!

Last week the staff honored our wonderful Deacon Chuck as he celebrated his Birthday on June 12th! If you see him around the parish this weekend make sure to wish him a Happy Birthday!



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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.

IS THE HOLY SPIRIT CALLING YOU TO BECOME CATHOLIC?

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

WHAT IS A FEAST DAY?

A feast day is a day to remember and celebrate important figures or events related to the faith. These days can be dedicated to saints, or to events in the life of Jesus, the Virgin Mary, or the apostles. Feast days are a way for the church to honor these figures and events, and for Catholics to deepen their understanding of their faith. Feast days can be solemnities, feasts, or memorials, each with varying levels of liturgical importance. A solemnity is the highest rank of liturgical celebration, commemorating a significant mystery of faith or an important event in the life of Jesus, Mary, or a saint. Today we celebrate the Solemnity of Saints Peter and Paul, two of the most influential and important Saints in our Catholic Faith. St. Peter was the first Pope who led the church after Christ ascended into heaven. Jesus also gave St. Peter the keys to heaven. In artwork, St. Peter is commonly depicted with holding keys. We can thank St. Paul for most of the writing in the New Testament. After his powerful conversion he became a great teacher, evangelist, and defender of the faith. In artwork, St. Paul is commonly seen with a sword and/or a book.

ALTAR SERVING

We have long wanted to resurrect our altar program here at St. Michael Parish. Jackie Johannes and Dcn Chuck are working on doing just that! We are planning to launch training in August for both boys and girls, and starting up the program in September. Students between grades 3 - 12 and have completed Frist Holy Communion are invited to join this ministry! If someone you know is interested, please have their parents contact Dcn Chuck and Jackie at our email addresses:
deacon_chuck@stmikes.org, jjohannes1215@gmail.com.
We look forward to hearing from you!



FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

Jun 17 – Jun 23, 2025

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory
In-Pew	\$5,345
Online Giving	\$1,388
GRAND TOTAL	\$6,733

Thank you for your generosity!



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Upcoming 2nd Collections

Jun 29 – No second collection

July 6 – Maintenance & Development



Assessment Goal: \$47,201

Current Amount Raised: \$43,093

Our deadline to make our Assessment Goal is this weekend! Please consider submitting a pledged amount using the blue/white envelopes in pews. The Catholic Appeal pays for the Archdiocesan support given to St Michael's throughout the year. We couldn't do what we do without them. Thanks to those who have already contributed. God bless you.

COVER ARTWORK

Our bulletin cover this week a painting titled "Madonna and Child with Sts. Peter and Paul" by Giuseppe Cesari, also known as Cavaliere d'Arpino. It is an oil painting originally painted on a canvas between 1608 and 1609.

WATER AT ST. MICHAEL'S CEMETERY

Due to a persistent water leak in the aging piping at the cemetery, we are offering two watering stations this year: both by the front gate as we work towards a permanent solution. We apologize for any inconvenience.

ST. MICHAEL'S STAFF UPDATES**FARWELL TO CAROLINE**

Our Administrative Assistant, Caroline Coiner, will be moving to Wisconsin at the end of July. Her last day here at St. Michael's is Wednesday, July 9th. We wish her well. Fr. Bert comments, "Caroline joined us during Lent as we geared up for Holy Week, Easter, First Holy Communion and Confirmation. We appreciate all she did during that time."

Caroline wishes St. Michael Parish the best as she comments, "I am so grateful to the staff and parishioners here at St. Michael's for welcoming me, for their kindness, and for their beautiful witness to the faith. While I wish my time here was longer, I have learned so much in the few months I've worked here. I'm so grateful for all that I've learned and experienced at this parish and I know it will help me as I begin a new ministry job serving High School students out in the Midwest!"

WELCOME TO OUR NEW ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT — ANDREA ERCOLANI

Andrea has a strong background as an administrative assistant working in various corporate environments for most of her career. She most recently worked at Immaculate Conception Parish in Marlborough as their Project Manager assisting in various property related projects.

Andrea has also served as a Catechist and Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion for many years. She resides in Marlborough. Andrea comments, "I am very excited to join St. Michael's Parish as your Administrative Assistant and to continue my mission serving God and others. Thank you!"

Andrea's first day at St. Michael's will be Monday, June 30th! Welcome Andrea!

****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. In the wake of the abuse scandal from two decades ago, 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" at least once.

To assist in these efforts, St. Michael's is offering two PGC classes this summer, right here in Hudson:

Saturday, July 19th from 9 a.m. -12 p.m.

Tuesday, August 12th from 6 p.m. -9 p.m.

We are asking any parish volunteer who has not already taken this class to sign up for one of them, or if neither of these dates work for you, there are other sessions being offered throughout the Archdiocese. 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, Caroline, or Andrea at the parish center. We thank you for your cooperation in this matter. This class is a requirement for continuing in any ministry in the Archdiocese of Boston.

A MESSAGE FROM FR. TONY

Fr. Tony expresses a special thank you to the parishioners of St. Michaels for the support of his mission. He writes, "I am so glad and grateful for this support. We have started the 3rd term in school and this money has helped us purchase stationary and other learning materials for the kids. It will also be used to help us in renovate the canteen of the school for the kids." Donations for Fr. Tony's mission are still being accepted, contact Marcy at the Parish Office for more information.

HERALDS OF THE GOSPEL

This is the third year the Heralds of the Gospel are coming to Hudson, scheduled for **October 2nd—14th**. While Brazilians and Portuguese families were already familiar with the Heralds, 2024 marked the first time that many American families welcomed them into their homes. Last year, there were approximately seven members of the Heralds who participated in the mission. Some members come from Brazil, others from Canada and Houston, Texas. Because of the enthusiasm from last year's mission, we have invited them back again this year. During their Marian mission visits, they visit homes and bring a statue of Our Lady and bless the house and each room within it. Depending on the needs of each home, they can pray the rosary, also offer confessions, and spiritual guidance.

To support this mission, we are currently fundraising to cover their travel expenses, including airfare, rental cars, gas, and other transportation costs. We are currently holding a raffle for a beautiful statue in the image of Our Lady of Grace. All proceeds will go toward supporting the Heralds' mission in our community. If we raise above and beyond the costs to bring them here, the excess money will be applied to the purchase of new boilers for St. Michael Parish. **Tickets are being sold at the back of the church after each Mass.** As always, your support is greatly appreciated for this wonderful visit!



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



4 p.m. to 10 p.m.



Hudson Portuguese Club - 13 Port Street, Hudson MA



Admission is free but please buy your raffle tickets soon!