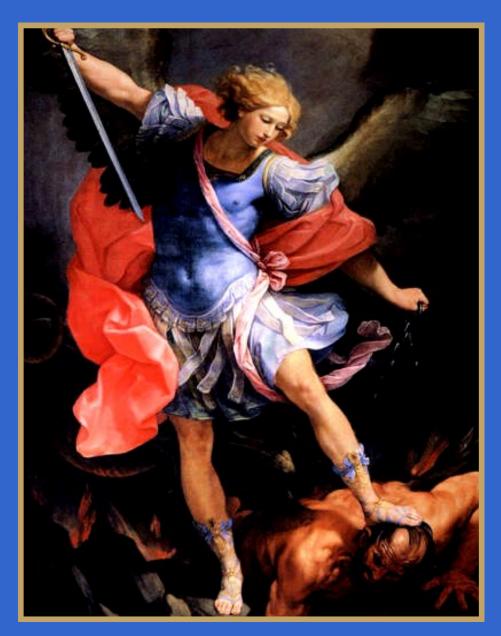
# Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



Twenty-sixth Sunday in Ordinary Time September 28, 2025

## The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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#### **INTRODUCTORY RITES**

#### PROCESSIONAL HYMN (all):



Text: Timothy Rees. Melody: HYFRYDOL, 8.7.8.7 D; Rowland H. Prichard.

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SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING	G	. Missal, p. 1
PENITENITAL ACT (Form A)		Missal, p. 2

KYRIE ELEISON (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 35
GLORIA (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 35
COLLECT	Missal, p. 518
LITURGY OF THE WORD	
FIRST READING:	Missal, p. 518
RESPONSORIAL PSALM (all)	Missal, p. 518
SECOND READING:	Missal, p. 519
GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (all)	Missal, p. 519
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UNIVERSAL PRAYER	
LITURGY OF THE EUCHARIS	ST
OFFERTORY ANTIPHON	Missal, p. 520
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PRAYER OVER THE OFFERINGS	Missal, p. 520
PREFACE DIALOGUE	Missal, p. 12
SANCTUS (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 36

#### **EUCHARISTIC PRAYER**

I (The Roman Canon) "To you, therefore, most merciful Father…"	Missal, p. 17
LORD'S PRAYER (all)	. Missal, p. 25
AGNUS DEI (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 37
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION	. Missal, p. 27
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COMMUNION HYMN (all):	



Text: Frederick W. Faber. Melody: SWEET SACRAMENT, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.) with refrain; 19th c. German.

#### **CONCLUDING RITES**

BLESSING	Missal, p. 29
DISMISSAL	Missal, p. 30
PRAYER TO SAINT MICHAEL	Missal, back cover

#### RECESSIONAL HYMN (all):

For the Beauty of the Earth



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

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This Sunday's readings call us to examine the direction of our lives and the choices that flow from our hearts. St. Paul, in his letter to Timothy, offers the theme that unites the Word of God this week: "But you, man of God, pursue righteousness, devotion, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. Compete well for the faith. Lay hold of eternal life." These words are not abstract advice; they are a concrete summons to live with integrity and hope in the midst of a world that can easily distract us with comfort, wealth, and indifference.

The prophet Amos speaks forcefully against those "complacent in Zion" who rest on ivory couches, dine sumptuously, and remain deaf to the plight of the poor. His words remind us that when we close our eyes to the needs of others, our hearts grow numb. Wealth and comfort are not evil in themselves, but when they lead to self-satisfaction and blindness to suffering, they become stumbling blocks to righteousness. Amos warns that complacency leads to ruin because it turns us inward and away from God's justice.

In contrast, Paul's exhortation to Timothy is filled with energy and direction: *pursue, compete, lay hold.* The Christian life is not passive; it requires effort, discipline, and courage. But notice how Paul frames

## A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Jared Auclair

the competition: not in terms of domination or self-advancement, but in righteousness, faith, love, patience, and gentleness. These are not the typical virtues of a worldly contest. They are the marks of one who knows that eternal life is the true prize, already given in baptism and to be claimed fully in Christ.



Jesus' parable of the rich man and Lazarus drives the point home with unforgettable imagery. The rich man, clothed in purple and feasting daily, never noticed the poor man lying at his gate. Lazarus longed for scraps, but no one offered him comfort. In the end, their fates were reversed: Lazarus was carried to the bosom of Abraham, while the rich man found himself in torment. The parable is not meant to frighten us but to awaken us to the urgency of compassion. To "compete well for the faith" is to open our eyes, to see Christ in those who suffer, and to act with love and mercy.

Together, these readings remind us that discipleship is not about securing comfort in this life but about preparing for eternal life by how we love here and now. Amos cautions us against complacency. Paul urges us to run the race with virtues that endure. Jesus warns us that ignoring our neighbor leads to spiritual death.

So, how do we respond? By living each day with eyes wide open to the needs around us. By cultivating habits of prayer, generosity, patience, and gentleness. By remembering that the faith we profess is meant to be lived visibly and concretely. To pursue righteousness and love is to live in such a way that our confession of faith is credible before God and neighbor alike.

Let us then compete well for the faith, with confidence that the crown of eternal life awaits those who run the race with Christlike love. St. Michael the Archangel, whose feast we celebrate on Monday, September 29, pray for us!

#### **MASS INTENTIONS**

Sat. September 27, 9 a.m. Jeanne Maria Valborge

Sat. September 27, 4 p.m. Private Intention

Sun. September 28, 8 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners Sun. September 28 10 a.m. Manuel & Olga Batista

Bernal Family

Mon. September 29, 9 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners Wed. October 1, 9 a.m. Willard Allen Sr. & Jr.

Thu, October 2, 9 a.m. No Intention Fri. October 3, 9 a.m. No Intention

Sat. October 4, 9 a.m. Maria & Virginio Pacheco

Sat. October 4, 4 p.m. Israelita Tavares & Theresa Scolla

Charles Guthy

Robert B. Abraham

Sun. October 5, 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. October 5, 10 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

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Bread & Wine are offered in Memory of Fr. Ron Calhoun. Altar Candles are offered in Memory of Jose Resendes Sousa Jr.

#### **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.

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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**

If you would like to reserve a Mass for someone, please contact the parish office. The suggested stipend for Masses is \$10.

#### **SPONSOR ALTAR CANDLES OR BREAD & WINE**



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# ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH PICNIC / BLOCK PARTY

Sunday, October 5th (rain date Sunday, October 19th)

Join us for a free picnic lunch! We will be serving hot dogs and hamburgers from 12:45—2:00 p.m. Help support this event and our parish by purchasing soda, pastels and baked goods at the bake sale tables.

The parish picnic/block party committee is asking for help on October 5<sup>th</sup> between 11 a.m. and 5 p.m. in several areas: setup (11 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.), baking, running games, breakdown, etc. Please sign up in the church or use the following link to volunteer at this community event! <a href="https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BABA623A75-51005130-stmichaels">https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508054BABA623A75-51005130-stmichaels</a>

#### **MUSIC MINISTRY**

Welcome singers and instrumentalists!

We are planning Adult Choir Rehearsals on Thursday evenings from 7:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. beginning October 2nd in the Parish Center.

Music at Mass helps us to worship and enhances our liturgies. If you enjoy singing or would like to play an instrument at Mass, please contact Paula Lowell, Director of Sacred Music at paula@stmikes.org

## FEAST OF SAINTS MICHAEL, GABRIEL AND RAPHAEL, ARCHANGELS



Join us on Monday, September 29 at 9:00 a.m. in the Upper Church as we celebrate the Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael!

"Who is Like God?" Holy Angels and Archangels, Defend Us, Protect Us!

#### **FINANCIAL BLESSINGS**

September 16-22, 2025

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory	Clergy Health
In-Pew	\$7797	\$2527
Online Giving	\$5949*	\$20
GRAND TOTAL	\$13,746	\$2547

Thank you for your generosity!

\*Note: we are seeing a noticeable increase in

On-Line Donations - thank you!

Electronic Payments are best for the Parish because it cuts down on administrative work and we are able to manage expenses with consistent revenue amounts.

Thank you for considering this as your way of giving.



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### **Upcoming 2nd Collections**

September 28—Subscription to Pilot—new or renewal October 5—Holy Father and Missionary Efforts

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Greetings. Because of your generosity, we are able to move forward with Phase 1 of our HVAC project, which is a new, more efficient and reliable boiler system that will interface with an equally efficient HVAC system. We are so grateful for your prayers and financial support!

Total Amount needed - \$115,620.00

HVAC Upgrade Phase 1 (Boiler) Donations		
HVAC Collected	\$78,084.00	
(Since 1/2024)		
Port/Braz Fest 2025	\$34,489.00	
Remaining to Collect	\$3047.00	

#### **UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S**

MONDAY, SEPTEMBER 29—9:00 a.m. Mass— Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael, Archangels. Coffee and donuts available in the Parish Center following Mass. All are welcome!

SEPTEMBER 30—Women's Connect Coffee—6:00 p.m., Parish Center. For more information, please see the flyer in the bulletin or email stmikeswwp@gmail.com.

OCTOBER 2—Adult Confirmation Begins.

OCTOBER 3—Eucharistic Adoration has been rescheduled to October 10.

OCTOBER 4 through OCTOBER 14—The Heralds of the Gospel.

OCTOBER 5—Children's Liturgy of the Word resumes—8:00 a.m. Mass, Volunteers offer a Children's Liturgy of the Word in the Lower Church as adults attend the 8:00 a.m. Mass in the Upper Church. No sign up required. Suggested age range is 5 to 9 years old.

OCTOBER 5— St. Michael's Block Party/Parish Picnic-12:30 p.m. to 4:00 p.m. and Blessing of the Animals at 2:00 p.m.

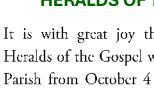
OCTOBER 6-O.C.I.A. Begins-5:45p.m., Parish Center. Preregistration required.

OCTOBER 9—Our Father's Table—4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. Collaborative soup kitchen which operates out of New Hope Church in Marlborough. October 9 will be covered by volunteers from St. Michael's. Call Ann Hildreth for details 978-562-7668.

OCTOBER 10—Eucharistic Adoration— 6:00 p.m., Upper Church—The October 3 Eucharistic Adoration has been rescheduled to October 10. Come and spend some quiet time with the Lord.

OCTOBER 25 & 26—Stuff A Truck at St. Michael's- Sponsored by the Hudson chapter of St. Vincent de Paul. Please bring your gently used clothing and shoes, books are also a welcome donation!

## MARION MISSION **HERALDS OF THE GOSPEL**



It is with great joy that we announce the Heralds of the Gospel will be at St. Michael's Parish from October 4 through October 14!

During these special days, families will have the opportunity to welcome the image of Our Lady into their homes, bringing blessings and graces to all.

- The English community may contact Andrea at the parish office or by email at andrea@stmikes.org to schedule a visit to their home.
- The Portuguese and Brazilian communities may contact Cibele to schedule a visit and welcome Our Lady into their homes.

Raffle tickets are still available for the 45" Statue of Our Lady of Grace and a beautiful picture of Our Lady of Guadalupe—the drawing will take place on October 12, the Feast of Our Lady Aparecida. Thank you to all who are supporting this great work of evangelization!

#### **ADULT CONFIRMATION CLASSES**

The adult confirmation class is for adult Catholics who were baptized and received their First Holy Communion, but were never confirmed. This class is also offered to students age 17 and over to receive Confirmation. We will meet in the Parish Center at 7:00 p.m. on the first four Thursdays in October starting on October 2. Please contact Lori Morton in the parish office or see the website for more information. https://www.stmikes.org/ confirmation-classes-for-adults

## **ADULT FAITH FORMATION (O.C.I.A.)**

Is the Holy Spirit calling you to become Catholic? For adults who want to become Catholic, or who have not received the Sacrament of Baptism or who have been baptized but would like to receive Communion and Confirmation, we invite you to register with our Order of Christian Initiation (O.C.I.A.) for Adults Program. Classes begin October 6. To learn more, contact Lori Morton in the parish office.





St. Michael's will be celebrating its 150th Anniversary in 2026 and we are hoping to mark this momentous occasion with a series of special events. Some ideas could include:

- Special Anniversary Mass with Archbishop Henning
- Celebratory dinner dance
- Series of presentations by parish historians
- Parish directory with family photos
- Banner to display on church grounds

If you would like to be part of a planning committee to brainstorm additional ideas for events and work to actualize these special events, please call Lori in the parish center.



Questions? contact stmikeswwp@gmail.com

## **SEPTEMBER 2025**

## Women's Connect Coffee

Evening Session 6:00 p.m. Parish Center

Sept. 30th: The Next Generation is Ours to Raise
Paul's deeply personal letter to his friend Timothy will
help us live as authentic disciples of Jesus, no matter
what, and grow in our ability to disciple others.

All women are invited to participate in any of the Connect Coffee Sessions that accompany the Walking with Purpose Bible study Programs.

Join us for coffee, sweets, a video talk, and meaningful conversation. There's an open chair for you and your friend!

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