Saint Michael Parish Hudson, Massachusetts



Twenty-third Sunday in Ordinary Time September 7, 2025

The Holy Sacrifice of the Mass

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INTRODUCTORY RITES

PROCESSIONAL HYMN (all):



Text: Psalm 100, William Kethe; Doxology, Thomas Ken. Melody: OLD HUNDREDTH, 8.8.8.8. (L.M.); Louis Bourgeois.

ENTRANCE ANTIPHON	Missal, p. 497
SIGN OF THE CROSS & GREETING	Missal, p. 1
PENITENITAL ACT (Form A)	Missal n 2

KYRIE ELEISON (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 38
GLORIA (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 35
COLLECT	Missal, p. 497
LITURGY OF THE WORD	
FIRST READING:	Missal, p. 498
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GOSPEL ACCLAMATION (all)	Missal, p. 499
GOSPEL:	Missal, p. 499
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SANCTUS (all) "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 36

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I (The Roman Canon) "To you, therefore, most merciful Father"	Missal, p. 13 Missal, p. 17 Missal, p. 19 Missal, p. 22
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AGNUS DEI <i>(all)</i> "Missa Primitiva"	Missal, p. 40
INVITATION TO HOLY COMMUNION	Missal, p. 27

COMMUNION ANTIPHON

COMMUNION HYMN (all):



PRAYER AFTER COMMUNION Missal, p. 50	Missal, p. 500
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CONCLUDING RITES

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

RECESSIONAL HYMN (all):



Text: Psalm 90, Isaac Watts. Melody: ST. ANNE, 8.6.8.6 (C.M.); Attr. William Croft.

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The Cost of Discipleship: Loyalty and Obedience to Christ

This Sunday's readings speak with a single voice about the seriousness of following Jesus Christ. They remind us that discipleship is not casual but costly. It demands loyalty, obedience, and a willingness to let Christ reorder every part of our lives.

The Book of Wisdom begins with a sobering question: "Who can know God's counsel, or who can conceive what the Lord intends?" Human reasoning, the passage reminds us, is timid and uncertain. Left to ourselves, we are weighed down by earthly concerns. But God's Spirit is given to us, and through that Spirit, we gain the courage and wisdom to walk in God's ways. Discipleship begins with humility: acknowledging that we cannot chart our own course to salvation (Anyone who knows me knows this is a hard one for me. I like to be in control of everything.). It is the Lord who makes straight the paths of those who surrender to Him.

In the second reading, Paul's short but powerful letter to Philemon provides a living example of this surrender. Paul appeals to Philemon not by command, but by love. He asks that Philemon receive Onesimus, his runaway slave, not

as property but as a beloved brother in Christ. To accept this would mean upending cultural expectations and worldly advantage. For Philemon, obedience to Christ required letting go of power, embracing forgiveness, and welcoming the radical equality of the

A Message from Our Clergy

Deacon Jared Auclair

Gospel. True discipleship demands that same willingness in us: to see others not through the lens of status or convenience but as fellow heirs of Christ (Is that how we look at everyone?).

The Gospel takes us to the heart of the matter. Jesus turns to the crowds and speaks words that are startling, even shocking: "If anyone comes to me without hating father and mother, wife and children, brothers and sisters, and even his own life, he cannot be my disciple." Jesus is not calling us to despise our families. Rather, He is teaching us that love of Him must come first, before even our most cherished relationships. Our loyalty to Christ must be absolute. He goes further: "Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after me cannot be my disciple."

Carrying the cross is not an occasional burden or a symbol of piety; it is a daily act of obedience. It means placing Christ at the center of every decision, every priority, every relationship. It means, as Jesus illustrates with the builder and the king, counting the cost. Before setting out to follow Him, we must recognize that this path will demand everything: our possessions, our comforts, our pride, even our very lives.

The readings leave no room for half-measures. To be a disciple is not simply to admire Jesus, but to obey Him with fidelity and courage. The cost is great—but so is the reward. For in surrendering all to Christ, we gain all: the wisdom of God, the communion of the saints, and the eternal joy of the Kingdom.

May we, strengthened by the Spirit, respond with loyalty and obedience to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

MASS INTENTIONS

Sat. September 6, 9 a.m. No Intention
Sat. September 6, 4 p.m. Private Intention

Sun. September 7, 8 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners Sun. September 7, 10 a.m. Ann Marie Buonopane

> Roger Taylor John Crosby

Linda Creamer (living)

Residents at Artisan-Hudson (living)

Wed. September 10, 9 a.m. Maria C. Santos

Thu. September 11, 9 a.m. For Those Who Grieve Fri. September 12, 9 a.m. Holy Souls In Purgatory

Sat. September 13, 9 a.m. Jose Correia

Sat. September 13, 4 p.m. Francis & Dorothy Weagle

John F. Roney

Bob Ida & Debora Braga

Deceased Members of the Cunningham Family

Viriato Moreira

Sun. September 14, 8 a.m. Private Intention

Sun. September 14, 10 a.m. St. Michael Parishioners

September Bread & Wine and Altar Candles are offered in Memory of the Janssen & Gotz Family Members.

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

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contact the parish office if you are interested in sponsoring Altar Candles or Bread & Wine. 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.

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.



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 reach out to Lori in the parish center.

FAITH FORMATION PROGRAM

(REGISTRATION CLOSES ON SEPTEMBER 8)

Religious education registration is live on St. Michael's website and is open to children grades 1 through 8. We

will meet once per month at 6:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Upper Church starting on September 24. To register, please scan the QR Code or see the website for more information. https://



www.stmikes.org/religious-education. Any student ready for Confirmation, please register your child in Grade 8 for students to the age of 16. Students age 17 and over will register in the Adult Confirmation Classes.

MAGNIFICAT

A reminder that 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

FINANCIAL BLESSINGS

August 26—September 1, 2025

COLLECTION SUMMARY	Offertory
In-Pew	\$5230
Online Giving	\$1070
GRAND TOTAL	\$6300

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Thanks to the team of the Brazilian/Portuguese Festival Net Proceeds = \$34,489.00!!!

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Upcoming 2nd Collections

September 7— Maintenance & Development September 14—No Second Collection

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 at the Parish Office or see the website for more information. https://www.stmikes.org/confirmation-classes-for-adults-june-2025

SEPTEMBER—OUR LADY OF SORROWS

The Seven Sorrows • of Mary

- Prophecy of Simeon
- ♦ The flight into Egypt
- ♦ Losing Jesus in the temple
- Meeting Jesus on the way to Calvary
- ♦ The Crucifixion
- ♦ The Pieta
- Placing her Divine Son in the tomb



UPCOMING EVENTS AT ST. MICHAEL'S

<u>SEPTEMBER 6</u>—St. Vincent de Paul Monthly Meeting—5:00 p.m., Parish Center—immediately following the 4 p.m. Mass. Open to members and anyone interested in learning more about this ministry.

SEPTEMBER 7—Regional Adult Confirmation Event at St. Michael's—10:00 a.m. Mass, Upper Church—Bishop Reed will be at St. Michael's to confirm several adult parishioners at the 10 a.m. Mass.

<u>SEPTEMBER 8</u>—Feast of the Nativity of the Blessed Virgin Mary

<u>SEPTEMBER 8</u>—Faith Formation Registration Closes Reminder to register your child for the 2025-2026 faith formation season by September 8. Online registration can be found at <u>www.stmikes.org/religious-education</u>

<u>SEPTEMBER 9</u>—Knights of Columbus Monthly Meeting—7:30 p.m., St. Matthias Parish Hall, 409 Hemenway St., Marlborough— for any Catholic man over the age of 18.

<u>SEPTEMBER 13</u>—Feast of Our Lady of Fatima—5:30 p.m. Mass | 6:30 p.m. Candlelight procession. See next page for more details.

<u>SEPTEMBER 15</u>—Our Lady of Sorrows Memorial—September is dedicated to Our Lady of Sorrows.

<u>SEPTEMBER 18</u>—Walking With Purpose Women's Bible Study—Please see the bulletin for more details or email stmikeswwp@gmail.com to register!

<u>SEPTEMBER</u> 24—Religious Educations classes begin— 6:00 p.m. Deacon Jared will be speaking to the parents in the Upper Church as the children have their first lesson in the parish center.

<u>SEPTEMBER 27</u>—Worcester Catholic Women's Conference—Please see next page for more details. Register today! https://www.wcwconference.com

<u>SEPTEMBER 29</u>—Feast of Saints Michael, Gabriel and Raphael



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 beer, wine or soda with lunch, water will be free.

Need dessert or dinner? Pastels and baked goods will be found at the bake sale tables.

At 2:00 p.m. we will be celebrating The Feast of St. Francis with the Blessing of Pets. Fr. Bert will be under the pet blessing tent in the kids game area. Bring your pet!

Please call the parish office if you would like to volunteer at this parish community event!

ABOUT THE COVER

Saint Carlo Acutis is being canonized a Saint on September 7, 2025! He died on October 12, 2006 at the age of 15, and was beatified on October 20, 2020. His feast day is October 12. St. Carlo has been popularly called "the patron saint of the Internet" because of his interest in computers and because he built a website that documented miracles related to the Eucharist. https://www.miracolieucaristici.org/en/liste/list.html

Saint Pier Giorgio Frassati is being canonized a Saint on September 7, 2025! He was exceedingly generous to the poor. He loved mountain climbing, and appreciated the arts. He died of Polio at the age of 24. His intercession has been attributed to two miracles so far. He is the official patron saint of World Youth Day and Italian Confraternities. His feast day is July 4 which also marks the date of his death in 1925, which was designated as his feast day following his beatification by Pope John Paul II in 1990.







Keynote Address

KAYLEIGH MCENANY

Former White House Press Secretary

SEPTEMBER 26

NEWTON MARRIOTT

2345 Commonwealth Avenue 6:00PM Reception 7:00PM Dinner

MAProLife.org/Banquet

Kayleigh McEnany is the former White House press secretary and current co-host of Outnumbered on the Fox News Channel.Kayleigh graduated from Harvard Law School with a Juris Doctor and Georgetown University School of Foreign Services with a degree in international politics. She also studied politics and international relations at Oxford University, St Edmund Hall.

Kayleigh is the author of the New York Times bestselling books, "For Such a Time as This" and "Serenity in the Storm: Living through Chaos by Leaning on Christ."

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