

# Avon – Holbrook Catholic Collaborative

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**Holbrook, MA 02343**  
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Office Hours:

M, W, TH, F 8AM-2PM

Parish office located at Saint Joseph

## Our Collaborative Mission

*As a welcoming Catholic community, we seek first and foremost to offer the faithful knowledge and spiritual experiences that will strengthen their relationship with God and each other. We will be actively engaged in works of charity, service, and social justice. Parishioners of the collaborative strive to live out faith and hope; and maintain the enthusiasm of spreading the Good News.*

## Pastoral Staff

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SJPHolbrookMusic@gmail.com

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## Mass Schedule

**Saturday** - 4:00pm – Saint Michael  
5:30pm – Saint Joseph

## **Sunday**

7:30am - Saint Joseph

9:00am - Saint Michael

11:00am - Saint Joseph

## **Daily Mass** - 9:00am

Mon., Tues., & Fri. - Saint Michael

Wednesday & Thursday - Saint Joseph

Friday 6:30PM – Saint Joseph

## Baptisms

Third Sunday of the month after the 9AM & 11AM Masses. Please call the Parish office in advance to schedule.

## Confirmation

Please contact a priest if you are an adult or Director of Religious Education if you are a youth.

## Confessions

Friday 9:30-10:30am at Saint Michael

Friday 7-9pm at Saint Joseph

## Marriage

Please make arrangements with a parish priest six months prior to wedding.

## Holy Orders

If you or someone you know is thinking about priesthood (*or religious life*) please contact a priest or religious sister.

## Anointing of the Sick

Please call the rectory if you or someone you know is sick, homebound, preparing for surgery, unable to participate in Sunday Eucharist, or would like a visit by a priest.

*If you are new to our Parish Community, please call the Parish Office to register.*



**Saint Michael Parish - Avon**

**Saturday, September 30th**

4:00PM Bob & Joan Klimas Memorial Mass

**Sunday, October 1st**

9:00AM *Children's Mass*  
Giovannina & Luigi Mattia Memorial Mass

**Monday, October 2nd**

9:00AM *Available – Please call the Parish Office*

**Tuesday, October 3rd**

9:00AM *Available – Please call the Parish Office*

**Wednesday, October 4th**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

**Thursday, October 5th**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

**Friday, October 6th**

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Calnan Family  
Memorial Mass

6:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

**Saturday, October 7th**

4:00PM Timothy Pooler Memorial Mass

**Sunday, October 8th**

9:00AM Joseph Lacerda & Edward F. Sweeney  
Memorial Mass



**PARISH GIVING**

For the weekend of 9/24/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$2,030.

*Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.*

**SECOND COLLECTIONS – OCTOBER 2023**

October 1<sup>st</sup> – Holy Father & Apostolic Works

October 8<sup>th</sup> – Monthly Maintenance

October 15<sup>th</sup> – Grand Annual

October 22<sup>nd</sup> – World Mission Sunday

October – All Souls Day

**SPONSOR A DAY**

Thank you to the following parishioners who sponsored a day in the month October:

*In Memory of Eddie Peterson*

*In Memory of Harry Bates*

*In Memory of Marie, Edward, Mary, & Gene Egersheim*



**2023 SAINT MICHAEL'S CRAFT FAIR**



St. Michael's Craft Fair is back this November! We are looking for help creating crafts for the fair. Join us in creating, crafting, and chatting every Thursday evening from 6-8PM in Saint Michael's Church Hall.

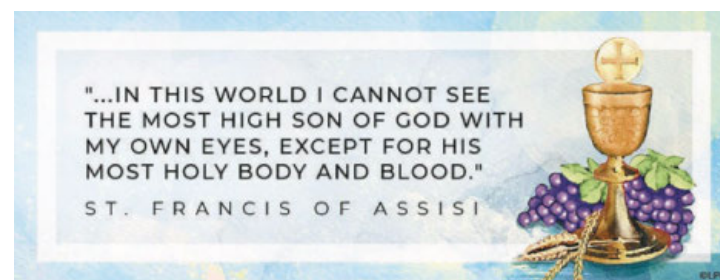
*As you begin your fall cleaning and pre-Christmas cleanout, remember Saint Michael's White Elephant table.*

*Drop off dates – Weekend of November 4<sup>th</sup> 9am-4pm and November 5<sup>th</sup> 10am-2pm*

**Saint Michael Religious Education, Grades 1-8**

Cross Catholic Outreach/Box of Joy has begun. Any parishioners or religious ed families, grades 1-10, who would like to participate in this Corporal Work of Mercy, please come down to the religious education hall. The boxes are under the Christmas tree. Every box has all the information you need, however if you have any questions, contact Elaine in Religious Education.

We do not have religious education on Sunday, October 8th due to the observance of Columbus Day. Classes resume on Sunday, October 15th.



**Saint Michael Parish – Avon**

**October 2023**

The Altar Bread and Wine have been donated in memory of **Joseph Lacerda and Edward F. Sweeney** by The McBride/Sweeney Family for the month of October.

The Sanctuary Candle has been donated in memory of **Camilla Mucci** by Maryann Calnan for the month of October.

Memorial Offerings in memory of a deceased relative or friend are available monthly for the Altar Bread, Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp. Please call the Parish Office for further information.



**Saint Joseph Parish – Holbrook**

**Saturday, September 30th**

5:30PM Robert F. McCoy Memorial Mass

**Sunday, October 1st**

7:30AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

11:00AM Joseph Concannon Memorial Mass

**Monday, October 2nd**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

**Tuesday, October 3rd**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

**Wednesday, October 4th**

9:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

**Thursday, October 5th**

9:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

**Friday, October 6th**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

6:30PM Mass of Thanksgiving-Marjorie Champagne

**Saturday, October 7th**

5:30PM Mary Lou Cribben 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, October 8th**

7:30AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

11:00AM William Ellis 22<sup>nd</sup> Anniversary



**Saint Joseph Parish – Holbrook**

**October 2023**

The Altar Bread has been donated in memory of **Joseph & Angelina Concannon** by Phyllis Sargent for the month of October.

The Altar Wine and Sanctuary Candle have been donated in memory of **Sandy Barrett** by The Barrett Family for the month of October.

The Missalettes have been donated in memory of **Virginia Flynn** by Helen & Charles Denny, Sr. for the month of October.

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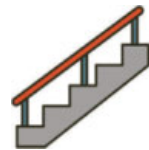
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*In Memory of Nancy Walsh & Mary Feeney Pleach*



**PLEASE, WATCH YOUR STEP**  
**PLEASE PARDON OUR APPEARANCE**  
**DURING RENOVATIONS OF THE**  
**STAIRWAYS AND RAILINGS AT SAINT**  
**JOSEPH PARISH**

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**  
**GRADES 1-10**

**Schedule for Parent Meetings**

**All meetings in St. Joseph Parish Hall, Holbrook**

**10/1 Sunday, 9:30am, during class time, Eucharist 2,**

**10/1 Sunday, 6pm, Confirmation 1(Gr 9), parent/youth**

**10/2 Monday class for Eucharist 2 at 4:15p, parent meeting at 5pm.**

**10/3 Tuesday, 6:30pm, Gr. 7&8, parent/youth.**

**10/29 Sunday, 11am Mass - Confirmation 2(Gr. 10) followed by meeting.**

**Start of sessions for faith formation:**

**Grades, 1-6** will start on Sunday, 10/15 at 9:45 and Monday, 10/16 at 4:15pm

**Confirmation 1** - 10/15, 11am Mass followed by session.

**Grades 7&8** - 10/17 @ 6:30pm

**Confirmation 2** - 10/29, 11am Mass followed by session.

**All schedules for religious education are on our web page: [stjosephholbrook.org](http://stjosephholbrook.org)**



## *Blessing of Animals*



**Sunday, October 1<sup>st</sup>**

**1pm at Saint Michael Parish**

**Please bring your pets for a blessing; we will meet in front of the St Francis Statue in the rear of the church.  
Rain or Shine!**

### **R.C.I.A - Rite of Christian Initiation**

- Are you someone or do you know someone who....
- Has expressed an interest in becoming Catholic?
- Baptized as a Catholic as a child, but has not celebrated the Sacrament of Confirmation or Eucharist?
- You are welcome to participate in the process with your questions, your insights and your faith story in a warm accepting setting. For information, please email [stjoesreligious@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesreligious@gmail.com)

***Every Monday night @ 6:30p join us as we break open scripture for the upcoming weekend. We meet in the church hall at Saint Joseph.***

### **AVON OKTOBERFEST**

**Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> 12:00PM – 5:00PM**

The Avon Civic Association is once again sponsoring Oktoberfest on Saturday, October 7<sup>th</sup> from 2-5PM (rain date is Sunday, October 8<sup>th</sup>). The Oktoberfest this year will be around the grounds of Blanchard's Tavern, NOT DeMarco Park. The park is being renovated and will not be ready in time. Blanchard's is diagonally across the street from St. Michael's Church (87 North Main St. Avon, MA 02322) North Main Street is Route 28.

## **SAVE THE DATE – SAVE THE DATE**

### **MASS OF REMEMBRANCE**

On Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>, at our 4PM Mass in Avon, and Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> our 11AM Mass in Holbrook, we will mark with memorial candles those whose funerals we have celebrated November 2, 2022, through November 2, 2023. We cordially invite their families to attend. Memorial Candles can be claimed by the families of the deceased following the Mass or left to the church to be used as sanctuary candles on the altar.

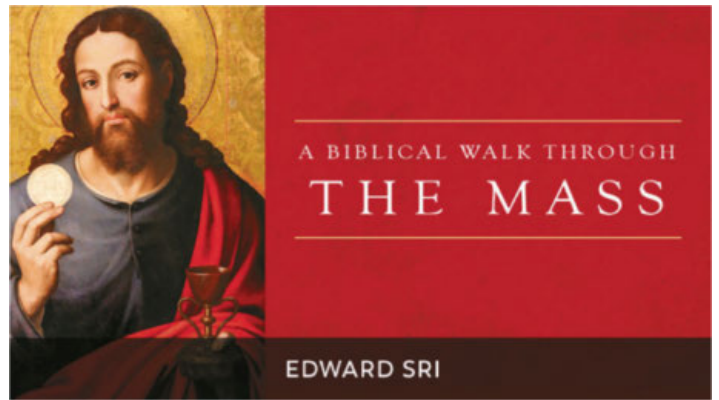
***St. Michael Parish, Avon***

***Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup> at the 4:00PM Mass***

***AND***

***Saint Joseph Parish, Holbrook***

***Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> at the 11:30AM Mass***



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Join us for *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass* at **Saint Joseph Parish in Holbrook** beginning **Thursday, October 12th from 7:00-8:30PM** and continuing every Thursday for **five weeks** (NO meeting on 10/19). For more information or to register for the study, please call **Barbara Gorman at 781-856-7246** and **Mary Nihill at 781-767-0584** or via email: **[mmichaeln@comcast.net](mailto:mmichaeln@comcast.net)**.

### **FIRST FRIDAY DEVOTIONS**

**3:00-6:00PM October 6, 2023**

Portiuncula Chapel National Shrine at The Cardinal Cushing Centers, Route 53, Hanover, MA  
Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament  
Chaplet & Rosary 3:00PM  
Confession 3:00-5:30PM

### **SAINT SEBASTIAN SCHOOL OPEN HOUSE**

**1191 Greendale Avenue  
Needham, MA 02492**

Saint Sebastian's school, a Catholic, independent day school for 380 young men in grades seven through twelve, is hosting an Admission Open House on **Thursday, October 5<sup>th</sup> at 5:30PM**

All interested students and parents are invited to join us. Please visit [www.stsebs.org/visit](http://www.stsebs.org/visit) for event registration and details.

For further information, contact the Admissions Office at: 781-247-0125  
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## St. Michael the Archangel Prayer

St. 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 hosts, by the power of God, thrust into hell Satan, and all the evil spirits, who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.



**Amen.**

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