

# Avon – Holbrook Catholic Collaborative

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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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## 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, October 21st**

4:00PM Lumena Dorval & Arsene Champagne  
Memorial Mass

**Sunday, October 22nd**

9:00AM Michele Brooks Birthday Remembrance

**Monday, October 23rd**

9:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

**Tuesday, October 24th**

9:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

**Wednesday, October 25th**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

**Thursday, October 26th**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

**Friday, October 27th**

9:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office  
6:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

**Saturday, October 28th**

4:00PM Dr. Edward Halisey 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, October 29th**

9:00AM Elizabeth Letsche Memorial Mass



**PARISH GIVING**

For the weekend of 10/15/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$2,388 and the Second Collection for 2023 Grand Annual Campaign was \$5,004.

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

**SECOND COLLECTIONS – OCTOBER 2023**

**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**

**SAVE THE DATE!**

**NOVEMBER 11 & 12**

**ST. MICHAEL'S CRAFT FAIR RETURNS.**

**CRAFTS, BAKE TABLE, RAFFLES, FOOD, WHITE ELEPHANT, KIDS GAMES. 50/50, AND EVEN SANTA MAKES A VISIT.**

**DON'T MISS THIS GREAT TIME**

**VOLUNTEERS ARE NEEDED. EVEN AN HOUR OR TWO WILL HELP.**

**Any craft fair donations can be brought to the parish Tuesday through Friday. Please call Wendy at 781-254-0773 to schedule a time or drop them at weekend Masses.**



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

Our children are starting to research the Saints. Some choose Saints by the hobbies and interests, etc., that they personally have or situations they are going through. Many are amazed that we have Patron Saints for everything! Our Saints will come marching into Mass on Sunday, October 29th.

At the main entrance and the side entrance by the Chapel you will find Christmas boxes. If you would like to take a box, all the information you will need is inside every box. The purpose of these boxes is an opportunity for anyone interested to send gifts to children in developing countries, children that have only known poverty. *The return date has been extended to Sunday, October 29th.* If you would like to participate, please return your box to Elaine in religious education on or before October 29th.



**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, October 21st**

5:30PM Patricia Ahern Memorial Mass

**Sunday, October 22nd**

7:30AM Claudia “Bunny” Murray Memorial Mass

11:00AM Arthur & Lillian Smith Memorial Mass

**Monday, October 23rd**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

**Tuesday, October 24th**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

**Wednesday, October 25th**

9:00AM Clifford Partosan Memorial Mass

**Thursday, October 26th**

9:00AM Joanna Pires Memorial Mass

**Friday, October 27th**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

6:30PM Patrick Oppong Memorial Mass

**Saturday, October 28th**

5:30PM Mickey Cahill 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Sunday, October 29th**

7:30AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

11:00AM William A. Currie 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary



**PARISH GIVING**

For the weekend of 10/15/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$2,283 and the Second Collection for 2023 Grand Annual Campaign was \$3,597.

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**SPONSOR A DAY**

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*In Memory of Mary-Jo Murphy*

*In Memory of Nancy Walsh & Mary Feeney Pleach*

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**GRADES 1-10**

**Schedule for Parent Meetings**

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

**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 9:30 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)**



**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.

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

At the entrance of the church, you will find the Box of Joys. If you would like to take a box to fill for a child, feel free to take one. They are due back by Nov. 13. All the information is in the boxes.





## **ST. JOSEPH PARISH HOLIDAY BASKET RAFFLE**

**DECEMBER 2-3, 2023**

This year St. Joseph Parish will be hosting its 4th annual holiday basket raffle to raise funds for to help cover the rising costs of running the parish.

The raffle is completely volunteer-based and we need your help to make it a success! Laura Bardon will be organizing the event and the volunteers again this year.

We are seeking volunteers from the Parish community to help in the following categories:

- Donation of complete gift basket (wrapped or unwrapped)
- Donation of themed items to put in a basket (see theme list below)
- Donation of wrapping supplies
- Assistance with assembling, labeling and wrapping baskets leading up to the event
- Room set up before the event
- Working the event (selling tickets, answering questions, greeting parishioners, etc.)
- Clean up after the event

This is a great way to get involved in supporting St. Joseph's, meet other people in town, and connect with other caregivers of children. Last year we had a LOT of fun, and kids can help too! We hope that you choose to volunteer some of your time to support this annual event.

Interested in helping, or want to learn more about the event? Please reach out to Jennifer in the Parish Office at [sjpholbrookoffice@comcast.net](mailto:sjpholbrookoffice@comcast.net) or call 781-767-0605

Suggested themes, but feel free to be creative!

- Coffee/Tea Lovers
- Cozy Afternoon
- Game Day (any sport)
- Snow Day
- Board Games
- Raffle Tickets
- Local Company gift card/swag
- Book Lovers
- Outdoorsy
- Sweet Tooth/Chocolate Lovers

### **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 [stjoesreligiously@gmail.com](mailto:stjoesreligiously@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.***

## **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 11:00AM Mass***



**Members of St. Francis Fraternity will be making sandwiches to help the Capuchin Mobile Ministries in their ministry to the homeless.**

**We will be meeting in Saint Charles Hall after the 9:00 Mass on THURSDAY, OCTOBER 26TH.**

**If you would like to help, please contact Roberta at 781-767-5277.**

### **A Biblical Walk Through the Mass**

The Mass is nothing short of amazing. Through it, we encounter God in the most intimate way possible as we hear him speak to us in the Liturgy of the Word and as we receive him Body and Blood, Soul and Divinity in the Holy Eucharist. In his video-based study *A Biblical Walk Through the Mass*, Dr. Edward Sri explores the roots of the words and gestures we experience at Mass and explains their profound significance. This fascinating tour of the Mass will renew your faith and deepen your love for and devotion to the Holy Eucharist.

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).

### **NEW Additions to our Collaborative Schedule**

**Starting Thursday, November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the “Haitian Charismatic Prayer” will be using Saint Michael Chapel on a weekly basis from 7-9PM.**

**AND**

**Starting Thursday, December 7<sup>th</sup> there will be a bilingual “Healing and Deliverance Mass” at 7PM at Saint Michael. This Mass will be held on the first Thursday of every month.**



**DRIVE IN  
MOVIE NIGHT!**  
It's the Great Pumpkin.  
Charlie Brown

**HOCUS  
POCUS**

**SATURDAY, OCT 28TH**

\$5/single (no car)  
\$20/carload

Lot opens at 7pm  
8pm Movie Start

St. Joe's/Higashi School Parking Lot  
153 S. Franklin St. Holbrook

All Proceeds will benefit the BSA Troop 56  
High Adventure Philmont Trip in July 2024

## 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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