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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 28th**

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

**Sunday, October 29th**

9:00AM Elizabeth Letsche Memorial Mass

**Monday, October 30th**

9:00AM William Smith 20<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Tuesday, October 31st**

9:00AM Jacqueline Ierardi 5<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

**Wednesday, November 1st**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church  
7:00PM Mass at Saint Michael Church

**Thursday, November 2nd**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

**Friday, November 3rd**

9:00AM Deceased Members of the Joseph Mucci Family  
6:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

**Saturday, November 4th**

4:00PM Mildred & Constantine Rodriguez  
Memorial Mass

**Sunday, November 5th**

9:00AM Children's Mass  
Ava Duchene 8<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
The Sellars Family



**PARISH GIVING**

For the weekend of 10/22/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$1,890 and the Second Collection for World Mission Sunday was \$652.

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

**SECOND COLLECTIONS – OCTOBER 2023**

**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 1-9**

We will be celebrating All Saint's Day on Sunday, October 29th. Our children have been researching and found a Saint that they relate to in some way. They wrote a few sentences about their Saint on index cards which they will carry into Mass on Sunday to share what they have learned with the congregation. Many will dress as their Saint as well.

Our Saint Michael grade 9 students will be joining our program this year on Sunday, October 29th. We are very pleased to announce that Mrs. Ginny Meany will be our catechist for grade 9.

We will not have classes on Sunday, November 5th and 12th due to our Craft Fair. Classes will resume on Sunday, November 19th.

Hope to see you all at our Craft Fair on Saturday, November 11th and Sunday, November 12th!



**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 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

**Monday, October 30th**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

**Tuesday, October 31st**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

**Wednesday, November 1st**

**All Saints Day**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

7:00PM Mass at Saint Michael Church

**Thursday, November 2nd**

9:00AM Tess Theodore Memorial Mass

**Friday, November 3rd**

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

6:30PM Mass of Thanksgiving – Marjorie Champagne

**Saturday, November 4th**

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

**Sunday, November 5th**

7:30AM *Available – Please call the Parish Office*

11:00AM William A. Currie 1<sup>st</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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**PARISH GIVING**

For the weekend of 10/22/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$2,907 and the Second Collection for World Mission Sunday was \$1,146.

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**SECOND COLLECTIONS – OCTOBER 2023**

**October – All Souls Day**

**SPONSOR A DAY**

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

*In Memory of Mary-Jo Murphy*

*In Memory of Nancy Walsh & Mary Feeney Pleach*

**SAINT JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION**

**GRADES 1-10**

All classes have started and so far it is going well. We are adjusting to our new space. If you would like to help out at all, it would be greatly appreciated. Please keep the children and their families in your prayers.

Every week we meet in the church and start with a decade of the rosary. The children really seem to enjoy praying with the rosary and their little booklets.

Last Saturday, we had our 1st Family Mass at 5:30. We had a really nice crowd and afterwards gathered downstairs for pizza. Seems like it was popular, so you can be assured that it will be done again!

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.

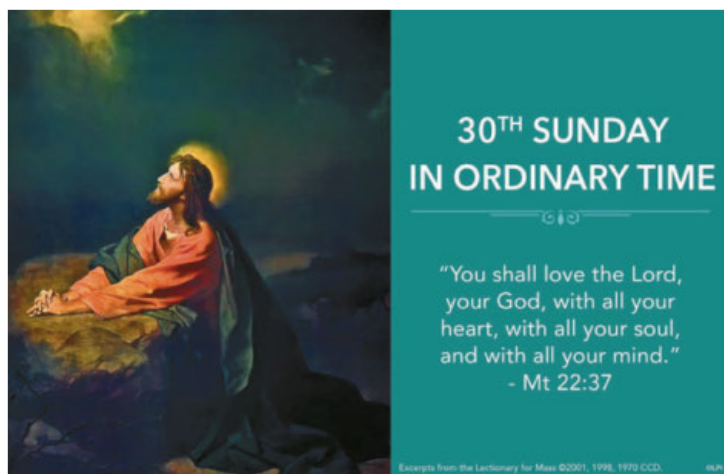
All the information is in the boxes.

**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.*





### **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

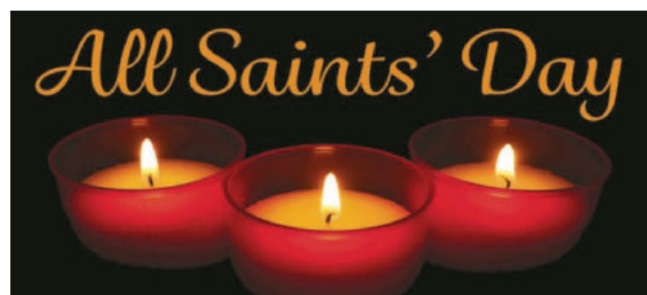
Suggested themes, but feel free to be creative!

- 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

### **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*



### **Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Thirtieth Sunday in Ordinary Time "The greatest commandment is to Love."**

Matthew 22:37-39 Jesus said, "You shall love the Lord, your God, with all your heart, with all your soul, and with all your mind. This is the greatest and the first commandment. The second is like it: You shall love your neighbor as yourself." Share your love with your spouse by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

November 10-12, 2023 in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary)

February 9-11, 2024 in Huntington, NY

Worldwide Marriage Encounter sponsors a variety of in-person and virtual marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited; there is a \$100 application fee. For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatile at 978-870-5646 or <https://wwmema.org/>.

### **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.

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Wed. 11/15, 3:30-5:30pm  
St. Francis Xavier School  
Grades 5 - 8  
234 Pleasant Street  
South Weymouth

## 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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