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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.

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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

Congratulations! 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

Welcome! Friday 7-9pm at Saint Joseph.

Marriage

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

Holy Orders

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

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime! 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 9th

4:00PM Gloria, Jim, and Tom Donovan
Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 10th

9:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

Monday, September 11th

9:00AM Mary & Cyril Brignolo Memorial Mass

Tuesday, September 12th

9:00AM Susan & George Kelley (Living)

Wednesday, September 13th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Thursday, September 14th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Friday, September 15th

9:00AM Dr. Zimetbaum (Living)
6:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Saturday, September 16th

4:00PM Shirley Nolan 5th Anniversary

Sunday, September 17th

9:00AM Josepine Morgan Month's Mind
Robert Morgan Memorial Mass



Saint Michael Parish – Avon

September 2023

The Altar Bread and Wine have been donated by Dulcie Lewis for the month of September.

The Sanctuary Candle has been donated in memory of **Paulene & Marc Andreus Breneville** by Claudette Lefils for the month of September.

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.

PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 9/3/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$3,224 and the Second Collection for Monthly Maintenance was \$1,052.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2023

September 10th – Catholic School Tax

September 17th – Clergy Benefit Trust

ONLINE GIVING – AUGUST 2023

Weekly Offertory - \$2,536

Monthly Maintenance - \$670

SPONSOR A DAY

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

The Ford & Toner Families

In Memory of Edward Ferragamo

Sherry & Matt Curley

The Deftos Family

2023 SAINT MICHAEL'S CRAFT FAIR

WE ARE LOOKING FOR CRAFTERS....

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.

ST. MICHAEL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, GRADES 1-8

Classes began Sunday, September 10th. We are all excited for this new school year! We have so much planned all year for our students.

On Sunday, September 24th, we will have the kick-off for our annual Cross Catholic Outreach Program ~ Box of Joy. *Box of Joy is a Christmas shoebox that is donated and packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other treasured items of your choice by United States Catholic Parishes, schools and groups. Our religious education program and parishioners are participating again for our 5th year. These boxes will travel to developing countries such as Haiti, Guatemala and other developing countries. Each gift for these children represents Christ's love and may be the only Christmas gift that child receives.* You will find the boxes in the religious education hall under the Christmas tree on Sunday, September 24th. Inside every box are instructions and guidelines for you. Please feel free to take a box on Sunday, September 24th and return your box to Elaine in religious education by Sunday, October 22nd. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Elaine.

We continue to look for Altar Servers. If your child is interested in becoming an Altar Server or has served in the past and would like to participate in this beautiful ministry, please contact the religious education office and we will have your child set-up for training. This is a beautiful ministry for your child to be able to assist the Priests and Deacon in the Mass. Your child will be on a rotating schedule with other Altar Servers. The green forms are on the tables at every door of the church.

You can drop off your completed form in our religious education drop-box outside the doors of the hall, under the overhang.



Saint Joseph Parish – Holbrook

Saturday, September 9th

5:30PM Robert & Lillian Johnson Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 10th

7:30AM Dorothy Currie 10th Anniversary

11:00AM The McInerney & Falvey Family

Monday, September 11th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

Tuesday, September 12th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

Wednesday, September 13th

9:00AM Eucharistic Society

Thursday, September 14th

9:00AM George Regele 4th Anniversary

Friday, September 15th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

6:30PM Guillermo Ebancula Memorial Mass

Saturday, September 16th

5:30PM Dot & Dick Tobin and Dottie Murray Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 17th

7:30AM Catherine Stinson Memorial Mass

11:00AM Patricia & George Cronk and Christopher Nugent Memorial Mass



PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 9/3/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$2,842 and the Second Collection for Capital Improvements was \$1,023.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2023

September 10th – Catholic School Tax

September 17th – Clergy Benefit Trust

ONLINE GIVING – AUGUST 2023

Weekly Offertory - \$4,961

Capital Improvements - \$475

ST. JOSEPH EUCHARISTIC SOCIETY

Wednesday, September 13th 9am Mass will be celebrated for those that are enrolled in St. Joseph Eucharistic Society.

Deanne Clark	Donal P. Murphy
Thomas McLain, Sr.	Ann Marie Smith
Eileen Tangney	Joan Cavagnaro
Edward Coughlin	Barbara Travers
Bridgett Poland	Edward J. Ciccone
Joseph Tarbox, Jr.	George Scarpelos

SPONSOR A DAY

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

In Memory of Sandy Barrett

In Memory of Michael J. King & August Lolli

2 Days from Anonymous Donor



SAINT JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

GRADES 1-10

FAITH FORMATION

Forms to register for Religious Ed in September are now online. Go to the parish website (stjosephholbrook.org) and click on the Religious Education tab. Forms can be dropped off in the mail slot that is located on the rectory porch or mailed to the church. Please include the fee. Anyone child who is entering Grade 1 and any child who has not attended our program in the past will need to sign up in person. Please email Donna at stjoesreligioused@gmail.com. and we can arrange a time at your convenience to meet. If you are looking to be confirmed and have not been attending classes, please email.



Saint Joseph Parish – Holbrook

September 2023

The Altar Bread has been donated in memory of **Thomas P. Fernberg** by The Fernberg Family for the month of September.

The Altar Wine and Sanctuary Candle have been donated in memory of **Richard Byrne** by Carol Byrne and Family for the month of September.

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.

NEW ADDITION TO OUR SCHEDULE

Beginning this past Friday, September 1st we have a new addition to our schedule for Friday morning:

Saint Michael Church will be open beginning at 8:30AM every Friday.

8:30AM - Holy Rosary

9:00AM - Holy Mass

9:30 to 10:30AM – Eucharistic Adoration & the Sacrament of Reconciliation

Join us and experience the peace of Christ in the sacraments and hear His voice in quiet prayer. He is here and He is waiting for you!

Walking with the Saints

Who doesn't love a good saint story? Join us every other week for "Walking with the Saints" - a video series where priests and religious from around the Archdiocese of Boston share about a saint they've come to know. Watch now on the Evangelize YouTube Channel

– YouTube.com/EvangelizeBoston.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Twenty-Third Sunday in Ordinary Time-"Love one another."

Romans 13:8: "Brothers and Sisters: Owe nothing to anyone, except to LOVE one another, for the one who loves another has fulfilled the law." God can transform your marriage. Want to make your good marriage even better? Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. The dates to sign up are:

September 22-24, 2023, in Huntington, NY (Immaculate Conception Seminary)

October 16-November 6, 2023, Virtual 3RE (M/W evenings)

October 20-22, 2023 in Barre, Vermont (St. Monica/St. Michael)

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 Vatele at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.

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



GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 10, 2023 23rd Sunday in Ordinary Time

What are you supposed to do about the bad behavior of the people around you? You know who I'm talking about. That family member, friend, coworker, or acquaintance who is quite immoral. On this front there are two lively options in our culture: bash the person to others (probably online) or pretend everything's fine. The former damages the person. The latter ignores reality. What to do?

Jesus' strategy in the Gospel of Matthew is as wise as it is difficult: go directly to the person, and then gradually expand the circle of intervention. Simple, often effective, and hard. But what we often miss is the context of the Lord's strategy, "If your brother sins against you..." Notice the italicized words. Is the person in a Christian familial bond with you? And was the action in question against you? If so, proceed with the plan. Fine. But how often we fret over the sins of those who either aren't our spiritual siblings or have done nothing directly to us. This is not an invitation to ignore injustice in the world. Rather, we should build bonds of fraternal love, and carefully discern when and how others' sins are indeed our concern. Sometimes they are. Other times — frequently, perhaps — they simply are not.

- Father John Muir

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FATIMA ROSARY VIGIL

Hanover, MA

-Rosary for Peace in our lives and in the World-

Wednesday, September 13, 2023, 7-8PM, Portiuncula Chapel at Cardinal Cushing Centers, Hanover, MA
To celebrate the Fifth Apparition of Our Lady of Fatima, St. Mary of the Portiuncula and Mary Queen of Peace Secular Franciscan Fraternities extend an invitation to share an hour of Prayer at the Portiuncula Chapel, Cardinal Cushing Centers, 405 Washington Street, Hanover, MA from 7-8PM. Hear a talk by Deacon Jim Thompson on the Fifth Apparition following a Rosary Procession on the grounds of the Portiuncula Chapel.

Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass (10/29)

All couples celebrating their 10th, 25th, or 50th wedding anniversaries are invited to join Cardinal Seán O'Malley, O.F.M. Cap. on Sunday, October 29th at 3:00 PM at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross, Boston. During the Mass, the couple will renew their marriage commitment and receive a special blessing. Family and friends are invited to attend. Couples can register or find more information at bit.ly/WeddingAnnivMass

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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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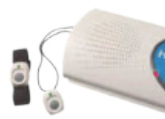
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