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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.

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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 16th

4:00PM Shirley Nolan 5th Anniversary

Sunday, September 17th

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

Monday, September 18th

9:00AM James & Francis Odenweller and Family
(Living)

Tuesday, September 19th

9:00AM Toya, Jean, and Hancy Lamour

Wednesday, September 20th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Thursday, September 21st

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Friday, September 22nd

9:00AM Christine Chase Memorial Mass
6:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Saturday, September 23rd

4:00PM Claire Kotas 7th Anniversary

Sunday, September 24th

9:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving-Marjorie Champagne

PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 9/10/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$2,644 and the Second Collection for Catholic School Tax was \$725.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2023

September 17th – Clergy Benefit Trust

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

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 4th 9am-4pm
and November 5th 10am-2pm***

Saint Michael Religious Education, Grades 1-8

We had a great start to our program last Sunday with almost perfect attendance! It was wonderful to be with the children again after our summer break.

Reminder to all families and parishioners who would like to participate...starting on Sunday, September 24th we will kick-off our annual Cross Catholic Outreach Program - Box of Joy.

Box of Joy is a Christmas shoebox that we supply. Each box is packed with toys, clothing, school supplies and other treasured items of your choice by U.S. Catholic Parishes, schools and groups. Our religious education program and parishioners are participating once again for our 5th year. Once filled and dropped off to Elaine in religious education, your box will travel to developing countries such as Haiti, Guatemala and other developing countries in time for Christmas. Each gift/box represents Christ's love for these children and may be the only Christmas gift that a child receives.

On Sunday, September 24th, you will find the shoeboxes under our Christmas tree in the religious education hall. Inside every box will be instructions and guidelines for you. Please feel free to take a box on the 24th and return your box to Elaine on or before Sunday, October 22nd. If you have any questions, do not hesitate to contact Elaine stmichaelsavonreled@comcast.net or (508) 586-7210 x203

Calling all Altar Servers ~ please have your child (grades 3-8) consider this beautiful ministry of Altar Serving. After training, your child will be put on a rotating schedule. The green forms are located on all tables at every door of the church. You can return your completed form to Elaine by dropping it off in our religious education "drop-box" just outside the hall (parking lot side) under the overhang.



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.



Saint Joseph Parish – Holbrook

Saturday, September 16th

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

Sunday, September 17th

7:30AM Catherine Stinson Memorial Mass
11:00AM Patricia & George Cronk and
Christopher Nugent Memorial Mass

Monday, September 18th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

Tuesday, September 19th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

Wednesday, September 20th

9:00AM Arthur E. Logue Memorial Mass

Thursday, September 21st

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

Friday, September 22nd

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

Saturday, September 23rd

5:30PM Richard Byrne Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 24th

7:30AM Tessy Theodore Birthday Remembrance
11:00AM Thomas P. Fernberg 9th Anniversary



PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 9/10/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$5,162 and the Second Collection for Catholic School Tax was \$972.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2023

September 17th – Clergy Benefit Trust

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 stjoesreligious@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.

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



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

Saint Michael Church will be open every Friday morning

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!



GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 17, 2023 24th Sunday in Ordinary Time

When I was in second grade, my prized possession was a metal Star Wars-themed lunch box. After school one day, another student ripped it from my hands. I helplessly watched in horror as my classmate threw it to the ground and violently stomped it into an unrecognizable heap of junk. I came home covered in tears of shame and rage. After a few months, I never thought about it again ... until I was almost thirty years old and on a retreat to prepare for ordination to the priesthood.

That childhood memory — and the attendant outrage — came back afresh. My spiritual director helped me in the process of acknowledging that I was angry because that kid owed me my lunch box. Then she helped me, through the grace of Jesus, to forgive the debt. Almost immediately I felt a new peace. I was amazed that I hadn't forgotten what I had lost, even from years before. Aren't we human beings simply amazing at remembering what people owe us?

We see this week in Jesus' parable a servant who is forgiven much but then commands another servant: "Pay back what you owe!" He can't forget or let go of how he was wronged. He remembers — and he becomes a monster because of it. If only he had remembered not only the debts owed to him, but also his greater debt owed to — and forgiven by — his master. It's natural for us to remember what others owe us. But when we contextualize those offenses in Jesus' mercy toward us and them, we're free to be merciful like the Master and less like a monster who never forgets.

- Father John Muir

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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.

CLERGY BENEFIT TRUST

This week's second collection supports the retirement, medical and financial needs of priests in good standing throughout the Archdiocese of Boston. These priests have given their lives to faithfully serve Christ, the Church, and you. Please be generous to this important collection. For more information, please visit www.clergytrust.org

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Twenty-Fourth Sunday in Ordinary Time-"Live for the Lord."

Romans 14:7-8: "None of us lives for oneself, and no one dies for oneself. For if we live, we live for the Lord, and if we die, we die for the Lord; so then, whether we live or die, we are the Lord's." In our marriage, we are the Lord's. Put your marriage in the Lord's hands. 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 Vatile at 978-870-5646 or <https://www.mema.org/>.



42nd Annual Lawn Party to benefit Seminarians

Pope St. John XXIII National Seminary in Weston is hosting its Annual Lawn Party on Wednesday, September 27th, at 6:00 P.M. on the grounds of the seminary. This premiere fundraising event is hosted by His Eminence, Seán Cardinal O'Malley, OFM Cap. The evening will include a cocktail reception and dinner with music. Located on Route 30 in Weston, the Seminary prepares second career candidates, men over the age of 30, for priesthood. The proceeds from the Lawn Party help to keep tuition costs affordable. For ticket information, please call the Pope St. John XXIII Development Office at 781-899-5500, or visit their website <https://www.psjs.edu/lawn-party>. You can make a difference and encourage the vocations of these men through your support of the Lawn Party.

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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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