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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 23rd

4:00PM Claire Kotas 7th Anniversary

Sunday, September 24th

9:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving-Marjorie Champagne

Monday, September 25th

9:00AM Richard Calnan Birthday Remembrance

Tuesday, September 26th

9:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

Wednesday, September 27th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Thursday, September 28th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Friday, September 29th

9:00AM Peter Smith Memorial Mass

6:30PM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Saturday, September 30th

4:00PM Bob & Joan Klimas Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 1st

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

PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 9/17/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$2,870 and the Second Collection for Clergy Benefit Trust was \$1,045.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

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*

CRAFT FAIR UPDATE MEETING

9/30 after 4PM Mass & 10/1 after 9AM Mass

Come one, come all...Looking for all who wish to help at this year's Craft Fair. We will meet briefly in the Chapel for a progress update.

Saint Michael Religious Education, Grades 1-8

Box of Joy begins Sunday, September 24th. All families and parishioners are welcome to come down to the religious education hall and take a shoebox which you will find under our Christmas Tree. Please return your box to Elaine in religious education on or before Sunday, October 22nd. Your box will be shipped out to depressed countries to be distributed to a child in time for Christmas. Inside every shoebox are instructions and guidelines to help you make a child's Christmas very special.

October 1st is our monthly Children's Mass.

Also, on Sunday, October 1st we are bringing back our Living Rosary in religious ed. Each child will represent a bead of the rosary. We invite all families and parishioners to join us in the hall at 8:00 am on October 1st to say the rosary with us. Any 7th-10th grade students that would like to join us, please meet us in the hall at 8:00 am. We have plenty of rosaries if anyone needs one. Our 7th/8th grade students will be attending the 9:00 Mass on October 1st. This Mass will be in place of their regular Sunday class.

We are still looking for Altar Servers ~ Grades 3-8, we need Altar Servers. If your child has served in the past or is new to this ministry and would consider joining other children, please take a green form which is on the tables at all doors of the church. Fill out this form and return it to our religious education drop-box which is located outside the hall doors (parking lot side), or you can return your form to Elaine. Every child will be fully trained and then put on a rotating schedule. Please discuss this ministry with your child. We hope they will consider this beautiful ministry.



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 23rd

5:30PM Richard Byrne Memorial Mass

Sunday, September 24th

7:30AM Tessy Theodore Birthday Remembrance

11:00AM Thomas P. Fernberg 9th Anniversary

Monday, September 25th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

Tuesday, September 26th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

Wednesday, September 27th

9:00AM Ryan John Ivas Birthday Remembrance

Thursday, September 28th

9:00AM Robert Lorgeree, Jr. Month's Mind

Friday, September 29th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

6:30PM Available – Please call the Parish Office

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5:30PM Robert F. McCoy Memorial Mass

Sunday, October 1st

7:30AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

11:00AM Joseph Concannon Memorial Mass



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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

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.

All schedules for religious education are on our web page: stjosephholbrook.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

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



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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!

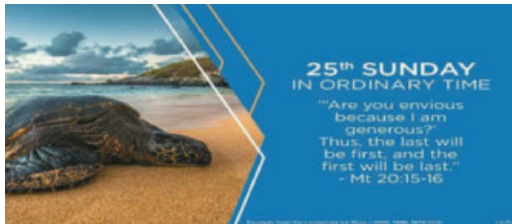
Blessing of Animals



Sunday, October 1st

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!**



GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 24, 2023 25th Sunday in Ordinary Time

Once I gave my three-year-old niece a certain toy for Christmas. When she opened it, she was happy. Shortly thereafter her five-year old sister opened another present from me: the same toy, along with some play jewelry. The three-year-old cried out: "That's not fair! Why'd she get the jewelry, too?!"

Let's face it: there's something about God's grace in our religion which bugs us. We love to look at others' blessings and cry out: "That's not fair!" Catholicism is not fair in the sense that it is a religion founded on God's grace which is unmerited favor. God pours his mercy, love, and divine life upon us not because we're good but because He is infinitely good.

If you think the "not fair" quality of grace is easy to accept, consider how typically angry we get when we hear the parable of the workers who get paid way more than they deserve. The hyper-generous landowner says to the indignant hard workers, "Are you envious because I am generous?" Well, yes, they are, and so are we! Therefore, we have to reckon with this painful truth in order to move into the divine sphere of gifts, which is the world of Christ and his Church. Then we are able to move beyond a tit-for-tat world and into one where gifts are poured forth on those who don't deserve it — namely, upon us.

- 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.

Worldwide Marriage Encounter: Twenty-Fifth Sunday in Ordinary Time-"Seek the Lord."

Isaiah 55:6 "Seek the Lord while he may be found, call him while he is near." The Lord is near to all who call upon him. Ask the Lord to make your marriage even better. How? Sign up for a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience. You can find one by looking up WWME.org. Some of the dates to sign up are:

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

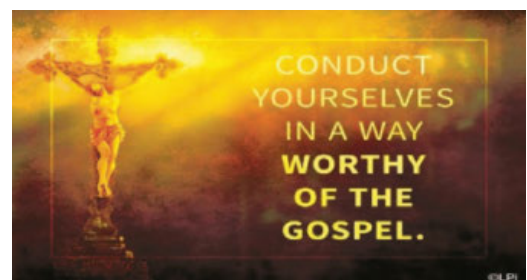
October 20-22, 2023 in Barre, Vermont (St. Monica/St. Michael)

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://wwmema.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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