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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

Monday & Tuesday - 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 2nd

4:00PM Dulcie Lewis (Living) 80th Birthday

Sunday, September 3rd

9:00AM Children's Mass
William & Patricia Kelley Memorial Mass

Monday, September 4th

9:00AM William & Veronica Smith Memorial Mass

Tuesday, September 5th

9:00AM Eucharistic Society

Wednesday, September 6th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Thursday, September 7th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Friday, September 8th

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

Saturday, September 9th

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

Sunday, September 10th

9:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office



PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 8/27/2023, the Weekend Offertory Collection was \$2,229 and the Second Collection for Maui Relief was \$1,081.

Fiscal year-to-date, the offertory total is currently at 91.9% of budget, not including monthly offertory and on-line giving.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – SEPTEMBER 2023

September 3rd – Monthly Maintenance

September 10th – Catholic School Tax

September 17th – Clergy Benefit Trust

ST. MICHAEL EUCHARISTIC SOCIETY

Tuesday, September 5th 9am Mass will be celebrated for those that are enrolled in St. Michael Eucharistic Society.

Rita Hall

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 Defetos 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 Thurs. from 6-8 in Saint Michael's church hall.

ST. MICHAEL RELIGIOUS EDUCATION, GRADES 1-8

Classes begin next Sunday, September 10th.

All registered will receive an email from me during the week prior to start-up. If you have not registered your child, please contact religious education to set up a day/time to meet, (508) 586-7210 x203 or stmichaelsavonreled@comcast.net

Looking for Altar Servers

If your child is interested in becoming an Altar Server or has served as an Altar Server in the past and would like to participate in this beautiful ministry, please contact the religious education office. Your child will be trained and once comfortable, will participate in the Mass. Contact info: stmichaelsavonreled@comcast.net or (508) 586-7210 x203. There are green forms on the tables at each doorway in the church. *Please fill out the form and drop it off in our drop-box directly outside the religious education hall under the overhang where you can safely place your completed form.*



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 2nd

5:30PM Michael Leo Wells 2nd Anniversary

Sunday, September 3rd

7:30AM Robert E. Murphy
Month's Mind and Birthday Remembrance
11:00AM Available – Please call the Parish Office

Monday, September 4th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

Tuesday, September 5th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church

Wednesday, September 6th

9:00AM Deceased Priests & Religious

Thursday, September 7th

9:00AM Tina Dingledy Memorial Mass

Friday, September 8th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Michael Church
6:30PM Claudelle Osias Memorial Mass

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



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September 3rd – Capital Improvements

September 10th – Catholic School Tax

September 17th – Clergy Benefit Trust

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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

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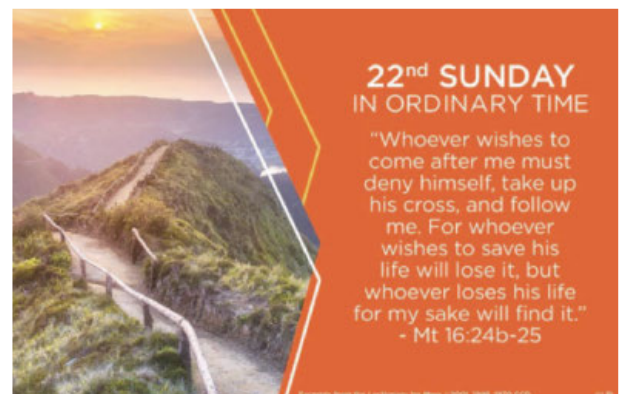


SAINT JOSEPH PARISH RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

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.



In Memory

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.



GOSPEL MEDITATION

September 3, 2023 22nd Sunday in Ordinary Time

Isn't it easy to relate to Peter? One moment Jesus announces Peter's deep communion with God the Father. The very next, when he rejects the logic of Jesus' suffering and death, Jesus calls Peter Satan. We Christians shouldn't be too shocked when we experience both spiritual highs and lows, when we perceive breathtaking contradictions in our hearts.

Like the great apostle, you and I are recipients of unfathomable graces. God dwells in us, calls his beloved children, and takes care of our every need. And we also continually fail to embrace our sufferings with trust in Jesus. We know the truth of the creed, but we easily scorn the weight of the cross.

The good news is that, like Peter, we are never abandoned by the Lord even at our worst moments. Peter will eventually learn the beauty of the cross when he is willingly crucified. But it took time for him to get there. And it takes time for us, too. This week let's not be too shocked at these divisions in our hearts but accept them and patiently seek to be more obedient to Jesus' cross-shaped plan for us.

- Father John Muir

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Project Rachel Post-Abortion Healing Retreats

(9/23, 11/11)

"Project Rachel led me to a place of forgiveness and mercy. During the retreat, I realized the lasting impact of forgiveness. I knew God had forgiven me, and now I needed to forgive myself."

The Project Rachel ministry of the Archdiocese of Boston extends a special invitation to women suffering from the pain of a past abortion to attend a "Come to the Waters of Healing" one-day retreat. Upcoming dates are September 23 and November 11 from 9 AM to 5 PM. Locations are confidential. For more information, contact Project Rachel at 508.651.3100 or help@projectrachelboston.com.

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

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

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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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