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Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to the community of St. Michael. Please introduce yourself to the priests, call, visit the Parish Center or visit online at www.stmikes.org to fill out a registration form.

RCIA

If you have not been baptized or were baptized but have not received First Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation, please contact Sheila Mahoney at 978-562-3148, call or email the Parish Center.

Infant Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm. Baptism catechesis for the parent(s) and godparent(s) is held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 2:00pm. Register online at www.stmikes.org or call the Parish Center.

Marriage

Arrangements should be made at least 6 months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Please call the Parish Center to schedule your date and make an appointment to speak with one of the priests.

Anointing of the Sick

The church encourages all who are ill, about to undergo surgery, or confined to their home due to illness be prayed over and anointed with sacred oil. This can take place at a parish Mass, or in the home or in the hospital. Please do not wait for the last moment for yourself or a loved one to be anointed and by all means speak to a priest for more information or details.

Boas-vindas aos Novos Paroquianos

Damos-lhe as boas-vindas à nossa comunidade de S. Miguel. Por favor apresente-se aos padres e telefone ou visite o Centro Paroquial para se registrar.

RCIA

Se ainda não foi batizado ou já foi mas não recebeu a Primeira Comunhão, Reconciliação ou Confirmação, por favor contacte Sheila Mahoney no 978-562-3148 ou telefone para o Centro Paroquial.

Baptizados Infantis

O sacramento do Baptismo é celebrado no terceiro Domingo de cada mês à 2 da tarde. A preparação do baptism para pais e padrinhos é no primeiro Domingo à 2 da tarde na igreja. Registe-se online @www.stmikes.org or chame para o Centro Paroquial.

Casamento

Devem ser feitas preparações pelo menos 6 meses antes da data em que pensa casar. Por favor telefone para Centro Paroquial para marcar a data e fazer um apontamento para falar com um dos padres.

Unção dos Doentes

A Igreja encoraja a todos que estão doentes, ou que vão fazer uma operação ou que tenham de permanecer em suas casas devido a doença, a fazerem orações e serem ungidos com os óleos sagrados. Isto pode ter lugar durante uma Missa na paróquia, em casa ou no hospital. Por favor não espere até ao ultimo momento, para si próprio ou para um ente querido ser ungido e não hesite em falar com um padre para mais informações e detalhes.



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| Saturday | November 22 |
| 9:00am | Antonio & Maria Sousa, Joaquim Agostinho & DR |
| 4:00pm | Alfred Blanchard and Sadie Devlin |
| Sunday | November 23 |
| 7:30am | Jose and Paolo Janeiro |
| 9:00am | Antonio T. Monteiro & Deceased Relatives |
| 10:30am | Charles and Jo Rio |
| 10:30am | Joaquim Pires |
| 12:00pm | Brazilian Mass |
| Monday | November 24 |
| 9:00am | Dot and George Pimentel |
| Tuesday | November 25 |
| 7:00am | Genevieve Viegas |
| Wednesday | November 26 |
| 9:00am | Maurice Evangelista |
| Thursday | November 27 Thanksgiving! |
| 8:00am | For All Parishioners at SMP |
| Friday | November 28 |
| 9:00am | Stan and Dave Mēga |
| Saturday | November 29 |
| 9:00am | Antonio Resendes and Deceased Relatives |
| 4:00pm | Rita O'Neil |
| Sunday | November 30 |
| 7:30am | José A. Chaves, Wife & Deceased Relatives |
| 9:00am | James Sabourin |
| 10:30am | Antonio Sousa-Chaves |
| 10:30am | Agostinho Sousa & Elena Carvalho |
| 12:00pm | Brazilian Mass |



Our Lord Jesus Christ, King of the Universe

"Then the king will say to those on his right, 'Come, you who are blessed by my Father. Inherit the kingdom prepared for you from the foundation of the world. For I was hungry and you gave me food, I was thirsty and you gave me drink, a stranger and you welcomed me, naked and you clothed me, ill and you cared for me, in prison and you visited me.'" - Mt 25:34-36

Mass Schedule

Daily Mass

9:00am - Mon, Wed, Friday and Saturday – *lower church*
7:00am - Tuesday and Thursday – *lower church*

Inclement Weather Notice!

If there is a delay or cancellation at the Hudson Public Schools due to inclement weather, the daily Mass is also canceled.

Weekend Mass Schedule

4:00pm – Saturday – upper church
7:30am – Sunday – upper church
9:00am – Sunday – upper church
10:30am – Sunday – lower church
10:30am – Sunday – upper church/Portuguese Mass
12 noon – Sunday – lower church/Brazilian Mass

Confessions are 2:30 – 3:30 pm on Saturdays

If you have requested a Mass intention and would like to have a family member present the gifts, please see a Eucharistic Minister before the start of the Mass.



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Offertory

Collection: \$ 8,283
Grand Annual (in progress) \$ 25,877*

Second Offerings

Weekend 22/23: Retirement for Religious Sisters

Electronic Giving

We encourage our parishioners and benefactors to use electronic giving to extend financial support of the parish. Please visit www.stmikes.org, and click on "Donations".

THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT

Fr. Ron's Ramblings

This Saturday, we are celebrating First Penance for the children who are preparing for their First Eucharist in the spring. Each year the innocence and eagerness of these little ones is touching as they come before God and ask for forgiveness in their own ways.

While people generally do not "go to confession" as often as they did in the past, this sacrament continues to be a valuable part of the spiritual life. As in every relationship, we need to step back and evaluate it: what brings us closer to God in our lives and what are those things that draw us away.

Please keep these children in your prayers especially this weekend as they take another step in their simple but real spiritual formation.

On another note, we are preparing to celebrate Thanksgiving next Thursday. Each year we have a special Mass on Thanksgiving morning to pause and reflect on the graces God has bestowed on us during the past year.

Each year brings with it its own joys and sorrows, triumphs and trials. Even in the midst of the difficulties of life, we are conscious that God is present to us and providing strength and comfort.

Families will be gathering and sharing that traditional Thanksgiving feast. We are indeed fortunate to have the harvest and the plenty to provide that food.

As you make your preparations why not plan to make that 8a.m. Mass part of your day and give thanks to God with the greatest prayer of Thanksgiving. Hope to see you there.

HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

Ladies Sodality for Our Father's Table

 Our Father's Table is asking for your generosity once again. **Hats, gloves and mittens** for any member of a family are needed. A container will be provided at the entrance of the church. Please call Eva and Manny Chaves at 978-562-5441 or Martha Berry at 978-562-2705 with any questions. The last weekend to contribute is December 21st. Thank you for your help.

No próximo Sábado estaremos celebrando o sacramento da confissão pela primeira vez com as crianças que vão fazer a primeira comunhão na próxima Primavera. A cada ano a inocência e a ansiedade destas crianças e sentimental quando elas se aproximam de Deus e pedem o perdão na sua propria forma.

Enquanto a maioria das pessoas não vão à confissão tantas vezes como faziam no passado, este sacramento continua a ter valor na nossa vida espiritual. Assim como em cada relação às vezes precisamos parar para reflectir e avaliar: o que nos faz aproximar de Deus ou o que nos faz separar.

Por favor mantenham estas crianças nas vossas orações especialmente este fim de semana em que elas tomam o seu primeiro passo na sua simples mas real preparação espiritual.

Em outra nota, nos prepara-mos para celebrar o dia de Acção de graças (Thanksgiving) na próxima Quinta-feira. A cada ano temos a missa de Acção de Graças na quinta-feira de manha, para pausar e reflectir em todas as graças que Deus derramou sobre nós durante o ano que passou.

Cada ano traz consigo as suas alegrias, tristezas, triunfos e desafios. Até no meio das dificuldades da vida temos a consciência que Deus esta sempre no meio de nós e nos providência com a força e conforto.

As familias se irão reunir para celebrar e compartilhar a festa da tradicional Acção de Graças. Somos certamente abençoados por ter-mos a colheita e a abundância que nos fornece todo o alimento para este dia.

Ao fazer as preparações, porque não planear ir à missa às 8 horas da manhã para fazer parte do seu dia e dar graças a Deus com a maravilhosa oração de Acção de Graças?! Espero vos ver lá.

Que tenham um abençoado e feliz dia de Acção de Graças (Thanksgiving)!!!

  *Please be courteous and refrain from bringing food, beverages or chewing gum into our Holy Church, unless it is a medical necessity. And please, silence your cell phone so we may all enjoy the Eucharistic Celebration. Thank you!*

 **Monday - Wednesday 9:00am – 3:00pm**
THURSDAY/FRIDAY CLOSED
Please be sure to let us know of any address, phone or email changes!

Religious Education Gr K-5



Thank you again to Officers Chad and Chris for their wonderful presentation of *RadKids* over the last two weekends. I hope the participants remember all the pointers they received from these two men who gave of their time for our children. Thank them when you see them!

Classes for this week, 23rd through 26th will be held as usual. Thanksgiving is this week! If possible, we encourage all who can to attend the Thanksgiving Mass at 8:00am and begin this holiday with a prayer of thanks for all the gifts God has given us: our families, friends, shelter, work, food, and the many amenities we have in our lives. The children have made "thanksgiving leaves" which will be brought to the altar during the Mass. I am looking for children to carry the baskets!! I hope to see a good representation of our children at the Mass!!

Pat Conte, 978-562-7662 or pconte@stmikes.org.

Religious Education Gr 6-11

Shout To the Lord is a Christian concert presented by the Youth Group. All the youth and young adults of the parish are invited to participate. The evening will start in the upper church at **6pm on Friday, December 12 and end at 8pm**. There will be music, adoration, and confessions. It will be an evening of prayer and worship to Almighty God!



CONGRATULATIONS

to all our Confirmation students!

May the Gifts of the Holy Spirit pour generously on your faith-filled lives...

God Bless All of You

Sing Praise 



Notes from Music Ministry



As you know, with the help of *Legacy Productions*, our adult choir has produced their first album, "*Christmas Joy!*" available both on CD and to download at www.tuneswoon.com! There are still CD's available for purchase!



**Winner of Boston Pops Tickets
Margaret Loura of Hudson!**

Choir Rehearsals

Portuguese Choir - Thursdays at 5:00 pm

Adult Choir - Thursdays at 6:00 pm

*Grace Notes** - 4th Thursday of the month at 5:00 pm.

*(Middle to high school age youth sharing their voices with our parishioners. No music training is required)

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Malassada Ministry!

The *Malassada Ministry* is cooking up batches of fresh, hot, sweet Malassadas on **Sunday, December 7th! Available after ALL Masses in Parish Center!**

Pieta Annual Memorial Mass



The *Pieta Bereavement Ministry* will celebrate the **Annual Memorial Mass on Monday, December 1st at 7:00pm**. Family and friends of anyone who have lost a child, regardless of age, are encouraged to attend the Mass and reception. You do not need to attend the Pieta support group. All are welcome to honor their child at this special service.

Candles will be lit for each child and a carnation will be given as a token of remembrance. A gathering reception will follow at the parish center and all are invited to attend.



Adult Faith Formation

Advent Bible Study

Understanding the Infancy Narrative of Jesus

This study focuses on the connection between the Old and New Testaments. Deepen your longing for the Messiah's *coming again* and ask God to be Emmanuel, "God with us." This is a video assisted program that features Stephen Bing as presenter.

Cost is \$15 for the study set of two booklets, study guide and a commentary on the Infancy Narratives of Jesus.

St. Michael Parish is offering this study on **Monday evenings from 6:30pm -8:00pm December 1, 8, 15 & 22**. You may join in on any date. For more information or to register, contact Carmen Giombetti at carmen@stmikes.org or 978-562-2552 x305.

Events/Meetings and Reminders

Ministry Meetings—All are welcome to join in!

Portuguese Prayer Service will be held **Friday, November 28th at 7:00pm** in the Lower Chapel.

Catholic Daughters Ministry will be meeting on **Thursday, December 4th at 12:00pm** in the Parish Center for the annual Christmas Collection luncheon.

Ladies Sodality Ministry will be hosting **Our Father's Table** on **Thursday, December 4th from 4pm-6pm** at the New Hope Community Church in Marlboro.

St. Vincent de Paul Ministry will be meeting on **Saturday, December 6th at 5:00pm** in the Lower Chapel.

Training for New Altar Servers

Children from grades 3 onward, and who have made their First Communion, are invited to join this special ministry at St. Michael Parish. **On Sunday, December 7th at 6 pm**, there will be a short meeting for the children and their parents in the church to review the role of the altar servers, schedule, etc. **On Sunday, December 14th at 6 pm**, there will be training lead by our experienced altar servers to prepare new servers. If your child is interested, or if any questions, please contact Donna Dupre at 508-353-8225 or donnadupre@aol.com or Pat Conte at pconte@stmikes.org.

Parish Nurse

November is National Alzheimer's Awareness Month

Alzheimer's is the most common form of dementia, a general term for memory loss and other intellectual abilities, serious enough to interfere with daily life. This disease accounts for 60-80% of dementia cases. It is not a normal part of aging, although the greatest known risk factor is increasing age, and the majority of people with Alzheimer's are 65 and older. Up to 5% of people with the disease have early onset, also known as younger-onset, which often appears when someone is in their 40's and 50's. This disease worsens over time. In its early stages, memory loss is mild, but with late-stage disease, individuals lose the ability to carry on a conversation and respond to their environment. There is no current cure for Alzheimer's but treatments can temporarily slow the worsening of dementia symptoms and improve quality of life for those with Alzheimer's.

If you or a loved one has been diagnosed with Alzheimer's or a related dementia, YOU ARE NOT ALONE. The Alzheimer's Association is the trusted resource for reliable information, education, referral and support to millions of people affected by the disease and for those that care for them. 24/7 HELPLINE is 1 800-272-3900 or www.alz.org.

10 Warning Signs of Alzheimer's

1. Memory loss that disrupts daily life, such as forgetting important dates or events, asking for the same information over and over and increasing need to rely on memory aids.
2. Challenges in planning or solving problems, such as following a familiar recipe or keeping track of monthly bills.
3. Difficulty completing familiar tasks at home, at work or at leisure.
4. Confusion with time or place. i.e. lose track of dates, seasons and the passage of time.
5. Trouble understanding visual images and spatial relationships. They have difficulty reading, judging distance and determining color.
6. New problems with words in speaking or writing. One may have trouble following or joining a conversation and have trouble finding the right word.
7. Misplacing things and losing the ability to retrace steps.
8. One may experience changes in judgment or decision making.
9. Withdrawal from work or social activities.
10. Changes in mood and personality. One can become confused, suspicious, depressed, fearful and anxious.



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