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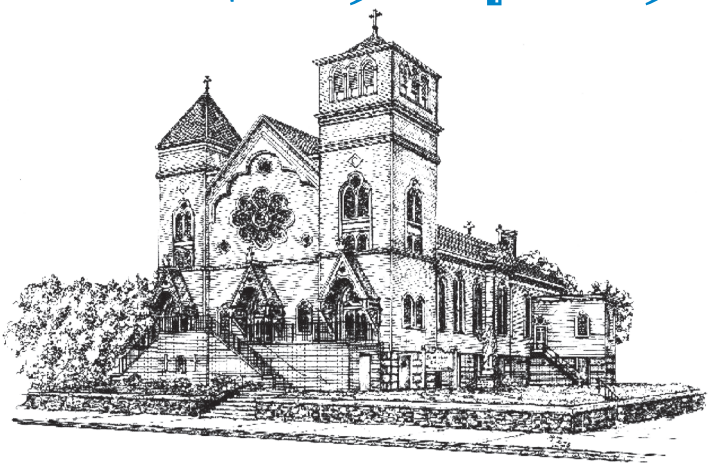

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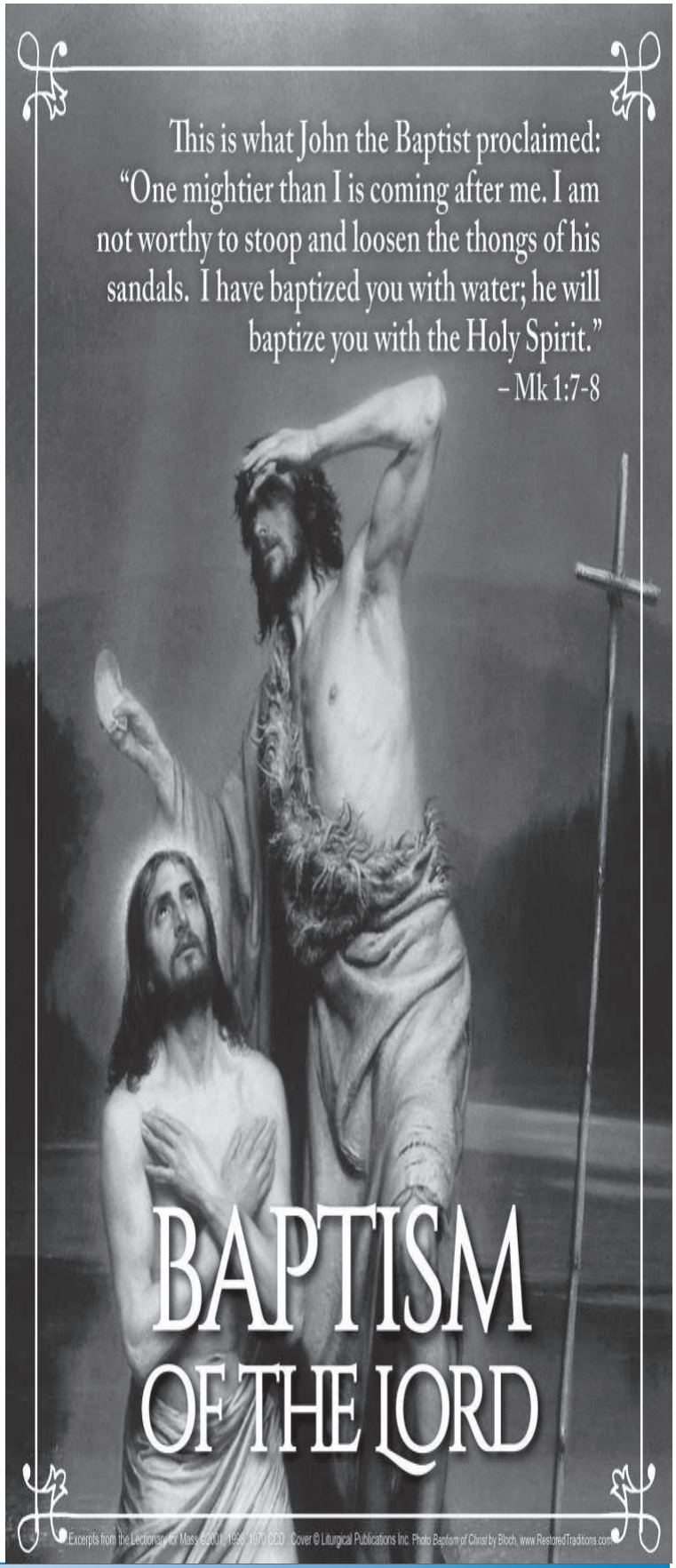


Saturday	**January 10**
9:00am	Manuel F. Santos and Deceased Relatives
4:00pm	José and Paulo Janeiro
Sunday	**January 11**
7:30am	José Moreira
9:00am	Ruth and Richard Mangini
10:30am	Victor and Maria Cabral
10:30am	Mark Fonseca
12:00pm	**Brazilian Mass**
Monday	**January 12**
9:00am	Antonio & Maria Sousa, Joaquim Agostinho, DR
Tuesday	**January 13**
7:00am	Beatriz and Manuel Moura
Wednesday	**January 14**
9:00am	Redmond Loftus
Thursday	**January 15**
7:00am	Kenneth Sullivan
Friday	**January 16**
9:00am	John J. Ginnetti
Saturday	**January 17**
9:00am	Richard Durand
4:00pm	José and Paulo Janeiro
Sunday	**January 18**
7:30am	Antonio C. Sousa and Relatives
9:00am	João A. Chaves
10:30am	Giuseppe and Assunta Cioci
10:30am	Tiago Tavares
12:00pm	**Brazilian Mass**

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.

Bread and Wine in Loving Memory of

Domingos Cardoso
and Deceased Relatives

Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of

Caren King Firth

Offertory

Collection: $ 6,598
Grand Annual $ 51,685* (goal reached)

Second Offertory

Weekend 17/18: Catholic Social Ministries
Weekend 24/25: Church in Latin America

****We thank you dearly for your kindness and generosity throughout the Grand Annual collection. Your support for St. Michael Parish is always greatly appreciated!***

Fr. Ron's Ramblings

Last Sunday afternoon we celebrate our fourth annual Carol Sing in the upper church. As usual, it was an afternoon of prayer and inspiration. This year, our choirs were joined by choir members from Holy Trinity Parish of Bolton/Harvard. The combined voices added depth and beauty to the music and made for a tremendous rendition of the Halleluiah Chorus which concluded the afternoon.

This is a wonderful tradition which provides not only beautiful and reverent worship on the Feast of the Epiphany, but adds to our sense of parish community.

Thanks go out to all those who participated, especially John Volpe our music director and Sally Guidotti who continues to provide her talented accompaniment.

The Christmas Season officially ends this weekend with the Celebration of the Feast of the Baptism of the Lord. This marks the beginning of the public ministry of Jesus in his role as Messiah. Very little is known about those early years of Jesus' life before today's feast. Presumably, he grew up as all children did at that time, uneventfully, but as the scriptures say: growing in wisdom and understanding.

We now enter into ordinary time until Lent arrives and we prepare once again for the celebration of Easter and the Resurrection.

Over New Year's, we had some trouble with the light control panel in the church. When we called the serviceman, he told us the panel was over thirty years old. Fortunately he has serviced us over the years and had some parts we needed. It is up and running now. Anyone who has occasion to turn lights on and off in the upper church, PLEASE follow the printed directions. All lights must be turned off before a new selection is made. We would like to be able to keep this costly panel for at least a few more years!

There will be **NO** Portuguese Mass upstairs on **January 25th at 10:30am!** Instead, parishioners are asked to attend **Mass** in **the lower chapel** for that day and time ONLY. Thank you for understanding!

Na tarde de domingo passado celebrá-mos o nosso quarto anual côro de Natal na igreja de cima. Como de costume foi uma tarde de oração e inspiração. Este ano membros do côro da paróquia da Santissima Trindade de Bolton/Harvard tambem se juntaram ao nosso côro. As vózes juntas deram uma profunda beleza à musica e deu um formidável som ao canto do Aleluia que concluiu a tarde.

Esta é uma maravilhosa tradição que não somente dá beleza e uma respeitosa forma de adorar a festa da epifania, mas tambem mostra o senêo de uma paróquia comunitária.

Um grande obrigado vái para todos os que participaram, especialmente para o John Volpe o nosso director musical e para a Selly Guidotti que ainda continua a nos acompanhar com o seu talento.

A época do Natal termina oficialmente este fim de semana com a celebração do batismo do Senhor Jesus. Isto marca o inicio do ministério da vida publica de Jesus com o seu papel como o Messias. Muito pouco se sabe dos primeiros anos da vida de Jesus até a esta festa do seu batismo. Imaginá-mos que Ele tenha crescido normalmente como todas as crianças do Seu tempo, mas como diz a sagrada escritura: Ele cresceu em sabedoria e em inteligência.

Agora entramos no tempo comum até que chegue a Quaresma e nos prepará-mos uma vez mais para a celebração da Páscoa e da Resurreição.

Durante a celebração do Novo Ano tivemos problemas com o painel do control das luzes na igreja de cima. Quando o técnico foi chamado ele disse que o painel ja tinha mais de trinta anos. Por sorte ele tem prestado o seu servico ao longo dos anos e tinha as partes necessárias. Por agora está concertado. Todas as pessoas que têem ocasião de apagar ou acender as luzes da igreja por favor sigam as regras que estão na folha que cobre o painel. Todas as luzes têem que ser apagadas antes de mudar a posição nos numeros do painel. Nós gostaria-mos de manter este painel que custa caro por mais alguns anos. Que tenham uma boa semana. Deus vos abençoe. Assim seja!!!

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

****NEW HOURS****
Effective January 19, 2015
Until Further Notice

Monday/Tues 9:00am - 3:00pm
Thursday/Friday 9:00am - 3:00pm

Religious Education Gr K-5

Classes are up and running! I hope that all had a restful holiday season and are now gearing up for the remainder of the year with all the activities that are happening!

Saturday, January 17th at 3:00pm-3:45pm there is a music rehearsal for the **Second Grade** in anticipation of *First Holy Communion.* This is a required meeting in the upper church followed by the 4:00pm Mass which the students are expected to attend. Please mark your calendars with the date and time so you don't forget.

There is also a parent meeting on **Sunday, January 26th and again on Thursday, January 29th** for **Second Grade** parents in regard to the *First Communion schedule*. You need to attend only ONE of these dates!

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

Religious Education Grades 6-Confirmation

The Youth Mass will be held **Saturday, January 25th at 4:00pm**! Light refreshments to follow in the Parish Center!

We are planning a fun trip to see the **Worcester Sharks Hockey game on Friday, February 20th at 7:30pm!** The game is for all students and their families! **Please contact me to order tickets and make payment before January 16th**! We will provide you with your tickets before the game. Parents need to accompany their child to the game.

Upcoming classes: Gr 6 - Mon, Jan 12th, Gr 7 - Tues, Jan 13th, Gr 8 - Weds, Jan 14th.

Andrew Genovese, andrew@stmikesorg or 978-562-7662 x310.

We would like to give a special welcome to ***Maia Nicolosi*** as our newest Altar Server. Special thanks to our trainers - Stratton Lussier, Zachary Jalbert and Alex McCullough. If your son or daughter is interested in being an Altar Server and you were unable to make the training sessions, please contact **Donna Dupre at 508-353-8225 or donnadupre@aol.com**. You may also contact **Pat Conte at pconte@stmikes.org**.

Notes from Music Ministry

Choir Rehearsals

Portuguese Choir - Thursdays at 5:00 pm
Adult Choir - Thursdays at 6:00 pm

One in Body, Heart and Mind,
Director of Music, John Anthony Volpe

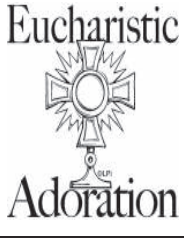
IMPORTANT NOTES

St. Michael Parish is seeking a *Structural Engineer* who is willing to counsel **pro bono**. Please call Helena at 978-562-2552 x304.

Liturgical Publications, Inc., will have a sales representative available on **Tuesday, January 20th** for those interested in placing a new ad in our bulletin. **To place your ad, contact Joe Buchonis at 978-885-6060 or jbuchonis@4lpi.com**. We would like to thank our present advertisers for renewing their ad. ***Keep in mind, our advertising sponsors make this weekly bulletin possible*!**

REMINDER!

As a result of break-ins and robberies in both the upper and lower church, the building will remain locked ALL DAY except for Masses. However, the **Parish Center Chapel is available on Mon/Tues/ Thursday/Friday 9:00am-3:00pm.** Feel free to visit!



The Lower Chapel
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from 9:30am—12:00pm

Come sit in the presence of our Lord

Adult Faith Formation

"Today Isaiah reminds us of God's gracious promise to enter into a covenant with us. In the Second Reading, John tell us that the love of the Father brings us into relationship with every one of God's beloved people. Finally, we hear of Jesus's own baptism and the tangible presence of the Father and the Spirit in that moment and in all of his life. Consider your own baptism and it's effects in your lives. Prayerfully consider serving in one of the parish's ministries." *At Home with the Word 2015.*

Events/Meetings and Reminders

Ministry Meetings—All are WELCOME to join!

Prayer Shawl Ministry will be meeting **Wednesday, January 14th at 1:30pm** in the lower chapel.

Men's Club Ministry will be meeting **Wednesday, January 14th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center.

The Portuguese Prayer Service will be held on **Friday , January 23rd** in the lower chapel.

Fatima Shrine in Holliston
Second Sunday Monthly Mini-Retreats

Mini-Retreats are now being offered on "Consecrated Life" and "Mission Today" open to all the faithful. **Sunday, January 11th from 11:00am-3:00pm.** Call to reserve your space at 508-492-2144.

Espousal Retreat Center in Waltham

Day Retreats for Women
"Living the Challenge—Saints For Everyday!"

Wednesday, January 14th from 10:00am-2:30pm. To register: Call 781-209-3120 or email spousaladmin@gmail.com.

News from the Hudson Senior Center

DayBreak Program—A Senior Respite Care Program. Structured quality time for loved ones. Offers activities , socialization, peer support, nutritious lunch, snack and respite for caregivers. Every Thursday from 11:30am-2:30pm. For details contact Virginia Figueiredo or Janice Long at 978-568-9638.

Parish Nurse, Mary Ellen Bartlett

HEALTHY GRIEVING

As we begin a new year I as a widow am once again reminded of inner feelings of loneliness and sometimes despair. The holidays are over, the visits with children and grandchildren are just a memory now. It is natural to feel lost and lonely. I recognize that no one grieves in the same way or at the same pace. So no matter where you are in your journey it can be helpful to remember and follow some of the following tips to help you through a difficult time.

1. Acknowledge how you feel, don't stuff those feelings away.
2. Acknowledge your thoughts, accepting both positive and negative.
3. Made a conscious attempt to regain your sense of humor and zest for life.
4. Figure out exactly what you want to do….THEN DO IT!!!!!!!
5. Ask for what you need. Reach out to others.
6. Believe in yourself.
7. Engage in whatever exercise and activity is possible.
8. Set small goals at first, accomplish them, then set larger goals.
9. Focus on only one worry at a time. Avoid people, places or situations that may cause you stress.

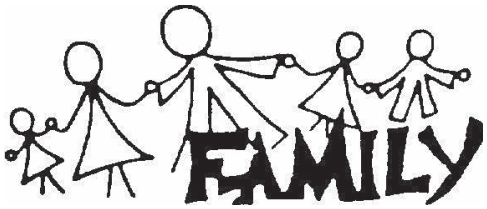
Remember that your memories belong to you. It can feel confusing or challenging at times to experience special occasions (birthdays, holidays, anniversaries) without the person. Fortunately you can still express your love in many ways.

1. Visit your loved one at the cemetery.
2. Visit a special place you both enjoyed.
3. Light a candle in their memory.
4. Take a moment to pause and remember.
5. Meditate and spend some time in God's presence.

Celebrating and observing these treasured days are a positive way to cope, and can be emotionally and spiritually fulfilling for you and others around you who are also mourning. Search for the joy in every day and remember God loves you and that He cares about you.

"Come to me, all you that are weary and are carrying heavy burdens, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you, and learn from me; for I am gentle and humble of heart, and you will find rest for your soul. For my yoke is easy, and my burden is light." Matthew 11:25-30

Sunday Throughout the Week:



Sharing the Gospel

"Keep trying! You're doing great! I'm so proud of you!" Every child should hear words like that. Every child wants to feel God's love. As Jesus grew from a boy to a man, he showed he was ready to live for God. At Jesus' baptism, God told Jesus, "You are my own dear Son, and I am pleased with you." God loves you as his child, too!

Prayer

God, I am so glad you love me.

Something to Draw

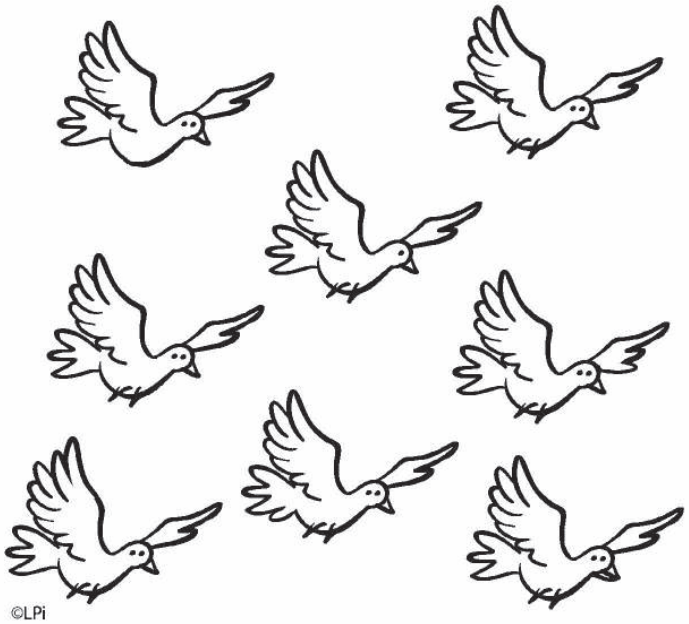
Draw a picture of yourself telling someone special "I love you".

Mission for the Week

Be careful to use kind words with your family and friends.

Puzzle

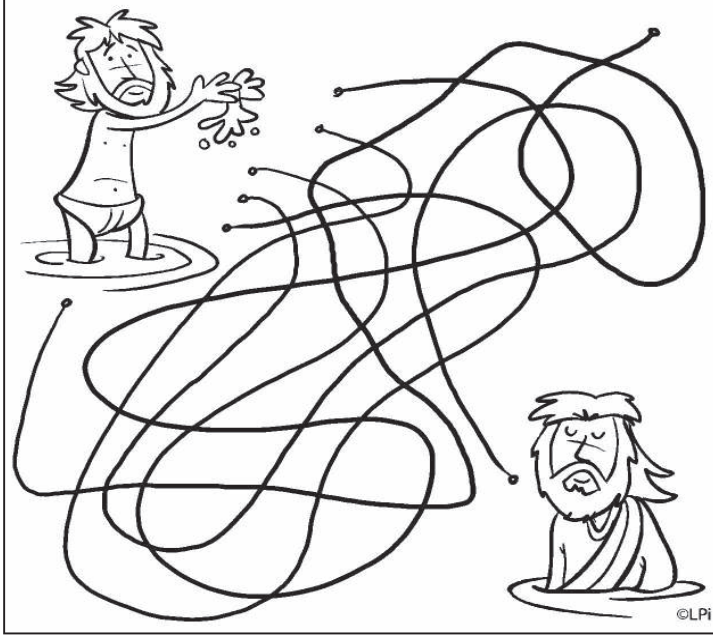
Find the 2 that match.



To ALL our extraordinary volunteers, throughout each ministry and beyond, each of you help make St. Michael Parish a little "slice of heaven" for our parishioners and community! Thank you for all you do! God Bless You!

Puzzle

Show John the path to Baptize Jesus.



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