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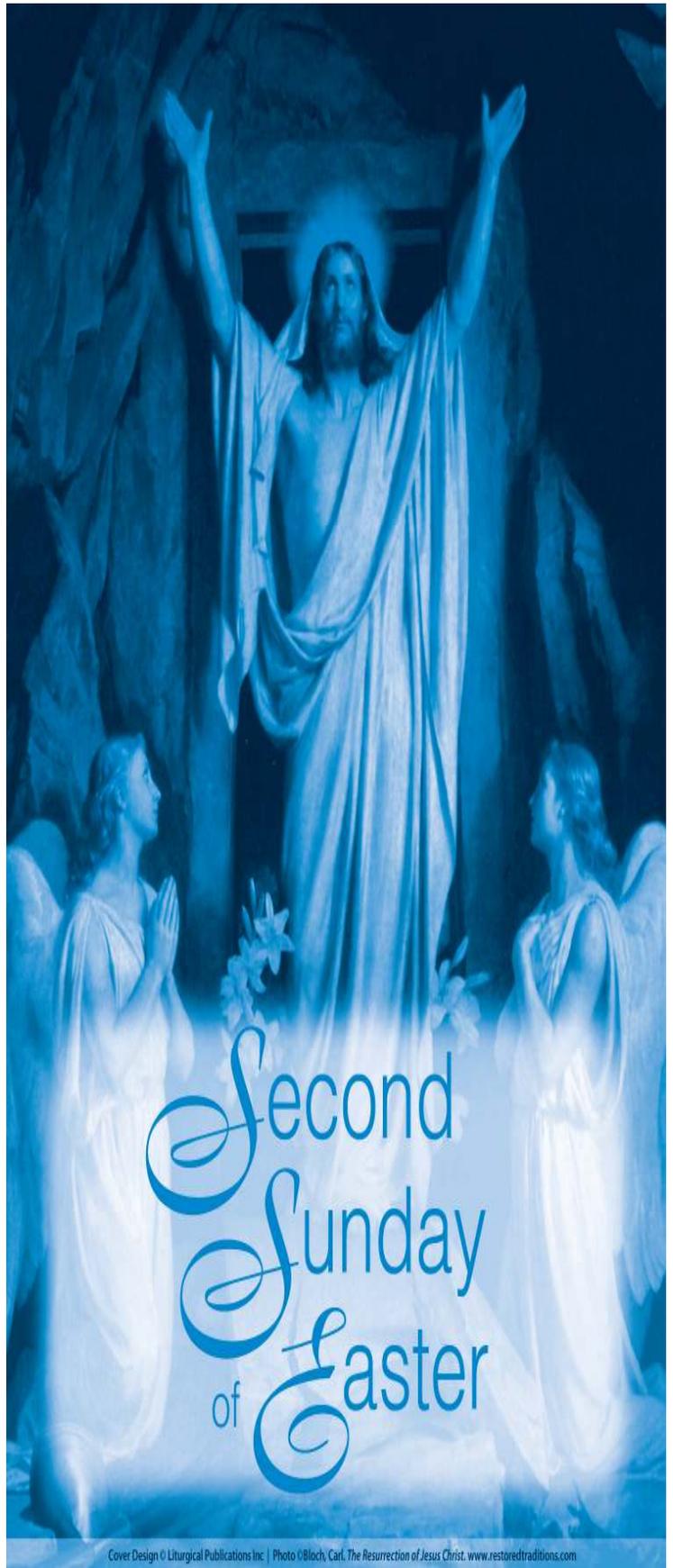
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| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>April 11</b>                         |
| 9:00am           | João Paulo Gaipo                        |
| 7:00pm           | José and Paulo Janeiro                  |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>April 12</b>                         |
| 7:30am           | Manuel da Silva Melo                    |
| 9:00am           | Virginia and José Sousa and Relatives   |
| 10:30am          | Agostinho Sousa and Helena Carvalho     |
| 10:30am          | José M. Figueiredo                      |
| <b>12:00pm</b>   | <b>Brazilian Mass</b>                   |
| <b>Monday</b>    | <b>April 13</b>                         |
| 9:00am           | Inês Almada Chaves & Deceased Relatives |
| <b>Tuesday</b>   | <b>April 14</b>                         |
| 7:00am           | Noon and Halley Family                  |
| <b>Wednesday</b> | <b>April 15</b>                         |
| 9:00am           | Maria J. Anastacio                      |
| <b>Thursday</b>  | <b>April 16</b>                         |
| 7:00am           | Pat Nordelo                             |
| <b>Friday</b>    | <b>April 17</b>                         |
| 9:00am           | João and Clara Cabral                   |
| <b>Saturday</b>  | <b>April 18</b>                         |
| 9:00am           | José R. Andrade                         |
| 4:00pm           | Christopher Eastman                     |
| <b>Sunday</b>    | <b>April 19</b>                         |
| 7:30am           | Anibal and Ermelinda Edral              |
| 9:00am           | Manuel F. Santos & Deceased Relatives   |
| 10:30am          | Beatriz and Manuel Moura                |
| 10:30am          | Joaquim Pires                           |
| <b>12:00pm</b>   | <b>Brazilian Mass</b>                   |

**Mass Schedule**  
**Daily Mass**

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

**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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**Sacrificial Offering**



**Offertory:** \$10,009 for Clergy Benefit Trust

**Special Collections**

**Weekend 25/26:** Military Archdiocese, Home Missions  
Black and Native American

**Electronic Giving**

We encourage our parishioners and benefactors to use electronic giving to extend financial support of the parish. Please visit [www.stmikes.org](http://www.stmikes.org) and select "Donations".

**THANK YOU FOR ALL YOUR SUPPORT**

Goal  
\$36,878



\$24,366  
Raised



The 2015 Catholic Appeal campaign is off to a wonderful start! With \$24,366 already pledged, we are at **66% of goal!** The early outpouring of support from so many helps us sustain the important ministries that make *St. Michael Parish* a vibrant place of worship. If you have yet to give, please pick up a pledge form at the back of the church or visit:

[www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org)

Thank you for your prayers and continued support!

*Fr. Ron's Ramblings*

As I sit to write this column on Easter Monday morning, I am feeling the weariness of Holy Week. However, any tiredness is off set by the beauty and reverence of our celebrations last week. Each year we anticipate these sacred days and each year the power of the mysteries seems to deepen. While the weather outside remained chilly (!) the warmth of a community gathered in the name of Christ still lingers in my heart. The full churches, community participation, and the countless hours so many spent in preparation and execution of the services reminds us all how God continues to make His presence known in and through all at St. Michael's. Let us continue to celebrate this wonderful time for the next fifty days.

On the more mundane (but also very important) part for community life: most of you should have received my letter this week announcing the beginning of a capital campaign for the painting and repairing of the outside of our church building. As all can see, the repairs are long overdue. We have contracted with the same company that repaired the outside of the rectory. They did a spectacular job - if anyone can remember what it looked like previously!

The estimate for repair is \$150,000 – a small percentage of the church's value. I am asking for 150 people to give a one-time donation of \$1000. That will cover the basic cost. I am also asking those who cannot afford that large amount to pledge whatever you can to cover the remainder of the repairs needed. These include stained glass that needs to be fixed, and the bell tower also needs inspection and repair.

As you will notice on the pledge cards the time line is short. The contractor plans to begin work as soon as the weather cooperates. The entire project should be completed by summer's end. This is a large amount of money to raise. I am confident however of your generosity and your love of St. Michael's.

P.S. My personal thousand dollar check has already been written!



Ao sentar-me para escrever esta coluna na Segunda-feira da Páscoa de manhã, ainda sinto o cansaço da semana Santa. No entanto todo o cansaço é consolador com a reverente beleza das celebrações da semana passada. A cada ano antecipamos estes dias sagrados e a cada ano o poder do mistério parece ser mais profundo. Enquanto que o tempo lá fóra ainda está um pouco fresco a vivacidade da comunidade reunida em nome de Jesus Cristo ainda perdura no meu coração. As igrejas cheias, a participação da comunidade e as horas incontáveis que muitos passaram em preparação e execução dos serviços nos lembra a todos como Deus continua a marcar a sua presença em todos e através de todos na paróquia de S.Miguel. Vamos continuar a celebrar este maravilhoso tempo nos próximos 50 dias.

Numa mais mundano (mas também importante) parte da vida da comunidade: Quase todos vós recebestes a minha carta esta semana passada referente ao anuncio do principio da campanha capitol para a pintura e reparos do lado de fora do edificio da igreja. Como todos podem ver os reparos já deveriam ter começado! Nós contrata-mos a mesma companhia que pintou o lado de fora da rectoria. Eles fizeram um excelente trabalho, se todos se podem lembrar como estava antes da pintura!

O cálculo do custo para os reparos é de 150,000 dólares-uma pequena percentagem do valor da igreja. Eu estou pedindo a 150 famílias para doar 1000.00 dolares. Esta quantia cobrirá os custos básicos. Também estou pedindo aos que não podem doar esta grande quantidade para oferecerem o que poderem para outros reparos necessários. Este Inverno a água entrou na igreja, algumas das vidraças artisticas precisam ser reparadas e a torre do sino precisa ser inspecionada e reparada.

Como veram nos cartões verdes a data para a doação é curta. A companhia contratada está planeando principiar o trabalho logo que o tempo melhore e coopere. Todo o projecto será terminado no fim do Verão. Esta é uma larga quantia de dinheiro para angariar, mas tenho confianca na vossa generosidade e do amor que tendes pela nossa paroquia de S. Miguel.

P.S. O meu cheque pessoal de 1000.00 dólares já está escrito e pronto a seguir! Que Deus vos abençoe. Assim seja!!!



**\*\*PARISH HOURS\*\***

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

**Religious Education Gr K-5**



While classes have finished for the year, there are still many activities to be attended!

This weekend, the Kindergarten group will be graduating during the 9:00am Mass. We are all very excited!

**Sunday, April 12th**, there is a First Communion rehearsal for the **May 2nd group at 4:30pm**. Please gather in the lower church! If you have NOT passed in your banner, it MUST be in at this time!

**Wednesday, April 15th** there is a First Communion Rehearsal for the **May 9th group at 4:30pm**. Please gather in the lower church. If you have NOT passed in your banner, it MUST be in at this time.

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

**Religious Education Grades 6-Confirmation**

Youths from grades 6 and up...



**Ice Cream Social**  
**Wednesday, April 15th at 6pm**

...in the Parish Center. Bring your board or video games.

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

**Events/Meetings and Reminders**

**Ministry Meetings—All are WELCOME to join!**

*Portuguese Prayer Service* will be held **Friday, April 17th and 24th at 7:00pm** in the lower chapel.

*Ladies Sodality* will be meeting on **Monday, April 20th at 12:00pm** in the Parish Center.

**Fatima Shrine, Holliston**

On **Sunday, April 26th at 4:00pm** in the Xavier Hall there will be an Interfaith Panel Discussion. All are welcome!



**Notes from Music Ministry**

**Choir Rehearsals**

*Portuguese Choir* - Thursdays at 5:00 pm

*Adult Choir* - Thursdays at 6:00 pm

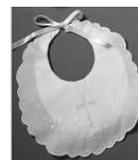
**One in Body, Heart and Mind,**  
**Director of Music, John Anthony Volpe**

**IMPORTANT NOTES**

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/Thurs/Fri 9:00am-3:00pm**. Feel free to visit!

**Infant Baptismal Bib Ministry**

Our tiniest members of our Christian community need your sewing talents! If you are handy with a sewing needle, thread or a sewing machine, we need YOU! Please contact Carmen Giombetti for supplies and easy instructions!



**Men's Club Ministry**

It's time to "stuff the truck"! On **April 11th and 12th**, the Men's Club will be collecting donations of food, toiletries, baby food, and paper goods for the Hudson Food Pantry! The service helps many Hudson residents find sustenance day to day. Please consider donating. Thank you!

**Mass of Healing**

On **Saturday, April 18th at 11:00am** we will be celebrating a **Mass of Healing** and the **Sacrament of the Sick**. All parishioners are welcome and encouraged to attend, in particular, the sick and those who care for them. This Healing Mass encompasses any physical, mental or spiritual illness, exhaustion, the elderly, and the homebound. If you have a family member in need of a ride or assistance to come to this sacramental gathering, please call or email Mary Ellen at the Parish Center or mbartlett@stmikes.org.





**Adult Faith Formation**

“John’s Gospel account shows us contrasting paths to faith. First, Jesus appears to the fearful locked-up group of disciples, offers peace, and shows his hands and side. These disciples testify: “We have seen the Lord” (not just a resuscitated Jesus) and by calling him “Lord” indicate their faith. In contrast, Thomas is portrayed as the disciple who “was not with them when Jesus came” and therefore did not believe the others’ testimony. He remarks that he will not believe unless he first sees. Jesus reappears when Thomas is present and challenges him to believe through sight. Jesus then encourages all Christians to have faith based on insight, the work of the Spirit, rather than “proof.” As a result of the disciples’ faith, they are sent, receive the Holy Spirit, and are able to forgive sins. We also hear the results of faith in the selection from Acts: believers are of one heart and mind, hold everything in common, and witness to the Resurrection by their lives.” At Home with the Word 2015.

***Children of God to be Remembered in April***



- William “Bill” Hoffman*  
*Flavio Batista*  
*Diane Kendall*  
*Stephen M. Martin*  
*Casey Scheid*  
*McKenzie Hohil*  
*Donald Desrocher and his baby sister*  
*Mary Helen Wolkovich*  
*Baby Megan Elizabeth Lento*

**Celebrating the Stations of the Resurrection!**

Monday evenings, **7:00pm** in the upper church. Beginning **April 13th**. Come, worship and praise our Risen Savior with prayer and meditation.

**Why practice the Stations of the Light?**

“Some of the blessings and spiritual gifts that come include: a joyful spirituality; contemplative living; peace and happiness; love; friendship; family bonds; compassion; reverence for the Sacred; prayer; staying power; and joyful optimism. Through these and other blessings, participants awaken to a new vision of self and imagine a new way of being in the world.”  
 Diocese of NH

**Parish Nurse, Mary Ellen Bartlett**

**END OF LIFE DECISION MAKING**

We plan everything: our schedules, our careers, our weddings and vacations and our retirements. Many of us plan for the disposition of our estates after we die. The one area most of us avoid planning is the end of our life. Yet, if we don’t plan, if we don’t at least think about it and share our ideas with those we love, others will take over at the very time when we are most vulnerable, most in need of understanding and comfort, and most longing for dignity.

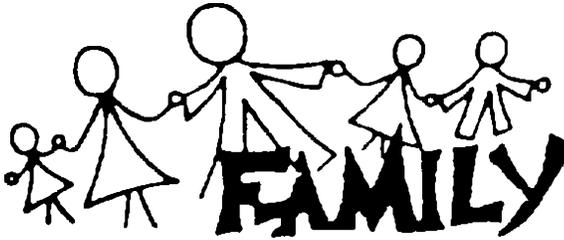
First ask yourself how you feel about certain things in regards to pain, loss of dignity, being alone, leaving behind financial issues, unfinished projects and the like. Once you have answered these questions to yourself start talking openly to family and friends about your values and beliefs, your hopes and fears about the end stage of your life. There will probably be some family members who will not want to have this discussion then the best thing to do is talk to a trusted family member. It is your right to control how you want things handled at the end of your life.

Our Catholic faith offers both a long tradition of reflection and Church teaching to help guide us through these issues. It is important not to let the struggle over such questions overshadow the grace-filled moments in the dying process: attending to spiritual needs, healing broken relationships and saying good-bye. Difficult decisions about the use of medical technology at the end of life may be made easier if we take the time to express our wishes before illness strikes, before one enters a hospital or nursing home or becomes seriously ill. This way you can consider all your options carefully and competently, through the lens of your faith. You can take time to reflect on your beliefs and have conversations about those beliefs with your family members, loved ones, priest and health care providers.

I hope this column will be of assistance to you as you consider your own advance care planning or are responsible for making medical decisions for a loved one. As always if you have any questions please feel free to call or email me at the Parish Center or at [mbartlett@stmikes.org](mailto:mbartlett@stmikes.org) .



# Sunday Throughout the Week:



## Sharing the Gospel

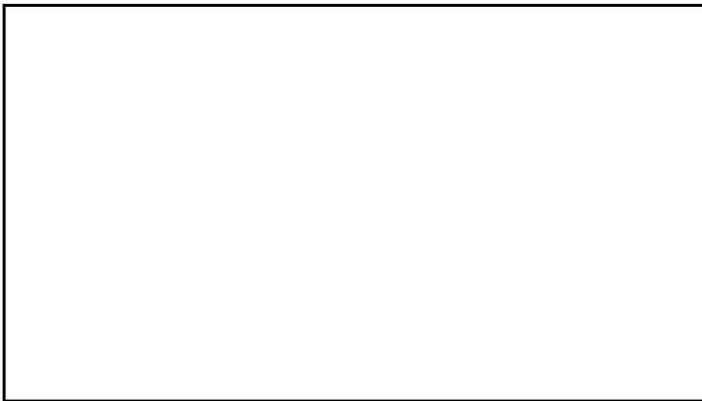
After Jesus died, his disciples were afraid the Jewish leaders would kill them, too. They hid together in one room. They locked the doors and windows. Then Jesus appeared in front of them. They were not afraid any more. When you are afraid, Jesus will help you too. Tell him why you are afraid. Believe in Jesus. He will give you everything you need. He wants you to live with him forever in heaven.

## Prayer

Jesus, I believe in you. Lead me to your heavenly home.

## Something to Draw

Draw your family standing in a circle. Draw Jesus in the middle.



## Mission for the Week

I will ask Jesus to help me and my family when we are afraid.

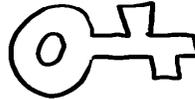
## Puzzle

Find the matching shadow.



A

1



B

2



C

3



D

4



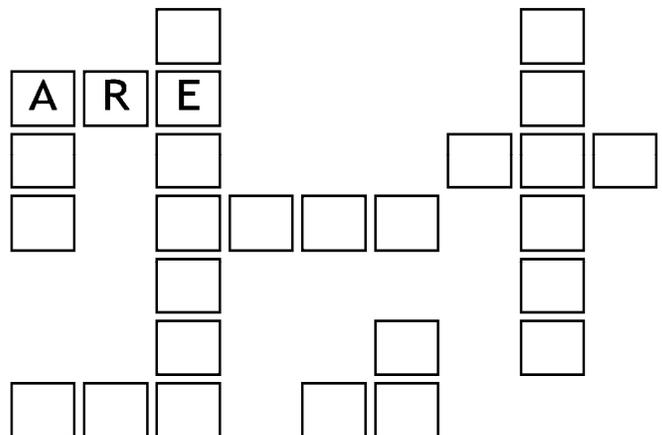
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## Empty Squares

Fit this Gospel message into the empty squares:

Thomas replied, "You are my Lord and my God!"



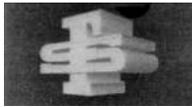
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