

ST. MICHAEL'S PARISH

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday:
English: 7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
Portuguese: 10:30am
Brazilian: 12:00pm



Week Day Mass Schedule

9:00am - Monday Wednesday,
Friday and Saturday
7:00am - Tuesday and Thursday

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Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to the community of St. Michael. Please introduce yourself to the priest, call or visit the Parish Center or visit us online at www.stmikes.org to fill out a registration form. As a parish committed to the vision of stewardship, we encourage your involvement by sharing with us your God given gifts of time, talent and treasure. For detailed information about our ministries, parish activities and contact persons, refer to our parish website.

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 and ask for Pat Conte ext. 306.

First Eucharist and Confirmation

A two year preparation process is **REQUIRED** for each sacrament. Please contact the Faith Formation office for information.

Marriage

Arrangements **MUST** 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 Pat Conte our wedding coordinator.

Ministry of the Sick

Please notify us if there is a sick or aged family member or friend who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion at home.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 PM in the lower church.

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.

St. Michael's Cemetery

Cemetery lots are available. For information contact Helena at the Parish Office.

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Saturday
4:00pm

August 4, 2018
Don Cassalia

Sunday
7:30am
9:00am
10:30 am
10:30am
12:00pm

August 5, 2018
St. Michael Parishioners
João A. Chaves
Manuel & Beatriz Moura
Helder Bairos
Brazilian Mass

Monday
9:00am

August 6, 2018
Maureen V. Gorman

Tuesday
7:00am

August 7, 2018
Manuel da Silva Melo

Wednesday
9:00am

August 8, 2018

Thursday
7:00am

August 9, 2018
João Paulo Gaipo

Friday
9:00am

August 10, 2018

Saturday
9:00am
4:00pm

August 11, 2018
Jane Cunningham
Francis Bonner

Sunday
7:30am
9:00am
10:30am
10:30am
12:00pm

August 12, 2018
Mr. & Mrs. Sarafin Santos
Jose Frade
Richard "Hap" Lafebre
Manuel F. Santos & Deceased
Relatives
Brazilian Mass

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



****PARISH CENTER HOURS****

Monday/Tuesday—9:00am-3:00pm
Thursday/Friday— 9:00am- 3:00pm



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From the Business Office

Operating Totals From July 1st to

<u>Income</u>	<u>Expenses</u>	<u>Net Income</u>
\$39,796.59	\$41,142.94	(\$1,346.35)



Seeing the Holiness in His Humanity . . .

Tomorrow is the feast of the Transfiguration, when the Church remembers the event of when Jesus brought Peter, James, and John up a high mountain to reveal to them His true glory as the Son of God, which had usually remained shrouded behind His humanity. This was a pivotal experience for these privileged disciples, one that obviously left a profound effect on them. That Jesus chose to give them a “sneak peek” at His divinity before the Resurrection is hugely significant for the Christian faith; it demonstrates for us that He is God in His very self. It’s not that He became the Son of God after rising from the tomb; rather, He is God, from all eternity. It is likely John’s experience of the Transfiguration that led him to write in the opening of his Gospel, “In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God and the Word was God.” It’s so important, that it’s one of the few events of Christ’s Life that the Church deems powerful enough to dedicate an annual feast to commemorate.

Today, our religion can be mundane and stale. It’s part of our weekly cycle: we go to Church on Sunday, and that sets a rhythm for the rest of the week—or maybe doesn’t exactly *set* the rhythm, but simply fits in as one part of that rhythm. Much like Jesus the teacher became a commonplace figure for the disciples—a good and holy teacher and a miracle-worker besides—so too can our relationship with Him become a matter of routine.

August 6th reminds us that we all need a “Transfiguration experience” in our lives. We all need to find a new way of approaching prayer that will startle us out of our complacency and spark us to look for God anew in our lives. Perhaps reading the Sunday readings in the Missal before Mass and reflecting on how they speak to you in what you’ve been dealing with in your life lately. Or maybe just sitting in a quiet place where you can clear your mind and have a simple, honest talk with God, telling Him plainly what you’re struggling with, what you need, or where you’re looking for Him.

If we believe that our God is the living God, then we need to open ourselves up to the possibility of Him revealing Himself to us in a living and dynamic way. It’s not an experience we can force or demand, but it is one we can invite and wait patiently for, and even have our own transformative experience as a result.

~ Fr. Ren

Vendo a Santidade na Sua Humanidade. . .

Amanhã se celebra a festa da Transfiguração do Senhor, quando a igreja relembra o evento de quando Jesus subiu à montanha com Pedro, Tiago e João para Se revelar a eles na Sua verdadeira glória de Filho de Deus, que se manteve incoberta atrás da sua humanidade. Esta foi a essencial experiência para estes discípulos privilegiados, o que deixou um profundo efeito neles. O facto de que Jesus escolheu dar a eles uma amostra da Sua Divinidade antes da Ressureição tem um enorme significado para a fé Cristã; demonstra-nos que Ele é Deus na Sua própria natureza. Não é que Ele veio a ser o Filho de Deus após ter ressuscitado do tumbó; não obstante, Jesus sempre foi Deus desde toda a eternidade. E assim foi a experiência de João na transfiguração que o levou a escrever no principio do seu evangelho, “no principio existia a Verbo e o Verbo estava com Deus.” É muito importante que seja um dos eventos da vida de Jesus em que a igreja se considera com bastante poder de dedicar uma festa annual em comemoração da Transfiguração

Hoje em dia , a nossa religião pode ser um pouco desinteressada e dura. Faz parte do ciclo das nossa semana: vamos á igreja ao Domingo e isto basta para o nosso ritmo para o resto da semana – ou talvez não exatamente complete o ritmo, mas simplesmente nos serve como parte do ritmo. Como Jesus o Mestre se tornou numa figura comon para os apóstolos - um Mestre bom e santo e incluindo um produtor de milagres – assim tambem a nossa relação com Ele se pode tornar numa simples rotina.

O dia 6 de Agosto nos relembra que todos nós necessitamos de “uma experiência da Transfiguração” nas nossas vidas. Todos nós precisamos encontrar uma forma de aproximarmo-nos da oração que disperte o nosso interesse e nos acenda a nessecidade de procurar Deus na nossa vida. Talvez ler as leituras de Domingo no missalete antes da missa e reflectir em como elas nos falam em como tem sido a nossa vida ultimamente. Ou talvez somente sentar num lugar sucegado onde podeis esclarecer a mente e ter um simples e honesto diálogo com Deus, falando-Lhe abertamente dos seus problemas e das suas nessecidades, ou onde O procurais.

Se acreditamos que o nosso Deus é um Deus vivo, então precisamos nos abrir nós mesmos à possibilidade de Ele Se revelar a Si mesmo em nós num vivo e dinâmico sentido. Não é uma experiência forçada ou exigida, mas é uma forma de O convidar e esperar pacientemente e até termos a nossa própria experiência de transformação como resultado.

O padre Ren



Early registration has ended.
 Register at stmikes.org
 The winner of the movie basket is
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 K-10

REGISTER NOW!

Ministry Meetings—All are welcome

Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament every **Monday after the 9:00am Mass until noon time**, in the lower church.

St. Michael Parish hosts our Father’s Table at New Hope Community Church in Marlboro on **Thursday, August 9th from 4:00—6:00 pm.**

Summer Message from Your Parish Nurse

Please remember, on these hot and humid weekends, if you are elderly, sick, have breathing issues or the like please stay home! God will understand if you do not come to Mass. You can watch it on the live feed rather than compromising yourself in a hot enclosed church. For those that can come to Mass, remember to keep yourselves hydrated with non-caffeinated fluids before coming to church. Also wear loose fitting clothing and light colors to prevent getting overheated in close quarters. Have a safe and blessed summer!

CHILDREN OF GOD TO BE REMEMBERED IN AUGUST

David Chartrand, David Gilchrist
 Peter S. Hardin, Baby Lionel Joseph Levell
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September 15, 2018
8:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m.
Lowell Memorial Auditorium

Save The Date!!!!

Annual St. Michael Parish Picnicfest!!
 This year the picnicfest is at the Portuguese Club.



Sunday August 26, 2018

For Our Homebound Parishioners

We’ve missed having you at Mass with us! If you miss worshipping with our community, too, then we have good news. St. Michael’s is now livestreaming our Masses! Livestreaming is available for our 4:00pm, 7:30am, 9:00am English Masses and 10:30am Portuguese Mass. Just go to our website at www.stmikes.org, click on the link “Live Feed,” and you can join us for Mass from



EIGHTEENTH SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME



The people of Israel show in the First Reading how difficult it was for them to allow God to lead them on their journey from slavery to the Promised Land. They complain and long for the old days “as we sat by our fleshpots and ate our fill of bread” in Egypt. How easily they forgot what the Lord had done for them! Despite their ingratitude, God never abandoned them. Instead, gave them manna, “bread from heaven,” as the Responsorial Psalm says.

The Gospel continues John’s narrative, setting the stage for a discourse in which Jesus explains the symbolism and significance of the miracle of the feeding of the five thousand. He challenges his hearers about their motivations. They followed him because they focused on the material gift he had given them—namely, bread to eat. Instead, Jesus focuses on the deeper spiritual meaning they should seek, “the food that endures for eternal life, which the Son of Man will give you.” When they point to the gift of manna their ancestors ate in the desert, Jesus reminds them that it was not Moses who gave them manna, but the Father who “gives you the true bread from heaven.” When Jesus says “I am the bread of life,” he shows how the manna in the desert foreshadowed his own coming. “I am” is a way Jesus identifies himself with God, claiming his divinity. He speaks in the manner of God in the Old Testament where “I am” is God’s name (Exodus 3:14). As “the bread of life,” Jesus is the one who gives bread that is eternal life. Real hunger can only be satisfied through personal relationship with Jesus.

- ◆ What does the image of “the fleshpots of Egypt” convey to you?
- ◆ Reflect on how the Old Testament miracle of the manna in the desert foreshadows the feeding of five thousand. How would you explain that to someone outside the faith?
- ◆ How do you see the Sacrament of the Eucharist nourishing you on your journey of Life? And how does it offer you a foretaste of the eternal life that is to come?

From At Home with the Word

FAMILY CAREGIVING.....

Caring for a loved one is often a job that we NEVER asked for, but do because we must. Whether that loved one is chronically ill, disabled, or dying this “job” can be profoundly isolating, and it will sometimes wear you down, physically and emotionally.

If you are a family caregiver, you may find yourself drained of all energy, burdened by constant routine tasks, and secretly wishing some days you could just run away. It is so very important if you find yourself on this difficult caregiving journey to acknowledge what you are experiencing.

First off, allow yourself to grieve. Coming to terms with your loved one’s condition often means facing a very slow and painful loss, which can be profoundly traumatic. Guilt, anger, sadness are common reactions to your difficult circumstances. In addition to these overwhelming anxiety, recurring upsetting thoughts or memories, feelings of detachment and isolation maybe present also. As extreme as these reactions, may seem, they are all NORMAL responses to your present set of circumstances. What you need to realize is support is available to you.

First of all find someone you can talk with. Seek opportunities to gather around others who can understand and appreciate what you are doing, and who understand your feelings. Sharing with someone else not only can help you to manage your stress, but also helps you to discover resources in your community such as support groups or volunteers to give you a break. These things alone can help lessen your sense of isolation.

Second, take a daily “vacation”. Physical exercise, eating healthy and getting adequate rest are important for you to do EVERY DAY. Family, friends, a community organization may be able to offer you the respite you need from your constant caregiving. DON’T BE AFRAID TO ASK FOR A BREAK....YOU DESERVE IT.

Third laugh and cry!!!!!! Laughter and tears offer rich opportunities for healing and provide hope and connection during difficult times. Turning to family rituals for solace can be helpful as well, not just for you but for your loved one who is ill. Prayer and meditation generate inner peace for all concerned.

Caregiving is demanding work that requires not only energy and attention but above all compassion. Juggling the needs of your loved one while managing your own complicated life is no easy task and rarely can be done on your own. Please take time for YOU.....as a caregiver myself I realized a long time ago that I was no good to anyone unless I took time for myself first. May you find peace in the sacred process of growth and discovery that comes with the job of living a compassionate life. God Bless you and your loved one.

Mary Ellen
mbartlett@stmikes.org or call and leave me a message at the Parish Center if you want or need to talk.

Sunday Throughout The Week

 Read the Gospel and Color

Sharing the Gospel

Just one day earlier, Jesus multiplied five loaves of bread and two fish to feed over five thousand people. In today's Gospel, some of those people came looking for Jesus, hoping to get another free lunch. They didn't understand that Jesus wants all people to believe in him. Through faith in Jesus, you can live forever. In heaven you will never be hungry or thirsty again.

Prayer

God, fill me up with love for Jesus.

Something to Draw

Draw Jesus holding your hand in heaven, next to a pretty river.



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Puzzle

Which picture name **begins** with this letter? Circle the picture that starts with that sound.

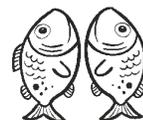
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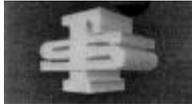


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Mission for the Week

If you believe in Jesus, you can look forward to heaven one day. Read Revelation 21:3-7 with your family. Heaven will be wonderful!



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