

ST. MICHAEL 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

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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 complete 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	October 19, 2019 Tom Gird
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 10:30am 12:00pm	October 20, 2019 Manual da Silva Melo Raymond & Alice Noon St Michael Parishioners Jose Maria Chaves Brazilian Mass
Monday 9:00am	October 21, 2019 George & Dot Pimental
Wednesday 9:00am	October 23, 2019 Jason & Genevieve Viegas
Friday 9:00am	October 25, 2019 Jose, Paulo & Pedro Janeiro
Saturday 4:00pm	October 26, 2019 Josie McIsaac & Deceased Relatives
Sunday 7:30am 9:00am 10:30am 10:30am 12:00pm	October 27 2019 Adelaide & Acacio Matias Helen & Peter Karpowicz Ralph Barry St. Michael Parishioners 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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Income Received

October 13, 2019

\$11,025.30

Second Collection

10/19 & 10/20 World Mission Sunday

Parish Council is Available for Comments

If you have any questions comments, feedback, or suggestions please feel free to contact Father Ren at frren@stmikes.org. or reach out to our Parish Council members at parishcouncil@stmikes.org. Please indicate in the Subject heading which Council Member you would be most comfortable addressing, or which Mass you attend.

Barbara Maglione
Marty Richardson
Greg Michaud

Brian Aucoin
Noemia Braga
Vera Teixeira

Readings for the week of October 20, 2019

Sunday: Ex 17:8-13/Ps 121:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7-8 [cf. 2]/2 Tm 3:14—4:2/Lk 18:1-8
Monday: Rom 4:20-25/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [cf. 68]/Lk 12:13-21
Tuesday: Rom 5:12, 15b, 17-19, 20b-21/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Lk 12:35-38
Wednesday: Rom 6:12-18/Ps 124:1b-3, 4-6, 7-8 [8a]/Lk 12:39-48
Thursday: Rom 6:19-23/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5]/Lk 12:49-53
Friday: Rom 7:18-25a/Ps 119:66, 68, 76, 77, 93, 94 [68b]/Lk 12:54-59
Saturday: Rom 8:1-11/Ps 24:1b-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [cf. 6]/Lk 13:1-9

This Father's Thoughts on the "Our Father" (Part V)

At first glance there's something odd about the shift that takes place at this point in the Lord's Prayer. We just got finished asking that God's will be done, and immediately it sounds as though we're launching into making demands on Him. *Give us some bread!* If we're listening carefully to what we're saying, it can hit our ears as contradictory.

But the petition is phrased as it is—and not in a more passive voice, like “Please, would You give us the bread we need today?”—for good reason. It's a request we make with confidence. We trust that God does provide us with what we need; we make this supplication for our daily bread simultaneously with the humility of knowing that we are dependent on God for our sustenance and the conviction that He indeed will give us what we need. It's both an admission that we are contingent beings—that is to say, that our existence is reliant exclusively on God's good grace; and a familiar address to the paternal God Whose love for us we know with certainty.

It's at this point that the focus of the prayer moves from attentiveness to God for Himself to concern for ourselves, from lifting our gaze up to Him to drawing His favor down to us. And how fitting that as we turn our attention back to ourselves it's with the recognition that we are dependent on Him for the things that keep us alive—or to put it more succinctly: we freely acknowledge that we rely on God for our very lives. Our daily bread is shorthand for the food that keeps our body alive, and by extension all the things of this earth that we need to stay alive and healthy. But the petition also looks ahead to the Bread of Life that God gives us in the Eucharist: the food that nourishes our soul and fills us with the grace we need to respond promptly to the demands of God's will—that will which we have just asked to be done in our lives.

And it reminds us that we are continuously dependent on God to furnish us with these good things: our daily bread, asked for on a daily basis is nothing less than the recognition that every moment is a gift from God. Taken on the spiritual level, when we ask for what we need today, it should remind us that those needs aren't necessarily the same as our needs were yesterday, nor what they might be tomorrow. We are works in progress, always growing, and we ask that God provide us with the grace we need to accomplish the progress we need to make today.

Finally, this petition should call to mind how many people in our world are deprived of their daily bread, how many people don't have enough to meet their needs. If we truly make this supplication with the proper blend of humility and confidence, if we make it as a genuine appeal for God to continue to bless us with His sustaining power, then it should give us the proper perspective on the things of this world. It should recall to our minds that we are stewards of the goods that God has blessed us with, that ultimately they come from God, given freely to us according to His good pleasure, and should be used in a way consistent with His will. If we believe that God is the provider, then we should have the trust and humility to share what we have with others, so that all may receive their daily bread. “Freely you have received,” Jesus tells His disciples, “freely you are to give.” God's generosity is the basis of our commitment to justice, and our commitment to justice is the fertile field that is well tilled to receive from His generosity.

~ Fr. Ren

CHOIR BULLETIN ANNOUNCEMENT

Do you like to sing? New members are invited to join the choir. Rehearsals are **Wednesday evening at 6:15 pm in the church.** The choir sings at the 4:00 pm Saturday Mass. You don't have to know how to read music to be part of the choir. Come to rehearsal, meet the members, join in song, or stop by after Mass to meet Donna, our cantors and choir members to find out more about our parish music ministry.

CHILDREN OF GOD TO BE REMEMBERED IN OCTOBER

Catherine Gillis
Baby Michael B. Levell
Edward P Levell
Nelson Joseph Russell
Jody Serewicz
Jaqueline Jaissle
Joao Paulo Gaipo
Paulo Janeiro
Lee Anne Laurence

**Os Pensamentos Deste pai Sobre o
“Pai Nosso” (Part V)**

À primeira vista há algo de estranho a respeito da deslocação que acontece neste ponto na oração do Senhor. Apenas acabamos de pedir que a vontade de Deus seja feita, e imediatamente soa se como estivessemos exigindo algo a Ele. Dai-nos algum pão! Se prestarmos atenção ao que estamos dizendo, pode parecer aos nossos ouvidos como algo contraditório.

Mas a petição é apresentada – e não numa voz mais passiva, como “por favor, nos podias dar o pão que necessitamos hoje?” - por uma boa razão. É um pedido que fazemos com confiança. Temos a certeza que Deus nos providenciará com o que necessitamos; fazemos esta suplica pelo pão nosso de cada dia, simultaneamente com a humildade de sabermos de que dependemos de Deus para o nosso sustento e com a convicção de que Ele certamente nos dará o que necessitamos. É com duas possibilidades: com a admissão de que somos seres humanos contingentes – que quer dizer, que a nossa existência é exclusivamente dependente na boa graça de Deus, e na familiar direção do Deus paternal de que o Seu amor por nós é seguro.

É a este ponto de concentração que a oração muda a atenção para Deus para nos preocuparmos com nós mesmos, a elevarmos o nosso olhar a Ele para atrairmos a Sua atenção a nós. E como nos serve que quando voltamos a atenção pra nós mesmos com o reconhecimento de dependermos de Deus nas coisas que nos mantem vivos – ou tornar mais simples: livremente reconhecemos de que dependemos de Deus para as nossas próprias vidas. O nosso pão de cada dia é o alimento que nos mantem vivos, e por extensão de todas as coisas deste mundo de que necessitamos para manter o nosso corpo com vida e saudável. Mas a petição também olha em frente ao Pão da Vida que Deus nos dá na Eucaristia: o alimento que dá sustento à nossa alma e nos enche da graça que necessitamos para respondermos apropriadamente à vontade de Deus – que será realizado em nossas vidas assim como pedimos.

E nos relembra que continuamente dependemos de Deus para nos completar com estas coisas boas: o pão nosso de cada dia, pedido para o nosso dia a dia, não é nada menos do que reconhecer que todos os momentos são presentes de Deus. Recebido num nível espiritual, quando pedimos pelo que necessitamos hoje, nos devia lembrar que estas necessidades não serão necessariamente as mesmas de ontem, ou serão as de amanhã. Somos um trabalho em progresso, sempre a crescer, e pedimos que Deus nos providencie com a graça que necessitamos para completar o progresso do que necessitamos fazer hoje.

Finalmente, esta petição nos deveria chamar a atenção de quanto tanta gente no nosso mundo se mantêm privados do seu pão de cada dia, o quanto tanta gente não têm o suficiente para o seu sustento. Se verdadeiramente fazemos esta petição com humildade e confiança, se a fazemos pedindo a Deus que continue nos abençoando com o poder do Seu sustento, então nos deveria dar a perspectiva das coisas deste mundo. Nos deveria chamar a atenção de que estamos em commando das coisas boas que Deus nos oferece, e de que elas vêm de Deus, oferecidas de livre vontade em acordo com o Seu prazer, e deve ser usado de forma consistente com a Sua vontade. Se cremos que Deus é o providenciador, então deveríamos ter a confiança e a humildade de compartilhar o que temos com os outros, para tornar possível que todos recebam o pão nosso de cada dia, “Livremente todos vós receberam,” Jesus diz aos Seus discipulos, “livremente deveis oferecer.” A generosidade de Deus é a base da nossa responsabilidade com a justiça, e a nossa responsabilidade com a justiça é o campo produtivo que é bem lavrado para receber da generosidade de Deus.

~ O padre Ren

Sodality

Sodality will meet on Monday, October 21 at noon in the parish center. At this meeting our speaker will be Christina Burbeck of Immaculate Conception Parish in Marlborough. Christian is on the leadership team of the Bible study at that parish. Everyone is invited to attend.

Women's Group

Please consider joining, no matter what adult stage of life you are in, for a monthly gathering of women on Monday, October 28th at 6:30pm in the Parish Center. We welcome women to help build this sense of community as we share in our rich Catholic faith and traditions. For any questions or more information please email Cindy Janeiro-Ehlke at Cidyjehlke@gmail.com or Joyce Rossignol at Jm.rossi@comcast.net

Ministry Meetings—All are welcome!

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

Ladies Sodality will meet **Monday, October 21st at 12:00pm** in the Parish Center. (Please see Bulletin Notice).

St. Vincent de Paul will meet **Saturday, November 2nd after the 4:00pm Mass**.

Portuguese Cursillo Prayer Service will be held **Wednesday, October 30th at 7:00pm** in the Parish Center.

ADVENT WREATHS ANYONE?

We are offering Advent Wreaths and candles again this year. Advent begins on December 1st this year. We have placed signup sheets in the back of the church. Please fill out the info on the bottom of the sheet. There is a description of the wreath and the cost listed. Please order by November 3rd so that we can order and have your items on time for Advent. Call Pat at 978-562-2552X306 if you have questions.

Eucharistic Adoration

“Gaze upon Him, consider Him, contemplate Him, as you desire to imitate Him.”

- Sr. Clare of Assisi

Suicide Prevention

Unfortunately suicide is a very real issue in our society today. If you or someone you know is looking for information or help please goto:

www.nami.org/Learn-More/Mental-Health-Conditions/Related-Conditions/Risk-of-Suicide.
Where you can find resources and help.

Vision Health, Part 2

Tips for Healthy Eyes:

Maintain your health – “keep your numbers in check” like blood pressure, cholesterol, blood sugar etc.

Eat a healthy diet and maintain an appropriate weight for your height. Sleep well. Overall good health will help you maintain good eye health. See your eye doctor for regular exams, including dilation of your eyes. Many common eye diseases such as glaucoma, diabetic eye disease and age-related macular degeneration often have no warning signs. An eye exam is the only way to detect these diseases in their early stages.

Know your family’s eye health history, this can help you and your health care provider know if you are at higher risk of eye issues.

Quit smoking or never start. Smoking is as bad for your eyes as it is for the rest of your body.

Wear sunglasses to protect your eyes from the sun’s ultraviolet rays. When purchasing sunglasses, look for ones that block out 99 to 100 percent of both UV-A and UV-B radiation.

When playing sports or engaging in other potentially dangerous activities wear protective eyewear such as safety glasses or goggles to protect your eyes.

Wash your hands - keeping your hands clean is important when it comes to your eyes, especially if you’re a contact lens wearer. Some germs and bacteria that come from your hands can cause eye infections.

Digital devices and Blue Light - Here are some other tips to help your eyes, if you have a lot of daily “screen time”:

Keep your computer screen within 20"-24" of your eyes.

Keep the top of your computer screen slightly below eye level.

Adjust the lighting in the room to minimize glare on the screen.

Blink frequently.

Take a break every 20 minutes to focus on an object 20 feet away for 20 seconds.

Important:

If you have any of the following eye problems, don’t wait for your next appointment—visit your eye doctor as soon as possible:

Decreased vision

Draining or redness of the eye(s)

Eye pain

Double vision

Floaters (tiny specks that appear to float before your eyes) and/or flashes of light

Circles (halos) around lights.

Websites: www.cdc.gov and www.nih.gov

Sunday Throughout The Week

Sharing the Gospel

When you grow up and earn money, you will have to pay taxes. Taxes pay for many good things that keep us safe and healthy. When you grow up in your faith, you will want to give God some of the money you earn, because all you have is a gift from God.

Prayer

God, teach me to use money wisely so my community and my church can grow.

Something to Draw

Draw a picture of yourself putting money in the collection at church.

Mission for the Week

Take care of God's world. Together as a family, clean up trash that's lying around in your neighborhood.



Complete the picture of the piggy bank.



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