

# 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](http://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](http://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.

**21 Manning Street, Hudson, MA 01749**

Phone: 978-562-2552 Fax: 978-568-1761

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**Saturday**  
4:00pm  
**November 30, 2019**  
Manuel & Mary Cardoza &  
Deceased Relatives

**Sunday**  
7:30am  
9:00am  
10:30am  
10:30am  
12:00pm  
**December 1, 2019**  
Antonio V. Cunha  
Deolinda Leonardo  
Tia Guelhermina &  
Maria Cabral  
St. Michael Parishioner  
**Brazilian Mass**

**Monday**  
9:00am  
**December 2, 2019**  
Jose Maria Chaves

**Wednesday**  
9:00am  
**December 4, 2019**  
Manuel da Silva Melo

**Friday**  
9:00am  
**December 6, 2019**  
Jose M. Figueredo

**Saturday**  
4:00pm  
**December 7, 2019**  
Jose & Maria Nordelo

**Sunday**  
7:30am  
9:00am  
10:30am  
10:30am  
12:00pm  
**December 8, 2019**  
Jimmy Bent  
Deodato Serpa  
Teresa Matias  
José Maria Chaves  
**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

**Ladies Sodality Raffle**

On behalf of the ladies Sodality of the Blessed Virgin a huge thank you for all your support of our recent Thanksgiving Basket Raffle the winners are:

- 1st Prize: Afghan made by Jan Daigneault:  
Caralyn Hawes  
2nd Prize: Thanksgiving Basket : Sally Guidotti  
3rd Prize: Thanksgiving Basket: Claire Vanasse



**Bread and Wine in Memory of**

**Laurence Leary & Bob Alexander & Carol Radford**

**Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of**

**Antonio C. Sousa & Deceased Relatives**

**Offertory Collection**

\$7,069.17

**From the Business Office**

**Weekly Income**

**Needed**

**To Meet Expenses**

\$12,000.00

**Income Received**

**November 17, 2019**

\$10,974.17

**Grand Annual to Date:**

\$33,093.00

**Second Collection**

11/30 & 12/1 Parish Maintenance & Development  
12/14 & 12/15 Grand Annual Collection

**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](mailto:frren@stmikes.org). or reach out to our Parish Council members at [parishcouncil@stmikes.org](mailto: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 December 1, 2019**

Sunday: Is 2:1-5/ Ps 122:1-2, 3-4, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 1]/Rom 13:11-14/Mt 24:37-44  
Monday: Is 4:2-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4b, 4cd-5, 6-7, 8-9/Mt 8:5-11  
Tuesday: Is 11:1-10/Ps 72:1-2, 7-8, 12-13, 17 [cf. 7]/Lk 10:21-24  
Wednesday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Mt 15:29-37  
Thursday: Is 26:1-6/Ps 118: 1 and 8-9. 19-21, 25-27a [26a]/Mt 7:21, 24-27  
Friday: Is 29:17-24/Ps 27:1, 4, 13-14 [1a]/Mt 9:27-31  
Saturday: Is 30:19-21, 23-26/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 9:35—10:1, 5a, 6-8

## *Wreaths of Holly, Lights of Hope . . .*

Ever since St. Francis of Assisi came up with the idea of the crèche—or the nativity scene, the Christmas season and its prologue, Advent, have been linked with images of bucolic serenity. Just try to imagine Christmas without a Christmas tree, for example! One of the most mysterious of these decorations is the Advent wreath.

No one is quite sure how this tradition began. It probably was borrowed—OK, let's be honest: ripped off—from an early pagan custom. There's some historical evidence that early Germanic people placed lighted candles in a wreath during the cold and shorter days of winter in order to comfort themselves with the reminder of warmer temperatures and longer stretches of daylight to come. An ancient Scandinavian tradition observed the practice of placing candles on a wheel and praying to the god of light to turn the wheel of the earth back toward the sun. When Christian missionaries came to the northland to evangelize these peoples, instead of destroying these cultural customs, they “baptized” them (so to speak): taking the practices and re-interpreting them with new meaning that was more consistent with faith in Christ. The use of an Advent wreath became established by the middle ages. The symbolism is wonderfully appropriate to what we celebrate in these three or four weeks before Christmas. The ring of evergreen signifies enduring life, life that remains green and fresh even in the dead of winter; it's arranged in a hoop to connote the circle of life. The wreath actually is fashioned with multiple types of evergreen, each with an historical meaning. Laurel, for instance, represents victory over suffering, like the laurel crown contestants in the original Olympics were awarded. Pine, holly, and yew signify immortality (due to their remaining green even in hibernation season). Cedar, a durable wood often used for medicinal purposes, represents strength and healing. The pine needles also remind us of the sharp crown of thorns, pointing ahead to Christ's passion and death.

The four candles obviously stand for the four weeks of Advent—or more precisely, the four Sundays of Advent, since December 25<sup>th</sup> may fall within the fourth week and cut that week short. The three purple candles represent the three penitential practices of Advent: penance, prayer, and sacrifices offered in this time. (Yes: Advent is a penitential season—not as intense as Lent, but a season of self-denial nonetheless.) The rose-colored candle is lit roughly mid-way through the season, on the third Sunday of Advent, also known as Gaudete Sunday. It signifies the joy and excitement that we feel because Christ is almost here.

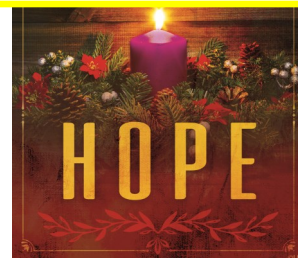
Moreover, these candles represent Christ Himself: the light of the world. In the earliest passages of John's gospel, the evangelist stresses that John the Baptist was not the light, but “came to testify to the light. The true light, which enlightens all people, was coming into the world.” Just as these lines—and the entire mission of John the Baptist itself—are meant as preparation for Christ's appearance, so too is Advent the season of preparation for His coming. *The true light was coming into the world . . .* the image conjured here is one of approach: the light wasn't *about to* come into the world; it wasn't *going to* come into the world; it was *coming* into the world. It's an active, present-tense verb; His arrival was already in the process of happening. Accordingly, we light each of the four candles in mounting succession. First one candle, then two candles, then three, then four. Each week there's a little more light added: the true light is coming into our world. He is approaching. So we light the candles at the very opening of Mass, as we begin our celebration, as we start our new week. Christ our light is that much closer, and we mark this nearing by lighting our next candle. It's a lot like X-ing off a date on a calendar: it whets our appetite for the Big Day that we're so eagerly anticipating—the Day of the Lord.

~ Fr. Ren

## M.OM's Group: Mother's of Minister Group

We are mom's of all ages”, seeking to support each other, the parish and our community in various ways. Please consider joining us for our next meeting which is sure to warm your feminine heart. We will be in the parish center, with some sweet treats and tea, on December 9th from 6:30pm-7:45pm. In the community room (use side door by the parking lot and it's the room at the end of the hall to your left). We will discuss some scripture we've read with the theme of “Grace: What Difference Does it Make?” and we will watch a brief video from the popular *Walking with Purpose* program. If you plan to join us. Let us know so we can share the materials with you in advance, but don't hesitate to come at the last minute if you get the notion.

If you need a ride, or childcare, or have questions about your fit with the group, please email Joyce Rossignol at [Jm.rossi@comcast.net](mailto:Jm.rossi@comcast.net) or Cindy Janeiro-Ehlke at [Cindyjehlke@gmail.com](mailto:Cindyjehlke@gmail.com) or call the parish center office (978-562-2552) to be put in touch with us.





### Grinaldas de Santidade, Luzes de Esperança. . .

Desde que S. Francisco de Assis começou com a ideia da mangedoura – ou a figura do presépio, a estação do Natal e o prólogo chamado Advento, têm estado ligados com a serenidade do prazer. Por exemplo tenta imaginar o Natal sem a árvore decorativa! Uma das mais misteriosas destas decorações é a grinalda do Advento.

Ninguém sabe como se iniciou esta tradição. Provavelmente que foi emprestada – ok, seremos honestos: foi tirada de alguma tradição pagã. Existe uma prova histórica de que o povo germânico colocava velas na grinalda durante os dias frios e curtos de Inverno com a ideia de se aquecerem e recordar as temperaturas quentes e os dias longos que estavam pra chegar. Numa antiga escandinava tradição tinham o costume de colocar velas numa roda e orarem ao deus da luz para virar a roda da terra em direção ao sol. Quando os missionários cristãos chegaram à parte norte para evangelizar aqueles povos, em vez de destruírem aqueles costumes culturais, eles os batizaram (uma forma de dizer): pegando nas tradições e re-entreprenhando-as com o símbolo mais adequado com a fé de Cristo.

O uso da grinalda do Advento se tornou costume durante a idade média. O simbolismo é maravilhosamente apropriado ao que celebramos durante três das quatro semanas antes do Natal. O arco verdejante significa uma vida estável, uma vida que se mantém verde e fresca mesmo com o Inverno morto; é decorado em arco a simbolizar o ciclo da vida. A grinalda é decorada com vários tipos de verdura, cada uma com um sentido histórico. Laurel, por exemplo, representa vitória após sofrimento, como a coroa de laurel em que os concorrentes dos originais jogos olímpicos eram premiados. O pinho, representa santidade, o teixo representa imortalidade (devido ao seu verde que dura durante a época de hibernação). O cedro uma madeira durável que é muito usada para casos médicos, representa força e cura. O feno do pinheiro também nos relembra a coroa de espinhos de Cristo, apontando em frente à Sua paixão e morte.

As quatro velas obviamente representam as quatro semanas do Advento – ou mais precisamente, os quatro Domingos do Advento, mas se o dia 25 cai na quarta semana, corta a semana mais curta. As três vela róxas, representam as três penitências práticas do Advento: penitência, oração e sacrifício oferecidos durante este tempo. (Sim: o Advento é tempo de penitência – não tão intenso como a Quaresma, mas ainda assim é uma época de abnegação.) A vela côr de rosa é acesa a meio da época, no terceiro Domingo do Advento, também conhecido como o Domingo Gaudete. Significa a alegria e a excitação que sentimos porque Cristo está quase a chegar.

Além disso, estas velas representam Cristo Ele mesmo: a luz do mundo. Nas primeiras passagens do Evangelho de João, o evangelista afirma de que João Batista não era a luz, “mas veio para dar testemunho da luz. A luz verdadeira que ilumina todos os povos, veio ao mundo.” Como estas linhas – e toda a missão de João Batista – significa a preparação de Cristo aparecendo, assim também o Advento é a época de preparação para a Sua chegada. A luz verdadeira está pra chegar ao mundo. . . a imagem aqui representa que está próximo: a luz não estava para vir ao mundo como um plano; vinha mesmo ao mundo como uma certeza. É activo, um verbo presente; a Sua chegada estava já no processo de acontecer. Nós acendemos as velas em acordo de secessão. Primeiro uma vela, depois duas, depois três, depois quatro. Cada semana mais luz e mais luz se aumenta: a verdadeira luz está pra chegar ao mundo. Ele se aproxima. Então acendemos as velas no início da missa, ao iniciarmos a celebração, no início de uma nova semana. Cristo a nossa luz está bem perto, e nós marcamos esta aproximação acendendo a próxima vela. É como marcar um x no calendário: alimenta o nosso apetite para o Grande Dia que esperamos com tanta antecipação – o dia do Senhor.

~ *Opadre Ren*

#### CHILDREN OF GOD TO BE REMEMBERED IN DECEMBER

Coleen Sullivan, Edward Mancuso, Donna Cincotta,  
Thomas Jordan, Baby Mary Moran,  
Baby Michael Moran, Robert Robbins Sr.,  
Maureen Duffy Russo, Pamela Mallalieu Genne,  
David Mulhall, Robert Maguire, Mary Hussey White,  
Baby James Bigley, Jessica Lesage,  
Katherine Walling Muse

#### St. Michael Youth Ensemble

It's not too late to join the St. Michael Youth Ensemble! Rehearsals for the celebration of the Feast of Christ the King are happening now! The music ministry is seeking youth, **grades 6-12** to join our youth ensemble. If interested in participating, please contact Lindsay Lozeau ([llozeau@gmail.com](mailto:llozeau@gmail.com)) or Danna McIntyre ([donna@stmikes.org](mailto:donna@stmikes.org)). **Join us for rehearsal —with your instrument** —on TUESDAY, November 12th in the upper church 7:00-8:30pm. Spread the word!

## 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 host Our Father's Table at New Hope Community Church in Marlboro on **Thursday, December 5th** from 4:00 - 6:00pm.

St. Vincent de Paul will meet **Saturday, December 7th** after the 4:00pm Mass.

Prayer Shawl will meet **Wednesday, December 11th** at 1:00pm in the Parish Center.

St. Michael Parish will host our Father's Table at New Hope Community Church in Marlboro on **Thursday, December 12th** from 4:00 - 6:00pm.

## Hats, Scarfs & Gloves Collection

Our Father's Table will be collecting hats,, scarfs and gloves. The annual collection begins this weekend and continues through December 15th. The boxes will be located at the back of the church.

We will be celebrating Our Father's Christmas party on Thursday, December 19th where all the donated hats, scarfs and gloves will be given out to those in need.

For any information please call Ann at 978-562-7668.

## Giving Tree

*The Giving Tree* is located at the back entrance of the church. Please take a tag, the tag will have suggestions of gifts, age of the child and in some cases clothing size. Please wrap gift and attached the original giving tree tag and return it to the church by next Sunday, December 8th and **no gift cards please**. Our goal this year is to help 250 children. Thank you for your generosity and may you have a blessed and joyful Christmas season.

## Eucharistic Adoration

"Good friends find pleasure in one another's company. Let us know pleasure in the company of our best Friend, Friend who can do everything for us, a friend who loves us beyond measure. Here in the Blessed Sacrament we can talk to him straight from the heart."

- - St. Alphonsus de Liguori

## Flu vs Colds, Part 2

### Treatment for Colds:

There is no cure for a cold. To feel better, you should get lots of rest and drink plenty of fluids.

Over-the-Counter medicines may help ease symptoms but will not make your cold go away any faster. Antibiotics will not help you recover from a cold.

### Treatment for Flu:

#### In most cases:

The flu is a mild illness, which can be treated symptomatically, and people do not need medical care or antiviral drugs. CDC recommends that you stay home for at least 24 hours after your fever is gone. Your fever should be gone without the need to use a fever-reducing medicine

#### People in High Risk Groups with Serious Flu Symptoms:

If you have symptoms of flu and are in a high risk group, or are very sick or worried about your illness, contact your health care provider (HCP).

Certain people are at high risk of serious flu-related complications (including young children, people 65 and older, pregnant women and people with certain medical conditions). If you are in a high risk group and develop flu symptoms, it is best for you to contact your HCP early in your illness. Remind them about your high risk status. CDC recommends that people at high risk for complications should get antiviral treatment (\*) as early as possible, because the benefit is greatest if treatment is started within 2 days after the onset of illness.

(\*)HCP's may prescribe "antivirals" to treat the flu. These drugs can make you better faster and may also prevent serious complications.

#### Flu Symptoms that Require Prompt Treatment in the Emergency Room:

##### Children:

Fast breathing or trouble breathing  
Bluish skin color  
Not drinking enough fluids  
Not waking up or not interacting  
Being so irritable that the child does not want to be held  
Flu-like symptoms improve but then return with fever and worse cough  
Fever with a rash  
In addition to the signs above, get medical help right away for any infant who has any of these signs:  
Being unable to eat  
Has no tears when crying  
Significantly fewer wet diapers than normal

##### Adults:

Difficulty breathing or shortness of breath  
Pain or pressure in the chest or abdomen  
Sudden dizziness  
Confusion  
Severe or persistent vomiting  
Flu-like symptoms that improve but then return with fever and worse cough  
Helpful Website: [www.cdc.gov](http://www.cdc.gov)

# Sunday Throughout The Week

## Sharing the Gospel

When you are baptized, God gives you grace to help obey his commandments. These graces are like a pair of shoes with lights on them. They light the way to follow the example of Jesus. You will share your toys. You will take out the trash. You will take good care of your baby sister. The graces of baptism help you to love God above all else. Then God will welcome you into heaven.

## Prayer

Lord, send me graces so I love you above everything.

## Something to Draw

Draw yourself walking down God's path with the light of baptism on your shoes.



## Puzzle

Jesus is the star of life. How many stars can you count?



## Mission for the Week

I will pray every morning that my family sees and stays on God's path.