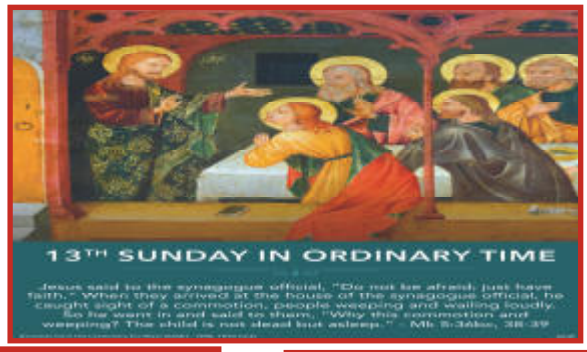
ST. MICHAEL PARISH

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday:
English: 8:00am
10:30am
Brazilian: 12:00pm



Weekday Mass Schedule
9:00am

Monday
Wednesday
Friday

Administrator: ***Rev. Laurence "Ren" M. Tocci***
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Francisco Pinheiro

Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to the St. Michael community. Please introduce yourself to Father, 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 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Register online at www.stmikes.org or call the Parish Center and ask for Pat Conte ext. 306.

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

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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday 4:00pm	**June 26, 2021** St. Michael's Parishioners
Sunday 8:00am	**June 27, 2021** Maria Cabral
10:30am	Antonio & Maria L. Sousa Antonio & Maria J. Costa Francisco & Maria P. Chaves & Deceased Relatives of all
Monday 9:00am	**June 28, 2021** Jose, Paulo, & Pedro Janeiro
Wednesday 9:00am	**June 30, 2021** Soul's in Purgatory
Friday 9:00am	**July 2, 2021** Soul's in Purgatory Maria Lurdes. & Antonio Sousa & Deceased Relatives
Saturday 4:00pm	**July 3, 2021** Antonio Cabral
Sunday 8:00am	**July 4, 2021** St. Michael's Parishioners
10:30am	Girard Family

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday morning after Mass until noon.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Michael Parish is here to assist people in the Hudson community. When an individual or family is experiencing a need for financial or informational assistance, please feel free to contact us directly at, **978-618-5175.** We are here to help!

JUNE

Bread and Wine in Memory of
John & Angelina Botelho

Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of
Fernando Melo & Deceased Relatives

From the Business Office

Weekly Income: **To Meet Expenses**	**$12,000.00**
On Line Giving:	**$1,601.00**
In Church Giving:	**$6,322.00**
Other Income Received:	**$1,641.00**
Over Budget (Shortfall):	**($2,436.00)**

Readings for the week of June 27, 2021

Sunday:	Wis 1:13-15; 2:23-24/Ps 30:2, 4, 5-6, 11, 12, 13 [2a]/2 Cor 8:7, 9, 13-15/ Mk 5:21-43 or 5:21-24, 35b-43
Monday:	Gn 18:16-33/Ps 103:1b-2, 3-4, 8-9, 10-11 [8a]/Mt 8:18-22
Tuesday:	*Vigil:* Acts 3:1-10/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Gal 1:11-20/Jn 21:15-19 *Day:* Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
Wednesday:	Gn 21:5, 8-20a/Ps 34:7-8, 10-11, 12-13 [7a]/ Mt 8:28-34
Thursday:	Gn 22:1b-19/Ps 115:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [9]/Mt 9:1-8
Friday:	Gn 23:1-4, 19; 24:1-8, 62-67/Ps 106:1b-2, 3-4a, 4b-5 [1b]/Mt 9:9-13
Saturday:	Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29

Confessions have been resumed at regular time at St. Michael's Parish.

By Any Other Name . . .

When I was growing up it was called CCD. Later they changed it "Religious Education." I had just gotten used to calling it by that new term when they changed it again to "Faith Formation"!

But no matter what we call it, it's still pretty much the same ol' thing. It's still a format that's based almost entirely on classroom teaching. But we don't develop a faith-life by book-learning. Our faith is supposed to be an encounter with the Risen Christ, Who enters into a living relationship with us in a profound and mysterious way through His glorified humanity. His Resurrection opened up His humanity as a radiant fount, so that His divinity pours out into all who call upon His name in faith, kind of like candies spilling forth from an opened *piñata*.

Even that's a feeble explanation of the Christian life, and that bit about the *piñata* is a pitiful analogy. And that's kinda my point. Anything we can say about the faith comes up paltry and insufficient. We don't hand on the Christian faith by explanations, summations, or instruction, any more than we fall in love with someone by reading their profile on Match.com. It has to be more dynamic, more organic.
The fact is, the "religious education" model (or CCD, or whatever you want to call it) was designed merely to supplement what the children learned about their faith at home. What they were taught in the classroom was meant to fill in the gaps in what their parents handed on to them through living the faith in their daily life. The teachings and doctrines simply helped put into words what they already knew from the experience of their own lives, rounding out their knowledge of the Catholic religion.

Sadly, it's become apparent that something's gotten lost somewhere along the way. Instead of supplementing the religious formation they receive at home, the parish religious ed. curriculum has come to bear the full load of imparting the faith to our children. It's a weight that, frankly, such a program just can't carry. No more than a toddler learns how to walk by being told to stand up and put one foot in front of the other, can anyone learn how to be a Christian simply by being taught the doctrines in a classroom. The toddler needs to have loving attention and patient, consistent encouragement to take those first faltering steps and finally develop the coordination to make full strides; the young Catholic, likewise, needs the practical experience of, and consistent exposure to, his religion in order to develop faith. Without this, nothing they learn in "Faith Formation" will ever take hold; with very rare exceptions, the efforts will prove fruitless.

So taking all of this into consideration, along with our renewed focus on the parish as a Eucharistic family gathered around the altar of Christ's Body and Blood, we've concentrated the Faith Formation program on the Mass. We're no longer going to offer classes in the traditional sense. In lieu of this, families signing their children up for religious ed. will be expected to attend Mass together every Sunday. In the liturgy they'll receive exposure to the Word of God through the Scripture readings and the homily; they'll learn the essentials of the Catholic religion from the Profession of Faith; they'll cultivate a routine of prayer and praise through our communal worship; and most importantly, they'll be given the supernatural grace of God that comes from receiving Holy Communion.

During the sacramental preparation years—the two year prior to receiving First Communion, and the two years prior to Confirmation—there will be additional meetings to round out what they should be gaining from regular Mass attendance. Once every other month, throughout each of these two-year periods, the families will gather together to discuss in more depth the tenets of our Catholic faith. These gatherings will give the families the opportunity for Q & A sessions, and provide an environment for them to explore the meaning of their faith for them in shared conversation with others. There also will be occasions for charitable service to the wider community, in order to provide a fuller experience of the Christian's call to serve others in love.

The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that the Eucharist is "the source and summit of the Christian life […] For in the Blessed Eucharist is contained the whole spiritual good of the Church." This is the core of who we are as Catholic Christians. My hope is that this new emphasis on the celebration of the Sunday Eucharist will focus us more intently on who we are, and help us live out our identity more purposefully.

Fr. Ron

Por qualquer outro nome. . .

Quando eu era criança, chamava-se à doutrina CCD. Mais tarde, mudaram para "Educação Religiosa". Eu tinha acabado de me acostumar a chamá-lo por esse novo termo quando mudaram novamente para “Formação de Fé”!

Mas não importa como chamemos, é praticamente a mesma coisa. Ainda é um formato que se baseia quase inteiramente no ensino em sala de aula. Mas não desenvolvemos uma vida de fé aprendendido em livros. Nossa fé deve ser um encontro com Cristo Ressuscitado, que se relaciona conosco de maneira profunda e misteriosa por meio de sua humanidade glorificada. Sua Ressurreição abriu Sua humanidade como uma fonte radiante, de modo que Sua divindade se derrama em todos os que invocam Seu nome com fé, como doces derramados de uma piñata aberta.

Mesmo assim, essa é uma explicação fraca da vida cristã, e aquela parte sobre a piñata é uma analogia lamentável. E esse é o meu ponto. Qualquer coisa que possamos dizer sobre a fé é insignificante e insuficiente. Não transmitimos a fé cristã por meio de explicações, resumos ou instruções, assim como não nos apaixonamos por alguém lendo seu perfil no Match.com. Tem que ser mais dinâmico, mais orgânico.

O fato é que o modelo de “educação religiosa” (ou CCD, ou como você quiser chamá-lo) foi projetado apenas para complementar o que as crianças aprenderam sobre sua fé em casa. O que eles aprenderam em sala de aula foi feito para preencher as lacunas que seus pais transmitiram a eles por meio da fé em sua vida diária. Os ensinamentos e doutrinas simplesmente ajudaram a colocar em palavras o que eles já sabiam com a experiência das suas próprias vidas, complementando seu conhecimento da religião católica.

Infelizmente, ficou claro que algo se perdeu ao longo do caminho. Em vez de complementar a formação religiosa que recebem em casa, o catecismo da paróquia, o currículo passou a suportar toda a responsabilidade de transmitir a fé às nossas crianças. É um peso que, francamente, tal programa simplesmente não pode carregar. Assim como uma criança não aprende a andar quando lhe dizem para ficar de pé e colocar um pé na frente do outro, alguém pode aprender a ser cristão simplesmente aprendendo as doutrinas em uma sala de aula. A criança precisa ter atenção amorosa e encorajamento paciente e consistente para dar os primeiros passos vacilantes e, finalmente, desenvolver uma coordenação para dar passos largos; o jovem católico, da mesma forma, precisa da experiência prática e da exposição consistente à sua religião para desenvolver a fé. Sem isso, nada do que aprenderam na “Formação de Fé” jamais acontecerá; com raríssimas exceções, os esforços serão infrutíferos

Portanto, levando tudo isso em consideração, junto com nosso foco renovado na paróquia como uma família eucarística reunida em torno do altar do Corpo e Sangue de Cristo, concentramos o programa de Formação de Fé na Missa. Não vamos mais oferecer aulas no sentido tradicional. Em vez disso, as famílias inscrevem seus filhos no ensino religioso. deverão assistir à missa juntos todos os Domingos. Na liturgia, eles serão expostos à Palavra de Deus por meio das leituras das Escrituras e da homilia; eles aprenderão o essencial da religião católica na profissão de fé; eles vão cultivar uma rotina de oração e louvor por meio da nossa adoração comunitária; e o mais importante, eles receberão a graça sobrenatural de Deus que vem de receber a Sagrada Comunhão.

Durante os anos de preparação sacramental - os dois anos antes de receber a Primeira Comunhão e os dois anos antes da Confirmação - haverá reuniões adicionais para finalizar o que eles devem ganhar com a freqüência regular à Missa. Uma vez a cada dois meses, ao longo de cada um desses períodos de dois anos, as famílias se reunirão para discutir com mais profundidade os princípios da nossa fé católica. Essas reuniões darão às famílias a oportunidade de sessões de perguntas e respostas e proporcionarão um ambiente para que explorem o significado de sua fé em conversas compartilhadas com outras pessoas. Também haverá ocasiões para serviço de caridade à comunidade em geral, a fim de proporcionar uma experiência mais completa do chamado do cristão para servir ao próximo em amor.

O Catecismo da Igreja Católica nos lembra que a Eucaristia é “a fonte e o ápice da vida cristã [...] Pois na Santíssima Eucaristia está contido todo o bem espiritual da Igreja”. Este é o cerne de quem somos como cristãos católicos. A minha esperança é que esta nova ênfase na celebração da Eucaristia dominical nos concentre mais em quem somos e nos ajude a viver nossa identidade com mais propósito.

Padre Ren

DISPENSATION FROM SUNDAY OBLIGATION LIFTED JUNE 19, 2021

"This is the day the Lord has made, let us rejoice and be glad!"

Cardinal O'Malley has determined that it is now appropriate for all Catholics to return to weekly Mass attendance

Our celebration of the Sunday Eucharist is the act of gratitude to God for all He has given us, the chance to gather together as a community united by our faith, and the opportunity to receive our Lord in the Blessed Sacrament

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High School Scholarships

St. Michael's Parish has several permanent endowment funds that were generously established in memory of members of our parish to annually provide high school scholarships for children of St. Michael Parish who are attending or plan to attend a Catholic High School. The students should be an active member at St. Michael Parish and accepted to a 4 year Catholic High School. If a student is interested in applying for one of these scholarships the application and guidelines can be found at www.stmikes.org The application can be found on the website under Ministries then click Catholic Education Scholarship. Deadline to submit your application is July 15, 2021.

Prayer Shawl ***July*** Meeting is on **Tuesday July 6th at 1:00pm** in the Community Room. Bring your projects and invite your friends! We welcome everyone, no matter your skill level! Welcome Back!
See you there!

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.

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