

St. Michael Parish

Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday:
 English: 8:00am
 10:30am Upper
 Church
 Portuguese 10:30 am Lower
 Church
 Brazilian: 12:00pm

Weekday Mass Schedule 9:00am

Monday
 Wednesday
 Friday

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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 Joyce Rossignol X309

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, and or by appointment.

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.

****PARISH CENTER HOURS****
 Monday/Tuesday—9:00am-3:00pm
 Thursday/Friday—9:00am-3:00pm



Saturday 4:00pm **February 5, 2022**
Jose Correia & Deceased Relative

Sunday 8:00am **February 6, 2022**
St. Michael's Parishioners
10:30am(upper church) Joe Braga & his father Jose Braga & Deceased Relatives
10:30am(lower church) Portuguese Mass
12:00pm(upper church) Brazilian Mass

Monday 9:00am **February 7, 2022**
Soul's in Purgatory
Joe Braga and Dec. Relatives

Wednesday 9:00am **February 9, 2022**
Francisco & Maria Lino
Lillian Pavlovich

Friday 9:00 am **February 11, 2022**
Tony Bairos Jr.

Saturday 4:00 pm **February 12, 2022**
Paulo, Pedro & Jose Janeiro

Sunday 8:00 am **February 13, 2022**
St. Michael's Parishioners
10:30 am(upper church) Jose L. Chaves
10:30 am(lower church) Portuguese Mass
12:00 pm(upper church) 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.

Readings for the week of February 6, 2022

Sunday: Is 6:1-2a, 3-8/Ps 138:1-2, 2-3, 4-5, 7-8 [1c]/1 Cor 15:1-11 or 15:3-8, 11/Lk 5:1-11

Monday: 1 Kgs 8:1-7, 9-13/Ps 132:6-7, 8-10/Mk 6:53-56

Tuesday: 1 Kgs 8:22-23, 27-30/Ps 84:3, 4, 5 and 10, 11/Mk 7:1-13

Wednesday: 1 Kgs 10:1-10/Ps 37:5-6, 30-31, 39-40/Mk 7:14-23

Thursday: 1 Kgs 11:4-13/Ps 106:3-4, 35-36, 37 and 40/Mk 7:24-30

Friday: 1 Kgs 11:29-32; 12:19/Ps 81:10-11ab, 12-13, 14-15/Mk 7:31-37

Saturday: 1 Kgs 12:26-32; 13:33-34/Ps 106:6-7ab, 19-20, 21-22/Mk 8:1-10



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday morning after Mass until noon.



Bread and Wine in Memory of
Antonio C. Sousa & Deceased Relatives

Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of
Helder Bairos & Deceased Relatives

From the Business Office

Weekly Income: \$10,000.00
To Meet Expenses

Grand Annual Total to date: \$38,200.00

Due to last weekend snow storm (Mass cancellation) there were no numbers to report.

2nd Collection for Sat. Feb. 5 & Sun Feb. 6th is for Parish Maintenance & Development



Will you sit with Our Lord?

Create a new habit in 2022!

We're adding Adoration every 4th Friday night of the month going forward! 6-8 PM in the Upper Church of St. Michael's

Upcoming Dates:

February 25

• March 25 • April 29

Reform, Renewal, and Repentance (Part III) . . .

The Great Western Schism that rocked the Church in the twenty-five years bridging the turn of the fifteenth century made the need for Church reform painfully obvious. From the early fourteenth century the urge for such a purification had begun to take shape as a call for the “reform of head and members”—meaning a renewal of both the Pope and the Vatican on the one hand, and of the average layperson on the other. It was universally acknowledged that a conversion to greater holiness was achingly required of all the Faithful, regardless of rank or vocation. Over the course of the next two and a half centuries this phrase “Reform of head and members” would crescendo into a clarion call.

The push for the reform of the members, in fact, was already well under way. Grassroots efforts to re-ignite the fire of sanctity in the life of the average Christian (all of who, at this point in history, would still have been Catholic) had begun at virtually the same time as the scandal of the Western Schism, running as a parallel track in the current of the Church. Religious communities and orders began examining their own spirituality and piety, and responded to what they found in themselves with a program of purification and simplification—returning to living their vow of poverty in earnest. In the 1380’s, the Brethren of the Common Life was founded by a man who, in his own life, embodied the virtue of personal reform.

Gerard Groote was a man of affluence, social prominence, and luxury, who, after a radical religious conversion in 1374, abandoned his privilege to adopt a life of simplicity and deep spiritual renewal. He was ordained a deacon of the Dutch diocese of Utrecht, given permission to preach without restriction throughout the diocese (no, Jared, you cannot get this same concession!). The firebrand deacon proceeded to use the pulpit to push for the purification of laity and clergy alike. So great was Groote’s influence—or rather, so deep-seated was the common yearning for holiness—that his disciples began to form spontaneous cells of communal life dedicated to just this sort of life of austere sanctity. These would be comparable to what today we might call “intentional communities.” These new communes supported themselves by simple, hard labor that served to hold body and soul together so they could fulfill their true purpose: personal repentance and an ever-deepening conversion of heart to Christ.

The spirituality that eventually blossomed out of Groote’s preaching came to be known as the *Devotio Moderna*. It’s most famous and enduring contribution to us is a little book attributed to Thomas a Kempis called *The Imitation of Christ*—a classic of Christian spirituality that’s still read by many today. This book’s over-riding theme wonderfully captures the main thrust of the *Devotio Moderna*: that obedience to the will of God, poverty (of spirit, as well as material poverty), humility, and patience in suffering are the paths to intimacy with Christ. The *Devotio Moderna* began to re-ignite a thirst for God and to make the quest for personal holiness popular again. The renewal of the Church in Her members had begun in earnest—and more than 100 years before Martin Luther was even born!
(. . . To be continued . . .)

Fr. Ren

Reforma, Renovação e Arrependimento (Parte III) . . .

O Grande Cisma do Ocidente que abalou a Igreja nos vinte e cinco anos da virada do século XV tornou dolorosamente óbvia a necessidade de uma reforma na Igreja. A partir do início do século XIV, o desejo por tal purificação começou a tomar forma como um apelo à “reforma da cabeça e dos membros” – significando uma renovação tanto do Papa como no Vaticano, por um lado, e a dos leigos, por outro. Era universalmente reconhecido que uma conversão para uma maior santidade era dolorosamente exigida de todos os fiéis, independentemente da posição ou vocação. Ao longo dos próximos dois séculos e meio esta frase “Reforma da cabeça e membros” cresceria em um toque de clarim.

A pressão pela reforma dos membros, de facto, já estava bem encaminhada. Esforços de base para reacender o fogo da santidade na vida da classe cristã (todos os quais, neste ponto da história, ainda seriam católicos) começaram praticamente ao mesmo tempo que o escândalo do Cisma Ocidental, correndo como uma pista paralela na corrente da Igreja. Comunidades e ordens religiosas começaram a examinar a sua própria espiritualidade e piedade, e responderam ao que encontraram em si mesmas com um programa de purificação e simplificação – voltando a viver seu o voto de pobreza com seriedade. Na década de 1380, os Irmãos da Vida Comum foram fundados por um homem que, em sua própria vida, incorporou a virtude da reforma pessoal.

Gerard Groote foi um homem de riqueza, destaque social e luxo, que, após uma conversão religiosa radical em 1374, abandonou a sua vida de privilégio para adotar uma vida de simplicidade e profunda renovação espiritual. Ele foi ordenado diácono da diocese holandesa de Utrecht, recebeu permissão para pregar sem restrições em toda a diocese (não, Jared, você não pode obter essa mesma concessão!). O diácono incendiário passou a usar o púlpito para promover à purificação os leigos e clérigos ao mesmo tempo. Tão grande foi a influência de Groote - ou melhor, tão profundo era o anseio comum por santidade - que os seus discípulos começaram a formar células espontâneas de vida comunal dedicadas exatamente a esse tipo de vida de santidade austera. Estes seriam comparáveis ao que hoje podemos chamar de “comunidades intencionais”. Essas novas comunas se sustentavam com um trabalho simples e árduo que servia para manter o corpo e a alma unidos para que pudessem cumprir o seu verdadeiro propósito: arrependimento pessoal e uma conversão cada vez mais profunda e sincera a Cristo.

A espiritualidade que eventualmente floresceu da pregação de Groote veio a ser conhecida como a Devotio Moderna. A sua contribuição mais famosa e duradoura para nós é um pequeno livro atribuído a Thomas a Kempis chamado A Imitação de Cristo – um clássico da espiritualidade cristã que ainda é lido por muitos hoje. O tema principal deste livro captura maravilhosamente o principal impulso da Devotio Moderna: que a obediência à vontade de Deus, a pobreza (de espírito, bem como a pobreza material), humildade e paciência no sofrimento são os caminhos para a intimidade com Cristo. A Devotio Moderna começou a reacender a sede por Deus e a tornar popular novamente a busca da santidade pessoal. A renovação da Igreja em Seus membros havia começado a sério - e mais de 100 anos antes de Martinho Lutero nascer!

Padre Ren

Free Throw Championship – February 8th

Knights of Columbus is sponsoring a **Free Throw** Championship all across the country for boys and girls from ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition.

DATE: Saturday January 22, 2022

TIMES: Player registration: 10:00 AM

Competition: 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

Awards: 1:30 PM

PLACE: Special Olympics Gym 512 Forest St. Marlborough, MA 01752

COST: Free!

ELIGIBILITY: Open to all boys and girls in the Marlborough and Hudson area. Ages 9-14 as of (January 1, 2022). **Proof of age required.**

ENTRY: Competitors register at the event on the Official Entry Form which **requires parental consent.**

SIGN UP: No pre-registration is required. Just arrive between 10:00 and 11:00 AM to register. **You may sign up here to reserve your spot, but it is not required.**

A division will be available for special athletes.

The top 3 winners in each age group will advance to the District Championship. Time and location TBD.

Questions? KOFCMARLBORO.ORG

In the event of weather cancellation.

Make up Date will be January 29, 2022.



TAX LETTERS

Our parish keeps a record of offertory contributions made using the parish envelope system. If you would like to request a letter for your tax records, please call Vina at the parish center at 978-562-2552 x300 or email Vina at Office@stmikes.org.

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 go to:

www.nami.org/Learn-More/Mental-Health-Conditions/Related-Conditions/Risk-of-Suicide.

Where you can find resources and help.

Inclement Weather Notice

If there is a delay or cancelation at Hudson Public Schools due to the weather, the Daily Mass will be cancelled, and if there is Hudson school closing the Parish office may be closed.

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!



From the St Vincent de Paul Society, St. Michael Conference

A HUGE THANK YOU to all those who participated. In our Giving Tree and the Hat, Mittens and Gloves Collection. Still in a pandemic, you our amazing.

Parishioners opened your hearts and wallets and every tag on the tree was claimed! Those who could not get a tag donated money our "shopping elves" used to purchase gifts for the desperate last minute requests the week before Christmas. No request was turned away. This year you made Christmas a bit brighter for 232 children. That is 50 more children than last year! **THANK YOU** is just not enough.

The 2 ½ bins full of hats, so many of which were hand knit, mittens and gloves were distributed among those we serve, a shelter, and the children's sizes were donated to the Hudson School nurses who were very grateful to be able to keep little heads and fingers warm.

A special **Thank You** to our coordinators who not only make a hard job look easy but give up *several rooms* in their home each year to store the gifts until distribution time. Of course, a thank you also goes to all the "elves" who helped in a myriad of ways to make Giving Tree a success.

Thank you all for your incredible generosity.

May God Bless You All

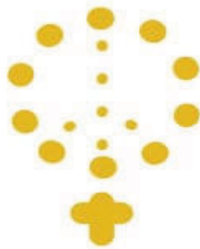




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