



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



*Bread and Wine in Memory of
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From the Business Office*

Weekly Income:	\$10,000.00
To Meet Expenses	
In Church Giving:	\$9,482.00
On Line Giving:	\$2,321.00
Other Income Received:	\$3,311.34
Over Budget (shortfall):	\$5,114.34
Fuel Income:	\$16,641.00

*2nd Collection for Sat. March 12th & Sunday
March 13th is for Annual Catholic Appeal*



Saturday 4:00pm	March 12, 2022 Helen Karpowicz
Sunday 8:00am 10:30am(upper church) 10:30am(lower church) 12:00pm(upper church)	March 13, 2022 St. Michael's Parishioners Joseph & Sandra Scanlon Portuguese Mass Brazilian Mass
Monday 9:00am	March 14, 2022 Manuel & Filomena Andrade
Wednesday 9:00am	March 16, 2022 Jose & Maria Figueiredo Jose L. Chaves
Friday 9:00 am	March 18, 2022 Mr. & Mrs. Antonio Costa & Dec. Relatives
Saturday 4:00 pm	March 19, 2022 Jose & Maria Nordelo, Maria Figueirdo Natercia Bairos, Antonio Figueiredo
Sunday 8:00 am 10:30 am(upper church) 10:30 am(lower church) 12:00 pm(upper church)	March 20, 2022 St. Michael's Parishioners Helder Bairos Portuguese Mass 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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday morning after Mass until noon.



Pro-Life, Pro-Women, Proactive

A few weeks ago my bulletin column spoke of how our parish is moving toward becoming a family of families by lending support to families in critical situations. Our first venture into this is our partnering with First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center and Birthright of Marlborough to be a source of support for women facing unplanned pregnancies. Too often the usual support networks withdraw from these women in such situations, leaving them to make crucial decisions about their own lives and the life of the child in her womb all on their own. First Concern and Birthright are ecumenical non-profit outfits dedicated to helping women in these circumstances find the courage and needed support to make the heroic decision for life.

Right now, we are just forming our alliance with these two organizations. Their immediate needs are for material resources for these women and their babies: diapers, pajamas, baby clothing, winter jackets & hats, etc. Birthright also is looking for volunteers to staff their phones to respond to clients and potential clients instantly as they call. A particular need in this area is for women who can speak Portuguese. We're hoping that, as our collaboration develops, more opportunities for participation will become available.

If you find the Holy Spirit inspiring you to give something of your time, talent, and treasure to help the pro-life cause in a direct way, that aids these mothers as well as their at-risk fetuses, please reach out to Father Ren at frren@stmikes.org. May God bless you all.

Reform, Renewal, and Repentance (Part VIII)

In response to the popular buzz that the circulation of his 95 theses was causing, Pope Leo X summoned Luther to appear before his representative, Cardinal Cajetan, at a hearing in Augsburg Germany in October of 1518. The purpose of the meeting was to instruct the Augustinian friar on the Church's teaching about indulgences and also on the power of the Sacrament of Reconciliation. The assumption was that Luther was uninformed, not deliberately heretical, and that a fuller explanation of the points on which he was in error would resolve the issue. The problem proved more deeply rooted than that, though.

From the beginning, Luther was leery. Cajetan had prepared a detailed defense of the issues at hand, drawing on previous Church decrees as well as Sacred Scripture. Luther clung to his own interpretation that a priest's absolution is only effective if the penitent believes that his sins are forgiven by God; and that the pope has no authority to grant indulgences that guarantee release from Purgatory. When presented with Cajetan's arguments, he sloughed them off with the remark that the Church's position was based on a faulty understanding of Scripture. It's worth noting that the Church did not turn a blind eye to the Bible in forming these doctrines, as is the caricature that Protestantism paints; Luther simply maintained that his reading of the Word of God was correct while the Church's was wrong.

Regrettably, no transcript of the debate exists. But by most eye-witness accounts, Cajetan patiently tried to bring the friar to a clearer and more reasonable understanding of Church teaching, but Luther tended to deflect the discussion by taking it in circles. Ultimately, he insisted that the pope himself directly rule on the question, and he even asserted that the Holy Father's decision would be the binding verdict. Cajetan agreed to send the questionable writings to the pope. In fact, after the meeting, which obviously accomplished nothing, Cajetan wrote a letter to Luther assuring him that he would not pronounce him excommunicated, and even conceded that Luther's position on Reconciliation could be left unresolved if he would not push the issue and if he would capitulate to the clear teaching on indulgences.

A year and a half after Cajetan and Luther's tête-à-tête at Augsburg, Pope Leo X in fact did give personal attention to Luther's writings and teachings in June 1520. His letter, *Exsurge Domine*, condemned Luther's teachings but still without excommunicating him. However, Luther now rejected even the pope's authority, and from this time on began to vilify the Vicar of Christ, identifying him as the whore of Babylon referred to in the Book of Revelation. Reformation had given way to Protestantism; reform, to rebellion.

And a Pandora's Box flew open, unleashing all sorts of pandemonium on Christianity . . .

Fr. Ren

Reforma, Renovação e Arrependimento (Parte VIII)

Em resposta ao murmúrio popular que a circulação das suas 95 teses estava causando, o Papa Leão X convocou Lutero para comparecer perante o seu representante, o Cardeal Caetano, em uma audiência em Augsburg, Alemanha, em outubro de 1518. O objetivo da reunião era instruir o Frade Agostiniano sobre o ensinamento da Igreja sobre as indulgências e também sobre o poder do Sacramento da Reconciliação. A suposição era que Lutero estava desinformado, não deliberadamente herético, e que uma explicação mais completa dos pontos em que ele estava errado resolveria a questão. O problema provou ser mais profundamente enraizado do que isso, no entanto.

Desde o início, Lutero foi astuto. Caetano preparou uma defesa detalhada das questões em mão, baseando-se em decretos anteriores da Igreja, bem como nas Sagradas Escrituras. Lutero apegou-se à sua própria interpretação de que a absolvição de um padre só é eficaz se o penitente acredita que seus pecados são perdoados por Deus; e que o papa não tem autoridade para conceder indulgências que garantam a libertação do Purgatório. Quando apresentado aos argumentos de Caetano, ele os descartou com a observação de que a posição da Igreja era baseada em uma compreensão defeituosa das Escrituras. Vale a pena notar que a Igreja não fechou os olhos à Bíblia ao formar essas doutrinas, como é a caricatura que o protestantismo retrato; Lutero simplesmente afirmou que a sua leitura da Palavra de Deus estava correta enquanto a da Igreja estava errada.

Lamentavelmente, não existe transcrição do debate. Mas pela maioria dos relatos de testemunhas oculares, Caetano tentou pacientemente levar o frade a uma compreensão mais clara e razoável dos ensinamentos da Igreja, mas Lutero tendia a desviar a discussão levando-a em círculos. Em última análise, ele insistiu que o próprio papa decidisse diretamente sobre a questão, e até afirmou que a decisão do Santo Padre seria o veredicto obrigatório. Caetano concordou em enviar os escritos questionáveis ao papa. De facto, após a reunião, que obviamente não resultou em nada, Caetano escreveu uma carta a Lutero assegurando-lhe que não o declararia excomungado, e até admitiu que a posição de Lutero sobre a Reconciliação poderia ficar sem solução se ele não insistisse na questão e se ele capitularia ao ensino claro sobre as indulgências.

Um ano e meio depois do tête-à-tête de Caetano e Lutero em Augsburg, o Papa Leão X deu atenção pessoal aos escritos e ensinamentos de Lutero em junho de 1520. A sua carta, Exsurge Domine, condenava os ensinamentos de Lutero, mas ainda sem excomungá-lo. No entanto, Lutero agora rejeitava até mesmo a autoridade do papa, e a partir desse momento começou a difamar o Vigário de Cristo, identificando-o como a prostituta da Babilônia mencionada no livro do Apocalipse. A reforma deu lugar ao protestantismo; reforma, à rebelião.

E uma caixa de Pandora se abriu, desencadeando todo tipo de pandemônio no cristianismo. . .

Padre Ren

Todas as Segunda-feiras às seis horas há confissões, seguindo-se a Missa às sete horas pelo Padre Adriano.



Lent...So What!!

When we were children, Lent meant no candy **FOREVER** or at least it seemed like it! Lent is a 40 day season to give some thought to our faith, to God who sent his Son to redeem us of our sins, to **repent** of those sins, to **pray** more often in thanksgiving for the blessings we have received, to **fast** from the things that distract us from prayer and repentance, **fast** from our cell phones, **fast** from anything that keeps us from remembering that faith and family is of higher importance than anything else in our lives; a time for **fasting** from our own importance and remembering the importance of others in our community and in the world. Take a **RICE BOWL** Fill it with the money you save when you **fast** from that cup of coffee or glass of wine once or twice a week for those 40 days. Use your "Little Black Book" to add **6 minutes** a day for prayer and meditation on the topic of the day. **Attend Mass!** If you do not usually attend, be there, try for at **LEAST 4** of the 6 weeks, perhaps let it become a **HABIT** worth doing, bringing you and your family into the family of St. Michaels. Don't like something about the parish? Offer that up as reparation for your sins by attending anyway. Think on why your feelings are running you instead of your faith in your Lord who loves you in spite of your feelings! Immerse yourself in the spirit and meaning of Lent this year! Let **this** be the year of rebirth of your faith in all things good!



STATIONS OF THE CROSS

Please use this note as a reference to the dates and times we will be presenting the Lenten devotions of Stations of the Cross each week in the upper church at 3:00pm and 7:00pm. If you cannot be there there is "Live feed" and sound available at the times noted above.

March: On Friday's the 11th, 18th, & 25th
 April: On Friday's the 1st, 8th, and the 15th is Good Friday there is ONE Stations at 3:00pm!

~ Truth and Love ~

A three-part study of the First Letter of John

Join Father Ren as he walks through the two main themes of this New-Testament letter and how they support each other.

Thursday Evenings @ 7:00
in the upper church
March 10th, 17th, & 24th

Ladies of Sodality will be meeting **in the Parish Hall on Tuesday March 15 at 1:00pm.** Our speaker will be **Paul Karpowick of Saint Vincent de Paul.** All are welcome to attend!

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!



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:

March 25 • April 29

2ND SUNDAY OF LENT

Winter... Cold... Bare Trees... Early Sun
Sets.... Snow or Cold Rain.
Nature sleeps and we wait....



Winter in New England can feel like it lasts forever! We wait for the newness of spring and celebrate new life. Our decorations this year symbolize that "deadness" in our surroundings... leafless tree branches, dry, brown lawns, dead, dry leaves clinging to branches. We and nature await the new life spring offers us. During Lent we think about and realize anew the sacrifices Jesus endured for **OUR** sins, sins of omission and commission, sins of greed, carelessness, thoughtlessness and dryness of spirit. We await the new life that Easter brings to us and we celebrate new life in faith. How are you going to prepare for your personal "spring"? Meditate on those things you can change in your life, those "dry times" when nothing seems to work for you. How can you help yourself to realize a newness of life?

Take part in things spiritual this year during our dryness of Lent. Prayer and participation in community is a vital part of bringing us to the joy and newness of life as we prepare for spring and the new life of faith brought to us by the death and Resurrection of Jesus at Easter!
Hope Springs Eternal!

Observances for Lent



Fasting should be observed by all those who are 18 years of age through the age of 60. If you are not in good health and this rule would be harmful to you, please use your best judgement in fulfilling this mandate.

*Ash Wednesday (March 2) and Good Friday (April 17) are the days of fasting. These two days only **ONE** full meatless meal is allowed. Two other small meatless meals may be eaten, but these should not equal another full meal. Eating between meals is **NOT** allowed, but water, milk, and fruit juices are allowed. Remember these mandates should not be taken lightly. Self-control is the background for the observance of this rule.*

Again, use your best judgement in fulfilling this mandate.

Abstinence should be observed by those over 14 to age 65. Abstinence is mandated on Ash Wednesday (March 2) and on ALL the Fridays of Lent. Meat is not allowed on these days. Many years ago, meat was not allowed on any Friday of the year! This gives all of us an opportunity to try the various fish or veggie meals available to us with a little bit of thought. Remember that we can learn a bit of self-control with these rules, which is sometimes missing in our lives in this age of instant gratification. We should use this time and season of Lent to consider our Needs verses our Wants as we observe the above mandates. Pray often!

*On Wednesday's **The Light is on for You**, confession will be heard on **Wednesday's starting March 9th** every Wednesday through Lent from **6:30pm to 8:00pm** in the lower church.*

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.

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](mailto:Vina@stmikes.org).

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