



# St. Michael Parish

## *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](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 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Register online at [www.stmikes.org](http://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 Joyce Rossignol 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.

## *Weekend Mass Schedule*

**Saturday:** 4:00pm  
**Sunday:**  
 English: 8:00am  
 10:30am (UpperChurch)  
 Portuguese 10:30 am (Lower Church)  
 Brazilian: 12:00pm

## *Weekday Mass*

### *Schedule*

9:00am

Monday  
 Wednesday  
 Friday

**Administrator:** *Rev. Laurence "Ren" M. Tocci*  
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**Weekend Assistant:** *Rev. Adriano Lessa*

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

APRIL



*Bread and Wine in Memory of  
Deceased Relatives of Antonio & Maria Camara  
Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of  
Jose, Paulo, & Pedro Janeiro  
From the Business Office*

**Weekly Income:** **\$10,000.00**  
**To Meet Expenses**

**In Church Giving:**

**On Line Giving:**

**Other Income Received:**

**Over Budget (shortfall):**

**Fuel Income:** **\$27,463.00**

***Bulletin went out before numbers came in.***

***Second Collections**  
**April 30th & May 1 for Parish**  
**Maintenance & Development***



**Saturday**  
**8:00pm**

**Easter Vigil April 16, 2022**  
St. Michael's Parishioners

**Sunday**  
**8:00am**

**10:30am**(upper church) St. Michael's Parishioners  
**10:30am**(lower church) Portuguese Mass  
**12:00pm**(upper church) Brazilian Mass

**Easter Sunday**  
St. Michael's Parishioners  
St. Michael's Parishioners

**Monday**  
**9:00am**

**April 18, 2022**  
Jose Maria Chaves & parents  
Richard Ashman

**Wednesday**  
**9:00am**

**April 20, 2022**  
Souls in Purgatory  
Jose J. Santos & Dec. Relative

**Friday**  
**9:00 am**

**April 22, 2022**  
Antonio Russo  
Josephine Russo  
Camille Ziter

**Saturday**  
**4:00 pm**

**April 23, 2022**  
Pat Nordelo

**Sunday**  
**8:00 am**

**10:30 am**(upper church) Jose L. Chaves  
**10:30 am**(lower church) Portuguese Mass  
**12:00 pm**(upper church) Brazilian Mass

**April 24, 2022**  
St. Michael's Parishioners

*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.**



**Congratulations!**

**Dylan Alexander Chaves** who received the Sacraments of Initiation- Baptism, First Communion and Confirmation at the Easter Vigil Mass. Thank you to **Sheila Mahoney** for her great catechesis. Please keep Dylan and his family in your prayers!



## Pro-Life, Pro-Women, Proactive

As many of you know from the Mass & online fundraiser campaign that we are partnering with First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center and Birthright of Marlborough. First Concern and Birthright are ecumenical non-profit organizations dedicated to helping women facing unplanned pregnancies find the courage and needed support to make the heroic decision for life.

Their immediate needs are for material resources for these women and their babies: diapers. Birthright also is looking for volunteers to staff their phones to respond to clients and potential clients instantly as they call. A particular need 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](mailto:frren@stmikes.org). May God bless you all.

## *Christ Has Died, Christ is Risen . . .*

There's something gloriously new at work here. Jesus is raised from the dead, never to die again.

The Catechism instructs us: "Christ's Resurrection is essentially different [from a revival to a normal human life]. In his risen body he passes from the state of death to another life beyond time and space. At Jesus's Resurrection his body is filled with the power of the Holy Spirit: he shares the divine life in his glorious state, so that St. Paul can say that Christ is 'the man of heaven.'"

In the garden, outside the tomb, Mary Magdalene fails to recognize Him—until He calls her name and suddenly she sees Him for who He is. Was it His voice that was so familiar to her? Who can say? On the road to Emmaus on Easter Sunday two of His disciples, who'd spent the whole three years of His ministry travelling about with Him, couldn't peg Him when He came up and started walking with them. It was only when He ate a meal with them, and celebrated the Eucharist, that it dawned on them.

He was able to appear and disappear in the blink of an eye. We read in the gospels that He could pass through locked doors. But He also could sit down and eat food; He could be touched. The Risen Lord is not pure spirit—not a ghost; but neither is His physique what we know as a human body.

Heaven and Earth intersect in Christ's Risen Body, as if at a crossroads. Radiant, glorious, and resplendent, His Resurrection is a marriage of our frail and physical human condition with the awe-inspiring beauty of God's perfect transcendence.

And it's the promise of what we are destined to be. What we celebrate today is the first realization of the Resurrection of all the dead: those justified by Christ, to eternal glory; others, to everlasting shame. (Sorry to be a downer with that last part, but it's what's in Scripture, and that's the basis of our faith.) All of our bodies are to be raised from the tomb, re-animated and re-constituted according to the pattern of Christ's own Risen Body.

This is particularly worth bearing in mind and reflecting on now, at this moment in history. As we see a rising fascination for deconstructing and reconstructing our bodies according to our own caprices, Easter Sunday and the Resurrection point us to the eternal design that our bodies are meant for. The discomfort with one's body, the awkwardness, the sense of alienation from one's own body that is gender dysphoria is just a radical example of the frailty of our current physical condition that all human beings share. But rather than making recourse of transgenderism—or more radically, transhumanism, Easter assures us that our bodies will be re-fashioned—not according to our fleeting and flawed self-perception, but according to God's design for us. And this design is more beautiful, more perfect, more glorious than anything we could imagine for ourselves.

As Christ Himself says in the Book of Revelation: "Behold, I make all things new" Notice that He doesn't say that He makes all new things: rather, He makes all things new. You and I are to be made anew by the power of His Resurrection, to live in glory with Him for ever and ever. Amen.

Wishing you all a happy and blessed Easter!

*Fr. Ren*



## *Cristo Morreu, Cristo Ressuscitou. . .*

Há algo gloriosamente novo no trabalho aqui. Jesus ressuscitou dos mortos, para não mais morrer.

O Catecismo nos ensina: "A Ressurreição de Cristo é essencialmente diferente [do normal reviver da vida humana ]. No seu corpo ressuscitado Jesus passou do estado da morte para outra vida para além do tempo e do espaço. Na Ressurreição de Jesus o seu corpo está cheio do poder do Espírito Santo: ele partilha a vida divina no seu glorioso estado, para que São Paulo possa dizer que Cristo é "o homem do céu".

No jardim no lado de fora do túmulo, Maria Madalena não O reconhece — até que Ele a chamou pelo seu nome e de repente ela vê-O como ele é. Que tinha na sua voz que lhe era tão familiar? Quem pode dizer? A caminho para Emaús, no domingo de Páscoa, dois dos seus discípulos, que tinham passado os três anos do seu ministério a viajar com ele, não o reconheceram quando Jesus se aproximou e caminhou com eles. Foi só quando Jesus comeu com eles, e celebrou a Eucaristia, que eles se caíram em si e O reconheceram.

Jesus tinha o poder de aparecer e desaparecer num piscar de olhos. Lemos nos evangelhos que ele podia passar por portas fechadas. E também podia sentar-se e comer com os Apóstolos. Pode Ele podar ser tocado. O Senhor Ressuscitado não é puro espírito - não é um fantasma; mas nem o seu fisicamente é o que conhecemos como um corpo humano.

O Céu e a Terra cruzam-se no Corpo Ressuscitado de Cristo, como se estivesse numa encruzilhada. Radiante, glorioso e resplandecente, A Sua Ressurreição é um casamento da nossa frágil e física condição humana com a beleza inspiradora da perfeita transcendência de Deus.

E é a promessa do que estamos destinados a ser. O que celebramos hoje é a primeira realização da Ressurreição de todos os mortos: os justificados por Cristo, para a glória eterna; outros, à vergonha eterna. (Desculpe ser um pouco negativo com a última parte, mas é o que está nas Escrituras, e essa é a base da nossa fé.) Todos os nossos corpos devem ser levantados do túmulo, re-animados e re-constituídos de acordo com o padrão do próprio Corpo Ressuscitado de Cristo.

Isto vale a pena particularmente ter em conta e refletir sobre agora, neste momento da história. Ao vermos um crescente fascínio por desconstruir e reconstruir os nossos corpos de acordo com os nossos próprios caprichos, o Domingo de Páscoa e a Ressurreição apontam-nos para a forma eterna para a qual os nossos corpos estão destinados. O desconforto com o corpo, o embaraço, o sentimento de alienação do próprio corpo que é disforia de género é apenas um exemplo radical da fragilidade da nossa condição física atual que todos os seres humanos partilham. Mas em vez de recorrer ao transgénero - ou mais radicalmente, transhumanismo, a Páscoa assegura-nos que o nosso corpo será remodelado - não de acordo com a nossa fugaz e imperfeita auto-percepção, mas de acordo com o desígnio de Deus para nós. E esta forma é mais bonita, mais perfeita, mais gloriosa do que qualquer coisa que possamos imaginar para nós mesmos.

Como o próprio Cristo diz no Livro do Apocalipse: "Eis que faço todas as coisas novas" Notem que ele não diz que ele faz novas coisas: em vez disso, ele faz todas as coisas novas. Tu e eu vamos ser ressuscitados pelo poder da Sua Ressurreição, para vivermos em glória com ele para sempre. Amém.

Desejando a todos uma Feliz e abençoada Páscoa!

*Padre Ren*



Thank you to all who participated in the Rice Bowl project during our Lenten almsgiving time. Your gift will help many people!

**PLEASE BRING YOUR RICE BOWL TO CHURCH ON PALM SUNDAY WHEN YOU COME FOR MASS!** There will be a

basket at the side entrance and I the back of the church for you to place your boxes Keep these people in your prayers during the year, not just during Lent. Again thank you for your generosity!



## A Mother's Day Invitation!

*We celebrate our Mom's Day this year on May 8<sup>th</sup>! We want to have our community submit pictures of our Mom's both those who have passed away and those living, to be placed on a poster and be remembered in our prayers throughout the month of May. Dig into your picture books, take a picture on your cell and send it to*

*[pconte@stmikes.org](mailto:pconte@stmikes.org). Submit them by April 30. If you submit hard copy pictures, place them in the basket by the ramp door. We will also be offering a flower for each mom on that weekend!*

*Insert for April 24 and May 1st*

### 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](http://www.nami.org/Learn-More/Mental-Health-Conditions/Related-Conditions/Risk-of-Suicide)**

Where you can find resources and help.



***Will you sit with Our Lord?***  
**Create a new habit in 2022!**

**We're adding Adoration every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday night of the month going forward!**

**6-8 PM in the Upper Church of St. Michael's**  
**Upcoming Dates:**

**April 29**

The Ladies Sodality of the Blessed Virgin will be holding their next meeting on Tuesday April 19th at 1:00PM in the Parish Center. Our speaker for this month is Mary Walling of Fresh Start. All are welcome for info. call 978-562-2705

## Walk for Hunger

Walking For Hunger since 1969, Mary Walling is a proud supporter of Project Bread. She will walk the River Rail Trail from Hudson to Marlborough and back as she did last year. All proceeds collected go to emergency food programs in MA.

Mary is grateful for all donations, large and small. Last year's donations have brought Mary's lifetime total raised to over \$100,000 for food relief. You can make an online donation on her Walk webpage at **[support.projectbread.org/goto/marywalling](http://support.projectbread.org/goto/marywalling)** :

If you want to make a donation go to the link above, or send a check to her address below. Mary Walling at 99 Fort Meadow Drive Hudson, MA 01749

She will be happy to accept your donations and give you a receipt for tax purposes. She's also grateful for prayers for good health and good weather on Walk Day, May 1, 2021! Virtual again. For more info.

Email: **[maryritzwalling@gmail.com](mailto:maryritzwalling@gmail.com)**

***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!***



## The Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Fundraiser

*Please continue to support the Ultrasound machine fundraiser for First Concern Pregnancy Resource Center in Marlboro. Please help us support life by donating online at [www.kofcmarlboro.org/ultrasound](http://www.kofcmarlboro.org/ultrasound) or by writing a check to St. Michael Parish with "Ultrasound Fund" on the memo line.*

*As of April 3rd we raised \$3,300.00 for our Fundraising goal of \$14,000 which the Knights of Columbus will match for a total of \$28,000, towards the purchase of the ultrasound machine.*

*Close to 80% of abortion-minded women choose to save a life when they see their baby via ultrasound. The Campaign will continue through June. Thank you for your generous support!*



## The Knights of Columbus Ultrasound Fundraiser

*Por favor, continue a apoiar a angariação de fundos da máquina de ultrassom para o Centro de Recursos de Gravidez de Primeira Preocupação em Marlboro. Por favor, ajude-nos a suportar a vida doando online em [www.kofcmarlboro.org/ultrasound](http://www.kofcmarlboro.org/ultrasound) ou escrevendo um cheque para St. Michael Parish com "Fundo de Ultrassom" na linha do memorando.*

*A partir de 3 de abril arrecadamos \$3.300,00 para o nosso objetivo de angariação de fundos de \$14.000 que os Knights of Columbus igualarão num total de \$28.000, para a compra da máquina de ultrasound.*

*Perto de 80% das mulheres que pensam no aborto escolhem salvar uma vida quando veem seu bebê por meio do ultrasound. A Campanha continuará até Junho. Obrigado pelo seu apoio generoso!*





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