



JULY 24, 2022

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

9:00 am
 Monday
 Wednesday
 Friday

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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 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 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

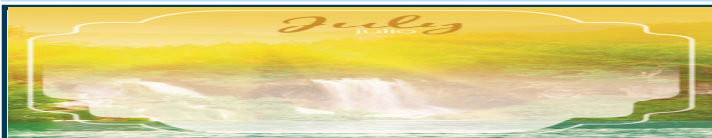
If you have not been baptized or were baptized but have not received First Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation, please contact Sheila Mahoney at 978-562-3148, call or email the Parish Center.

St. Michael's Cemetery

Cemetery lots are available. For information contact Vina Sousa at the Parish Office.

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday through Friday —9:00am-3:00pm



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From the Business Office

Weekly Income:	\$10,000.00
To Meet Expenses	
In Church Giving	\$7,555.00
On Line Giving	\$1,866.00
Other	\$1,190.00
Parish Maintenance & Dev.	\$579.00
Over Budget (shortfall):	\$1,190.00

**WORCESTER CATHOLIC
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All women are invited to this exciting Conference, "Embrace the Cross", to be held at St. Joseph School in Webster, MA on **Saturday, October 1st**. Hear dynamic talks from outstanding Catholic leaders, **Sonja Corbitt, Laura Mary Phelps, Constance T. Hull, and Bryan Mercier**. Diocesan and religious priests will hear confessions and there will be many interesting exhibitors. Bishop McManus will celebrate Mass. For more information and to register, visit our website at www.wcwconference.com or call Corinn Dahm at 508-277-3969.

**Seating is limited
Register Today!**

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday morning after Mass until noon.



Saturday 4:00 pm **July 23, 2022**
Saint Michael's Parishioner's

Sunday 8:00am **July 24, 2022**
Antonio C. Sousa & Dec.Rel.
10:30 am(upper church) Mary Mancini
10:30am(lower church) Portuguese Mass
12:00pm(upper church) Brazilian Mass

Monday 9:00am **July 25, 2022**
Alfred Gaspar
William & Evelyn Cabral

Wednesday 9:00am **July 27, 2022**
Francisco & Maria Monteiro
Soul's in Purgatory

Friday 9:00 am **July 29, 2022**
Jose & Virginia Sousa
& Dec Relatives

Saturday 4:00pm **July 30, 2022**
Cathy Coffey Moore

Sunday 8:00am **July 31, 2022**
Saint Michael's Parishioner's
10:30 am(upper church) Alan Gigliotti
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.

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“The Unfolding of Your Words Gives Light”: A Deep Dive into the Ten Commandments (Part X) . . .

Among the sacrifices that we’re all called to offer is the keeping of promises and vows made to God. The most serious of these are the promises one makes at baptism and confirmation. The promise to live according to the principles and demands of the Catholic faith—and to bring up one’s child to live this way, is the substance of baptism. Likewise, at Confirmation, the person makes the promise to bear public witness to the Faith and actively work to promote the Gospel and build up the Kingdom of God. The marital vow also is a promise made to God to live in fidelity to one’s spouse and to help one another grow in holiness.

These promises and vows bind us to God by a free act of the will: we freely pledge ourselves to meet the expectations of these particular sacraments (or the conditions & terms of whatever the specific promise is that we made). And we exercise our will by fulfilling these promises faithfully and consistently, even when we don’t feel like doing so. It’s not something to be taken lightly. God takes us seriously, and He takes the promises we make seriously, too. It’s nothing less than a matter of personal honor and integrity to follow through on the promises we make. Jesus Himself cautions us about the importance of this in the gospels: “For which of you, intending to build a tower, does not first sit down and estimate the cost to see whether he has enough to complete it? Otherwise, when he has laid a foundation and is not able to finish, all who see it will begin to ridicule him.”

Now, this doesn’t apply to a rash vow made in the heat of panic. (Although, after things have calmed down, it would be a good idea to think about what we promised God and whether it does indeed point to changes we should make in our life.) But such impetuous vows aren’t truly made with the deliberation and understanding necessary for a real act of the will. This is why such careful discernment and preparation is required before we make solemn promises. Someone wanting to be ordained a priest or deacon must go through at least four to six years of concentrated training. Likewise, a person thinking of joining a convent or monastery needs to go through the novitiate: a period of experiment and trial that usually lasts for years before they’re permitted to make final vows.

Similarly, the engagement period for a couple preparing for marriage isn’t just time spent making arrangements for the wedding day; it’s meant to be a season for them to reflect seriously and realistically on the promise they’re about to make and whether they truly are ready to fulfill that commitment. This is why it’s such an extensive process to get an annulment: the Church takes the marriage vow seriously. If the promise the couple made at the altar was made with full knowledge, mature deliberation, and was a legitimate exercise of their free wills, then the bond remains effective even after the civil divorce. An annulment can only be granted if it’s found that there was some deficiency at the time the promise was made.

It’s no more trivial a matter to present one’s baby for baptism or to approach the Church asking for Confirmation. The promises made in receiving these sacraments are every bit as grave—I might argue, even weightier—than the vows for ordination, religious profession, or Holy Matrimony. They require understanding what is expected of you as a parent or as a mature Christian, accepting the duty that comes with the promise being made, and the full intention of discharging those duties.

A promise made to God with sober reflection, adequate knowledge, and appropriate understanding is binding; if we make those promises lightly or insincerely, or if we choose to abandon them later on down the road, we will be held accountable for those choices when we appear before the Lord. God blessed us with the gift of free will, and He takes us seriously as beings free to exercise our will in choices deliberately made. Every choice we make carries consequences—either for good or for ill—and we are responsible for those consequences. God takes us seriously. We should be just as serious about ourselves. Not to mention that we should take God at least as seriously as He takes us.

Keeping our promises to God, having the firm intention of remaining true to those promises, is how we make a payment of fidelity to the God who remains ever faithful to us, and so live out the Covenant relationship He has entered into with us. It’s in this Covenant that we demonstrate our love for God

Fr. Ren

O Desdobramento de Suas Palavras Dá Luz”: Um Mergulho Profundo nos Dez Mandamentos (Parte X) . . .

Entre os sacrifícios que todos somos chamados a oferecer está o cumprimento das promessas e votos feitos a Deus. As mais sérias delas são as promessas feitas no batismo e na confirmação. A promessa de viver de acordo com os princípios e exigências da fé católica – e criar um filho/a para viver dessa maneira, é a substância do batismo. Da mesma forma, na Confirmação, os jovens fazem a promessa de dar testemunho público da Fé e trabalhar ativamente para promover o Evangelho e construir o Reino de Deus. O voto matrimonial também é uma promessa feita a Deus de viver em fidelidade ao matrimônio e de ajudar-se mutuamente a crescer em santidade.

Essas promessas e votos nos ligam a Deus por um ato livre da vontade: nos comprometemos livremente a atender às expectativas desses sacramentos particulares (ou as condições e termos de qualquer promessa específica que fizemos). E exercitamos a nossa vontade cumprindo essas promessas de forma fiel e consistente, mesmo quando não temos vontade de fazê-lo. Não é algo para ser tomado de ânimo leve. Deus nos leva a sério, e também leva a sério as promessas que fazemos. Não é nada menos do que uma questão de honra e integridade pessoal em cumprir as promessas que fazemos. O próprio Jesus nos adverte sobre a importância disso nos evangelhos: “Pois qual de vocês, pretendendo construir uma torre, não se senta primeiro e calcula o custo para ver se tem o suficiente para completá-la? Caso contrário, quando ele tiver lançado o alicerce e não puder terminar, todos os que o virem começarão a ridicularizá-lo”.

Agora, isso não se aplica a um voto precipitado feito no calor do pânico. (Embora, depois que as coisas se acalmassem, seria uma boa ideia pensar sobre o que prometemos a Deus e se isso realmente aponta para mudanças que devemos fazer em nossa vida.) Mas esses votos impetuosos não são realmente feitos com a deliberação e compreensão necessária para um ato real da vontade. É por isso que é necessário tanto discernimento e preparação cuidadosos antes de fazermos promessas solenes. Alguém que deseja ser ordenado sacerdote ou diácono deve passar por pelo menos quatro a seis anos de treinamento concentrado. Da mesma forma, uma pessoa que pensa em ingressar em um convento ou mosteiro precisa passar pelo noviciado: um período de experiência e julgamento que geralmente dura anos antes de poder fazer os votos finais.

Da mesma forma, o período de noivado de um casal que se prepara para o casamento não é apenas o tempo gasto nos preparativos para o dia do casamento; deve ser uma temporada para eles refletirem séria e realisticamente sobre a promessa que estão prestes a fazer e se eles realmente estão prontos para cumprir esse compromisso. É por isso que é um processo tão extenso para obter uma anulação: a Igreja leva a sério o voto matrimonial. Se a promessa que o casal fez no altar foi feita com pleno conhecimento, deliberação madura, e foi um exercício legítimo de seu livre arbítrio, então o vínculo permanece efetivo mesmo após o divórcio civil. A anulação só pode ser concedida se for constatada alguma deficiência no momento em que a promessa foi feita.

Não é mais trivial apresentar a criança para o batismo ou aproximar-se da Igreja pedindo a Confirmação. As promessas feitas ao receber esses sacramentos são tão graves – eu poderia considerar, até mais pesadas – do que os votos de ordenação, profissão religiosa ou Santo Matrimônio. Eles exigem que você entenda o que é esperado de você como pai ou como cristão maduro, aceitando o dever que vem com a promessa feita e a plena intenção de cumprir esses deveres.

Uma promessa feita a Deus com reflexão sóbria, conhecimento adequado e entendimento apropriado é obrigatória; se fizermos essas promessas de forma leviana ou insincera, ou se optarmos por abandoná-las mais tarde, seremos responsáveis por essas escolhas quando comparecermos diante do Senhor. Deus nos abençoou com o dom do livre arbítrio, e Ele nos leva a sério como seres livres para exercer a nossa vontade nas escolhas feitas deliberadamente. Cada escolha que fazemos traz consequências – para o bem ou para o mal – e somos responsáveis por essas consequências. Deus nos leva a sério. Devemos ser tão sérios sobre nós mesmos. Sem mencionar que devemos levar a Deus pelo menos tão a sério quanto Ele nos leva.

Cumprir as nossas promessas a Deus, tendo a firme intenção de permanecer fiéis a essas promessas, é como fazemos um pagamento de fidelidade ao Deus que permanece sempre fiel a nós, e assim vivemos a relação de aliança que Ele estabeleceu conosco. É nesta Aliança que demonstramos o nosso amor por Deus.

Padre Ren

Our Annual Picnic On Oct. 16th

Anyone wanting to volunteer for the Picnic Festivities in October. Please call the office at the **Parish Center for details. 978-562-2552 ext: 300 Any help would be greatly appreciated!!!**



Good Day to All!

NOW is the time, NOW is the Hour If your family has a child who is in the first grade, or in high school to begin his or her preparation for reception of the second Sacrament of initiation, First Holy Communion, or Confirmation There are three Sacraments of initiation into the full community of faith, the first being Baptism, the second being First Holy Communion and the third is Confirmation. Of the three First Holy Communion is the only one which we all receive as often as we can Please contact Mécia at 978-562-2552 or go on-line to our web site, stmikes.org, Click on Faith Formation or Sacraments, Click on registration all grades, fill out the form COMPLETELY, and submit it. If you have questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to call! First Communion is a two year prep as is Confirmation.

Please NOTE! Due to a mix up at our location the DATE HAS CHANGED FOR OUR PICNIC! THE NEW Date is October 16, same time, same place! the Elk's Pavilion.

See y'all in church!!

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of St. Michael Church is here to assist the people in the Hudson community. We are able to do this thanks to the generosity of our parishioners. We depend on contributions to our donation boxes.

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Thank You...and May God Bless Us All!

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da paróquia de São Miguel está aqui para ajudar as pessoas da comunidade de Hudson podemos fazer isso graças à generosidade dos nossos paroquianos. Dependemos das contribuições nas nossas caixas de doação, Localiza à saída fora de todas as portas da Igreja, para nos permitir continuar a ajudar os nossos vizinhos. Se você ou a sua família estiverem precisando de assistência financeira ou informativa, entre em contato conosco diretamente em



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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)

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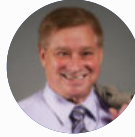


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