



St. Michael Parish

DECEMBER 18, 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

Administrator: **Rev. Laurence "Ren" Tocci**
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Custodians: **Antonio Gonçalves**
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 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.

21 Manning Street, Hudson, MA 01749
 Phone: 978-562-2552 Fax: 978-568-1761
www.stmikes.org & office@stmikes.org

PARISH CENTER HOURS

Monday through Friday —9:00am-3:00pm



December



Bread and Wine

Antonio C. Sousa & Deceased Relatives

Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of
John B. Monteiro & Deceased Relatives

From the Business Office

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

Bulletin went out before numbers came in.

Grand Annual **\$39,752.00**

2nd Collection Saturday, December 31, &
Sunday, January 1, 2023

Saturday
4:00pm

December 17, 2022
Jose & Maria Nordelo

Sunday
8:00am
10:30am
10:30am(Lower Church)Portuguese Mass
12:00pm(Upper church) Brazillian Mass

December 18, 2022
Antonio C. Sousa
St. Michael's Parishioners
Portuguese Mass
Brazilian Mass

Monday
9:00am

December 19, 2022
Antonio & Maria J. Costa

Wednesday
9:00am

December 21, 2022
Carol Bergeron

Friday
9:00am

December 23, 2022
Murray Skip Buchanan

Saturday
4:00pm
6:00pm

Christmas Eve
St. Michael's Parishioners
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Sunday
8:00am
10:30am
10:30 (Lower Church)Portuguese Mass
12:00 (Upper Church) Brazilian Mass

Christmas Day
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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.

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!



Our Ladies of Sodality

The Ladies of Sodality will be meeting on Tuesday December 20th at 1:00 in the Parish Hall. Any questions please call:
Martha Berry at 978-562-2705

THE NATIONAL SHRINE OF OUR LADY OF LA SALETTE
PRESENTS:

CHRIST: *Living* LIGHT

NOVEMBER 24, 2022 - JANUARY 1, 2023

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

During the Vietnam Conflict a new word got introduced into the English language: “Gookism.” It referred to the derisive racial epithets used for the ethnic groups of one’s military enemies. Every war had its own variety of such terms, and the tactic was used to de-humanize the enemy, and thus make it easier to kill them in combat. We have a natural tendency to flinch at taking the life of someone with whom we can identify.

At the heart of the Fifth Commandment is the recognition that each human being is a person—more than just a creature; more than one more class of animal; more than just a member of the species homo sapiens. A person is a soul: a rational being with self-awareness, unique gifts, a particular personality; someone who, in the deep mystery of his/her very self, is the image and likeness of the living God. As such, the respect for the sacredness of human life is a piece of our reverence for God, and a recognition of our similarity to that unique person—that we both equally share the divine image.

This being the case, the gravest form of murder is those perpetrated against those who are closest to us in relation. Matricide, patricide, fratricide, the murder of a spouse, and infanticide and the killing of others who are our nearest kin reveals a startling moral depravity, and are a graver sin than the murder of strangers.

Nor can a false sense of compassion be used to justify such actions. No parent can use eugenics as an excuse to terminate a child’s life because of a perceived deformity such as Down’s Syndrome, or a malformed body part.

But of course no instance of intentionally taking human life outside of the immediate defense of self or others can ever be justified. This extends beyond direct murder to the reckless disregard for human life that leads to the death of another. While no one is held guilty for the accidental death of another, we are responsible for our actions that foreseeably could result in death. Each person is equipped with a rational mind, the proper imagination to be able to see potential harm brought about by a certain line of behavior, and the free will to harness our actions to minimize the risk. When we choose, thoughtlessly or indifferently, to create the circumstances for the death of another person, we carry the burden of sin for that callousness.

This applies also to groups of peoples. When conditions of famine, disease, hazardous water supplies are deliberately left unremedied those responsible for creating such conditions, or allowing them to continue when they had the duty to address them, break the Fifth Commandment.

Comparably, each of us has the duty to help others facing life-threatening circumstances, or indeed any situation that realistically contributes to the person’s harm. The parable of the Good Samaritan is a lesson for all people, especially Christians. To pass over those who are in want erodes the solidarity of the human family and closes our heart to the self-giving love that is supposed to mark the life of all who bear the name of Christ. As Jesus Himself gave His very lifeblood to save us from eternal death, it becomes the sacred duty of each member of the Baptized to be radically and deeply concerned for the life and welfare of others. And not just in a general or efficient way, say by giving money to human-relief charities, but by actively and personally reaching out to others to affirm their right to life, their fundamental human dignity.

Father Ren

***“O Desdobramento de Suas Palavras Traz Luz”:* Um Mergulho Profundo nos Dez Mandamentos (Parte XXVIII) . . .**

Durante o conflito do Vietnã, uma nova palavra foi introduzida na língua inglesa: “Gookism”. Referia-se aos epítetos raciais irrisórios usados para os grupos étnicos dos inimigos militares. Cada guerra tinha sua própria variedade de tais termos, e a tática era usada para desumanizar o inimigo e, assim, tornar mais fácil matá-lo em combate. Temos uma tendência natural de hesitar em tirar a vida de alguém com quem podemos nos identificar.

No coração do Quinto Mandamento está o reconhecimento de que cada ser humano é uma pessoa – mais do que apenas uma criatura; mais de uma classe de animal; mais do que apenas um membro da espécie homo sapiens. Uma pessoa é uma alma: um ser racional com autoconsciência, dons únicos, uma personalidade particular; alguém que, no mistério profundo de si mesmo, é a imagem e semelhança do Deus vivo. Como tal, o respeito pela sacralidade da vida humana é parte de nossa reverência a Deus e um reconhecimento de nossa semelhança com aquela pessoa única – que ambos compartilhamos igualmente a imagem divina.

Sendo assim, a forma mais grave de assassinato são aqueles perpetrados contra aqueles que estão mais próximos de nós em relação. Matricídio, patricídio, fratricídio, o assassinato de um cônjuge e infanticídio e o assassinato de outros que são nossos parentes mais próximos revelam uma depravação moral surpreendente e são um pecado mais grave do que o assassinato de estranhos.

Nem um falso senso de compaixão pode ser usado para justificar tais ações. Nenhum pai pode usar a eugenia como desculpa para acabar com a vida de uma criança por causa de uma deformidade percebida como a Síndrome de Down ou uma parte do corpo malformada.

Mas é claro que nenhum exemplo de intencionalmente tirar a vida humana fora da defesa imediata de si mesmo ou de outros pode ser justificado. Isso se estende além do assassinato direto ao desrespeito imprudente pela vida humana que leva à morte de outra pessoa. Embora ninguém seja considerado culpado pela morte acidental de outra pessoa, somos responsáveis por nossas ações que previsivelmente podem resultar em morte. Cada pessoa está equipada com uma mente racional, a imaginação adequada para ser capaz de ver o dano potencial causado por uma determinada linha de comportamento e o livre arbítrio para controlar nossas ações para minimizar o risco. Quando escolhemos, impensadamente ou indiferentemente, criar as circunstâncias para a morte de outra pessoa, carregamos o fardo do pecado por essa insensibilidade.

Isso se aplica também a grupos de povos. Quando as condições de fome, doenças, abastecimento de água perigoso são deliberadamente deixados sem solução, os responsáveis por criar tais condições, ou permitir que continuem quando tinham o dever de resolvê-los, quebram o Quinto Mandamento.

Comparativamente, cada um de nós tem o dever de ajudar os outros que enfrentam circunstâncias de risco de vida, ou mesmo qualquer situação que realisticamente contribua para o dano da pessoa. A parábola do bom samaritano é uma lição para todas as pessoas, especialmente para os cristãos. Passar por cima dos necessitados corrói a solidariedade da família humana e fecha o coração ao amor abnegado que deve caracterizar a vida de todos os que levam o nome de Cristo. Como o próprio Jesus deu Seu próprio sangue vital para nos salvar da morte eterna, torna-se dever sagrado de cada membro do Batizado preocupar-se radical e profundamente com a vida e o bem-estar dos outros. E não apenas de maneira geral ou eficiente, digamos, doando dinheiro para instituições de caridade de assistência humana, mas alcançando ativamente e pessoalmente os outros para afirmar seu direito à vida, sua dignidade humana fund

Padre Ren

Our Father's Table

Again this year at St. Michael's Parish. Our Father's Table is collecting men's and women's winter gloves, as these are the most needed items to be distributed to the Communities.

You will find a box at the back of both the upstairs and downstairs church beginning the weekend of November 26. If you cannot drop off your item, please call Ann at (978)562-7668 and it will be picked up. Thank you for your generosity throughout the years.

GOD BLESS!!



St. Michael's Jesse Tree

Come to the Parish Center and see our Jesse Tree! We will be adding pictures each week and papers will be available for you to use at home for an added prayer during Advent. While there, visit the Lending Library for a book to read during the quiet times during the Holiday's. Perhaps



Where's Joseph and Mary?

Come and bring the children as Mary and Joseph travel to Bethlehem. The children need to find where Mary and Joseph are in their journey. The Holy couple will "travel around" until they finally reach their destination. Help the children to find them in the Lending Library during the Advent season and then bring them to see their final resting place! View the children's books! Stop and draw picture, we will display them in the hallway during the season of Christmas. Thank you for participating!

Cori time!



Attn. Ministry Heads: Materials have been assembled for you in folders with your ministry name on it. The folders should be picked up following all the Masses on 12/10 and 12/11, they will be in the Lending Library in the Parish Center, ground floor. I will be there to answer any questions. They will be due to come back to me by 2/14/23. Pat Conte

Thank you for your time and effort on this important project.

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.

Eucharistic Adoration

Friday morning after Mass until noon.



Just IN!



We have received a supply of infant knitted items including sweater sets with hats, and blankets. Come on in to see them in the Lending Library Room. Anyone you know who would love these? These items and prayer shawls and lap robes are a perfect gift for someone you love!



GOSPEL

An angel told Joseph to marry Mary because her baby was through the Holy Spirit of God. They would name the baby Jesus because he would save his people from their sins. God called you by name, too. Before you were born, he could tell you how many hairs would be on your head. He knew how long your feet would be. He knew all the good things you would do for his people.

PRAYER

I am proud that I am your child, Father God.

GROWING

WITH THE *Gospel*

CYCLE A

COLOR

Read the Gospel of the week and color the image.



4th Sunday of Advent • Matthew 1:18-24