

**MAY 28, 2023**

**Weekend Mass Schedule**

**Saturday:** 4:00pm  
**Sunday :**  
**English :** 8:00am  
 10:30am (Upper Church)  
 Portuguese 9:15am (Lower Church)  
 Brazilian: 11:00am(Lower church)

**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](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 Vina Sousa at the Parish Office.

## \*\*PARISH CENTER HOURS\*\*

Monday through Friday —9:00am-3:00pm



**Bread and Wine**  
*Marie Esteves*

**Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of**  
*For the healing of Jose & Teresa Mauricio*

*From the Business Office*

Weekly Income:	\$12,000.00
Meet Expense	
In Church Giving	\$6,789.00
On Line Giving	\$1,646.00
Other	\$1,025.00
Parish Maintenance & Dev.	\$145.00
Over Budget	(\$2,395.00)
Fuel	\$27,189.00

**Our next 2nd collection is on  
May 27 & 28 and will be for  
Seminarians Pentecost**

***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!***



<b>Saturday</b> 11:00am 4:00pm	<b>May 27, 2023</b> Annual Healing Mass Pauline Sullivan & son Kenneth
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 10:30am 9:15am (Lower Church) 11:00am (Lower Church)	<b>May 28, 2023</b> St. Michael's Parishioners MaryLou & Maria Gloria Costa Portuguese Mass Brazilian Mass
<b>Monday</b> 9:00am	<b>May 29, 2023</b> Mass at St. Michael's Cemetery (In case of rain Mass will be held in upper Church.)
<b>Wednesday</b> 9:00am	<b>May 31, 2023</b> Cauley & Rupprecht & Deceased family members
<b>Friday</b> 9:00am	<b>June 2, 2023</b> Rich Donnelly Anthony Cappetta
<b>Saturday</b> 4:00pm	<b>June 3, 2023</b> Leonard Pauplis
<b>Sunday</b> 8:00am 10:30am 9:15am (Lower Church) 11:00am (Lower Church)	<b>June 4, 2023</b> Albino & Ana Cardoso Antonio Coelho Silva 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.*

**In observance of Memorial day  
the Parish Center will be closed  
Monday May 29th.**

**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.***

*"The Unfolding of Your Words Gives Light": A Deep Dive into the Ten Commandments (Part XLX) . . .*

Nobel-peace-prize winner and Soviet dissident Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn once wrote that the line separating good from evil passes through every human heart. This is an incredibly important point to bear in mind when considering the Christian's duty to commit to the truth. The commandment prohibiting us from bearing false witness against our neighbor fundamentally requires us to cultivate a real regard for the reputation of others.

Gossip is a pernicious habit that contaminates our conversations, and unfortunately it's all too common. I find myself slipping into it more often than I care to admit—especially when it comes to bishops and other higher-ups in the Archdiocese. (I don't like having to fess up to this flaw, but if I'm going to commit to the truth, then I have to be honest, don't I?) But gossip drags conversation down to a crass level; on the one hand, it sets ourselves up as being superior to the poor victim of our criticisms, and on the other hand it distorts the subject of our gossip, defaming his/her character. Even if our criticism is true or accurate, it deforms the reality of the matter by creating a disproportionate dynamic of good and bad: we come out smelling like the proverbial roses, while our victim invariably ends up degraded, made to look like a real stinker. And in keeping with our theme, let's be honest: anytime we engage in gossip we exaggerate the situation. We sculpt the story to make ourselves look *just a little bit* better and paint the other guy to seem a little bit (or a lot!) worse than is actually the case.

Respect for other people is a hallmark of humility as well as honesty. It reminds us that we're all works-in-progress, that we all have our flaws and peccadillos (I love that word!); and it reminds us that everyone—including that son-of-a-gun who we love to carve up with a knife and fork anytime we get together with friends—is a person with dignity, loved by God and created in His image and likeness. The Apostle Paul, who himself wasn't immune to verbally tearing other people to shreds, nonetheless gives us good counsel as to how to approach our treatment of others: "Say only the good things that will build up faith," he advises the Ephesians, "that it may impart grace to those who hear."

My own rule-of-thumb (whenever I have the presence of mind to put it into practice) is that if there is a real issue that a person I know has to deal with, I make sure I say it to the person him- or herself and try to say something positive about that person when (s)he isn't in the room. At the bare minimum, never say anything out of the person's earshot that you wouldn't say to his/her face.

Respect for others also demands charity. Always give someone the benefit of a doubt. Never assume the worst possible interpretation of a situation or a person's behavior unless there's a really, *really* sound reason. This doesn't mean being gullible or Pollyannaish, but it does mean allowing that people quite often make good-faith mistakes, and most people do operate from a base of good will. Never jump to negative conclusions without good reason, but always approach the situation from the assumption that the person wants to do what is right, and we should try to help guide him/her into that. This is saying the things that will build the person up in faith.

Boasting and bragging also are offenses against the Eighth Commandment. It inflates our own importance and distorts the truth of who we are by making us look better than we are. And following the same line of thought, flattery of others similarly exaggerates the truth. Especially when we flatter other people to ingratiate ourselves to them or gain something from them, we warp the truth for our own benefit. At its most egregious, when we endorse behavior we know is sinful either by tacit acceptance or overt approval, we betray the truth that God calls all His children to repentance and conversion; instead of imparting grace and helping the person grow in personal holiness, we inhibit his or her progress in sanctity and thwart their eternal destiny, which for everyone is the Beatific Vision of God's perfect presence.

*Fr. Ren*

## *"A Revelação de Suas Palavras Traz Luz": Um Mergulho Profundo nos Dez Mandamentos (Parte XLX) . . .*

O ganhador do Prêmio Nobel da Paz e dissidente soviético Aleksandr Solzhenitsyn escreveu certa vez que a linha que separa o bem do mal passa por cada coração humano. Este é um ponto incrivelmente importante a ter em mente ao considerar o dever do cristão de se comprometer com a verdade. O mandamento que nos proíbe de dar falso testemunho contra o próximo exige fundamentalmente que cultivemos uma verdadeira consideração pela reputação dos outros.

A fofoca é um hábito pernicioso que contamina nossas conversas e, infelizmente, é muito comum. Eu me pego escorregando nele com mais frequência do que gostaria de admitir - especialmente quando se trata de bispos e outros superiores na arquidiocese. (Não gosto de ter que confessar essa falha, mas se vou me comprometer com a verdade, tenho que ser honesto, não é?) Mas a fofoca leva a conversa a um nível grosseiro; por um lado, nos colocamos como superiores à pobre vítima de nossas críticas, e por outro, distorcemos o assunto de nossas fofocas, difamando seu caráter. Mesmo que nossa crítica seja verdadeira ou precisa, ela deforma a realidade da questão ao criar uma dinâmica desproporcional entre o bem e o mal: saímos cheirando a rosas proverbiais, enquanto nossa vítima invariavelmente acaba degradada, feita para parecer um verdadeiro fedorento. E, de acordo com o nosso tema, sejamos honestos: sempre que nos envolvemos em fofocas, exageramos a situação. Nós esculpimos a história para parecermos um pouco melhores e pintamos o outro cara para parecer um pouco (ou muito!) Pior do que realmente é o caso.

O respeito pelas outras pessoas é uma marca registrada da humildade, assim como da honestidade. Isso nos lembra que somos todos obras - progresso, que todos temos nossas falhas e pecadilhos (adoro essa palavra!); e nos lembra que todos - incluindo aquele filho da mãe que adoramos cortar com garfo e faca sempre que nos reunimos com amigos - são pessoas dignas, amadas por Deus e criadas à Sua imagem e semelhança. O apóstolo Paulo, que não era imune a despedaçar verbalmente outras pessoas, ainda assim nos dá um bom conselho sobre como abordar nosso tratamento para com os outros: "Dizei apenas as coisas boas que edificarão a fé", ele aconselha os efésios. , "para que dê graça aos que ouvem".

Minha própria regra de ouro (sempre que tenho a presença de espírito para colocá-la em prática) é que, se houver um problema real com o qual uma pessoa que conheço tenha que lidar, certifique-se de dizê-lo à pessoa. ou ela mesma, e tente dizer algo positivo sobre essa pessoa quando ela não estiver na sala. No mínimo, nunca diga nada fora do alcance da voz da pessoa que você não diria na cara dela.

O respeito pelos outros exige também a caridade. Sempre dê a alguém o benefício da dúvida. Nunca assuma a pior interpretação possível de uma situação ou comportamento de uma pessoa, a menos que haja uma razão muito, muito sólida. Isso não significa ser ingênuo ou polido, mas significa permitir que as pessoas frequentemente cometam erros de boa fé, e a maioria das pessoas opera com base na boa vontade. Nunca tire conclusões negativas sem um bom motivo, mas sempre aborde a situação partindo do pressuposto de que a pessoa quer fazer o que é certo, e devemos tentar ajudá-la a fazer isso. Isso é dizer as coisas que irão edificar a pessoa na fé.

Vangloriar-se e gabar-se também são ofensas ao Oitavo Mandamento. Aumenta nossa própria importância e distorce a verdade de quem somos, fazendo-nos parecer melhores do que somos. E seguindo a mesma linha de pensamento, a bajulação dos outros exagera da mesma forma a verdade. Especialmente quando lisonjeamos outras pessoas para cair nas boas graças delas ou ganhar algo delas, distorcemos a verdade para nosso próprio benefício. Em sua forma mais flagrante, quando endossamos um comportamento que sabemos ser pecaminoso, seja por aceitação tácita ou aprovação aberta, traímos a verdade de que Deus chama todos os Seus filhos ao arrependimento e à conversão; em vez de conceder a graça e ajudar a pessoa a crescer na santidade pessoal, inibimos o seu progresso na santidade e frustramos o seu destino eterno, que para todos é a Visão Beatífica da presença perfeita de Deus.

*Padre Ren*



### After-Mass Receptions for Father Ren

As you all know, Father Ren has accepted the position of Pastor for St. Cecelia Parish in Ashland, effective July 1, 2023. Father Ren's last weekend at St Michael Parish will be the weekend of June 24-25. The Parish Community will be hosting small receptions after the following Masses to give parishioners the chance to say goodbye to Father Ren and wish him well in his new position:

Saturday June 24, following the 4:00 pm Mass

Sunday June 25, following the 8:00 am Mass

Sunday June 25, following the 10:30 am Mass

Please join us at one of the receptions, which will take place just outside the Parish Center. Refreshments will be served. We hope you can Join us in giving Father Ren a warm sendoff!



St. Michael Parish needs more altar servers. If you have school-age children, please pray on this as a family to discern if God might be calling your child to serve Him in this way. Please call the Parish Center with questions: 978-562-2552.

### Lending Library and Reading Room

**OPEN 9-3 Daily, Saturday 5-5:30, Sunday following each of the Masses. Closed on Holidays and the day prior to the Holiday.**

**Come and visit in the Parish Center**

### Upcoming Events at St. Michael Parish

**Saturday/Sunday May 27 and 28  
Pentecost Weekend**

#### Eucharistic Adoration

**Friday morning after Mass until noon**

#### Evening Eucharistic Adoration

**Every 4th Friday of the month**

**Friday May 26th, 6-8 pm**



### FATHERS DAY PIX



**FATHER'S DAY IS COMING SOON!  
WE CELEBRATE OUR DAD'S WITH PICTURES AS WE DO WITH OUR MOM'S!  
SO, TAKE SOME PICTURES OR FIND ONE AND SEND IT TO ME BY JUNE 11,  
AND WE WILL BE PLACING THEM ON A POSTER AS WE PRAY FOR OUR DAD'S IN THE MONTH OF JUNE! SEND THEM TO :PCONTE@STMIKES.ORG! AND THANK YOU FOR YOUR PARTICIPATION. WE WILL BE GIVING EACH DAD A SMALL GIFT FOR THEIR DEVOTION TO OUR FAMILIES.**

## PENTECOST SUNDAY



St. Michael Parish congratulates the students of the Confirmation group who received into full participation in the Catholic Faith. While we continue to learn about our faith for a life time, formal classes are finished and they journey forward and continue to learn about faith and faith practice. We wish them many blessings and grace as they grow in age and wisdom with the help of the Holy Spirit!

God Bless

### Worldwide Marriage Encounter

Gospel of John 20:19-23. "Jesus stood in their midst and said Peace be with you.... He breathed on them and said to them, Receive the HOLY spirit" Breath is a sign of life. Let Jesus breathe life into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences listed below.

**June 2-4 in Upton, MA**

**June 23-25 & September 22-24, in Huntington, NY**

Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring a variety of in-person and virtual Marriage experiences, some on weekends and some on seven weekdays. Couples will explore their relationship with each other, God, and the Church. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required.

For more information or to apply, call Joe & Ginny Vatele at 978-870-5646 or visit them at:

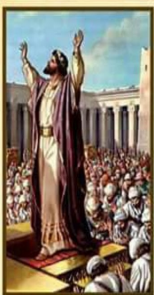
**<https://www.mema.org/>**.



**Monday 9:00 am May 29, 2023.**  
We will celebrate mass at the cemetery as we honor those who have given their lives to protect us in time of war and unrest. Bring a chair, sunscreen, and enjoy celebrating their lives. There will be refreshments following the Mass toward the back of the property, you will see tables set up with donuts, muffins, and bagels, coffee tea, and juice. Come and enjoy the fellowship of this event!

**See you there**

### Did you know?



On the day of the Dedication of the Temple built by King Solomon, there were **120 priests** present (2 Chron 5:11); the **Ark of the Covenant** was brought into the Temple (2 Chron 5:7) and **fire came down** from heaven to consume the burnt offering (2 Chron 7:7).



On the day of Pentecost, a company of **120 disciples** was present in the Upper Room (Acts 1:15), the **Mother of Christ**, (the New **Ark of the Covenant**) was present (Acts 1:14), and the Holy Spirit came down as **tongues of fire** (Acts 2:3)