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<u>ADORATION</u>	<u>HOLY MASS</u>		<u>CONFESSIONS</u>
<u>St. Joseph's</u> Tuesdays 6-7pm Benediction 6:45	<u>St. Michael's</u> <u>Daily Mass (9am)</u> Monday (Port.) Wed. (Eng.) (School) Friday (Port)	<u>St. Joseph's</u> <u>Daily Mass (9am)</u> Tuesday Thursday Saturday	<u>St. Joseph's</u> Saturday 9:30-10:30 Tuesday 6pm-6:45
<u>St. Michael's</u> Wednesdays 9:30-6pm Benediction 5:45pm	<u>Weekends</u> Saturday 4pm (Eng) Sunday 8am (Port) 10am (Eng.) 11:30 (Port.)	<u>Weekends</u> Saturday 4:30 Sunday 7am 10am	<u>St. Michael's</u> Saturdays 3-345pm Sundays 9am-9:45 Mondays 6-7pm Any time by appointment

Holy Trinity Sunday - May 31, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, May 30th—(Vigil Mass)
4:30PM—John and Lucie Conboy

Sunday, May 31st—Most Holy Trinity
7:00AM—Claire Berube
10:00AM—Leonardo Miranda

Tuesday, June 2nd—Saints Marcellinus and Peter, Martyrs
9:00AM—Gerald Cloutier

Thursday, June 4th
9:00AM—Rev. William Shovelton

Saturday, June 6th—Saint Norbert, Bishop
9:00AM—Marianna and Charles Boulay

Saturday, June 6th—(Vigil Mass)
4:30PM—Robert R. Curran, Sr.

Sunday, June 7th—Corpus Christi
7:00AM—Firmino and Theresa Sousa
10:00AM—William M. Garvey

SANCTUARY LAMP:

This week, the sanctuary lamp will be lit in memory of Robert R. Curran, Sr.

LECTORS NEEDED:

We are currently in need of more people to read at Holy Mass. Those interested in being a Lector (Reader) at Holy Mass should speak with Fr. Jay after one of the weekend Masses.

THE “HAPPINESS CLUB” WINNER

This week’s Happiness Club winner is Leo Hamel.

PRAYERS FOR THE RECENTLY DECEASED

Please remember in your prayers, Paul J. Gendreau, who recently passed away and whose funeral Mass was celebrated at our parish. May the souls of all the faithful departed, through the mercy God, rest in peace, Amen!

RECENTLY BAPTIZED

Congratulations to Andrew James Haas and Charlotte Elizabeth Connor, who were recently baptized at our parish. With great joy, we welcome them into the Catholic Church and our parish community. Anyone interested in having their child baptized, should speak with Fr. Jay or call the rectory.

SPONSOR CERTIFICATES:

It is a great honor when we are asked to be a Godparent (or Sponsor) for a baptism or confirmation. To obtain a sponsor certificate, please see Fr. Jay in the parish office or after one of the Masses. To be a Godparent, one must be a registered parishioner, have received their Confirmation, attend Mass regularly and be in a valid marriage (Church wedding) and live a good moral life.

DEVOTION TO ST. JOSEPH

Each Tuesday morning following the 9am morning Mass, the litany to St. Joseph is prayed. It is a great way to build devotion to the patron of parish as well as asking for his intercession for our parish and our particular needs. Please join us on Tuesday mornings.

CATHOLIC CHARITIES

The Diocesan Catholic Charities appeal has begun. You should have received a mailing highlighting some of the appeal’s work as well as asking for your continued generous support. I am positive that we can all work together to surpass last year’s total of \$17,582.00. To date, we have collected **\$10,375.00**. You can turn in your pledge cards in the weekly collection basket, at the table at the entrance of the Church or by mailing them directly to the rectory. If you have any questions, please contact the parish office

ST MICHAEL’S SCHOOL REGISTRATION

There are still some openings in all grades Pre-K through 8 at Saint Michael School for the 2015-16 school year. Please call [508-678-0266](tel:508-678-0266) to schedule a tour or learn more about the spiritual and educational opportunities available at our parish school. Please let other family and friends now about the registration.

NEW ASSIGNMENT FOR FR. MESSIAS

Bishop da Cunha recently called me to inform me that he has reassigned Fr. Messias to St. John’s parish in Attleboro. His new assignment will begin on June 24th. I want to express gratitude first to the Bishop for assigning Fr. Messias here to help with the transition in January. I am also grateful to Fr. Messias for his help at both St. Joseph’s and St. Michael’s during these past few months, especially with the Portuguese community. As far as I know, Fr. Messias will not be being replaced, and I will do my best to minister to both parishes as best I can. I continue to thank you for your patience and cooperation. We certainly wish Fr. Messias well and assure him of our prayers.

It is also an opportunity for us to remember the importance of praying for vocations to the priesthood. We are clearly experiencing, in a very real way, the result of fewer priests. There are simply not as many priests as there once were and there is only so much that one person can do, and it will require new and creative ideas as we move forward.

“QUO VADIS” RETREAT FOR BOYS

Each year, the Diocese of Fall River’s vocation office hosts a week long retreat for high school aged boys to help them develop their life of prayer, learn more about the Catholic faith, discern what God is asking them to do with their lives, as well as build fraternity with our Catholic young men from around our Diocese. This year, the retreat will be held at the Betania II retreat center in Medway, MA from Monday July 6th to Friday July 10th and is open to all young men ages 14-18. Anyone interested should speak directly to Fr. Jay.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- Tues., June 2 St. Vincent de Paul Society Mass at St. Michael Church at 6:30PM
- Tues., June 2 Adoration and Benediction cancelled
- Fri., June 5 First Friday Club at 6PM
- Tues., June 9 Adoration and Benediction from 6PM to 7PM
- Sat., June 13 Blood Pressure screening after the 4:30PM Mass
- Sat., June 20 St. Michael’s Soup Kitchen: Help needed from 2PM to 6PM

ST. VINCENT DE PAUL SOCIETY MASS

A Mass will be celebrated on June 2 at 6:30PM at St Michaels for the regional members of the St. Vincent Paul Society. All are welcome to attend this Mass and pray for the important work of this society and to pray for all those members of our community that are less fortunate. The Holy Hour at St. Joseph’s will be cancelled because of this Mass.

HOLY HOUR OF EUCHARISTIC ADORATION

The normally scheduled Holy Hour will be cancelled on June 2nd, but will return to the normally scheduled time on June 9th. Please make an effort to stop by and spend some time in quiet prayer with our Eucharistic Lord.

HOLY HOUR ON TUESDAY NIGHT:

A number of people have asked about the structure of the Tuesday night Holy Hour. Allow me the opportunity to explain: At 6:00 P.M., I place the Eucharist in the Monstrance (called Exposition of the Blessed Sacrament). After a few moments of quiet prayer, I read a Gospel passage and give a brief reflection. Following the reflection, I hear confessions until about 6:45pm. During that time, people sit/kneel in quiet prayer before our Lord, present to us in the Eucharist (called Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament). Some pray the rosary, read from the bible or other spiritual books. At 6:45 P.M., we begin Solemn Benediction in which those present are blessed as the priest makes the sign of the cross with the Monstrance holding our Eucharistic Lord. All are invited to join us each Tuesday night for the Holy Hour for as much time as they are available. You do not need to be there the entire time.

CHOIR REHEARSAL:

If anyone is interested in singing in the choir, practice is held on Wednesdays nights starting at 6pm! All are welcome! We are looking for more members to enhance the music at our 10am Mass, so please consider joining.

PARISH FACEBOOK PAGE:

Have you “Liked” our parish Facebook page? It is a great way to stay up to date with things that are going on in the parish as well as stay connected with other parishioners and reach out to new ones. If you haven’t already done so, check out the page and share it with friends.

FIRST FRIDAY MEN’S CLUB

The First Friday Club of Fall River consists of a group of Catholic Men who continue to honor the devotion to the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of each month at St. Josephs Church. It is the longest continuous running First Friday group in the United States. The group has a Mass at 6pm, followed by a hot meal and a guest speaker. The evening ends at 8pm. There are no other commitments or activities. This is a wonderful way to connect with other Catholic men in the city and grow in your faith. I encourage you to come when you are able, as well as invite others to join you. The next gathering will be on June 5th.

MEMORIAL OPPORTUNITIES:

Praying for our loved ones who have died, and having Masses offered, is the greatest thing that we can do for them. I am aware that there are limited Masses in which to remember your loved ones, and so, I have asked a priest friend of mine who is working at the Vatican and does not have a parish, to take some of these Mass Intentions. For those who would like to utilize this special opportunity, please do so with the parish office. Please know that these Mass intentions will NOT be published in the weekly bulletin, but the list of names will go directly to the priest himself. I am able to send him approximately 10 intentions per month.

PRAYERS FOR VOCATIONS

Each Thursday morning, following the 9am Morning Mass, the diocesan prayer for vocations is prayed. It is the responsibility of each of us to pray for increase in vocations to the priesthood and religious life, in particular here in our own parish. Please join us on Thursday Mornings to pray for vocations.

CATECHESIS ON THE HOLY MASS

Next week, the Church celebrates the Solemnity of Corpus Christ. The Eucharist is the source and summit of our lives as Catholics. To help better understand the importance of the Holy Mass in our lives, I will be beginning a catechetical series here in the bulletin next week. These short explanations will serve to explain different aspects of the Holy Mass, with the hope of bringing greater understanding and awareness to all parishioners, and hopefully some good conversation as well.

LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION: (May 23/24)	
Parish Offering:	\$2,268.00
Second Collection/Extra Help:	\$1,095.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

- June 6th/7th Ecclesiastical Students
- June 13th/14th Church Maintenance

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