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ADORATION	HOLY MASS		<u>CONFESSIONS</u>	
	St. Michael's	St. Joseph's		
St. Joseph's	St. Jo		seph's	
Tuesdays	Daily Mass (9am)	Daily Mass (9am)	Saturday	9:30-10:30
6-7pm	Monday (Port.)	Tuesday	Tuesday	6pm-6:45
Benediction 6:45	Wed. (Eng.) (School)	Thursday		540
	Friday (Port) Saturday		St. Michael's	
St. Michael's			Saturdays	3-345pm
41	Weekends	Weekends	Sundays	9am-9:45
Wednesdays	Saturday 4pm (Eng)	Saturday 4:30	Mondays	6-7pm
9:30-6pm	Sunday 8am (Port)	Sunday 7am		
Benediction 5:45pm	10am (Eng.)	10am	Any time by	appointment
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MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, Mar. 7th—(Lenten Weekday)

9:00 A.M.—For Our Parishioners

Saturday, Mar. 7th—(Vigil - Third Sunday of Lent)

4:30 P.M.— Robert & Theresa Ouellette

Sunday, Mar. 8th—(Third Sunday of Lent)

7:00 A.M. – Noe Sousa 10:00 A.M. – Danny Costa

Tuesday, Mar. 10th—(Lenten Weekday) 9:00 A.M. – Mr. & Mrs. Manuel Frias

Thursday, Mar. 12th—(Lenten Weekday) 9:00 A.M.—For Our Parishioners

Saturday, Mar. 14th—(Lenten Weekday) 9:00 A.M.—Armel & Madeleine Audet

Saturday, Mar. 14th—(Vigil - Fourth Sunday of Lent) 4:30 P.M.— Marc Desrochers

Sunday, Mar. 15th—(Fourth Sunday of Lent)

7:00 A.M. – Brian Carlos

10:00 A.M. – Edmund Russell, Jr.—6th Anniversary

PRAYERS FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

For Ovila Lizotte and all our deceased friends and relatives.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Will be lit this week in memory of Helen Jette.

STATIONS OF THE CROSS:

Please consider joining us for this wonderful Lenten devotion in which we pray through the events of our Lord's passion. Stations will be held on Fridays at Saint Michael's Church at 1:00 P.M. (with school children) and at Saint Joseph's Church at 7:00 P.M.

ADORATION OF BLESSED SACRAMENT:

The weekly Holy Hour of Adoration of the Blessed Sacrament and Benediction will be held every Tuesday evening from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M. Please consider joining us and spending some time in prayer. Confessions will be available. There will be no adoration this Tuesday, March 10th because the Lenten Mission is being held.

MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW OPEN:

Now that we have established a new daily Mass schedule, Mass intentions are now being taken for the second half of 2015 (July to December). Remembering those who have died by having Masses said for them is the greatest thing we can do for them. Mass stipends are \$10.00 and can be booked in the office with Eileen.

HAPPINESS CLUB WINNER:

Congratulations to Al Lavoie, this week's winner.

LENTEN CONFESSION SCHEDULE:

The season of Lent is a call to conversion! It is a time in which we turn from our sins and embrace the Sacrament of Confession. Starting in Lent, confessions will be heard at the following times:

	St. Joseph's	
Saturday	9:30 A.M.—10:30 A.M.	
Tuesday	6:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.	

St. Michael's

Saturday	3:00 P.M.—3:45 P.M.
Sunday	9:00 A.M.—9:45 A.M.
Monday	6:00 P.M.—7:00 P.M.

DEANERY LENTEN MISSION:

Fr. Paul Halladay, a Military Chaplain will give this year's Lenten Mission entitled, "Reflections on the Life and Spirituality from Iraq to Afghanistan" Each night, confessions will be heard from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M. followed by a Mass at 7:00 P.M. I encourage each of you and your families to make an effort to attend the mission as part of your Lenten practice.

Mon., Mar. 9th	St. Bernadette's, 529 Eastern Avenue,
	Fall River
Tues., Mar. 10th	St. Bernard's, 32 S. Main St., Assonet
Wed., Mar. 11th	St. Michael's, 189 Essex St., Fall River
Thurs., Mar. 12th	St. Anthony of the Desert, 330 Eastern

Avenue, Fall River

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Classes will be held this weekend at the usual time. Classes are dismissed following the 10:00 A.M. Family Mass. A First Communion Retreat and First Reconciliation will be held on Saturday, March 14th from 9:00 A.M. to 11:30 A.M. On Saturday, March 21st, all 9th Grade Confirmation Students will assist with the First Communion Day of Reflection to be held at Saint Michael's School Hall from 9:00 A.M. to Noon. Attendance is mandatory for all 9th grade students. 8th Grade Confirmation students will meet on Monday, March 23rd from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in Saint Joseph's School Hall.

THE SACRAMENT OF CONFIRMATION:

Bishop da Cunha will be coming to St. Michael's Parish to celebrate the Sacrament of Confirmation for those in both St. Joseph's and St. Michael's parishes on Friday evening, April 17th at 7:00 P.M.

HOUSE BLESSING:

Having our houses blessed is a great way to bring our faith into our homes. It ca also be a great way to encourage family and friends who may have fallen away to come back to the Church. It is also a great way for the new pastor to get to know you and your family. If anyone is interested in having their home blessed, please contact Fr. Jay.

SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:

Because of the continuing inclement weather, the March meeting has been rescheduled to Monday, March 16th at 6:30 P.M. in the rectory. We look forward to seeing everyone after a long hard winter.

MISSED COLLECTIONS:

Because of so many winter storms during the weekends, Mass attendance is obviously lower as people cannot always make it to Mass because of the snow. Unfortunately, that also means lower collections. We ask that you remember past collection envelopes to help us with the higher bills that come with winter. Thank you for your generosity and support of the parish.

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, attending Mass regularly and be in a valid marriage (Church wedding) and living a good moral life.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

Sun., Mar. 8th	Religious Education Classes Meet
Mon., Mar. 9th	Deanery Lenten Retreat at St. Bernadette's
	at 7:00 P.M.
Tues., Mar. 10th	No Adoration or Confessions at St.
	Joseph's
Tues., Mar. 10th	Deanery Lenten Retreat at St. Bernard's at
,	7:00 P.M.
Wed., Mar. 11th	Deanery Lenten Retreat at St. Michael's at
	7:00 P.M.
Thurs., Mar. 12th Deanery Lenten Retreat at St. Anthony of	
	the Desert at 7:00 P.M.
Fri., Mar. 13th	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.
Sat., Mar. 14th	First Communion Retreat/First Reconciliation
Sat., Mar. 14th	Confession from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
Sat., Mar. 14th	Blood Pressure Screening following the
	4:30 P.M. Mass
Sun., Mar. 15th	Religious Education Classes Meet
Tues., Mar. 17th	Adoration and Benediction from 6:00 P.M.
	to 7:00 P.M.
Tues., Mar. 17th	Confession from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.
Fri., Mar. 20th	Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.
Sat., Mar. 21st	9th Grade Confirmation Students to assist
	with First Communion Day of Reflection at
	Saint Michael's School Hall from 9:00 A.M.
	to 12:00 Noon
Sat., Mar. 21st	Confession from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.
Sat., Mar. 21st	Saint Michael's Soup Kitchen
Sat., Mar. 21st	Chicken Pot Pie Supper following the

A CHICKEN POT PIE SUPPER:

4:30 P.M. Mass

Will be held on Saturday, March 21st following the 4:30 P.M. Mass. Tickets to attend the supper are \$10.00 for both adults and children. Tickets will be available this weekend and next weekend after all the Masses. Tickets for the special raffle will also be on sale. Donations are needed for the liquor raffle. Liquor should be brought to the rectory in advance of the supper. Help is needed to set up for the supper on Saturday, March 21st at 10:00 A.M. Help is also needed to serve the supper.

CHOIR PRACTICE:

For those interested in singing in the choir for Holy Week and Easter, practices will be held on Wednesday evenings beginning March 18th at 6:00 P.M. in the choir loft. Rehearsals will be one hour. For more information, see Fr. Jay, Roger Dufour or Brian Silvia.

FOXWOODS TRIP:

Has been rescheduled to Wednesday, March 25th. The bus will leave the front of the church at 8:30 A.M. and leave Foxwoods at 4:00 P.M. There are still seats available on the bus. The cost of the trip is \$22.00 and includes a \$10.00 slot play voucher and a food voucher for the buffet. If you are interested in going, please call Eileen at the rectory during regular office hours.

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 reaching out to new ones. If you haven't already done so, check out the page and share it with friends.

SAINT MICHAEL'S SOUP KITCHEN:

The next soup kitchen will be held on Saturday, March 21st in Saint Michael's Parish Hall. Help is needed from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Please consider volunteering your time during this Lenten season to help those who are less fortunate.

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 Eileen in 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.

REGISTER FOR THE ANCHOR:

The Anchor is the Diocesan Newspaper! Each parish is assessed a certain number of registrations based on the size of the parish. Saint Joseph's is assessed 250 subscriptions each year! That means that at \$20.00 for each subscription, we get a bill for \$5,000.00 each year. To date, 35 families have subscribed. Every family that registers for only \$20.00 a year helps greatly with that annual bill. Registration envelopes can be found on the tables in the back of the church.

LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION:

Parish Offering: \$2,910.00 Catholic University: \$1,175.00

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