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<u>ADORATION</u>	<u>HOLY MASS</u>		<u>CONFESSIONS</u>
	<u>St. Michael's</u>	<u>St. Joseph's</u>	
<u>St. Joseph's</u> Tuesdays 6-7pm Benediction 6:45	<u>Daily Mass (9am)</u> Monday (Port.) Wed. (Eng.) (School) Friday (Port)	<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 3-3:45pm Sundays 9am-9:45 Mondays 6-7pm Any time by appointment

Fourth Sunday of Lent—March 15, 2015

MASS INTENTIONS

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

Tuesday, Mar. 17th—(Lenten Weekday)

9:00 A.M. – Reverend Paul F. McCarrick

Thursday, Mar. 19th—(Lenten Weekday)

9:00 A.M.—Jose C. Oliveira

Saturday, Mar. 21st—(Lenten Weekday)

9:00 A.M.—For Our Parishioners

Saturday, Mar. 21st—(Vigil - Fifth Sunday of Lent)

4:30 P.M.—Raymond Bazinet—12th Anniversary

Sunday, Mar. 22nd—(Fifth Sunday of Lent)

7:00 A.M. – Norman Rivard—1st Anniversary

10:00 A.M. – Maria Amelia Lourenco

PRAYERS FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:

Please pray for all our deceased friends and relatives.

SANCTUARY LAMP:

Will be lit this week in memory of Edmund Russell, Jr. on the sixth anniversary of his death.

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.

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 Leona Ribeiro, 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.

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:

Classes will be held this weekend at the usual time. Classes are dismissed following the 10:00 A.M. Family Mass. 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.

EASTER MEMORIALS:

Envelopes have been placed on the tables in the rear of the church for your Easter Memorials. Memorials will be listed in a separate bulletin insert on Easter Sunday. Please remember your loved ones in this special way. Donations will be used to defray the cost of the flowers on the altar at Easter.

HOUSE BLESSING:

Having our houses blessed is a great way to bring our faith into our homes. It can 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:

The March meeting of the Saint Vincent de Paul Society will be held on Monday, March 16th at 6:30 P.M. in the rectory. We look forward to seeing everyone at the meeting.

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.

THANK YOU!

A special thanks to all who made the effort to attend the Deanery Lenten Mission presented by Fr. Paul Halladay. I hope that you found it to be insightful and spiritually nourishing.

WELCOME TO OUR PARISH FAMILY:

We welcome Philip and Helen Pelletier to our parish family. They have recently become members of our parish. If you regularly attend St. Joseph’s and would like to join our parish, registration forms are available on the tables in the rear of the church.

A CHICKEN POT PIE SUPPER:

A Chicken Pot Pie Supper will be held on Saturday, March 21st following the 4:30 P.M. Mass. Tickets for the supper are \$10.00 for both adults and children. Tickets will be on sale after all the Masses this weekend. 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 Sat., March 21st at 10:00 A.M. Help is also needed to serve the supper.

MISSED COLLECTIONS:

Because we have had so many winter storms during the weekends, Mass attendance was obviously lower as people could not always make it to Mass. Unfortunately, that meant lower collections. We ask that you remember past collection envelopes to help us with the higher bills that came 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, attend Mass regularly and be in a valid marriage (Church wedding) and live a good moral life.

UPCOMING EVENTS:

- 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 4:30 P.M. Mass
- Sun., Mar. 22nd Religious Education Classes Meet
- Mon., Mar. 23rd 8th Grade Confirmation Students meet from 7:00 P.M. to 8:30 P.M. in Saint Joseph’s School Hall
- Tues., Mar. 24th **Adoration and Benediction from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**
- Tues., Mar. 24th **Confession from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**
- Wed., Mar. 25th Foxwoods Trip
- Fri., Mar. 27th **Stations of the Cross at 7:00 P.M.**
- Sat., Mar. 28th **Confession from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**

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.

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 Silva.

FOXWOODS TRIP:

A trip to Foxwoods will be held on 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.

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, 37 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:	\$2,118.00
Extra Help Collection:	\$1,082.00

UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:

March 21st/22nd	Energy Collection
March 28th/29th	NO SECOND COLLECTION

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