

# SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH

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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

## Third Sunday of Easter—April 19, 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, April 18th—(Vigil—Third Sunday of Easter)**

4:30 P.M.—Barbara & Gary Gagnon

**Sunday, April 19th—(Third Sunday of Easter)**

7:00 A.M. – Olga Hathaway—1st Anniversary

10:00 A.M. – Joseph C. Miranda

**Tuesday, April 21st—(Easter Weekday)**

9:00 A.M. – Louise Netto—18th Anniversary

**Thursday, April 23rd—(Easter Weekday)**

9:00 A.M.—For Our Parishioners

**Saturday, April 25th—(Feast of Saint Mark, Evangelist)**

9:00 A.M.—Leonard Miranda

**Saturday, April 25th—(Vigil—Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

4:30 P.M.—Gerard Lachance—5th Anniversary

**Sunday, April 26th—(Fourth Sunday of Easter)**

7:00 A.M. – Rosemary Sullivan

10:00 A.M. – Olive Coroa Tyrrell

### **PRAYERS FOR OUR RECENTLY DECEASED:**

Please pray for Omer Servant, Doris Heyworth, Rita Landry, Madeline Tomlinson and all our deceased friends and relatives.

### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

Will be lit this week in memory of Manuel F. Silva.

### **MASS INTENTION BOOK IS NOW OPEN:**

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 Masses can be booked in the office with Eileen.

### **THE SACRAMENT OF FIRST COMMUNION:**

The second grade students in the religious education program will receive the Sacrament of First Communion on Saturday, May 2nd at 11:00 A.M.

### **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.

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

We congratulate the ninth grade students from Saint Michael's and Saint Joseph's Parishes who received the Sacrament of Confirmation on Friday evening, April 17th at Saint Michael's Church. Bishop Edgar de Cunha presided over the ceremony.

### **WITNESSES OF THE RESURRECTION:**

As we continue to celebrate the Easter Season throughout these next few weeks, we are reminded of the words of our Lord who told His disciples to go out into the world and share the news of His resurrection. As we celebrate this Holy Season of Easter, let us continue to share our faith with family and friends, and in particular to invite them to join us at Holy Mass.

### **UPCOMING CHANGE:**

In order to consolidate much needed resources and to better serve both St. Michael's and St. Joseph's parishes, we will be moving to have one parish office, which will be located at St. Joseph's parish, leaving St. Michael's rectory as a residence only. Eileen Garant who has served this parish for so many years will be retiring this summer. I am so grateful for her years of service to the parish. The secretary position at each parish will be eliminated and I will hire a "director of pastoral services" who will handle much of the "administrative" work for both parishes, allowing the priests to focus on more "ministerial" work, such as visiting the sick and homebound. I humbly ask your patience and cooperation as we make this important and necessary transition. More details will be forthcoming.

### **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.

### **CHOWDER AND CLAMCAKE SUPPER:**

A chowder and clamcake supper will be held on Saturday, April 25th 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 after all the Masses. Tickets for the special cash 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, April 25th at 10:00 A.M. Help is also needed to serve the supper.

### **SAVE THE DATES!!!**

This Spring, our parish will be hosting a number of Friday night concerts. These concerts will give us the opportunity to open up our Church to visitors, displaying both our beautiful church and wonderful acoustics. These concerts will also serve as opportunities for prayer as some of the music will be spiritual in nature. The first will be an Acapella group from Bridgewater State University on **May 8th at 7:00 P.M.** The second will be on **MAY 29th at 7:00 P.M.** in which Ryan Tremblay, a local artist will be leading us in worship and a testimony to how God has worked in his life. Ryan's CDs will also be available! I encourage you to save the dates and make every effort to attend and to also invite family and friends!

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Sat., Apr. 18th Tickets sold for Chowder and Clamcake Supper
- Sat., Apr. 18th Saint Michael’s Soup Kitchen
- Sun., Apr. 19th Tickets sold for Chowder and Clamcake Supper
- Sun., Apr. 19th No Religious Education Classes
- Tues., Apr. 21st **Adoration and Benediction from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**
- Tues., Apr. 21st **Confession from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.**
- Wed., Apr. 22nd Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting at 7:00 P.M.
- Sat., Apr. 25th **Confession from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**
- Sat., Apr. 25th Chowder and Clamcake Supper
- Sun., Apr. 26th Religious Education Classes Meet
- Tues., Apr. 28th Blood Pressure Screening following the 9:00 A.M. Mass
- Tues., Apr. 28th **Adoration and Benediction from 6:00 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.**
- Tues., Apr. 28th **Confession from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.**
- Fri., May 1st First Friday Mass at 6:00 P.M.
- Sat., May 2nd **Confession from 9:30 A.M. to 10:30 A.M.**
- Sat., May 2nd **First Communion at 11:00 A.M.**
- Sun., May 3rd Last Religious Education Class
- Sun., May 3rd Coffee Social following 10:00 A.M. Mass

**JOIN US FOR A COFFEE SOCIAL:**

Join us for a coffee social in the school cafeteria on Sunday, May 3rd after the 10:00 A.M. Mass. Plan to gather with your fellow parishioners for friendly conversation, coffee, tea and a sweet snack. We hope to see many parishioners there.

**RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS:**

There are no classes this weekend (Spring Break). Classes will resume next Sunday, April 26th at the usual time. Classes are dismissed following the 10:00 A.M. Family Mass.

**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.

**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 MICHAEL’S SOUP KITCHEN:**

The next soup kitchen will be held on Saturday, May 16th in Saint Michael’s Parish Hall. Help is needed from 2:00 P.M. to 6:00 P.M. Please consider volunteering your time to help those who are less fortunate..

**Choir Rehearsal:**

If anyone is interested in singing in the choir, practice is held on Wednesday nights starting at 6pm! All are welcome!

**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.

**SAINT VINCENT DE PAUL MEETING:**

A Saint Vincent de Paul Meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 22nd in the rectory.

**FIRST FRIDAY MEN’S CLUB OF FALL RIVER**

The First Friday Club consists of a group of Catholic Men who continue to honor the devotion of the Sacred Heart of Jesus on the first Friday of each month. It is the longest continuous running First Friday group in the United States. The group has a Mass at 6:00 P.M. followed by a hot meal and a guest speaker. The evening ends at 8:00 P.M. 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 May 1st. The 6:00 P.M. Mass is open to the public. To reserve a seat for dinner and speaker (\$11.00), call Daryl Gonyon at 508-672-4822.

**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.

**THE PORTUGUESE KIDS**

The local and very popular “Portuguese Kids” will be coming to St. Michael’s school on Sunday April 26th. Lunch starts at 12:45P.M. and the Show begins at 2:00 P.M. Tickets are \$25 and are limited. Please contact the school to reserve a ticket.

**CONGRATULATIONS** to Mr. Justin Owsney and Nicole Pedro who were married here last week. May the Lord bless them in their marriage.

**HOLY HOUR FOR VOCATIONS:**

Bishop da Cunha will preside over a Holy Hour for Vocations on Sunday, April 26th at 3pm in the Cathedral to celebrate World Day of Prayer for Vocations. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

<b>LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION:</b>	
Parish Offering:	\$ 1871.00
Church Maintenance:	\$ 1084.00
<b>UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:</b>	
April 25th/26th	Energy Collection
May 2nd/3rd	Catholic Charities Collection

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