

# SAINT JOSEPH'S PARISH

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

## Fifth Sunday of Easter—May 3, 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

**Saturday, May 2nd — (Vigil — Fifth Sunday of Easter)**

4:30 P.M.— Robert and Theresa Ouellette

**Sunday, May 3rd — (Fifth Sunday of Easter)**

7:00 A.M. — Raymona Boulanger

10:00 A.M. — Eveyln Botelho

**Tuesday, May 5th — (Easter Weekday)**

9:00 A.M.— Mary Cullen

**Thursday, May 7th — (Easter Weekday)**

9:00 A.M.— For Our Parishoners

**Saturday, May 9th — (Easter Weekday)**

9:00 A.M.— Dolores Frias

**Saturday, May 9th — (Vigil — Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

4:30 P.M.— For all Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers

**Sunday, May 10th — (Sixth Sunday of Easter)**

7:00 A.M. — Eileen Corey

10:00 A.M. — For all Deceased Mothers and Grandmothers

### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

Will be lit this week in memory of Stephen Lebel and Douglas Lebel.

### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS:**

For the weekend of May 2nd and 3rd have been generously donated in the memory of Gerard LaChance.

### **WELCOME NEWLY REGISTERED PARISHIONERS:**

Join us in welcoming to our parish June Kingston, Antonio and Marilia Benevides, and Orlando and Isabel Fernandes. If you are attending Mass at St. Joseph's, please contact the rectory to register as a parishioner.

### **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**

May 3rd — Martha Dufresne

### **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.

### **SPRING CONCERT:**

St Joseph's parish will be hosting a concert this coming Friday May 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30pm. The Acapella group from Bridgewater State University will be performing for us. Admission is free but there will be a free will offering. I encourage you to make an effort to attend and to also invite family and friends!

### **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 today. 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.

### **POPE PIUS X YOUTH AWARD**

Each year, the Diocese of Fall River honors the youth of our parishes for their faithful witness and service to the Church with the "Pope Pius X award". I am happy to announce that **ZACHARY MELLO**, will be the recipient from our parish this year. Congratulations to Zachary and his family. The award will be given on Tuesday night, May 5<sup>th</sup> at the Cathedral by Bishop da Cunha. All are welcome to attend.

### **CONGRATULATIONS:**

We congratulate the second grade students from our parish who received the Sacrament of Holy Communion on the morning of Saturday, May 2, 2015 here in our church.

### **UPCOMING CHANGE:**

As I mentioned here in the bulletin a few weeks ago, that 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 to be a residence only. 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.

As I also mentioned, Mrs. Eileen Garant, the secretary at St. Joseph's, was scheduled to retire this summer, but has decided to retire sooner than later due to a hospitalization last week. Thanks be to God that Eileen is home and recovering and will be assisting in the transition process from her home. Because of her unexpected illness and early retirement, the transition process has been expedited.

I am happy to announce that Mrs. Shanna Lubold has been hired to replace Eileen and has begun working at St. Joseph's this past week.

**We are NOW in the process of moving the parish office from St. Michael's rectory to St. Joseph's rectory on North Main St. Beginning on Monday, May 4<sup>th</sup> we will be conducting all parish business from the St. Joseph's rectory. Because the transition will take some time, I ask your patience and cooperation.**

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

Sun., May 3rd Last Religious Education Class  
 Sun., May 3rd Coffee Social following 10:00 A.M. Mass  
 Tues., May 5th Adoration and Benediction from 6PM to 7PM  
 Fri., May 8th Bridgewater Chorale Concert at 7:30PM  
 Sat., May 9th Blood Pressure Screening following the  
 4:30PM Mass  
 Tues., May 12 Adoration and Benediction from 6PM to 7PM  
 Sat., May 16 St. Michael's soup Kitchen: Help needed  
 from 2PM to 6PM

**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.

**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.

**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.

**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 Shanna.

**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.

**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 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.

**CHOWDER AND CLAMCAKE SUPPER:**

Many thanks to all who helped with our supper on April 25th, including those who made donations, set up and organized the event. The total revenue from the event was \$1,008.50. Our sincere gratitude to all, the event was successful thanks to your help and support of our parish.

**WINNERS OF CASH RAFFLE:**

- \$100 - Bert Bouffard
- \$50 - Barbara Yentz
- \$50 - Donald Souza
- \$25 - John Lizak
- \$17 - Ana Lucy Mello
- \$7 - Pat Costa
- \$7 - Sandra Samson

**LAST WEEK'S COLLECTION: (April 25/26th)**

Parish Offering:	\$ 2,278.00
Energy Collection:	\$ 1,029.00

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

May 9th/10th	Sewer Discharge Fee
May 16th/17th	Extra Help Collection

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free from sin, sorrow, inner emptiness  
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constantly born anew."

~Pope Francis