

# 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. Joseph's</u></b> Tuesdays 6-7pm Benediction 6:45	<b><u>St. Michael's</u></b> <b><u>Daily Mass (9am)</u></b> Monday (Port.) Wed. (Eng.) (School) Friday (Port)	<b><u>St. Joseph's</u></b> <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

## Sixth Sunday of Easter—May 10, 2015

### MASS INTENTIONS

*Saturday, May 16th — (Vigil — Sixth Sunday of Easter)*

*4:30 P.M. — Joseph Medeiros*

*Sunday, May 17th — (Sixth Sunday of Easter)*

*7:00 A.M. — Brian Troia*

*10:00 A.M. — Philip Rivard*

*Tuesday, May 19th— St. Celestine*

*9:00AM - For Our Parishioners*

*Thursday, May 21st— St. Timothy*

*9:00AM - Manuel and Agnes Oliveira*

*Saturday, May 23rd— St. Julia*

*9:00AM — Thomas O'Neil*

*Saturday, May 23rd— (Vigil—Pentecost Sunday)*

*4:30PM—Manuel and Marianna Moniz*

*Sunday, May 24th— Pentecost Sunday*

*7:00AM—José Frias*

*10:00AM—Maria Amelia Lourenco*

### **SANCTUARY LAMP:**

This week, the sanctuary lamp will be lit in memory of Joseph Medeiros.

### **MEMORIAL FLOWERS:**

For the weekend of May 16th and 17th, the memorial flowers have been generously donated in the memory of Brian Troia.

### **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 17th — Ned Almeida

### **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.

### **MEMORIAL MASS AT CEMETERY**

In remembrance of our beloved deceased, there will be a Mass at the original Mausoleum Chapel of Notre Dame Cemetery in Fall River, on Memorial Day, May 25<sup>th</sup> at 10am. Bishop da Cunha will be the celebrant of the Mass. Please join us in prayer for those whom we remember and love.

### **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 **\$3,315.00**. 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

### **NEW PARISH OFFICES**

The transition of moving from two offices to one is going well and I wanted to express gratitude for your patience and cooperation as we make this important and necessary change. Change is never easy and I know that we all have a tough time with it, but I do want everyone to know that this change was necessary for both financial and administrative reasons. I continue to ask for your cooperation and I hope all will soon see the benefit of this change.

The office will be open **Monday through Friday, from 9am to 3pm**. The phone numbers will remain the same. Please see the front of the bulletin for email addresses for each priest and staff member.

The rectory of St. Michael's will serve exclusively as a residence for Fr. Jay, Fr. Messias and Fr. Dave Deston, who is the Chaplain for Charlton Memorial Hospital and is in residence here. Please go to St. Joseph's rectory for all parish business.

### **“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 6<sup>th</sup> to Friday July 10<sup>th</sup> and is open to all young men ages 14-18. Anyone interested should speak directly to Fr. Jay who will be running the retreat along with Fr. Kevin Cook.

### **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 know about the registration.

**UPCOMING EVENTS:**

- Tues., May 19 Adoration and Benediction from 6PM to 7PM
- Tues., May 26 Blood Pressure screening after the 9AM Mass
- Fri., May 29 Ryan Tremblay Concert at 7PM
- Fri., June 5 First Friday Club at 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 Wednesday 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.

**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.

**CONCERT**

On Friday, May 29 at 7pm, local Catholic musician Ryan Tremblay will be leading us in a night of praise and worship, as well as giving his testimony of faith along with his wife Elizabeth. The concert is open to all and is free of charge. (A free will offering will be taken up. Don’t miss this inspirational testimony and musical talent.

<b>LAST WEEK’S COLLECTION: (May 9th/10th)</b>	
Parish Offering:	\$2,046.00
Second Collection/Sewerage Fee:	\$961.00

**UPCOMING SECOND COLLECTIONS:**

- May 23rd/24th Church Maintenance
- May 30th/31st Energy Collection

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