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Current Schedules

Weekend Masses:

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday: 8:00am, 10:00am,
12noon and 5:00pm

Weekday Masses: 8:00am

Sacrament of Reconciliation: *in the Day Chapel*

Monday and Wednesday:
6:00pm—7:00pm

Pastoral Center Hours:

Sunday: 9:00am—3:00pm
Monday—Thursday: 9:00am—7:00pm
Friday—Saturday: 9:00am—5:00pm

Parish Directory

Parish Phone:

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St. Michael School:

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Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Hubbard

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Deacon: Deacon Daniel Sheridan

Deacon: Deacon Eugene Schaeffer

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2nd SUNDAY *in ordinary time*

Jesus said to her, "Woman, how does your concern affect me? My hour has not yet come." - Jn 2:4

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Televised Weekend Mass

Watch Mass livestreamed at 4:00pm on Saturdays on Verizon 24, Comcast 22 or St. Michael's YouTube channel.

It is repeated on Sundays at 12noon on Verizon 24 and Thursdays at 11:00am on Comcast. 22 and, of course, on-line anytime!

St. Michael's Mission Statement

*The Spirit of the Lord has been given to us.
For He has anointed us with His Life.
He has sent us to: Bring Good News to the poor,
To proclaim liberty to captives;
And to the blind bring new sight;
To set the downtrodden free;
and to proclaim the Lord's favor in our lives.*
(Luke 4:18)

January 16, 2022

Second Sunday in Ordinary Time

*All the earth shall bow down before you, O God,
and shall sing to you, shall sing to your name, O Most High!*

Psalm 66 (65):4



Welcome to our new Youth Minister, Katie Larson!

We are excited to announce that Katie Larson, who has been volunteering with Faith Formation of all ages, Hospitality Ministry, Youth Ministry, Year of the Eucharist and so much more, has joined our staff as a part-time Youth Minister for our High School youth, grades 9-12. She will be supporting our youth along their journey of faith, helping to lead them closer to Christ through spiritual, social and service activities. Blessings to Katie and her new ministry!

JESUS IS HERE

ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON EUCHARISTIC CONGRESS



SAVE THE DATE: June 18, 2022

Tsongas Center in Lowell

Mass with Cardinal Seán O'Malley

Keynotes by **Bishop Robert Barron**

and **Bishop Daniel Flores**

Music by Village Lights

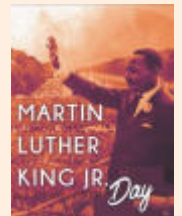
Our parish is organizing a trip to the Eucharistic Congress which will include a ticket (early bird price of \$39) with the option for free bus transportation, leaving from and returning to the church. We will begin selling tickets on our website and at the Pastoral Center on Jan. 29th.

Stay tuned for more information on how to take part in this inspiring once-in-a-lifetime event!

To see the schedule and learn about the special guests, visit:

<https://www.bostoncatholic.org/jesus-is-here>

Join us on Monday, January 17,
at our 8:00am Mass
as we pray for peace.



News About Our Neighbor

Recently, our neighboring Parish of Corpus Christi in Lawrence was re-designated by the Archdiocese of Boston. It is now **Holy Rosary Shrine**. The Shrine will be staffed by the Franciscans of the Primitive Observance (FPO). Of particular interest, the Friars have scheduled the Sacrament of Reconciliation at the following times:

Thursday 6:00 -6:45pm

Friday 10:00 – 3:00 pm (with Eucharistic Adoration)

Saturday 10:00am – 3:45pm

We wish the Friars well in their new mission as they continue the great work of all those before them at this historic Church.

Thank you to everyone who made Christmas Flower donations in memory/honor of their loved ones. The Church looked beautiful thanks to all of you!

Please find the Christmas Flower pamphlets at the doors of the church.



Adult Confirmation Classes

Have you celebrated the Sacraments of Baptism and Eucharist, but never got confirmed? Do you want to be a godparent someday to your sibling's or best friend's children? If you answered, "yes", to either question, contact Deacon Vinny at 978-686-4050 or vgat@comcast.net to find out what it takes to be confirmed as an adult. Our next session of classes will be starting at the end of the month.

“Do whatever He tells you.”

“Do whatever he tells you” (Jn 2:5). This was Mary’s instruction to the servers at the Wedding at Cana and certainly to us today. What Christian would possibly disagree with this instruction at face value? Yet, surely these five words belong in the “easier said than done” category. Just think of some of the things Jesus tells us to do: Do good to those who hate you, pray for those who mistreat you and give to everyone who asks of you (Lk 6:27,30). Forgive without limit (Mt 18:22), make reconciliation with those you’ve offended (Mt 5:23-24), do not judge others (Mt 7:1), and turn your cheek to those who strike you (Mt 5:39). And let’s not forget, deny yourself and take up your cross daily (Lk 9:23), believe in Jesus’ real presence in the Eucharist (Jn 6:53-57), and love one another as He loved us (Jn 13:34). I don’t know about you, but when reading this incomplete list, there are multiple teachings of Christ that I, at best, fail to do and, at worst, sometimes wish I could ignore.

We know that following Jesus is no easy task. If this were the case, why then did He have to say to His own disciples who were constantly at His side, *“Why do you call me, ‘Lord, Lord,’ but not do what I command?”* (Lk 6:46). *Few questions can convict the heart of a disciple like this one. So what are we to do, we who want to do whatever Jesus tells us to do, but realize how incredibly difficult it can be at times. I find hope in today’s Gospel reading! At the wedding at Cana, the servants must have wondered: who is this man giving them orders, why should they listen to him, and how could following these odd instructions fix the wine shortage? No matter, they still listened to him and did what he said. We on the other hand have been blessed to know exactly who Jesus is, why we should listen to Him, and how following His teachings changes everything. This is why He said to His followers: “I do not call you servants any longer, because the servant does not know what the master is doing; but I have called you friends, because I have made known to you everything that I have heard from my Father” (Jn 15:15). Our faith tells us why we should follow His every word, but we need His help to see it through every day.*

Jesus’ first miracle of changing water to wine at Cana points to the sacrament of the Eucharist. The grace we receive from Holy Communion will help us to live closer in accordance with Jesus’ challenging teachings. In addition, this reading reminds us that we have the support and prayers of our Blessed Mother Mary, who brings our needs to Jesus’ attention. The Wedding at Cana is about transformation and when we do what Jesus tells us to do, we are giving Him permission to transform us. As we continue in these early days of the new year, perhaps we could look at Jesus’ teachings with fresh eyes to recognize which ones we stumble on or avoid the most. How transforming could it be if we even just choose one of those teachings as a focus this year and intentionally strived to follow more closely?

Peace in Christ,

Dominic Margaglione

Pastoral Associate



This Week in Our Parish

Sunday January 16	Monday January 17	Tuesday January 18	Wednesday January 19	Thursday January 20	Friday January 21	Saturday January 22
<p>Masses 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Adoration 4:00-7:00pm</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Children's Choir 3:45pm</p> <p>Adult Choir 7:00pm</p> <p>Christ Seekers* 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Rosary Cenacle 6:45pm</p> <p>Al-Anon* 7:00pm</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p>	<p>Mass: 8:00am</p> <p>Vigil Mass: 4:00pm</p>

*Please note: * means meeting is held in the Pastoral Center*



Our Parish joyfully welcomes the following child who recently celebrated the Sacrament of Baptism:

Olivia Rae Abdella
daughter of Paul & Alicia

Coming in February...

Holy Hour for Racial Healing

Sunday, Feb. 6 at 3 pm



All are welcome to an hour of prayer before the Blessed Sacrament featuring music, Scripture, preaching and adoration. Together, we will turn with hope to Christ, praying for an end to racism and healing for our world.

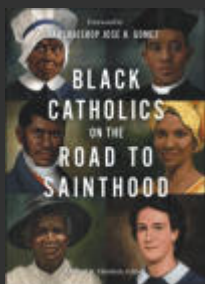
FEBRUARY BOOK DISCUSSION

Thursdays at 7 pm (Zoom)

February 10, 17, 24 and March 3

In celebration of Black History Month (February) we will be meeting via Zoom on four Thursday evenings to look at the amazing lives and witnesses to the gospel of six Black Catholics who are currently on the road to being officially recognized as saints by the Church. Join us for an inspiring conversation about these disciples, the heroic virtues they lived in the face of prejudice and adversity, and how we can follow their Christian example.

Sign up online on our parish website or at the pastoral center and purchase a copy of the book (\$10.00).



January 15 through January 23

Saturday	8:00am 4:00 pm	Roger T. Karl Mauro Barbagallo
Sunday	8:00am 10:00am 12:00noon	Mother Dolores Hart Eliza Duskhu (living) Meghan Voisine For the deceased members of the Nancy Wilson and Thomas Gallagher Family Carlos A. Pastor Daniel Carney
Monday	8:00am	Brother Tom Petite, FMS
Tuesday	8:00am	George Minasian & Pat Minasian
Wednesday	8:00am	Gabe Shattuck
Thursday	8:00am	William "Billy" Bartol
Friday	8:00am	Joan Cashman
Saturday	4:00 pm	Travis Caffrey Schwidder
Sunday	10:00am 12:00noon 5:00pm	Walter Gill Giuseppe Brancato Arlene Sofia Carmen R. Henriquez



Rest in Peace

John "Jack" Carney
Rita Jensen

Matthew Gallagher
Anthony Petraitis

SCHOOL NEWS



The Kindergarteners worked together to simulate landing a rocket on the moon. Using only a rope, they had to lift the rocket (ball) and carry it to the landing site (PVC pipe). Teamwork at its best. So much fun!

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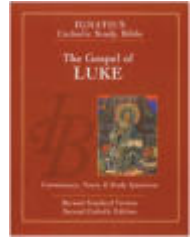


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The Gospel of Luke

This study will meet on Monday mornings from 9:00am to 11:00am in St. John's Room across from the sacristy. Using the Ignatius Catholic Study Bible, it will run for ten consecutive weeks, from February 14 to April 18, 2022 and will be facilitated by parishioner, Margaret Kelly, who has many years of experience in education and in Scripture study. Registration forms are available at the receptionist's desk.



Our Junior Christ—Seekers

Last weekend our Junior Christ-Seekers got to tour the church and learn about some of the different symbols.



In the case of our discovering that someone at Mass tests positive for **COVID-19**, we will make any announcement of a positive test on the parish website & bulletin board, so please check on a regular basis.

*Prayers for all who have been affected by this disease
and prayers for a complete end of the pandemic!*



Saint Michael School National Junior Honor Society is collecting the following items for Lazarus House Ministries:

Coats Hats Mittens/Gloves Scarves Winter Boots New Socks

Items should be clean and in good repair with no rips, stains, or holes please. There will be a box in the Main Street gathering area of the church thru Monday, January 24th.

Please help spread the warmth this winter!

We are so excited that VBS will be happening this summer! The theme is for this summer's session is "Jesus' power pulls us through!"
*Registration will take place the beginning of May 2022.



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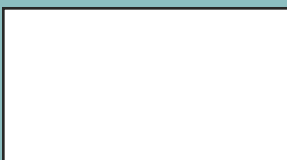
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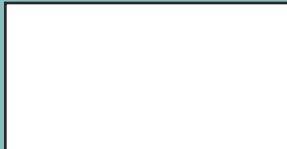
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