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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:

Monday and Wednesday:  
6:00pm—7:00pm in the Day Chapel

### 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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### Pastor: Rev. Kevin Deeley

### Parochial Vicar: Rev. Jiwon Yoon

### Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Hubbard

### Weekend Assistant:

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### Deacon: Deacon Vincent Gatto

### Deacon: Deacon Daniel Sheridan

### Deacon: Deacon Eugene Schaeffer

### Director of Pastoral Ministries:

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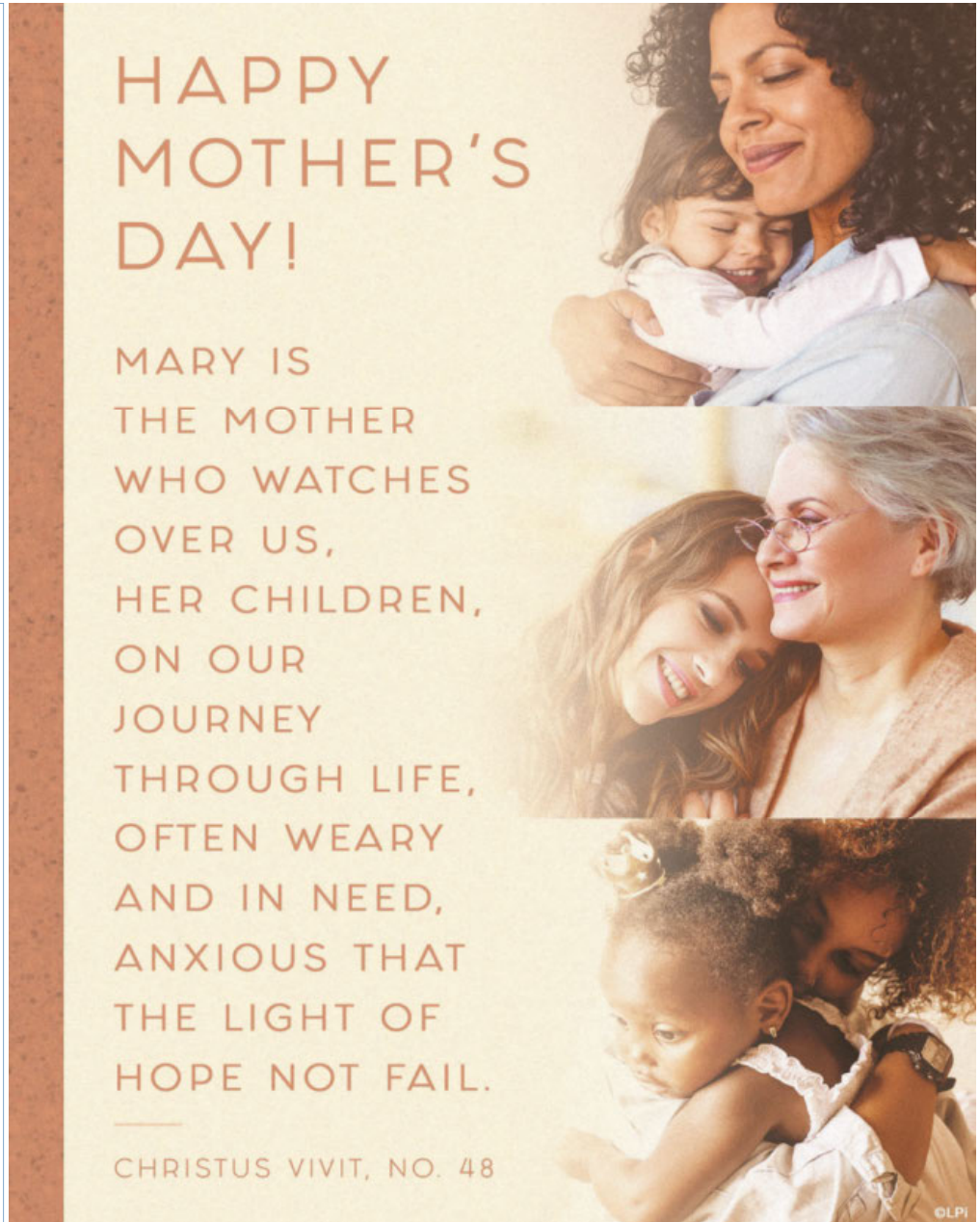
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It is repeated on Sundays at 12noon on Verizon 24 and Thursdays at 11:00am on Comcast. 22 and, of course, on-line anytime!

### 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)*

# Fourth Sunday of Easter

*The merciful love of the Lord fills the earth;  
by the word of the Lord the heavens were made, alleluia. (Psalm 33 (32):5-6)*

## With Thanks and Blessings!



We thank Deacon Gene Schaeffer for his service and dedication that he brought our parish during this past year. This weekend is his last weekend with us. He will be at all the Masses for you to personally thank and wish him well! Deacon Gene will be ordained a priest on May 28th in Saint Louis, MO. He will then be assigned to serve in a parish of the Archdiocese of Saint Louis, Missouri.

## TREASURY OF PRAYER

### St. Clare's Method of Contemplation

**Monday, May 9, 7:15 pm  
(In-Person)**

In May, our parish's original series on prayer continues with St. Clare of Assisi's prayer method: *Gaze, Consider, Contemplate and Imitate*. Saint Michael parishioner and Third Order Secular Franciscan, Francine Gikow, will walk us through this unique form of visual prayer that leads us to be more united to the Lord we love. Please join us!

## The Body of Christ is Growing Stronger!

The Easter Season is full of new life at St. Michael Parish! On May 1, our Junior Christ-Seekers celebrated the Sacraments of Initiation – Baptism, Confirmation and Holy Eucharist, becoming new members in the Body of Christ, We rejoice with them and their families!



Why do they celebrate all 3 Sacraments? When a child is brought forth to be baptized at age 7 or older, they have reached the age of reason. They can understand the power of God's Presence in the Sacraments of Initiation which, at the age of reason, should be celebrated at the same time. To prepare for the celebrations, these youngsters participate in the RCIA/Junior Christ-Seekers faith formation process. After celebrating the sacraments, they continue to grow in their faith through their own parochial school or faith formation classes, grades 1-10.



Perhaps you have a child who has never been baptized. Maybe it's even yourself! Give us a call at 978-686-4050!

Let us continue to keep all of our new Catholics in our prayers!



Our [Easter Flower Memorial Booklet](#) can be found at the doors of the church and at the Pastoral Center Reception Desk. Thank you to all who donated flowers in honor of their loved ones.

## PARISH PASTORAL COUNCIL

Thank you to everyone who took the time to nominate someone for our Parish Council. For those of you who nominated, we hope you will prayerfully consider accepting the nomination.





## *“My sheep hear my voice” John 10:27-30*

Today we celebrate “Good Shepherd Sunday” and Mother’s Day! Jesus is our Good Shepherd who lovingly watches over us, guides us and leads us to peaceful pastures. He knows each of His sheep by name and His sheep know Him. In the very first line of today’s gospel Jesus says, “My sheep hear my voice”. I began to ponder the significant difference between “listening” to the Word of God and actually “hearing” the Word of God. It reminded me of a game I used to play as a child called, “telephone”, where a group of us would gather in a circle and one person would begin the game by making a simple statement that would be whispered in the ear of the person sitting right next to you, who would then pass the phrase around to next person until everyone had the words whispered in their ear. The last person to receive the whispered message would declare it to the group and 9 times out of the 10 the message was completely distorted, sometimes not even close to its original truth. How could that happen? Perhaps it is because though we were listening, we really were not focused on the message and therefore did not *hear* with clarity and in the process the message was lost or distorted. It is not easy to hear: we get distracted by things around us or we are so focused on what we want to say, that it is hard to have the openness to listen to someone else. It also takes time to hear and we may be in a hurry.



Are there people in your own life that you should be giving time to really listen to and hear their heart? I had a friend who suffered a tragic loss in her life and there were no words to comfort her. What she needed was a listening ear and a loving presence to really hear her. It’s been said that people don’t lose intimacy when they stop talking, but when they stop listening and really hearing the heart of another.

This is also true when we attend Mass and listen to the readings. God speaks to us through His Word and through the priest as he delivers his homily. I asked myself, how often have I let my mind wander during Mass as I review my “to do list” for the day or become distracted by my apple watch that alerts me to texts, emails or phone calls or by the people around me? In the process, I have been unable to hear what God wanted to teach me that day. A few years ago we had Matthew Kelly come to speak at Saint Michael’s and he challenged us to bring a journal to Mass each week, and to write one thing we “heard” that moved us. I was so excited to embark on this challenge that I got myself a journal and began this process. I found that as I listened, I was able to hear what God wanted me to learn that day but... I got out of the habit of bringing the journal with me! I am going to try and re-establish the wonderful habit of journaling!

The first disciples had Jesus in the flesh whom they listened to and sometimes they had trouble hearing what He was telling them. Jesus knew their hearts and was able to help them understand who He was and what God called Him to do. We, too can receive clarity from Jesus as we hear the Scriptures proclaimed at Mass and when we listen to the homily. We can also hear the voice of Jesus in our conscience, that inner voice that guides us, directs us and corrects us! He speaks to us through good spiritual friends. Though my mom has died, I still hear her loving voice as she comforted me when I was distraught, directed me when I went astray and encouraged me to put always God first in my life. Perhaps the greatest way we can hear, really hear God is to be still and silent! It is often in the silence that God speaks most clearly and directly!


As we reflect upon Jesus as our Good Shepherd, may we be comforted knowing that He always listens to us and always hears us! Unlike us, He is never distracted by worldly things. He is there for us 24/7 and He longs for us to be there with Him in the sheep pen being guided, protected and loved unconditionally. And as we spend time with Jesus, our Good Shepherd, may we slow down, be still and silent and in that silence come to know the depths of His love for us.

Today we ask God to bless all mothers. They too are shepherds who lovingly care for the children God has given them. May they know how much they are loved and appreciated not only by God but by the family they care for.

Wishing you all God’s abundant blessings as you spend time not only listening to Him but really *hearing* Him.

*Bonnie Spurr*  
Faith Formation Team

## This Week in Our Parish

Sunday May 8	Monday May 9	Tuesday May 10	Wednesday May 11	Thursday May 12	Friday May 13	Saturday May 14
<p><b>Masses</b> 8:00am, 10:00am, 12noon and 5:00pm</p> 	<p><b>Mass:</b> 8:00am</p> <p><b>Adoration</b> 4:00-7:00pm</p> <p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel</p>	<p><b>Mass:</b> 8:00am</p> <p><b>Children's Choir</b> 3:45pm</p> <p><b>Adult Choir</b> 7:00pm</p> <p><b>Christ-Seekers</b> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Mass:</b> 8:00am</p> <p><b>Sacrament of Reconciliation</b> 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel</p> <p><b>Via Dolorosa</b> 6:30pm</p>	<p><b>Mass:</b> 8:00am</p> <p><b>Rosary Cenacle*</b> 6:45pm</p> <p><b>Al-Anon*</b> 7:00pm</p>	<p><b>Mass:</b> 8:00am</p>	<p><b>Mass:</b> 8:00am</p> <p><b>Vigil Mass:</b> 4:00pm</p>

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



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

**Matilda Louise Comeau**  
*daughter of Andrew & Kati*

**Isabelle Wangui Maina**  
*daughter of Kenneth & Shelmith*

**Levi Aloysius Parsch**  
*son of Adam & Stephanie*



*May 7 through May 15*

<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Rev. George G. "Jerry" Hogan Krystyna Solowie
<b>Saturday 4pm &amp; Sunday</b> All Masses for all Mothers—living & deceased		
<b>Monday</b>	8:00am	Frank & Ruby Roxas (both living)
<b>Tuesday</b>	8:00am	Patrice Ferraro (living)
<b>Wednesday</b>	8:00am	Elizabeth Schickel
<b>Thursday</b>	8:00am	Monica & Louis Zieba & the deceased members of the Bue family
<b>Friday</b>	8:00am	Douglas Wheatcroft and Edward Mulhare
<b>Saturday</b>	8:00am	Robert Hudson Mary DeRienzo Cefalu
	4:00pm	Jan Deneu
<b>Sunday</b>	8:00am	Bill, Barbara & Kathi Gallagher
	10:00am	Ann & Vincent Luciano
	12:00noon	Sheri Chagnon Dorothy Barker Kevin Dixon, Sr. Ollie Jones (living) Janet Teresa Byrne
		Mario Mejia Gary Fielding



Congratulations to all those who were just Confirmed!



*Rest in Peace*

Lawrence Faye

# SAINT MICHAEL SCHOOL NEWS



Upper School students did squid dissections and learned all about their cool anatomy and physiology!



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Please pray for our students who will be making their **First Holy Communion** this weekend and next weekend!

The “Cenacle of the Marian Movement of Priests” prays for all priests and their walk towards purity and holiness. Here at St. Michael’s, Our Lady Cenacle Group meets on Thursdays at 6:45pm in the Day Chapel. All are welcome!

*We wish to extend a warm welcome to all who are attending Mass with us today!*

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Youth Minister: Katie Larson  
[Katie\\_Larson@SaintMichael.com](mailto:Katie_Larson@SaintMichael.com)

We invite high school and college aged students to attend the “Jesus is Here” conference at the Cathedral of the Holy Cross in Boston on Friday June 17th. The evening will include a Saint Michael Youth Group dinner, followed by a night of Praise & Worship by Village Lights, a talk by Bobby and Jackie Angel, Adoration, Confession, and a visit by Cardinal Seán.

We will leave from St. Michael’s parking lot at 3:45pm, and return at 10:30 pm. Tickets are \$35 per person and includes the event, dinner and transportation. We hope you can join us! If you are interested in attending please sign up here by May 15th:



If you have any questions please contact Katie at the email above.

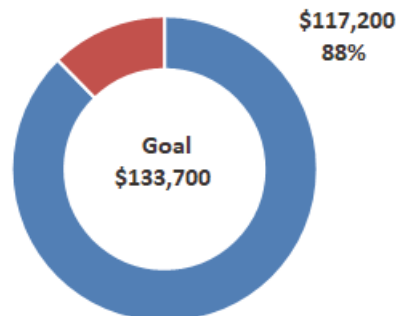


Join the Theresians on Saturday, May 21, from 12-2pm for summer planting around the church to honor God’s gift of the beauty of nature. We will meet at the Main Street entrance.

## Catholic Appeal:

*Faith in Action*

Thank you to all who pledged their support of the 2022 Catholic Appeal. We are at 88% of our goal! If you have yet to give, please use the QR code below or visit [www.bostoncatholicappeal.org](http://www.bostoncatholicappeal.org).





## Via Dolorosa - Moms' Bereavement Group

Whether your child died this past year or many years ago, whether he/she was young or old, this will be a nurturing and safe place to share. The group meets on the second Wednesday of the month. The next meeting will be this week, **May 11, from 6:30-8pm** in the Pastoral Center.

**What is Al-Anon?** Al-Anon is a fellowship of men and women whose lives have been, or are being, disturbed by another's compulsive drinking. Al-Anon groups meet to seek solutions to the problems which have been created by the disease of alcoholism. By sharing our experience, strength and courage, we can offer hope to those still faced with the problem. Al-Anon meets on Thursdays at 7pm in the Pastoral Center.

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.



## St. Michael Parish Bread & Roses Ministry

Bread & Roses is a soup kitchen in Lawrence. Since 1995 (except during the pandemic) the St. Michael Bread & Roses Ministry has been providing a meal there on the second Saturday of the month. Our dedicated volunteers receive a monthly reminder listing items to be dropped off at the church kitchen by noon on Saturday. Volunteer drivers pick up the food and deliver it to Bread & Roses. The Bread & Roses staff then prepares and serves the meal for that evening.

Please become a part of this wonderful community outreach ministry and help Bread & Roses "ease the hunger of people in our community".

For more information, please contact Diane Lafond at 978-687-7098/diane.lafond@verizon.net.



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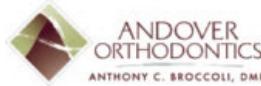
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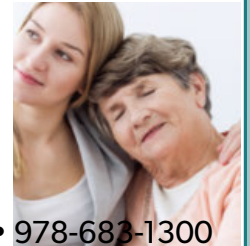
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