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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:

978-686-4050

St. Michael School:

978-686-1862

Pastor: Rev. Kevin Deeley

Parochial Vicar: Rev. Jiwon Yoon Parochial Vicar: Rev. Joseph Hubbard

Weekend Assistant:

Rev. Ray Dlugos, O.S.A.

**Deacon:** Deacon Vincent Gatto

Deacon: Deacon Daniel Sheridan

**Director of Pastoral Ministries:** 

Mary Alice Rock

School Principal: Susan Gosselin

Finance & Operations Manager:

Dorothy Varga

**Pastoral Associate:** 

**Dominic Margaglione** 

**Music Director:** 

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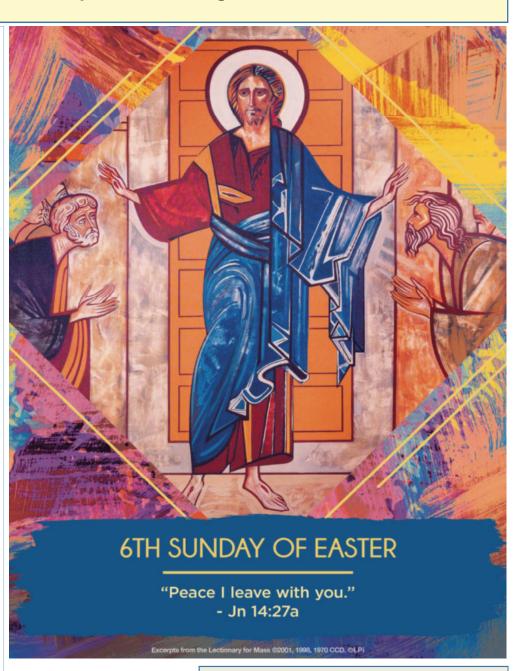
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#### **Televised Weekend Mass**

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)

## **Sixth Sunday of Easter**

Proclaim a joyful sound and let it be heard; Proclaim to the ends of the earth: The Lord has freed his people, alleluia.

cf. Isaiah 48:20



### **Parish Pastoral Council**

Parish Pastoral Council Elections will be held on **Pentecost Sunday weekend, June 4 & 5.** We would like to thank, in a special way, our outgoing members for their pastoral leadership during these challenging times of the pandemic:



Art De Durkin, Chair Co



Dorothy Consiglio



Bill Dolan



Amy Doucette

## Many thanks to our continuing members for 2022-2023:



Jess Cascio



Paul Fierimonte



Blanca Mambo



Brian Masterson



Pat Riley



Steve Seide

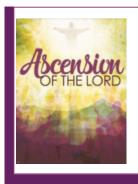


Debra Sullivan



Joan Thompson

Please see the insert in this weekend's bulletin of the list of all candidates who have accepted the nomination to run for Parish Pastoral Council.



### Thursday, May 26 A Holy Day!

Masses are: 8:00am, 12:00noon & 7:00pm

No Vigil Mass



May 21 through May 29

Saturday 8:00am Nancy & Peter Ayer, Sr

Elizabeth Ayer Charles Ayer

4:00pm Raymond A. & Ruth J. Mitchell

**Sunday** 8:00am Miriam Jump & Robert Jump

10:00am Joan DiPersio 12:00noon Anna Nardi

Thomas Pascarella

Friday 8:00am James Riley

Saturday 4:00pm Jeanette Barron

**Sunday** 10:00am Nino & Maria Bruno

Salvatore & Nunziata Bruno

12:00noon Joseph Contrada

Alfio & Frances Ardizzone
Josephine & Gerald DeGregorio

Juliette Hamboyan Michael Austin, Jr.

Rest in Peace

James E. Beattie, Jr. Patrick Hart
Paul Joseph Joyce, Sr. Glenn Schena

Ronald Thorne

May is the month of Mary. She asked the children of Fatima to pray the rosary every day in order to obtain peace in the world and the end of war. The gentle repetition of the words in the Rosary helps us to enter into the silence of our hearts, where Christ's spirit dwells.



### PASTORAL REFLECTION





My first experience with lilacs was when I was 7 years old. We lived in a three-decker in Somerville. Trees were not too plentiful, but there was a lilac tree in bloom around the corner at our family friend's house. One Saturday morning when I was looking to play with their kids and get a donut, the mother took me out in the front yard, cut a bunch of lilacs and said, "Here, can you smell the lilacs?" Not having a clue what she was doing, nor able to smell anything at the moment, I must have dumbly nodded 'yes'. Then she said, "OK, take these to your Mother".

This experience came back to me this week when I was surprised by the rich scent of lilacs that seemed to follow me around the yard. A scent like this can be subtle, but when we pick it up it is distinctive, it can hold one's attention and be a gift. The Word of God, and God's presence is like that also: often subtle, powerful, potentially life-changing, but easily missed. When we hear the Lord's voice it is something worth stopping and savoring. The well known Psalm 95 encourages us, . . . if today you hear his (God's) voice, harden not your hearts . .

In today's Gospel Jesus reminds us that God is always communicating with us. One way we express our love to God is by paying attention and responding to what God is saying in the diverse ways he speaks to us in our lives. The payoff? And my Father will love him (and her), and we will come to him and make our dwelling with him.

Daily, consider having this conversation with God: Lord, how have I heard you today? What is my response to you?

Deacon Vinny Deacon Vinny Gatto

| This Week in Our Parish  |  |   |   |   |  |   |
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| Sunday<br>May 22<br><u>Masses</u><br>8:00am,<br>10:00am,<br>12noon and<br>5:00pm | Monday May 23  Mass: 8:00am  Adoration 4:00-7:00pm  Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel | Tuesday May 24  Mass: 8:00am Children's Choir 3:45pm Adult Choir 7:00pm | Wednesday May 25  Mass: 8:00am  Sacrament of Reconciliation 6-7:00pm in the Day Chapel Coping with the Spring Season* 6:30-8:00pm | Thursday May 26  Ascension of the Lord Masses at: 8:00am, 12noon & 7:00pm  Rosary Cenacle* 6:45pm Al-Anon* 7:00pm | Friday<br>May 27<br><u>Mass:</u><br>8:00am | Saturday May 28  Mass: 8:00am  Vigil Mass: 4:00pm |

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



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

Grace Ann Fredrickson daughter of Robert & Michela

**Grace Katherine Langton** *daughter of Christopher & Shannon* 

Isla Nancy Orfanos daughter of Louis & Crystal

Tess Elizabeth Orfanos daughter of Louis & Crystal

Nathan Mark Sannella son of Michael & Stephanie

Owen Louis Sannella son of Michael & Stephanie

### Coping with the Spring Season

Merrimack Valley Hospice is holding 2 workshops here at St. Michael Parish to help those who are living with loss and anticipating heightened levels of grief in May and June. If you are interested in joining a group on Wednesday, May 25, or Wednesday, June 15, from 6:30pm—8:00pm, please call 978-552-4510.

# STATEMENT OF CARDINAL SEAN O'MALLEY MAY 15, 2022

"The leak of Justice Alito's draft opinion on abortion has brought many voices into a conflicted question now almost fifty years old. Throughout those years, from the Roe v. Wade decision until today, the Catholic Church has been part of the abortion debate in this country. Two characteristics have marked our position. First, while Catholic moral teaching has opposed abortion since the apostolic era, the case we have made to our religiously pluralistic nation is that abortion is fundamentally a human rights question. Such questions are argued in rational terms: the right in danger is the right to life. Its defense in the public arena can and should be articulated in ways which those of any faith or no faith can analyze and understand. We have tried to make that case and will continue to do so whatever the final decision of the Court will be. Second, the human rights argument means that human life must be protected before birth and after birth. A pro-life position does not end at birth; it must extend to a public vision which encompasses the common good of our society. The child whose life is protected by the moral and civil law deserves the support of a society which will provide the socio-economic conditions in which life can flourish.

A draft opinion will not settle our long national debate. As it goes forward, before and after the final decision is made, my hope is that all participants will respect the dignity of others; on a question as deep as the one we seek to decide this attitude is essential."

### Saturday Morning Men's Group returning to in-person meetings on June 4th at 7:00am

On Saturday, June 4th, the Men's Group will return to the upstairs hall of the Church for the regular Saturday morning meeting at 7:00am. For more than two years they have been meeting remotely on Zoom. The Gospel for that weekend will be discussed. The meeting will end with the 8:00am Mass for those able to attend.

### SAINT MICHAEL **SCHOOL NEWS**





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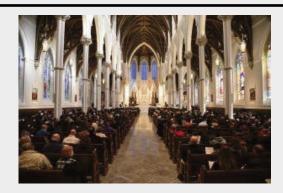
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Youth Minister: Katie Larson Katie Larson@SaintMichael.com



### Jesus is Here Conference

High school and college students, you are Invited 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! Please use the QR code to register by this Sunday, May 22.



Mark you calendar! Our next Youth Group gathering will take place on Tuesday, June 7 at 7:00pm. Weather permitting, we will meet outside.



Stop by on Monday evenings for Adoration, a visit with Jesus, in the church from 4:00pm-7:00pm.

VBS (Vacation Bible School) which is held in Andover is back!

Registrations have begun! If you are interested in joining as a participant, teen crew leader or adult volunteer please visit www.andovervbs.com.

### 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.

Saint Theresa Parish,63 Winter St. in North Reading invites you to a Healing Mass on Monday, May 30 at 4:00pm.



If you or someone you know is sick or having surgery, come to a Healing Mass. The Anointing of the Sick will be given to bring spiritual and even physical strength during an illness.

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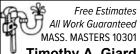
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