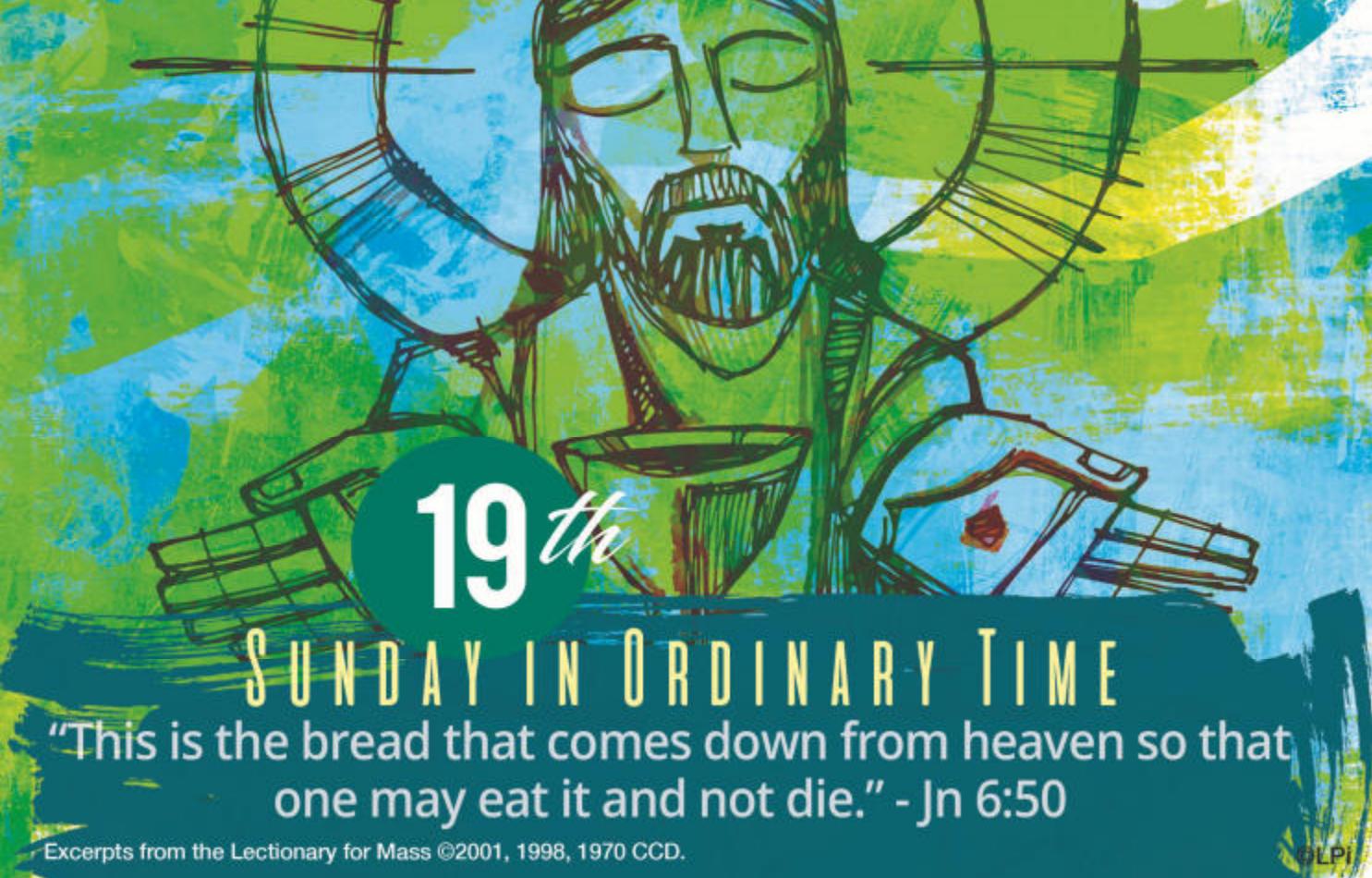


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**SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**

**"This is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die." - Jn 6:50**

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### ***Our Mission***

*Rooted in our sacramental celebrations of the Eucharist, we seek to shape our future in a positive way through our parish school, religious education, youth ministry programs and numerous Christian services. While maintaining a strong sense of Catholic tradition, we look for ways to revitalize our Christian values through more openness to God's word and our gospel call to love God and neighbor. Trusting in the Holy Spirit, we seek new ways of being a church for members, active or not, as well as reaching out to the wider community.*

### **Mass Schedule**

**Monday-Saturday at 7am. Weekends: Saturday at 4pm, Sunday at 7am, 9am & 11:15am  
12:30pm Mass in Swahili every Sunday.**

**Holy Days: 7am & 7pm.**

**Rectory:** 543 Bridge Street, Lowell, MA 01850 Phone: 978-459-0713 Fax: 978-453-1123

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**Below is useful information about our parish.  
You can contact the Rectory at 978-459-0713  
or saintmichaels@comcast.net.**



Baptisms are usually held at 2pm on the fourth Saturday of each month. Parents must attend one class prior to baptism date. Godparents must be Catholics who have received the sacraments of baptism, first communion & confirmation. Please contact one month in advance to schedule.



If you'd like to be married at Saint Michael's, please contact us one year prior to your wedding. Couples must meet with the priest prior to confirming a date.



Religious Ed classes for grades K-8 are held on Saturdays from 9-10:30am, Sept-May. High school students meet Sundays January-May. First Communion is usually celebrated in June; Confirmation in the fall.



When you are sick or have scheduled surgery, please contact us. This is the Sacrament formerly known as Last Rites.



The Sacrament of Reconciliation, formerly known as Confession, is available every Saturday from 3pm-3:30pm in the church. If you would like to meet face-to-face with a priest, please contact the rectory.

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If you are attending Mass & require a low gluten (0.02%) host, we're happy to help. Please speak with the priest or sacristan to make arrangements prior to Mass.



Are you an adult and would like to become a member of the Catholic faith? Contact the rectory about the Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults (RCIA).

Saint Michael is home to a vibrant, faith-filled Kenyan community, with Mass in Swahili every Sunday at 12:30pm. The contact for the **Kenyan Catholic Community & Friends (KCCF)** is Chairman Robert Ndirangu, rondimbu@gmail.com or 260-804-9444 via text or WhatsApp. 

### Saint Vincent de Paul Society

Saint Michael Parish is blessed to have a Saint Vincent de Paul Society conference, complete with dedicated volunteers who participate in community outreach, helping to supply relief to our neighbors in need. To help support these efforts, please remember to deposit your donation in one of the boxes at the entrance of the church. Thank you! 

Welcome! We'd love to have you share in our faith and community. Welcome packets are at the entrance of the church. To become a registered parishioner, please contact the rectory. 

**Saint Michael School**, founded in 1889 by the Dominican Sisters, is a private Catholic School dedicated to academic excellence from Pre-School (ages 3-4) through Grade 8 and is a fully accredited Catholic elementary school by the Archdiocese of Boston Department of Education and the NEASC (New England Association of Schools / Colleges). 21 Sixth St, Lowell 978-453-9511 

If you are a **Saint Michael School Alumni** please keep in touch by making sure we have your updated information. Please visit [www.school.saintmichael.com](http://www.school.saintmichael.com) and click on the ALUMNI tab on the homepage. Don't have online access? Call the school at 978-453-9511!

We invite parishioners to give an offering for the **Bread** at all Masses on a given weekend. The offering for this memorial is \$75.00. Please contact the rectory for more information. 

**SMYLE (Saint Michael Youth Leadership)**, our Youth Group, is open to young people ages 15-25 and meets at least twice a month for unique and fun faith-based activities. If you or someone you know is interested in joining SMYLE or would like more information, please contact Ashley Melanchook at [SMYLE@saint-michael.com](mailto:SMYLE@saint-michael.com). 

**Deadline for Bulletin Submissions: Mondays at Noon, except during Advent, Lent, or the week of a holiday.**  
**Email submissions to [pminch@saint-michael.com](mailto:pminch@saint-michael.com)**

## Saint Michael Parish

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# OLPI MASS INTENTIONS

*This week the Bread is in memory of John & Betty Joynt. Please remember them in your prayers.*

### Saturday, August 7

4:00pm: Donald C. Taylor

### Sunday, August 8

7:00am: Friends of Saint Michael

9:00am: David McHugh/24th Anniversary

11:15am: Mary F. Dumont/First Anniversary

John & Betty Joynt

### Monday, August 9

7:00am: 23rd Anniversary

### Tuesday, August 10

7:00am: John R. Messer

### Wednesday, August 11

7:00am: Saint Philomene

### Thursday, August 12

7:00am: Joe Sawicki

### Friday, August 13

7:00am: Leo Shaunessey/For Health

### Saturday, August 14

7:00am: Parishioners of Saint Michael

4:00pm: Gerard Geoffroy/18th Anniversary

A graphic featuring a stylized sunburst above silhouettes of people holding hands, with the words "PARISH SUPPORT" in large orange letters below.

### *For the weekend of July 31-August 1*

The Offertory amount was \$7,237; Online Giving was \$1,092.93, which totals \$8,329.93. Our weekly Offer-tory goal is \$9,000, leaving us with a shortage of \$670.

### *Upcoming Special/Second Collections:*

*8/7-8/8: Saint Michael School*

*Thank you for your generosity!*

## The Lowe Down



Where has the summer gone? In just a few weeks, school will start. Mark Rocha and Mary Fran Chisholm are getting everything organized to kick off the school year. We have hired or made offers to all the teachers that we needed, several classes are already at full capacity, and as of August 1, we have 210 children enrolled (so far) with 7 more pending and more inquiries every day.

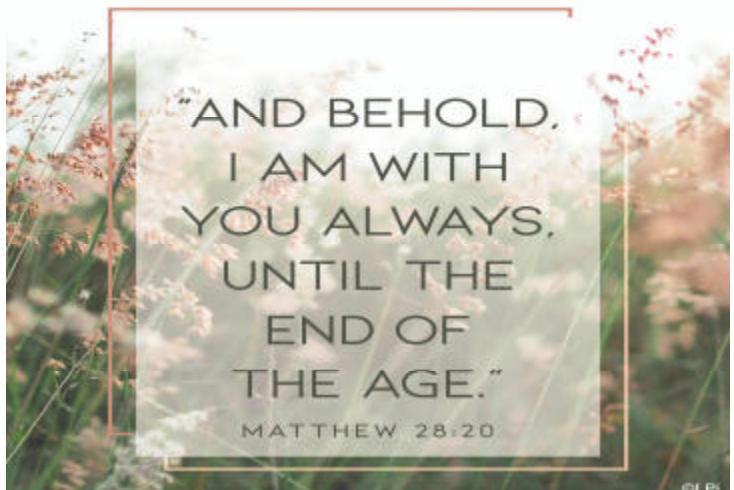
At the end of last year, we had guidance to be mask free this year. As the next round of Covid builds, this seems to be very optimistic. The CDC has already made new recommendations to wear masks inside buildings. So far, Governor Baker and the Catholic Schools Office have not modified their guidance to us. The school will, as always, put the safety of the children, teachers, and staff at top priority. I expect what we will ask everyone in the building to wear masks as we begin the school year, but our principal and nurse will make the final decision the week before school starts.

Mr. Stone has been busy preparing new Chromebooks for the middle school students and a refresh of systems in the computer lab.

Repair and maintenance work has been taking place at the school. Marianela and Dave (our janitors) have done an amazing job on the floors of all the rooms. They are now getting the desks cleaned in all the classrooms. Charlie Nutt has been straitening and repairing the chain link fence as well as replacing the countertops in both bathrooms. There are some holes to be filled in the schoolyard. We still have some other small interior and exterior repairs planned before school starts.

This school year, the school building will celebrate its 100-year anniversary. Take a peek over the 6<sup>th</sup> street door of the school. It says 1922. That is a legacy to be proud of.

## Fr. Chris





Help support Erin Morrissey, granddaughter of parishioner Margaret Janas, as she participates in this fall's Boston Marathon in support of Caring for a Cure (CFAC). Erin's goal is to raise \$10,000 for this non-profit organization that supports patients with cancer and their families throughout treatment; its' mission "...to ease the journey and uplift the spirits of our patients and families through research, resources, and awareness." Erin herself is a cancer survivor, diagnosed with adrenocortical carcinoma and works as a clinical researcher at Mass General Hospital. Checks must be made out to "MGH" and please ensure that "CFAC/Erin Morrissey" is written in the memo line. Please mail to MGH Development Office, Attn: Caring for a Cure, 125 Nashua Street, Boston, MA 02114



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### BATTERY RECYCLING AVAILABLE

Reminder that the Green Team has made battery recycling available for parishioners. Located in the church's gathering space, there is a lockbox for placement of your old, used batteries (AAA, AA, C, D, 9 volt & "Button" batteries). A donation of .25 cents per battery or a one-time \$10 donation (good for one year of battery recycling) is requested.

### THIS WEEKEND! SECOND ANNUAL PARISH INDOOR/OUTDOOR YARD SALE

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 7, 8am-3pm  
SUNDAY, AUGUST 8, 8am-1pm**

**Outdoor: Rectory Parking Lot  
Indoor: Church Hall**

Our parishioners and neighbors have cleaned out their kitchen cabinets, closets, toy chests and tool sheds. Thanks to their generous donations, we are holding our second annual Yard Sale fundraiser! Cheap prices on gently used clothing, comforters, kitchenware, handbags, shoes, board games, toys, lamps, wall hangings, small appliances, lamps and more. We hope to see you there! If you'd like to volunteer at the Yard Sale, please call the rectory at 978-459-0713 or email [pminch@saint-michael.com](mailto:pminch@saint-michael.com)



### HARVEST DINNER DANCE

We're back and excited to be planning a social event called the Harvest Dinner Dance! Our original event, the Spring Fling, was cancelled due to the pandemic, and we're now looking for committee members to help organize this October 2nd event. Email Kathy Whitney at [kathyw374@gmail.com](mailto:kathyw374@gmail.com) if you're interested!



The Child Advocacy office is now providing 'live' weekly PGC trainings on Zoom through Virtus. Just go to [Virtus.org](https://Virtus.org), the 'Live Training' tab and 'Pre-register for an upcoming live training session' – and you will find the schedule for adults to complete their PGC requirement with the Archdiocese of Boston via Zoom (Braintree). You will also see that other Live sessions are being offered throughout the diocese so an individual may find one either in their own parish or close to home. If an individual is able to join one of the above live trainings, then this would take the place of the online combined PGC + Mandated Reporter trainings that have been required during covid precautions. So if you take the live training, you do not have to take the online Mandated Reporter training since it is included in the live training.

Moises Rodrigues will be providing two weekly trainings starting at the end of July, with one being available on the weekends to allow for more accessibility for participants. Live trainings, be it in-person or on Zoom (or some other platform), are preferable because they allow for questions and discussion which is where much of the learning takes place. We encourage everyone who is able to take part in a live training. Also know that, assuming that covid restrictions continue to be lifted, in September of 2021 we will be eliminating the temporary option for taking the online training instead of a live training.

### LIGHT A CANDLE



Two stands of candles in the Sanctuary are there for you to light as a symbol of your intentions and prayers. We ask that at least a \$1 donation be offered for each candle that you light, which helps us defray the cost of the candle.

### SAVE THE DATES FOR NEXT CLASS

This fall, Fr. Chris will be offering a new class, "The Gospel of Mark Through Home Videos." This combination of lecture and video will give us a new look at the Gospel of Mark from beginning to end. Save the dates, Tuesday, September 7th-October 5th (yes, 5 sessions) at 1:00 PM and 7:00 PM. Prepare yourselves to see Mark's writing in a refreshing new way.

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Monday Box: 4 days of breakfast and lunch meals  
Friday Box: 3 days of breakfast and lunch meals

### BOOK OF PRAYERS

The Book of Prayers is located on the side altar in front of the Blessed Mother statue. You're invited to write your prayers, hopes and needs in this book, and as a parish family, let us remember these written intentions in our daily prayers.

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## GRAND ANNUAL UPDATE

The latest total of the 2020-2021 Grand Annual prior to publication is 95%. Thank you so very much for your generosity and financial support of our \$100,000 goal!

## MASS CARDS & SPIRITUAL BOUQUETS



A Mass Card is a remembrance by which we offer a Mass for the repose of the soul of a deceased person or for the intention of the living. A Spiritual Bouquet is an enrollment by which we remember the person at one Mass per week for the year. Mass Cards are \$10 and Spiritual Bouquets are \$15; both are available at the rectory.

*Are you or someone you know looking for a school that provides PreK-3 & PreK-4 education? Look no further than Saint Michael School! Compare our low tuition to day care rates! Call the school at 978-453-9511 for more information.*



## Year of the EUCARIST

*The real presence of Jesus in the Eucharist will be celebrated across the world from June 2020 (the Feast of Corpus Christi) to June 2022, uniting all Catholics as one body of Christ. Join with family and friends in prayer, promotion & participation.*

**Prayer:** Each day commit to praying an additional 15 minutes, including Mass, Adoration, grace before meals and bedtime prayer.

**Promotion:** Share your faith in the true presence of the body, blood, soul and divinity of Jesus Christ in the Eucharist by giving witness by talking to others about your beliefs.

**Participation:** If you would like to participate in the next event, please send your email address to our Parish Coordinator Mary Regan, [skeedood1@aol.com](mailto:skeedood1@aol.com) and details will be sent to you.

## HELP WANTED

As we can begin to carefully exit our extended hibernation, there are several volunteer programs that we should be creating and staffing. Perhaps one of these would interest you.

**Outreach Committee:** There are many home-bound parishioners. We need to match them up with folks who could bring them communion or bring them to Mass on some sort of regular basis. I would also like to set up a twice a year Mass to bring them into the church, offer the anointing of the sick and refreshments after Mass.

**Baptism Preparation Team:** We need younger families who are at Mass every week to teach (we will train and support you) and be an example to the new parents that Saint Michael's offers a path for life to them. This would probably be a monthly gathering with the parents of the soon to be baptized.

**Adoration Team:** There has been great interest in our "Evenings of Prayer" during Lent and Easter. We could expand this to a weekly hour of adoration. This hour could be expanded as this ministry grows. This is an important part of celebrating the "Year of the Eucharist". If this were to approach a 24/7 adoration, the Baptistry under the Day Chapel would be an ideal location.

We have room for **volunteer receptionist** on Tuesday. This can be 1/2 or a full day.



**Clip this page and bring it with you to the August 15 Sunday Mass ; it will assist in readings, prayers and responses. Please do not leave in pews—remember to take it home!**

**First Reading:** God's temple in heaven was opened, and the ark of his covenant could be seen in the temple. A great sign appeared in the sky, a woman clothed with the sun, with the moon under her feet, and on her head a crown of twelve stars. She was with child and wailed aloud in pain as she labored to give birth. Then another sign appeared in the sky; it was a huge red dragon, with seven heads and ten horns, and on its heads were seven diadems. Its tail swept away a third of the stars in the sky and hurled them down to the earth. Then the dragon stood before the woman about to give birth, to devour her child when she gave birth. She gave birth to a son, a male child, destined to rule all the nations with an iron rod. Her child was caught up to God and his throne. The woman herself fled into the desert where she had a place prepared by God. Then I heard a loud voice in heaven say: "Now have salvation and power come, and the Kingdom of our God and the authority of his Anointed One."

**Responsorial Psalm:** *The queen stands at your right hand, arrayed in gold.*

**Second Reading:** Brothers and sisters: Christ has been raised from the dead, the firstfruits of those who have fallen asleep. For since death came through man, the resurrection of the dead came also through man. For just as in Adam all die, so too in Christ shall all be brought to life, but each one in proper order: Christ the firstfruits; then, at his coming, those who belong to Christ; then comes the end, when he hands over the Kingdom to his God and Father, when he has destroyed every sovereignty and every authority and power. For he must reign until he has put all his enemies under his feet. The last enemy to be destroyed is death, for "he subjected everything under his feet."

**Gospel Reading:** Mary set out & traveled to the hill country in haste to a town of Judah, where she entered the house of Zechariah & greeted Elizabeth. When Elizabeth heard Mary's greeting, the infant leaped in her womb, and Elizabeth, filled with the Holy Spirit, cried out in a loud voice & said, "Blessed are you among women, and blessed is the fruit of your womb. And how does this happen to me, that the mother of my Lord should come to me? For at the moment the sound of your greeting reached my ears, the infant in my womb leaped for joy. Blessed are you who believed that what was spoken to you by the Lord would be fulfilled." And Mary said: "My soul proclaims the greatness of the Lord; my spirit rejoices in God my Savior for he has looked with favor on his lowly servant. From this day all generations will call me blessed: the Almighty has done great things for me and holy is his Name. He has mercy on those who fear him in every generation. He has shown the strength of his arm, and has scattered the proud in their conceit. He has cast down the mighty from their thrones, and has lifted up the lowly. He has filled the hungry with good things, and the rich he has sent away empty. He has come to the help of his servant Israel for he has remembered his promise of mercy, the promise he made to our fathers, to Abraham and his children forever." Mary remained with her about three months and then returned to her home.

**Gloria:** *Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to people of good will. We praise you, we bless you, we adore you, we glorify you, we give you thanks for your great glory, Lord God, heavenly King, O God, almighty Father. Lord Jesus Christ, Only Begotten Son, Lord God, Lamb of God, Son of the Father, you take away the sins of the world, have mercy on us; you take away the sins of the world, receive our prayer; you are seated at the right hand of the Father, have mercy on us. For you alone are the Holy One, you alone are the Lord, you alone are the Most High, Jesus Christ, with the Holy Spirit, in the glory of God the Father. Amen.*

**Nicene Creed:** *I believe in one God, the Father almighty, maker of heaven and earth, of all things visible and invisible. I believe in one Lord Jesus Christ, the Only Begotten Son of God, born of the Father before all ages, God from God, Light from Light, true God from true God, begotten, not made, consubstantial with the Father; through him all things were made. For us men and our salvation he came down from heaven, and by the Holy Spirit was incarnate of the Virgin Mary and became man. For our sake he was crucified under Pontius Pilate, he suffered death and was buried, and rose again on the third day in accordance with the Scriptures. He ascended into heaven and seated at the right hand of the Father. He will come again to judge the living and the dead and his kingdom will have no end. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the Lord, the giver of life, who proceeds from the Father and the Son, who with the Father and the Son is adored and glorified, who has spoken through the prophets. I believe in one, holy, Catholic and apostolic Church. I confess one Baptism for the forgiveness of sins and I look forward to the resurrection of the dead and the life of the world to come. Amen.*

#### 2021-2022 CORI FORM RENEWALS

Criminal Offense Record Investigation (CORI) forms for 2021-2022 are now available at the rectory. The Archdiocese of Boston mandates that all parish employees and volunteers must fill out a CORI form yearly. You may do so at the rectory during regular business hours, Monday through Friday, 9:00am—4:00pm. Please remember to bring a government-issued identification for verification purposes. For New Hampshire residents, please remember to complete a NH CORI form, which is also available at the rectory.



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