

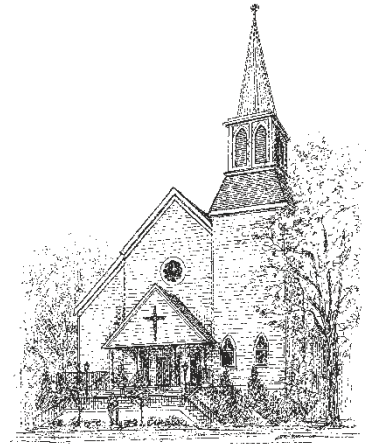


Saint Joseph Catholic Church
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Our Parish Mission

The parishioners of Saint Joseph Catholic Church yearn to joyfully:

- Deepen our love for Jesus Christ through prayer, sacrament and worship
- Enrich our knowledge of the Catholic faith and Church teachings
- Share our Christian faith daily with others
- Reach out and care for others as Jesus has taught us!

Please Join Us!

Pastoral Staff

Rev. Thomas C. Boudreau, **Pastor**

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Laura Grant, Children's Choir Director/ Cantor

Please submit information for the bulletin to the parish office or by email SJPHolbrookOffice@comcast.net by Monday for the following weekend.

Welcome To New Parishioners. If you are not registered, please fill out this form and bring it to the rectory or place in the collection basket.

Name: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

Street/City/Zip

Do You Wish to receive Offertory Envelopes? Yes

Sacramental Life

Baptisms

Congratulations! Sundays after the 11AM Mass. Please call the Parish office in advance to schedule.

Confirmation

Please contact a priest if you are an adult or Director of Religious Education if you are a youth.

Confessions

Welcome! By appointment only. Please contact the Parish office for an appointment.

Eucharist

Join us Weekends:

Saturday 4:00 PM Vigil

Sunday: 7:30 & 11:00 AM

Join us Weekdays:

Wednesday & Thursday 9:00 AM

Marriage

Congratulations! Please make arrangements with a parish priest six months prior to wedding.

Holy Orders

Great! If you or someone you know is thinking about priesthood (or religious life) please contact a priest or religious sister.

Anointing of the Sick

Anytime! Please call the rectory if you or someone you know is sick, homebound, preparing for surgery, unable to participate in Sunday Eucharist, or would like a visit by a priest.

ST. JOSEPH CATHOLIC CHURCH, HOLBROOK



Saturday, December 19th

4:00PM John & Mary Montgomery Memorial Mass
John & Pauline Montgomery
William & Katherine McDonald

Sunday, December 20th

7:30AM Antonio Cefalu Memorial Mass
11:00AM Frances Odenweller (Living)

Monday, November 21st

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Tuesday, December 22nd

No Mass either Church

Wednesday, December 23rd

9:00AM John, Michael & James Odenweller
and Families (Living)

Thursday, December 24th

2:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at both parishes
4:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at both parishes
6:00PM Christmas Eve Mass at both parishes

Friday, December 25th

7:30AM Christmas Morning Mass at Saint Joseph
9:00AM Christmas Morning Mass at Saint Michael
10:00AM Christmas Morning Mass at Saint Joseph
11:00AM Christmas Morning Mass at Saint Michael

Saturday, December 26th

4:00PM Lisa Fucile 21st Anniversary

Sunday, December 27th

7:30AM Dukens Francois (Living)
11:00AM Louis Signorine Birthday Remembrance
Donna Signorine Memorial Mass

PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 12/13/2020, the Offertory Collection was \$1,362.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

CHRISTMAS COLLECTION:

Clergy Health & Retirement Trust

The upcoming Christmas collection will benefit the Clergy Health and Retirement Trust which cares for the health and well-being of our 536 active and senior priests in good standing. Whether it is within our parish communities or in the community at large, our priests are making a difference every day. If you are able, please consider a generous gift to the Christmas collection this year. Thank you in advance



December 20 ~ Fourth Sunday of Advent

Today's Gospel is the familiar story of the Annunciation of the Angel Gabriel to Mary. Imagine this gospel scene and focus on the conversation between Mary and the Angel. "The Lord is with you." "Do not be afraid." "Nothing is impossible for God." "Let it be done to me according to your word." Mary trusted that God was with her and that she had nothing to fear. With all the uncertainties, questions and challenges of this past year, how have you, like Mary been able to trust that God was with you? Take a few minutes each day to pray the "Hail Mary" asking for Mary's help to strengthen your trust in God.



December 2020



The Altar Bread has been donated in memory of **Anna & Guido Silvestri** by The Silvestri Family for the month of December.



The Altar Wine & Sanctuary Lamp have been donated in memory of **The Maffeo & DeDonato Families** by Theresa Maffeo for the month of December.

Memorial Offerings in memory of a deceased relative or friend are available monthly for the Altar Bread, Wine, and Sanctuary Lamp. Please call the Parish Office for further information.



ADVENT



HOPE. LOVE. JOY. PEACE.

Christmas Mass Schedule

The Christmas Schedule is now up and available online.

Saint Joseph & Saint Michael - Christmas Eve

2:00PM, 4:00PM and 6:00PM

Saint Joseph Parish - Christmas Day

7:30AM & 10:00AM

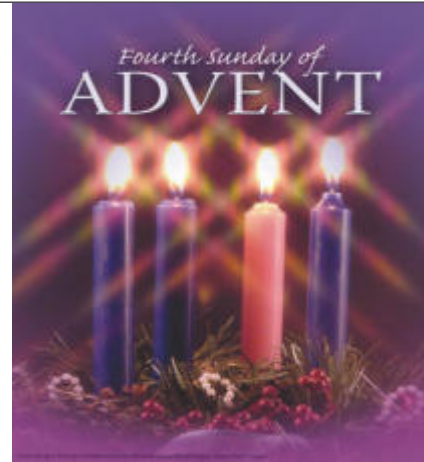
Saint Michael Parish - Christmas Day

9:00AM & 11:00AM

We cannot stress enough for you to log on and sign on as soon as possible. If you do not have a computer please call the rectory office this week. With limited numbers allowed in the Church, and safe distancing in effect, you will be taking a huge chance of being turned away if you just show up at the door the day of. **Please sign up ASAP!**

First come! First Serve!

Due to the challenge of cleaning and disinfecting there will **NOT** be an overflow Mass in the School this year. We are limited to the Church only!

**GOSPEL MEDITATION****December 20, 2020 4th Sunday of Advent**

In Blaise Pascal's work, *Pensees*, he says: "What else does this craving, and this helplessness, proclaim but that there was once in man a true happiness, of which all that now remains is the empty print and trace? This he tries in vain to fill with everything around him, seeking in things that are not there the help he cannot find in those that are, though none can help, since this infinite abyss can be filled only with an infinite and immutable object; in other words by God himself."

We have a difficult time accepting that fulfillment and happiness are not achieved by our own merits but through a relationship with God. We are hardwired for this relationship and it is in our DNA. The simple fact is that we come from God and are designed to return to God. If our beginning and our end define who we are, why would we not want to seek the One who can truly satisfy? The world does not realize that it is waiting. It is waiting for the birth of God in time, within one's soul and in eternity. We get so confused by seeking other momentary satisfactions that we misinterpret the hunger within. We crave God.

The union of God and humanity, revealed in Jesus Christ, is precisely what sets us on a straight path, orders our relationships, establishes proper focus and goals and tells us whose kingdom we really are meant to serve. We are so lost. God is with us. The prophet Nathan told this to King David, the angel said this to Mary and the birth of Christ brings this Good News to us. We do not need to be busily looking for more things but must learn to find contentment and blessing in the One Presence. This is the beautiful simple message of Advent!

If you are feeling unsettled, anxious, angry, disgruntled, disconnected, unhappy, worried, fearful, off center, becoming overly self-indulgent, unable to spend time alone and without distraction, then there's a good chance you are lost. Now is the time to allow God to find you! Ponder the holy simplicity of Mary's call to be the Mother of God. "Behold, I am the handmaid of the Lord. May it be done to me according to your word." When we are helpless and at home with our emptiness, God will fill us. Our Savior has come.



Wishing a Peaceful and Blessed Christmas to all!

-The Clergy & Staff of Saint Joseph Parish-

**2020 HOLBROOK SANTA GIVING TREE****Thank you!**

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