

Avon – Holbrook Catholic Collaborative

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Our Collaborative Mission

As a welcoming Catholic community, we seek first and foremost to offer the faithful knowledge and spiritual experiences that will strengthen their relationship with God and each other. We will be actively engaged in works of charity, service and social justice. Parishioners of the collaborative strive to live out faith and hope; and maintain the enthusiasm of spreading the Good News.

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Mass Schedule

Saturday - 4:00pm (both parishes)

Sunday

7:30am - St. Joseph

9:00am - St. Michael

11:00am - St. Joseph

Daily Mass - 9:00am

Monday & Friday - St. Michael

Wednesday & Thursday - St. Joseph

Baptisms

Congratulations! Third Sunday of every other month after the 9AM & 11AM Masses respectively. 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.

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.

Welcome New Parishioners

If you are new to our Parish Community, please call the Parish Office to register.



Saint Michael Parish - Avon

Saturday, January 1st

4:00PM Available – Please call the parish office

Sunday, January 2nd

9:00AM Beverly Connolly 1st Anniversary

Monday, January 3rd

9:00AM Elizabeth Curley Memorial Mass

Tuesday, January 4th

No Mass either Church

Wednesday, January 5th

9:00AM Mass at Saint Joseph Church

Thursday, January 6th

9:00AM Mass at St. Joseph Church

Friday, January 7th

9:00AM Available – Please call the parish office

Saturday, January 8th

4:00PM Available – Please call the parish office

Sunday, January 9th

9:00AM Charles Littlefield Month's Mind



For the weekend of 12/19/2021, the Offertory Collection was \$1,562.

For the weekend of 12/26/2021, the Offertory Collection was \$753 and the Second Collection for Monthly Maintenance was \$507.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – JANUARY 2022

January – Monthly Maintenance

January 23rd – Support for the Church in Latin America

SPONSOR A DAY

Thank you to the following parishioners who sponsored a day in the month January:

- In Memory of the Mucci and Calnan Families**
- In Memory of Our Fallen Heroes**
- In Memory of Russel Ernst & John Milli**
- In Memory of Eunice Comeau/ Joseph Domenicucci**
- Memory of Ryan John & Jason Joseph Ivas**
- The Maguire Family**
- In Memory of Dermot & Jo Holmes**
- In Memory of John & Kathleen Moore**
- The Mulhern Family**
- Brian Hersey**
- In Memory of Francis McLaughlin**
- In Memory of Elizabeth Curley**
- In Memory of John & Andrea Bakish**
- In Memory of Harold & Judi Cole**
- In Memory of Brenda Sullivan**
- In Memory of Jack & Mary Lane**
- In Memory of Joanne Sullivan**
- In Memory of Brian Clay**
- In Memory of Evelyn Gowell**
- 3 Anonymous Days**



Religious Education, Grades 1 - 8

Other than our Grade 2 students, classes have ended for this Christmas Season. Grade 2 will continue to prepare for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation. Please keep these children in your prayers to be well prepared for Penance and welcome the opportunity to experience God's Grace.



Saint Michael Parish - Avon

January 2022



The Altar Bread & Wine have been donated in memory of Jonas and Maria Krisciukaitis by Salvia Krisciukaitis for the month of January.



The Sanctuary Candle has been donated in memory of Mary Fitzsimmons by the The Fitzsimmons Family for the month of January

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.



Saint Joseph Parish – Holbrook

Saturday, January 1st

4:00PM Alejandro Partosan Birthday Remembrance

Sunday, January 2nd

7:30AM William Keegan 40th Anniversary

Marilyn Keegan 1st Anniversary

11:00AM Sophie Katilus Memorial Mass

Monday, January 3rd

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Tuesday, January 4th

No Mass either Church

Wednesday, January 5th

9:00AM Mass of Thanksgiving

Thursday, January 6th

9:00AM Joseph Breitneicher Memorial Mass

Friday, January 7th

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Saturday, January 8th

4:00PM Karl Wells (Living)

Sunday, January 9th

7:30AM Catherine Stinson Memorial Mass

11:00AM Michael & James Hoover and Michele Hoover Memorial Mass



PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 12/19/2021, the Offertory Collection was \$2,028.

For the weekend of 12/26/2021, the Offertory Collection was \$2,708.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

SECOND COLLECTIONS – JANUARY 2022

January 2nd – Capital Improvements

January 23rd – Support for the Church in Latin America

SPONSOR A DAY

Thank you to the following parishioners who sponsored a day in the month January:

M/M Raymond Richard

M/M Malinowski

The Ryan Family

M/M George Douglas, Jr.

In Memory of James Michael Hurley (PopPop)

Evelyn Francois

Joseph & Michele Bruttaniti

The Rowan Family

Bill & Jerane Swanton

In Memory of Margaret McCarthy

In Memory of Claire Vass

In Memory of Anne Katilus, Ruth Albanese,

Sophie Katilus and Judy Katilus

Mark & Mari-Anne Shanly

In Memory of Skip Gorman

The Pait Family



Saint Joseph Parish – Holbrook

January 2022



The Altar Bread & Wine have been donated in memory of **John Fournier** by Helen Fournier for the month of January.



The Sanctuary Candle has been donated in memory of **Christopher Fournier** by Helen Fournier for the month of January.



The Missalettes are available for the month of January.

Memorial Offerings in memory of a deceased relative or friend are available for the Altar Bread, Wine and Sanctuary Candle. Please contact the Parish Office for more information.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

RCIA: Rite of Christian Initiation for Adults. We

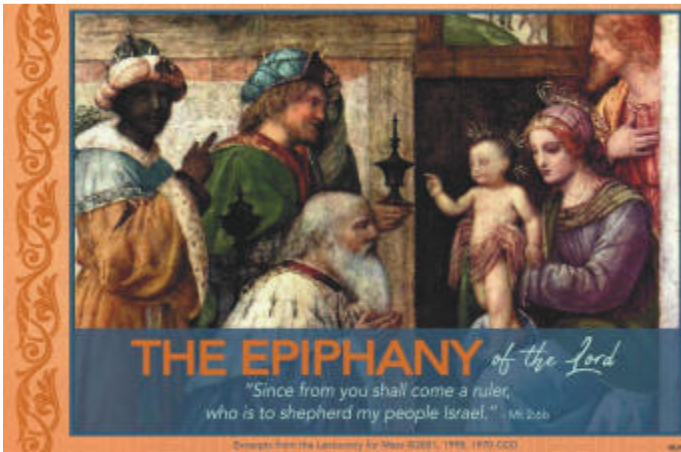
have an ongoing program for those interested in exploring the Catholic faith. Maybe you've been searching and thought it was time to see what the Catholic Church has to offer. Are you already Catholic, at least 18 years old and haven't been confirmed? Let's set up a time to chat. Email: Donna @ stjoesreligioused@gmail.com.

Sacrament of Reconciliation for those in Eucharist 2 will be on January 22 @1pm

All assignments must be in by January 9. If you missed a class they were either mailed to you or given to you in person. All late assignments are to be turned in to the Religious Ed office.

GOSPEL MEDITATION

January 2, 2022 The Epiphany of the Lord



January 2 ~ The Epiphany of the Lord

The readings today stress the importance of light – *Christ's light*. Isaiah states, “. . . upon you the Lord shines.” The Magi followed the light of a star that led them to Christ, the Lord, an encounter that changed their lives. Do you believe that the Lord looks upon you and shines forth from you? Has each encounter you have had with Christ brought about a change in you, in your way of living? When you humbly and honestly follow Christ and live in his light, “nations shall walk by your light.” People will notice something different about you. So on this Epiphany - let your Christ Light shine!



Eucharistic Adoration

1st and 3rd Fridays 5 to 8PM at Saint Joseph Parish
January 7th and 21st

Psalm 62 says this: My soul rests in God alone, from whom comes my salvation. God alone is my rock and my fortress, I shall never fail.

Are you tired after the holidays? Fatigued by the pandemic and looking for answers. Start with prayer! Jesus is waiting for you in the Blessed Sacrament. Christmas is only the beginning. Come, let us adore Him!

DAILY MASS SNOW POLICY

WEEKDAYS ONLY

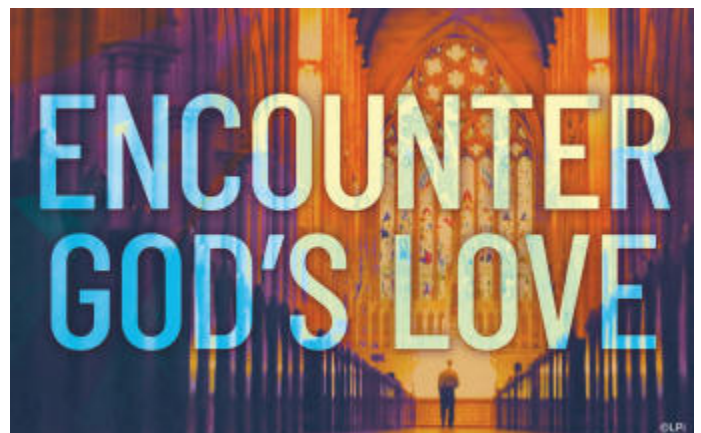
If school is cancelled in Avon and/or Holbrook, then daily Mass is cancelled; along with the Faith Formation, and all other in-Church programs are also cancelled.

Please note this is Weekday Masses only, and does not affect our weekend Mass Schedule.**

In his Apostolic Exhortation, *The Joy of the Gospel*, Pope Francis references a thought from Pope Benedict XVI: “Being a Christian is not the result of an ethical choice or a lofty idea, but the encounter with an event, a person, which gives life a new horizon and a decisive direction.” Today we celebrate an encounter with the Person of Jesus Christ! This simple but holy event in time dramatically changes human life, pointing it toward a new horizon and giving it a decisive direction. This is a message and truth that is not meant to be shared with only a select few who qualify but with the entire world. Pope Francis continues saying, “Thanks solely to this encounter or renewed encounter with God’s love, which blossoms into an enriching friendship, we are liberated from our narrowness and self-absorption. We become fully human when we become more than human, when we let God bring us beyond ourselves in order to attain the fullest truth of our being.”

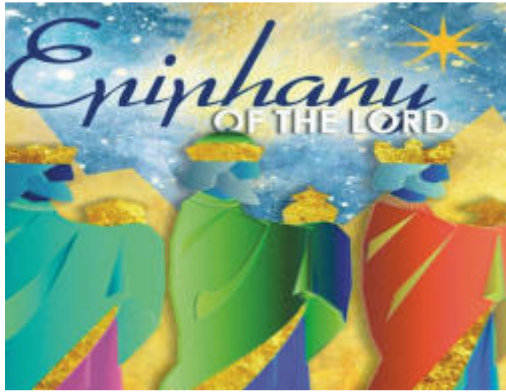
Look around at people. Where is life heading for them? What gives them direction? Even we who are people of faith can get distracted and lose our focus. God, in all of His fullness, is revealed in Jesus Christ and we can encounter Him! God is tangible, real, vulnerable, poor, and full of wonders, surprises, and opportunities. For those who are struggling and lost, today is a day of great joy. All they have to do is reach out and touch the truth of Christ. This presence is revealed in the poor, exploited, and vulnerable ones who cry out for compassion and love. But it is also found in the faithful ones who see in the Epiphany of God a liberation from structures and systems that hurt us, a narrowness of mind and heart that constricts us, and an absorption in our self-agenda that prevents us from seeing anything other than ourselves as important.

We have been given the charge of preaching this Good News. If only we could find a way to be more effective, it might stand a chance of doing what God intended it to do. There is always tomorrow and our memory of that bright new light that shone so brilliantly that Bethlehem night pointing us to truth and reminding us that we are loved.



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

To support married couples during this time of social distancing, Worldwide Marriage Encounter is sponsoring virtual marriage experiences. Some are on weekends and are seven sessions on weekdays from 7:00pm to 9:30pm. Couples will explore their individual personality styles, improve listening and communication skills, understand God's plan for their marriage, and learn how to keep their relationship a priority. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call at or visit them at <https://www.mema.org/>. Give yourselves the best Christmas present ever – take time for your marriage. Strengthen your relationship, rekindle your romance and renew your sacrament by attending the next Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.



IMPORTANT INFORMATION

FROM ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

From the Pandemic Response Team:

In the light of spiking numbers of new COVID cases and the likely increase in those numbers in the upcoming holiday season, Cardinal Seán is mandating that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This mandate takes effect the weekend of December 18/19, 2021, and expires on January 17, 2022.

Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers, choir members, and instrumentalists, should all wear masks except when they are speaking.

Children under the age of five are not required to wear masks. Children under the age of two should not wear masks.

In addition, all churches must continue to provide a designated area in which social distancing is respected for those who want to use it.

Parishes should have masks available for people inasmuch as possible, as some people attending especially on Christmas may not be expecting to need masks.

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