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! Sundays after the 9AM & 11AM Masses. 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



Saint Michael Parish - Avon

Saturday, January 8th

Veronica Smith 4:00PM Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 9th

9:00AM Charles Littlefield Month's Mind

Monday, January 10th

9:00AM Available – Please call the Rectory

Tuesday, January 11th No Mass either Church

Wednesday, January 12th

Mass at St. Joseph Church 9:00AM

Thursday, January 13th

Mass at St. Joseph Church 9:00AM

Friday, January 14th

9:00AM St. Michael Eucharistic Society

Saturday, January 15th

Terry Francis (Living) 4:00PM

Sunday, January 16th

9.00AM Paula Lambauer 1st Anniversary

ST. MICHAEL EUCHARISTIC SOCIETY
Friday, January 14th 9am Mass will be celebrated for the following that are enrolled in St. Michael Eucharistic Society:

Charles Littlefield

Donald R. Urquhart



Saint Michael Parish - Avon January 2022

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

The Sanctuary Candle has been donated in memory of Mary Fitzsimmons by 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.



PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 1/2/2022, the Offertory Collection was \$2,009.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

<u>Online Giving – December 2021</u> Weekly Offertory - \$2,323 **Monthly Maintenance - \$390**

SECOND COLLECTIONS – JANUARY 2021

January 16 – Monthly Maintenance January 23 – 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

NEWS - NEWS

Saint Michael Religious Education/Grades 1-8

Classes for grades 1-6 will begin on Sunday, January 9th. Classes for grades 7 & 8 will begin on Tuesday, January 11th. For the month of January, classes will be taught remotely.

Grade 2

In preparation for the Sacrament of First Reconciliation, Grade 2 will meet for two classes at St. Joseph School on January 9th and January 16th.

Our Grade 2 children will receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation on January 22nd at 11:00 am at St. Michael Parish. Please continue to keep these children in your prayers.



Saint Joseph Parish - Holbrook

Saturday, January 8th

4:00PM Karl Wells (Living)

Sunday, January 9th

7:30AM Catherine Stinson Memorial Mass

11:00AM William & James Hoover

and Michele Hoover Memorial Mass

Monday, January 10th

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Tuesday, January 11th No Mass either Church

Wednesday, January 12th

9:00AM Margaret Cavanaugh Memorial Mass

Thursday, January 13th

9:00AM Arthur R. and Elizabeth Logue

Memorial Mass

Friday, January 14th

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Saturday, January 15th

4:00PM Tom Fitzgerald and Felix Rogers

Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 16th

7:30AM Father Clougherty Memorial Mass 11:00AM Al & Marie Day Memorial Mass



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 have been donated in memory of Rudy & Connie Mosesso and Lynn Mosesso 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.



PARISH GIVING

For the weekend of 1/3/2020, the Offertory Collection was \$1,655 and the Second Collection for Capital Improvements was \$861.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

<u>Online Giving – December 2020</u> Weekly Offertory - \$5,837 Capital Improvements - \$525

SECOND COLLECTIONS – JANUARY 2021

January 23 – 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

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS - NEW

Eucharist 2 will have their morning and afternoon of recollection on Sunday 1/16 @ 9:30a and 12:30p. Meet in the church hall. This is to prepare for their 1st Confession on 1/22.

No classes on 1/16&1/17 Martin Luther King holiday.

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.



January 9 ~ The Baptism of the Lord

Our gospel recounts the story of Jesus' baptism and the important words spoken by God about Jesus, "You are my beloved Son." Isaiah uses similar words "Here is my servant, my chosen one with whom I am pleased. . ." During the coming week, take some time to pray and reread these scriptures. Hear God say these words to you, "I formed you and set you as a light" "You are my beloved. . . with you I am well pleased." As you acknowledge God's love and delight in you, ask God for the courage to witness to his love in your actions and words this week.

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://wwmema.org/.

Bring the Holy Spirit into your marriage. Sign up today to attend one of the upcoming Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experiences.

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.***

FROM THE DESK OF FR. TOM

I want to take a moment to thank so many of you who have sent me Christmas cards this year once again. I receive so many Christmas cards this time of year from family, friends and Parishioners from parishes both past and present. It really is overwhelming; there is no way I could find the time to respond to everyone in kind. So once again this year I will be following what I have now done the last couple of years. I will be making a donation to the Avon and Holbrook Food Pantries in the name of the Parishioners of St. Michael Parish and Saint Joseph Parish. With the cost of cards and stamps, I feel the communities will be better served knowing that your kindness is repaid to those less fortunate in the Spirit of Christmas From the bottom of my heart, Thank you for thinking of me and the other priests and clergy. God Bless vou!

Thank you, Fr. Tom

IN APPRECIATION

A word of thanks to the Decorating Committee, Music Ministry, Lectors, Eucharistic Ministers, Offertory support and to all who assisted in any way that enhanced the Liturgies of Christmas. May the Peace and Joy of the Christ Child be upon you and your family.

THANK YOU!

KNIGHTS OF COLUMBUS

Due to the recent rise in Covid cases, Rev. James T. Smith Council will resume monthly meetings via conference call. We meet on the second Tuesday of each month at 7:00PM.

The dial-in number is 1-978-990-5484 and the access code is 7726348.

All members in good standing are invited to participate.

SPIRITUAL ENROLLMENTS

Our beautiful Spiritual Enrollments are available for purchase at the Parish Office during regular office hours. They have hard covers with a choice of 3 different pictures: and Jesus; the Pieta; the Blessed Mother. The cost is \$10. We also have Enrollments that can be easily mailed with two different pictures: Praying Hands; the Blessed Mother. The cost is \$5

Mass will be said for all those enrolled in the Eucharistic Society the second Friday of every month. Why not support the parish when you need a Mass card?



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!



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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