## 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.

#### **Pastoral Staff**

Rev. Thomas C. Boudreau, **Pastor** Rev. Allan L.W. Butler, **Senior Priest** Rev. John E. Kelly, **Senior Vicar** 

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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.



#### Saint Michael Parish - Avon

Saturday, January 15th

4:00PM Terry Francis (Living)

Sunday, January 16th

9:00AM Paula Lambauer 1<sup>st</sup> Anniversary

Monday, January 17th

9:00AM Raphael Lefilf 21st Anniversary

Tuesday, January 18th No Mass either Church

Wednesday, January 19th

9:00AM Mass at St. Joseph Church

Thursday, January 20th

9:00AM Mass at St. Joseph Church

Friday, January 21st

9:00AM Available – Please call the Rectory

Saturday, January 22nd

4:00PM Sheila Azzara Memorial Mass

Sunday, January 23rd

9:00AM Available – Please call the Rectory



#### 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 1/9/2022, the Offertory Collection was \$1.238.

Thank you for your commitment to our parish life.

### 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
John F. Wisneski
3 Anonymous Days

# RELIGIOUS EDUCATION NEWS - NEW

#### 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 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

Monday, January 17th

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Tuesday, January 18th No Mass either Church

Wednesday, January 19th

9:00AM Bernard Zeier Memorial Mass

Thursday, January 20th

9:00AM Jerry Robinson Memorial Mass

Friday, January 21st

9:00AM Mass at St. Michael Church

Saturday, January 22nd

4:00PM John Michael, James, and Frances

Odenweller and Families (Living)

Sunday, January 23rd

7:30AM Mulumba Yannick 1st Anniversary

Mulumba Jean Paul 11<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

11:00AM Richard P. Martino 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.

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For the weekend of 1/9/2020, the Offertory Collection was \$1,545

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#### **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

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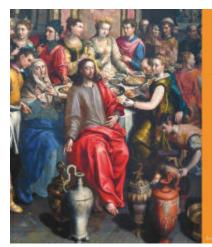
The Youth Group will be doing the "Souper Bowl" this year. It is a nationwide organization that young people have organized to collect money or canned goods for their town's local food pantry.

They will be at the Masses on Super Bowl weekend, Feb. 5&6.

Eucharist 2 will be celebrating their 1st Reconciliation on Sat. 1/22 @ 1pm. Please keep them in your prayers.

#### 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.



#### 2<sup>ND</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME

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There was a wedding at Cana in Galilee, and the mother of Jesus was there. Jesus and his disciples were also invited to the wedding. When the wine ran short, the mother of Jesus said to him, "They have no wine."

- Jn 2:1-3

#### January 16 ~ Second Sunday of Ordinary Time

"Do whatever he tells you." These are the words of Mary at the end of today's gospel! Mary is saying these words to us—to each and every one. What is Jesus telling you to do? The psalm gives us one way—'proclaim God's marvelous deeds." St. Paul also reminds us that each one of us has special gifts, gifts that are different in each person. As you take time this week in prayer, humbly acknowledge the gifts that are uniquely yours from God. Then, like Mary, do whatever Jesus tells you, putting your gifts at the service of others.

#### Saint Joseph Parish Altar Cloths

Now that the Christmas flowers are no longer blocking the Altar, several people have mentioned the new Altar cloths. An anonymous donor purchased the Altar cloths with matching cloths for the other tables like the gift table and the back Altar and side table being included. All had to be measured to fit. The new set is beautiful and was generously given in loving memory of Sister Catherine Joseph, well known to many here in the Parish. We have a beautiful Church here in Holbrook and this has only helped to make our worship a little more special. Thank you!

#### **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 Joe & Ginny Vatelle at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <a href="https://wwmema.org/">https://wwmema.org/</a>. Allow God to strengthen, renew, rekindle and even transform your marriage sacrament. Take time for your marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience.

#### 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.\*\*\*

#### **Emergency Calls for a Priest**

The Sacrament of the Sick, and "Last Rites" are not meant to be a last minute chance to clean the slate and get into heaven on a wing and a prayer. Too often we get called when someone has become unconscious and is very close to death. We pray with the family, and pray for the sick person, but they are deprived of hearing the prayer and sharing in the prayer because they have lapsed into unconsciousness. Far better to call the priest earlier: The sick person can be part of the sacramental moment, and the priest has some time to get there. IMPORTANT NOTE: the number of priests and multiple demands on their time means that there is not always a priest available for immediate response to an emergency call. So please, if there is someone at home who is elderly and failing, or someone battling cancer, call us earlier rather than later so we can give appropriate pastoral service to your loved one.

#### **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?

#### **MONTHLY MEMORIAL OFFERINGS**

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



#### **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!



The Parish Offices will be closed on Monday, January 17, 2022 in observance of Martin Luther King, Jr. Day.

## \*\*\*IMPORTANT INFORMATION\*\*\* FROM ARCHDIOCESE OF BOSTON

In the light of the continued growth in the numbers of new COVID cases, Cardinal Seán is extending the current mask mandate.

It is mandated that that throughout the archdiocese all people attending public Masses, including weddings and funerals, wear masks. This is an extension of the mandate currently in effect, and expires on Thursday, March 3, 2022, which is the day after Ash Wednesday.

Mass celebrants, deacons, readers, servers, choir members, and instrumentalists, must 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. Inquiries can be addressed to <a href="mailto:corona@rcab.org">corona@rcab.org</a>





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