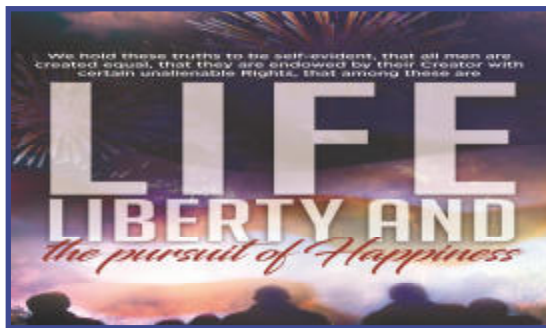


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Weekend Mass Schedule

Saturday: 4:00pm
Sunday:
English: 8:00am
10:30am
Brazilian: 12:00pm



Weekday Mass Schedule 9:00am

Monday
Wednesday
Friday

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Welcome New Parishioners

We welcome you to the St. Michael community. Please introduce yourself to Father, call or visit the Parish Center or visit us online at www.stmikes.org to fill out a registration form. As a parish committed to the vision of stewardship, we encourage your involvement by sharing with us your God-given gifts of time, talent and treasure. For detailed information about our ministries, parish activities and contact persons, refer to our parish website.

Baptisms

The Sacrament of Baptism is celebrated on the 3rd Sunday of the month at 2:00pm. Baptism catechesis for the parent(s) and godparent(s) is held on the 1st Sunday of the month at 1:00pm and 2:30pm. Register online at www.stmikes.org or call the Parish Center and ask for Pat Conte ext. 306.

Marriage

Arrangements **MUST** be made at least 6 months prior to the intended date of the wedding. Please call the Parish Center to schedule your date and make an appointment to speak with Pat Conte our wedding coordinator.

Ministry of the Sick

Please notify us if there is a sick or aged family member or friend who would like to receive the Sacrament of the Anointing of the Sick and/or Holy Communion at home.

Sacrament of Reconciliation (Confessions)

Saturdays from 2:30 to 3:30 PM in the lower church.

RCIA

If you have not been baptized or were baptized but have not received First Eucharist, Reconciliation or Confirmation, please contact Sheila Mahoney at 978-562-3148, call or email the Parish Center.

St. Michael's Cemetery

Cemetery lots are available. For information contact Helena at the Parish Office.

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Saturday
4:00pm

July 3, 2021
Antonio Cabral

Sunday
8:00am

July 4, 2021
St. Michael's Parishioners

10:30am

Girard Family

Monday
9:00am

July 5, 2021
Jose & Maria Lordello &
Daughter Lidia Figueiredo
Dorothy Allen

Wednesday
9:00am

July 7, 2021
Maria Evelina Cabral
Murray Skip Buchanan
Larry Ashman

Friday
9:00am

July 9, 2021
Edward & Louise Marsicano
Vintrino & Rita Melo &
Deceased Relatives

Saturday
4:00pm

July 10, 2021
St. Michael's Parishioners

Sunday
8:00am

July 11, 2021
Manuel da Silva Melo

10:30am

Jose Maria Chaves

If you have requested a Mass intention and would like to have a family member present the gifts, please see an Extraordinary Minister of Holy Communion before the start of the Mass.



Eucharistic Adoration

Friday morning after Mass until noon.

The St. Vincent de Paul Society of St. Michael Parish is here to assist people in the Hudson community. When an individual or family is experiencing a need for financial or informational assistance, please feel free to contact us directly at, **978-618-5175**. We are here to help!



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Weekly Income: **\$12,000.00**
To Meet Expenses

On Line Giving: **\$961.00**

In Church Giving: **\$6,206.14**

Other Income Received: **\$313.00**

Over Budget (Shortfall): **-\$4,519.86**

Readings for the week of July 4, 2021

Sunday: Ez 2:2-5/Ps 123:1-2, 2, 3-4 [2cd]/2
Cor 12:7-10/Mk 6:1-6a
Monday: Gn 28:10-22a/Ps 91:1-2, 3-4, 14-15 ab
[cf. 2b]/Mt 9:18-26
Tuesday: Gn 32:23-33/Ps 17:1b, 2-3, 6-7ab,
8b and 15 [15a]/Mt 9:32-38
Wednesday: Gn 41:55-57; 42:5-7a, 17-24a/Ps 33:2-3,
10-11, 18-19 [22]/Mt 10:1-7
Thursday: Gn 44:18-21, 23b-29; 45:1-5/Ps 105:16-17,
18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 10:7-15
Friday: Gn 46:1-7, 28-30/Ps 37:3-4, 18-19, 27-28,
39-40 [39a]/Mt 10:16-23
Saturday: Gn 49:29-32; 50:15-26a/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7
[cf. Ps 69:33]/Mt 10:24-33

Confessions have been resumed at regular time at
St. Michael's Parish.

On Some Truths Once Held to be Self-Evident . . .

“Our Constitution was made only for a moral and religious people. It is wholly inadequate to the government of any other.”

John Adams made this remark in a speech delivered to the Massachusetts state militia in 1798. It’s a hugely significant statement, especially coming from our second president. While Adams wasn’t directly involved in drafting the federal constitution, he was the author of the Massachusetts state constitution, which was the model used by James Madison and the other framers as they composed the US Constitution.

He’s also the same man who, twenty-two years earlier, prophesied that the adoption of the Declaration of Independence should be celebrated annually with fireworks (although he slightly missed the mark on the date: he had predicted it would be July 2nd, not the 4th).

So it’s timely that, three weeks ago, the US Supreme Court unanimously ruled in favor of Catholic Social Services in their suit against the City of Philadelphia. CSS, an agency within the Archdiocese of Philadelphia, had a longstanding relationship with the city, which had contracted CSS to provide foster-care placement for needy children. When CSS stated that they wouldn’t place children with same-sex couples as a matter of religious belief, the city pulled their contract. In the legal case that ensued, CSS and the Archdiocese were consistently portrayed as closed-minded, bigoted, and fanatical. This characterization persisted despite the fact that no same-sex couples had ever actually approached the agency requesting to be considered as foster parents; CSS simply maintained the policy that, should same-sex partners ask to foster children, they would refer the couple to the many secular placement agencies that do cater to gay partners.

The Supreme Court’s decision is a great encouragement for the Constitutional right to the free exercise of religion. But the hostility with which the Archdiocese of Philadelphia was treated can’t be passed over lightly. We need to be wary when private, religious organizations are faced with aggressive pressure to bend to the will of the state. The right to exercise our consciences according to our religious convictions, and not by the coercion of the government or political lobbies, is of vital importance for our spiritual welfare—and ultimately, our salvation.

If we take John Adams seriously, and if we are to take the democracy he helped to found seriously, then we must take the moral teachings of our religion seriously. We need to be more adroit at distinguishing between actual discrimination—the devaluing of the human person based solely on some single aspect of their personality or lifestyle—and the right to hold moral standards as regards certain behavior. The one is an assault on the dignity of the human person, who always bears the image and likeness of God, and is called to a life of holiness; the other is the oppression of our own consciences and beliefs by the bullying tactics of an over-ambitious government.

All people are created equal. All people are equally meant to seek the truth in the freedom of their conscience. But all people also have the right to be guided by their religion in their quest for the truth. This right needs to be upheld vigorously if real freedom and genuine equality are to be enjoyed. I’m grateful beyond words to the justices of the Supreme Court for their recent decision. But I must say, I also am wary of more aggression from city governments like Philadelphia’s, that would choose to terminate the good being done by religious-based organizations like CSS if they don’t kneel to identity politics. Such intimidation can’t clear space for people of differing viewpoints to live together in good will. They can only erode the good, stifle consciences, and deepen the divide.

I wish you all a Happy Fourth of July! To leave you with John Adams’s words regarding Independence Day: “It ought to be commemorated, as the Day of Deliverance by solemn Acts of Devotion to God Almighty.”

Fr. Ren

Sobre algumas verdades outrora contidas como evidentes de si mesmo . .

A nossa Constituição foi feita apenas para um povo moral e religioso. É totalmente inadequado para o governo de qualquer outro tipo.”

John Adams fez essa observação em um discurso proferido para a milícia estadual de Massachusetts em 1798. É uma declaração extremamente significativa, especialmente vinda de nosso segundo presidente. Embora Adams não estivesse diretamente envolvido na elaboração da constituição federal, ele foi o autor da constituição do estado de Massachusetts, que foi o modelo usado por James Madison e os outros autores ao compor a Constituição dos Estados Unidos.

Ele também é o mesmo homem que, vinte e dois anos antes, profetizou que a adoção da Declaração da Independência deveria ser celebrada anualmente com fogos de artifício (embora ele tenha errado na data: ele previu que seria 2 de julho, e não o 4 de Julho.

Portanto, é oportuno que, três semanas atrás, a Corte Suprema dos Estados Unidos tenha decidido por unanimidade a favor dos Serviços Sociais Católicos em seu processo contra a cidade de Filadélfia. CSS, uma agência que faz parte da Arquidiocese de Filadélfia, tinha um relacionamento de longa data com a cidade, que havia contratado o CSS para fornecer colocação de lares adotivos para crianças carentes. Quando o CSS declarou que não colocaria crianças com casais do mesmo sexo por uma questão de crença religiosa, a cidade retirou o contrato. No caso legal que se seguiu, CSS e a Arquidiocese foram consistentemente considerados como de mente fechada, preconceituosos e fanáticos. Essa caracterização persistiu, apesar do fato de que nenhum casal do mesmo sexo jamais havia realmente abordado a agência solicitando ser considerado pais adotivos; O CSS simplesmente manteve a política de que, caso parceiros do mesmo sexo pedissem para adotar filhos, eles os encaminhariam às muitas agências seculares locais que atendem a casais gays.

A decisão da Corte Suprema é um grande incentivo para o direito constitucional ao livre exercício da religião. Mas a hostilidade com que a Arquidiocese de Filadélfia foi tratada não pode ser ignorada levianamente. Precisamos ser cautelosos quando organizações religiosas privadas enfrentam pressões agressivas para se submeterem à vontade do Estado. O direito de exercer as nossas consciências de acordo com as nossas convicções religiosas, e não pela coerção do governo ou grupos políticos, é de vital importância para nosso bem-estar espiritual - e, para a nossa salvação.

Se levarmos John Adams a sério, e se quisermos levar a sério a democracia que ele ajudou a fundar, devemos levar a sério os ensinamentos morais da nossa religião. Precisamos ser mais hábeis em distinguir entre a discriminação real - a desvalorização da pessoa humana com base apenas em algum aspecto único da sua personalidade ou estilo de vida - e o direito de manter padrões morais em relação a determinado comportamento. O primeiro é um atentado à dignidade da pessoa humana, que sempre tem a imagem e semelhança de Deus e é chamada a uma vida de santidade; a outra é a opressão das nossas próprias consciências e crenças pelas táticas de intimidação de um governo demasiado ambicioso.

Todas as pessoas são criadas iguais. Todas as pessoas devem igualmente buscar a verdade na liberdade de sua consciência. Mas todas as pessoas também têm o direito de serem guiadas por sua religião em sua busca pela verdade. Este direito deve ser defendido com vigor para que haja liberdade real e igualdade genuína. Agradeço além das palavras aos juizes da Suprema Corte por sua recente decisão. Mas devo dizer que também desconfio de mais agressões de governos municipais como o da Filadélfia, que optariam por encerrar o bem que está sendo feito por organizações de base religiosa como o CSS se não se ajoelharem diante da política de identidade. Essa intimidação não pode abrir espaço para que pessoas de diferentes pontos de vista vivam juntas de boa vontade. Eles só podem corroer as consciências boas, sufocar e aprofundar a divisão.

Desejo a todos um Feliz Quatro de Julho! Para deixar vocês com as palavras de John Adams sobre o Dia da Independência: "Deve ser comemorado, como o Dia da Libertação, por atos solenes de devoção a Deus Todo-Poderoso."

Padre Ren



Independence Day Prayer

"We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable Rights, that among these are Life, Liberty and the pursuit of Happiness."

We all know these words by heart. They are from the United States Declaration of Independence. However, are these words held with the same reverence around the world as they are held here at home? Sadly, no. There are many places in the world where it is a life-threatening endeavor to practice one's faith, that faith that was given to each human by that Creator who endowed us with inalienable rights.

Let us take a moment to remember all those people in the world who are not free to seek life, liberty or happiness.

Let us pray...

O God,
you willed that the Jewish people be free from slavery by their Egyptian captors.
You will that all people should be free to worship you without fear
and to celebrate their religious beliefs freely,
even if they have not yet found you.
Grant that those of us who live in this great nation will thank you daily for our freedom,
and work for the freedom of others around the world that do not yet have the freedom to practice their faith openly and proudly.

We seek your wisdom where hatred abounds,
and ask for humility to offer our good works to others who live in fear and bondage.

We ask all this through Christ our Lord,
who frees us from sin and death through the wood of the cross.
Amen.



Watch this space for a special announcement of a new program coming soon!

High School Scholarships

St. Michael's Parish has several permanent endowment funds that were generously established in memory of members of our parish to annually provide high school scholarships for children of St. Michael Parish who are attending or plan to attend a Catholic High School. The students should be an active member at St. Michael Parish and accepted to a 4 year Catholic High School. If a student is interested in applying for one of these scholarships the application and guidelines can be found at www.stmikes.org The application can be found on the website under Ministries then click Catholic Education Scholarship. Deadline to submit your application is July 15, 2021.



Prayer Shawl July Meeting is on **Tuesday July 6th at 1:00pm** in the Community Room. Bring your projects and invite your friends! We welcome everyone, no matter your skill level!

Welcome Back!

See you there!

Suicide Prevention

Unfortunately suicide is a very real issue in our society today. If you or someone you know is looking for information or help please go to: www.nami.org/Learn-More/Mental-Health-Conditions/Related-Conditions/Risk-of-Suicide. **Where you can find resources and help.**

Parish Council is Available for Comments

If you have any questions comments, feedback, or suggestions please feel free to contact Father Ren at frren@stmikes.org. or reach out to our Parish Council members at parishcouncil@stmikes.org. Please indicate in the Subject heading which Council Member you would be most comfortable addressing, or which Mass you attend.

Barbara Maglione
Marty Richardson
Greg Michaud

Brian Aucoin
Noemia Braga
Vera Teixeira

**GATHERING SONG:
PRAISE TO THE LORD # 208**

Praise to the Lord
The Almighty, the King of creation
O my soul praise Him
For He is thy health and salvation
All ye who hear,
now to His people draw near
Joining in glad adoration

Praise to Lord
Who doth prosper thy work
and defend thee.
All that has life and breath
come now rejoicing before thee
Ponder anew,
what the almighty can do
Who with his love will befriend thee.

**PREPARATION OF GIFTS:
OPEN MY EYES LORD # 393**

Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see your face
Open my eyes, Lord
Help me to see

Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear your voice
Open my ears, Lord
Help me to hear

Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love like you
Open my heart, Lord
Help me to love

I live within you
Deep in your heart, O Love
I live within you
Rest now in me

**COMMUNION:
HERE I AM LORD # 383**

1. I, the Lord of sea and sky,
I have heard my people cry.
All who dwell in dark and sin
My hand will save.
I who made the stars of night,
I will make their darkness bright.
Who will bear my light to them?
Whom shall I send?

REFRAIN: Here I am, Lord. Is it I, Lord?
I have heard you calling in the night.
I will go, Lord, if you lead me.
I will hold your people in my heart.

2. I, the Lord of snow and rain,
I have borne my people's pain.
I have wept for love of them.
They turn away.
I will break their hearts of stone,
Give them hearts for love alone.
I will speak my word to them.
Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

3. I, the Lord of wind and flame,
I will tend the poor and lame.
I will set a feast for them.
My hand will save.
Finest bread I will provide
Till their hearts be satisfied.
I will give my life to them.
Whom shall I send? REFRAIN

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