



# St. Michael Parish

## Weekend Mass Schedule

<b>Saturday:</b>	4:00pm
<b>Sunday:</b>	
English:	8:00am
	10:30am Upper
Church	
Portuguese	10:30 am Lower
Church	
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](http://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](http://www.stmikes.org) or call the Parish Center and ask for Joyce Rossignol X309

## *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, and or by appointment.

## *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.

**\*\*PARISH CENTER HOURS\*\***  
Monday/Tuesday—9:00am-3:00pm  
Thursday/Friday—9:00am-3:00pm



**Saturday** **January 22, 2022**  
**4:00pm** Pauline O'Connell

**Sunday** **January 23 2022**  
**8:00am** St. Michael's Parishioners  
**10:30am**(upper church) Antonio & Maria J. Costa  
 Francisco & Maria P.Chaves  
**10:30am**(lower church) Portuguese Mass  
**12:00pm**(upper church) Brazilian Mass

**Monday** **January 24, 2022**  
**9:00am** Francisco & Maria Lino  
 Maria Gloria Soares

**Wednesday** **January 26, 2022**  
**9:00am** Paul Silva Jr.

**Friday** **January 28, 2022**  
**9:00 am** Soul's in Purgatory

**Saturday** **January 29, 2022**  
**4:00 pm** Robert & David Dupre

**Sunday** **January 30, 2022**  
**8:00 am** St. Michael's Parishioners  
**10:30 am**(upper church) Jose Maria Chaves  
**10:30 am**(lower church) Portuguese Mass  
**12:00 pm**(upper church) Brazilian Mass

*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.*

**Readings for the week of January 23, 2022**

**Sunday:** Neh 8:2-4a, 5-6, 8-10/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15/1 Cor 12:12-30 or 12:12-14, 27/Lk 1:1-4; 4:14-21

**Monday:** 2 Sm 5:1-7, 10/Ps 89:20, 21-22, 25-26/Mk 3:22-30

**Tuesday:** Acts 22:3-16 or Acts 9:1-22/Ps 117: 1bc, 2/ Mk 16:15-18

**Wednesday:** 2 Tm 1:1-8 or Ti 1:1-5/Ps 89:4-5, 27-28, 29-30/Mk 4:1-20

**Thursday:** 2 Sm 7:18-19, 24-29/Ps 132:1-2, 3-5, 11, 12, 13-14/Mk 4:21-25

**Friday:** 2 Sm 11:1-4a, 5-10a, 13-17/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6a, 6bcd-7, 10-11/Mk 4:26-34

**Saturday:** 2 Sm 12:1-7a, 10-17/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 16-17/Mk 4:35-41



**Eucharistic Adoration**

Friday morning after Mass until noon.

**JANUARY**

*Bread and Wine in Memory of Irene Kelley & Marie McAllister*

*Lights and Candles in Loving Memory of Jose Correia, Adelina Resendes, Jose Monteiro*

**From the Business Office**

<b>Weekly Income:</b>	<b>\$10,000.00</b>
<b>To Meet Expenses</b>	
<b>On Line Giving:</b>	<b>\$1,786.00</b>
<b>In Church Giving:</b>	<b>\$7,591.00</b>
<b>Other Income Received:</b>	<b>\$3,914.61</b>
<b>Over Budge (shortfall):</b>	<b>\$3,291.61</b>
<b>Grand Annual Total to date:</b>	<b>\$38,030.00</b>

*2nd Collection for Saturday Jan. 23rd & Sunday Jan. 24th is for Church in Latin America*



***Will you sit with Our Lord?***

**Create a new habit in 2022!**

**We're adding Adoration every 4<sup>th</sup> Friday night of the month going forward! 6-8 PM in the Upper Church of St. Michael's**

**Upcoming Dates:**

**January 28 • February 25  
 • March 25 • April 29**

## *Reformation, Renewal, and Repentance (Part I). . . .*

St. John Henry Newman, a convert from Anglicanism to Catholicism, once wrote that the reason he knew the Catholic Church was the true Church was precisely because its history was marked by such human problems as politicking, greed, and the seduction to power. The enemy always assaults the true Church, and the way we know we're on the right track is that we struggle with the weaknesses and crassest of human foibles as we strive for sanctity.

Efforts to purify the Church do not begin with the likes of Martin Luther and other Protestant pioneers, however. The need for reform is as old as the Church itself. The letters of St. Paul and St. John in the New Testament, as well as the letters to the seven churches at the beginning of the Book of Revelation, demonstrate clearly that reform and ongoing conversion to Christ was always needed.

The call for a return to Gospel values flared up time and again throughout the history of the Church. St. John Chrysostom, the fifth-century bishop of Constantinople, constantly chastised his parishioners for hoarding their wealth—to the point where he actually was exiled from his own diocese more than once. In the thirteenth century, St. Francis of Assisi famously answered God's call to rebuild His Church, and did so by establishing the Order of Friars: a monastic order dedicated to absolute poverty. His contemporary, St. Dominic, founded the Order of Preachers, who dedicated themselves to travelling throughout Europe preaching against the various heresies that were corrupting the Christian people. Both figures were instrumental in reforming the Church and re-introducing a deep commitment to holiness in the Faithful.

Throughout the Middle Ages, Christianity came to color European culture and Western civilization—a fact that led to greater social stability and noble progress. Europe became more peaceful, social order began to give structure and security to life, and the establishment of hospitals to take care of the poor and sick was introduced by the Church in this period. Likewise, universities began to be established by the Church. But alongside this growth and progress always is the threat of corruption and decadence, as political figures sought to exploit the Church and even attempted to hijack her spiritual authority. Many of these figures entered the clergy as a means of obtaining prosperity. Throughout it all, holy saints fought to preserve the sanctity of the Church and to reform the culture of the Faithful.

The corruption came to a head in the fourteenth century, and with the fiasco that history has called the Great Western Schism, the first seeds of what would lead to the Reformation were planted in the soil of the Church.

More on that, next week . . .

*Fr. Ren*

## Reforma, Renovação e Arrependimento (Parte I) . . .

St. John Henry Newman, um convertido do anglicanismo ao catolicismo, escreveu certa vez que a razão pela qual ele sabia que a Igreja Católica era a verdadeira Igreja era precisamente porque sua história foi marcada por problemas humanos como politicagem, ganância e a sedução ao poder. O inimigo sempre assalta a verdadeira Igreja, e a maneira como sabemos que estamos no caminho certo é que lutamos com as fraquezas humanas mais grosseiras enquanto lutamos pela santidade.

Os esforços para purificar a Igreja não começam com as ideias do Martin Luther e outros pioneiros protestantes. A necessidade de reforma é tão antiga quanto a própria Igreja. As cartas de São Paulo e São João no Novo Testamento, bem como as cartas às sete igrejas no início do livro do Apocalipse, demonstram claramente que a reforma e a conversão contínua a Cristo sempre foram necessárias.

O apelo por um retorno aos valores do Evangelho ressurgiu uma e outra vez ao longo da história da Igreja. São João Crisóstomo, o bispo de Constantinopla do século V, castigava constantemente seus paroquianos por acumularem suas riquezas – a ponto de ele ser exilado de sua própria diocese mais de uma vez. No século XIII, São Francisco de Assis respondeu notoriamente ao chamado de Deus para reconstruir a Sua Igreja, e o fez estabelecendo a Ordem dos Frades: uma ordem monástica dedicada à pobreza absoluta. Seu contemporâneo, São Domingos, fundou a Ordem dos Pregadores, que se dedicou a viajar pela Europa pregando contra as diversas heresias que corrompiam o povo cristão. Ambas as figuras foram fundamentais para reformar a Igreja e reintroduzir um profundo compromisso com a santidade nos fiéis.

Ao longo da Idade Média, o cristianismo veio colorir a cultura européia e a civilização ocidental — um facto que levou a uma maior estabilidade social e a um progresso nobre. A Europa tornou-se mais pacífica, a ordem social começou a dar estrutura e segurança à vida, e a criação de hospitais para cuidar dos pobres e doentes foi introduzida pela Igreja nesse período. Da mesma forma, as universidades começaram a ser estabelecidas pela Igreja. Mas ao lado desse crescimento e progresso sempre está a ameaça de corrupção e decadência, pois figuras políticas tentaram explorar a Igreja e até tentaram seqüestrar sua autoridade espiritual. Muitas dessas figuras entraram no clero como meio de obter prosperidade. Ao longo de tudo, os santos lutaram para preservar a santidade da Igreja e reformar a cultura dos fiéis.

A corrupção veio à tona no século XIV, e com o fiasco que a história chamou de Grande Cisma do Ocidente, as primeiras sementes do que levaria à Reforma foram plantadas no solo da Igreja.

Mais na próxima semana . . .

*Padre Ren*

**From the St Vincent de Paul Society,  
St. Michael Conference**

**A HUGE THANK YOU** to all those who participated. In our Giving Tree and the Hat, Mittens and Gloves Collection. Still in a pandemic, you our amazing.

Parishioners opened your hearts and wallets and every tag on the tree was claimed! Those who could not get a tag donated money our “shopping elves” used to purchase gifts for the desperate last minute requests the week before Christmas. No request was turned away. This year you made Christmas a bit brighter for 232 children. That is 50 more children than last year! THANK YOU is just not enough.

The 2 ½ bins full of hats, so many of which were hand knit, mittens and gloves were distributed among those we serve, a shelter, and the children’s sizes were donated to the Hudson School nurses who were very grateful to be able to keep little heads and fingers warm.

A special **Thank You** to our coordinators who not only make a hard job look easy but give up *several rooms* in their home each year to store the gifts until distribution time. Of course, a thank you also goes to all the “elves” who helped in a myriad of ways to make Giving Tree a success.

**Thank you all for your incredible generosity.**

**May God Bless You All**



**Our Father’s Table**

Our Father’s Table would like to express our sincere gratitude for your donations of hats, mittens, and gloves for our annual Christmas drive.

We know tht these are difficult ties for all, but because of your continued generosity, many people who are in need in our local community and area shelters **will** be warmer this winter.

The people of St. Michael’s Parish are wonderful. God Bless you all and we wish you a Happy and Healthy 2022.

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!



**TAX LETTERS**

Our parish keeps a record of offertory contributions made using the parish envelope system. If you would like to request a letter for your tax records, please call Helena at the parish center at 978-562-2552 x304 or email Vina at [Office@stmikes.org](mailto:Office@stmikes.org).

**Free Throw Championship – February 8th**

**Knights of Columbus** is sponsoring a **Free Throw** Championship all across he country for boys and girls from ages of 9 to 14 to provide an athletic outlet and encourage the values of sportsmanship and healthy competition.

- DATE:** Saturday January 22, 2022
- TIMES:** Player registration: 10:00 AM
- Competition:** 11:00 AM to 1:00 PM.
- Awards:** 1:30 PM
- PLACE:** Special Olympics Gym 512 Forest St. Marlborough, MA 01752
- COST:** **Free!**
- ELIGIBILITY:** Open to all boys and girls in the Marlborough and Hudson area. Ages 9-14 as of (January 1, 2022). **Proof of age required.**
- ENTRY:** Competitors register at the event on the Official Entry Form which **requires parental consent.**
- SIGN UP:** No pre-registration is required. Just arrive between 10:00 and 11:00 AM to register. **You may sign up here to reserve your spot, but it is not required.**
- A division will be available for special athletes.**
- The top 3 winners in each age group will advance to the District Championship. Time and location TBD.
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- In the event of weather cancellation.**
- Make up Date will be January 29, 2022.**





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