

Dear Parish Family,

This past week we celebrated the Memorial of Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos. A German Redemptorist, who traveled to the United States to minister to German speaking immigrants. He dedicated his life to parish ministry and preaching. He was known for his kindness and responding to the needs of those entrusted to his care. In 1866, he was assigned to a parish in New Orleans during the height of the yellow fever epidemic. After weeks of visiting and taking care of the sick, he contracted the illness and died. His cause is still open, so we ask for his intercession, especially for the sick in our parish and community. Blessed Francis Xavier Seelos, pray for us!

This Wednesday, we will celebrate a Mass for Vocations with St. Francis School. First, we pray for all those who continue to follow God's call to holiness in their marriages, consecrated life, priesthood, and religious life. Second, we pray for those who are discerning God's will. If anyone has any questions about vocations or discernment, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Looking Ahead:

At the end of the month, we will celebrate the great Solemnity of All Saints, which reminds us that our home is in Heaven. It is a Holy Day of Obligation. Our mass schedule is as follows:

Tuesday – October 31st at 6 p.m. (St. Michael)

Wednesday – November 1st at 8 a.m. and 12:15 (St. Joseph)

November 2nd we will have an All Soul's Day Mass in the cemetery at 7 a.m. The weekend before, October 29th, there will be a blessing of the graves. After the 9 a.m. at St. Michael, I will bless the Sensat Cemetery, and after the 11 a.m., I will bless our cemetery at St. Joseph. This is a beautiful tradition of our Church to pray for those who have died.

Advent – Are you ready?

Advent will be here before we know it. Often, we overlook the Season of Advent, and focus on Christmas before its even here! As I mentioned last weekend, Alicia Pousson and I will be offering a book study on *The Reed of God*, please sign up at the office. I will be sending out information regarding purchasing the book and a few other details soon. Also, on December 6th, 13th, and 20th, I will be offering an Advent Mission at 5:30 in St. Joseph Church. Please help spread the word. The theme will be *A Time of Sacred Silence*. There will also be Light is on For You Confessions from 6:30 to about 8 immediately following the mission.

God Bless,

Fr. Killeen



PRAYER ANGELS NEEDED!!

Our prayer angel cards are ready, and, gosh do we have a bunch to offer!! Ninety (90) to be exact...54 Confirmation students and 36 First Communion students! If you would like to be an angel to one of these students, please visit us in the office or call and we can pull for you.



All Souls Day Mass and Candles— All Souls Day Mass will be Thursday, November 2nd in the Mausoleum @ 7AM. Once again, we will use a 7 day candle to remember your loved ones. The candles will be \$5.00 each and a maximum of three lines with up to two names per line can be placed on each candle. These candles will be placed in the mausoleum for the All Souls Day Mass and you may bring the candles home after the Mass. **Deadline will be Tuesday, October 31.**



The Morning Star Camp for Catholic Girls and the Montfort Camp for Catholic Boys will be held (simultaneously) from **Wednesday, November 8, 2023, to Saturday, November 11, 2023**. If you have children ages 10-17 who are interested in attending, please complete the registration forms which can be picked up @ the church office or contact Nelwyn Han-non @246-0730. **Morning Star Camp is run by the Slaves of the Immaculate Heart of Mary of Saint Benedict Center ~ 282 Still River Rd. • P.O Box 1000 • Harvard, Ma 01451 • www.saintbenedict.com • facebook.com/SistersMICM**



The month of October is dedicated to the Holy Rosary of the Blessed Virgin Mary and is also Pro-Life Month. Before all masses this month, (beginning this weekend) in both St. Joseph and St. Michael churches, members of our church organizations will be reciting the rosary for the congregation. The **rosary will begin 45 minutes** prior to the start of the Celebration of Mass. We hope you will join us.

CDA news— This year the Catholic Daughters are celebrating Court St. Francis 1519's 74th anniversary in conjunction with National Catholic Daughter Sunday on October 15th. Please take time to check out and bid on the items in their Silent Auction which are on display in the foyers of St. Joseph & St. Michael's Churches this Sunday & next Sunday, before each Mass & in the church office during the week. Proceeds of the auction are to assist in our various programs for the children in our community, including the 1st Communion, and Confirmation recipients in our church parish.

Sanctuary Lamps

St. Joseph: In Dorothy & Ray Allen Hebert

St. Michael:

Votive Lamps

Angel: In Memory of Le Jeune & Andrepont family

Angel: In Memory of T-Man LaCombe

St. Joseph: LeDoux- Habetz & Wheaton -Lantz family

