



St. Michael School

Fall River, Massachusetts

Dear SMS Families –

I pray that the first week of school was a positive one for you and your children. From my perspective, it seemed to go very well. I hope you enjoyed the welcome from “St. Michael” and our Police and Firefighters on Wednesday to start the school year off with a little extra celebration to help take away some of the first day’s nervousness. If you haven’t seen them already, all photos were posted on our Facebook, Instagram and website.

I want to take the opportunity to focus your attention on one of the most important things we do here at SMS, the celebration of Sunday Mass together as a community. As you know I am the pastor of both St. Michael’s and St. Joseph’s and have put together a weekend Mass schedule to accommodate the busy lives and different schedules of all of our families. I encourage you to bring your children to church each weekend so that they get a consistent message of what we teach in the classroom and what we celebrate on Sundays – the priority given to our Lord Jesus Christ and the Most Holy Eucharist (Holy Communion).

The weekend Mass schedule is as follows:

Saturday Evening Vigil

4pm	St. Michael’s
5:15pm	St. Joseph’s

Sundays

7am	St. Joseph’s
9:30am	St. Michael’s
10:45am	St. Joseph’s
12 noon	St. Michael’s (Portuguese)
7pm	St. Michael’s (Begins Sunday, September 10th)

As previously mentioned, you are also welcome to join us each Wednesday morning at 8:30am for school Mass.

The Catholic Faith is at the center of what we do here at SMS. We have a great community here that supports and welcomes all of our new families, and we want you to be a part of that. Again, I am here to support you and your family in any way that I can, but especially in matters of faith and the reception of the sacraments. If you need a marriage blessed, a child baptized, or in need of Baptism, First Communion or Confirmation yourself, we are here to help you grow in your relationship with Jesus Christ and His Church. I am usually available before and after school each day or can be reached by email (frjmello@diocese-fr.org) or by calling the parish office (508.672.6713).

Please be assured of my daily prayers for you and your family

In Christ,

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