

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

80 FARNUM PIKE, GEORGIAVILLE, RHODE ISLAND



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM - Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM - Mon-Wed: 7:00 AM
Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

PASTOR: Rev. Richard A. Valentine

PASTORAL ASSISTANT:

William A. Bowden, ext. 4

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION:.....231-1340

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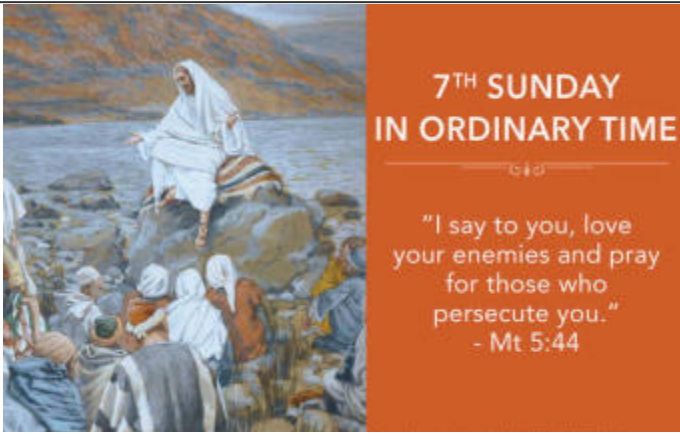
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: Saturdays from 4:00 to 4:30 or by appointment with the priest.

SACRAMENT OF MATRIMONY: Couples should contact the parish priest at least one year in advance. Be sure you have a confirmed date at the church before making any other arrangements.

COMMUNION TO THE SICK: Eucharistic Ministers are available to bring communion to the homebound. Please call the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4.

PARISH PRAYER LINE: If anyone wishes to request a special intention, please call Avis at 233-0225. All requests will remain confidential.



**7TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"I say to you, love your enemies and pray for those who persecute you."
- Mt 5:44

The Gospels continue to challenge us to the core. This is especially true in the way our social relationships have developed. Feeling safe and secure in the world are not things that come easily these days. Actually, we may find ourselves feeling more reservation, caution, reluctance, and fear than ever before. In a moment's notice, life can drastically change. When someone has been intentionally and violently hurt, especially someone we love, we can all too easily find ourselves very attracted to the Old Testament philosophy of "an eye for an eye and a tooth for a tooth."

Intellectually, we know this is not what Jesus wants us to do. But on some level it just seems to make practical or even political sense. After all, why should we allow someone to get away with a heinously violent act? Yet, Jesus cannot be any clearer than he is with this! Offer no resistance to one who is evil. Turn the other cheek as well. When pressed into service, go two miles. Do not turn your back on one who wants to borrow. Love your enemies. Now, take a moment to reflect on all of this. Consider a horrible act of violence committed against someone you love. Listen. Think. Be honest. Can you do as Jesus directs?

We want to be holy. But we are more comfortable with a definition of holiness that can keep us saying our prayers and on our knees in church. We are not comfortable with a definition of holiness that has something to say about to how we react to and negotiate life. We like to keep a sharp and strong line between the secular and the sacred. In fact, we would prefer that the doors between them be kept closed. God wants us to be holy as He is holy. If God sees this one way and we see it another, then where does this leave us on our journey to God?

Our minds like the practical, worldly, and secular answers to things. They are more black and white and at first glance appear to make more sense. Holiness wells up from our souls and is beyond reason. It cannot be explained. It is something we just simply know comes as a result of deep prayer. The truly contemplative eye knows inwardly that what Jesus asks is true and then willingly does it. It may not be easy.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Lv 19:1-2, 17-18/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 8, 10, 12-13 [8a]/1 Cor 3:16-23/Mt 5:38-48
Monday: Jas 3:13-18/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [9a]/Mk 9:14-29
Tuesday: Jas 4:1-10/Ps 55:7-8, 9-10a, 10b-11a, 23 [23a]/Mk 9:30-37
Wednesday: J1 2:12-18/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 12-13, 14 and 17 [cf. 3a]/2 Cor 5:20—6:2/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
Thursday: Dt 30:15-20/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [Ps 40:5a]/Lk 9:22-25
Friday: Is 58:1-9a/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 18-19 [19b]/Mt 9:14-15
Saturday: Is 58:9b-14/Ps 86:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [11ab]/Lk 5:27-32



**ASH WEDNESDAY
February 26, 2020**

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of the Season of Lent. Ashes will be blessed and given at Mass at

7:00 AM, Noon, and 7:00 PM

Ashes are a sign of mortality and of a willingness to turn to a renewed commitment to the Gospel. Ashes are intended for those who are capable of the spirit of penance. Therefore, it would seem inappropriate to impose ashes on any person who has not yet received First Penance, especially very young children and infants.

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on **Ash Wednesday and on ALL the Fridays of Lent.**

FASTING is to be observed on **Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics 18 – 59 years of age.** Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if medically necessary, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

These Lenten laws are meant to create a spirit of penance and sacrifice. However, serious health conditions can excuse a person from these disciplines.



By God's gift through water & the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to Everlasting Life. May God bless the newly baptized and their families.

Ty Mikel Amaral

Vincent Michael Coppa

Charlotte Ann Grieco

Ronan James Toher

WEEKLY IN OUR PARISH

Weekday Mass: Monday–Wednesday 7:00 AM
Morning Prayer: Monday – Wednesday 6:40 AM
Communal Recitation of the Rosary: Mondays at 6:30 PM



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 29, 2020

5:00 PM

Christine Dettore
1st Anniversary, by Family

Sunday, March 1, 2020

8:00 AM

Ralph Pari
Remembrance, by Manning Family

10:30 AM

Janet Bouchard
Birthday Remembrance, by Family

Religious Formation

401-231-1340, Ext 3
EMAIL: faithformation80@aol.com

Sunday, February 23rd

Grades 1 & 2 9:15 am-10:15am

Grades 9 & 10 6:00pm 7:45pm

Monday, February 24th

Grades 3-8 6:30-7:45pm

ASH WEDNESDAY, February 26th

Grade 10 7:00pm Mass

Sunday, March 1st

Grades 1 & 2 9:15 am-10:15am

Grades 9 & 10 No Class

Monday, March 2nd

Grades 3-8 6:30-7:45pm

2020 SUMMER PROGRAM GRADES 3-8

July 13-17 and 20-23 8:30 am to 11:30 am

REGISTRATION FORMS WILL BE MAILED IN APRIL



Diocesan Faith Formation Convocation Saturday, March 14, 2020 Bryant University, Smithfield, RI

All adults are invited to be refreshed in their faith, enjoy fellowship with other Catholics, and be equipped to discuss their Catholic Faith with others. Dynamic speaker and author, Mike Aquilina, will present the Keynote Address "The Martyr's Cup" and a breakout session "Angels of God." Speakers from the McGrath Institute for Church Life will present a series of talks on Science and the Bible. Other topics include missionary discipleship, sharing the Faith with children and teens, the Church's teaching on gender theory and more. The day begins with Holy Mass at 8:30 AM celebrated by Bishop Thomas Tobin. The schedule runs 10:00 AM - 5:15 PM and includes informative breakout sessions with 20 speakers, lunch, Confessions, and Adoration and Benediction of the Blessed Sacrament. Advance ticket sales only. **Purchase tickets, view the full schedule and list of speakers and exhibitors at www.discovercatholicfaith.org.** For more info: Office of Faith Formation at 401.278.4646.

ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

Donations to the food closet can be made on weekends during mass time or if you have a large amount, please bring your donations to the rectory, Monday-Thursday from 9 AM - 4 PM.

To continue helping our friends and neighbors, the following items are needed: **cold cereal, sugar, salad dressing, flour, pancake mixes, cookies and crackers, mayonnaise, tea, hamburger helper, canned hams and meats, juices, beef stew, canned condensed milk, chowder, jarred tomato sauce, shampoo, toilet paper, paper towels, toothpaste, tissues, deodorant, bar soap, and napkins.** Thank You!



WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISH

Bonebuilders: Tuesdays & Thursdays, 10:30am-11:30am

Yarn Ministry: Thursdays at 6:30pm, Parish hall

Social Justice Meeting: Wednesday, March 11th at 7pm

Parish Food Closet: Saturday, March 14th 10am-12pm

ST. MICHAEL'S LENT 2020

ANIMA



Join our Lenten Discussion Group

We are all longing for a sense of greater meaning in our lives. In the ANIMA series, Bishop Donald Hying leads us through an inspiring account of how God's plan for the world gives each of us great dignity and purpose. He recounts that through Christ's Incarnation, Resurrection, and the Institution of the Church, God reveals the meaning of all life. Accompanied by stirring music, stunning videography, and insightful narration, this three-part series will instigate further meditation on how you can respond to Christ's sacrifice and continue carrying out his mission in his Church.

EVERYONE can join us this Lent as we use our FORMED.ORG program to watch, and discuss a Video based program called ANIMA. You can join us in one or all three ways:

***On our Facebook Page** = St. Michael's Discussion Group

***By email** = you can communicate by email on the questions for discussion, send your email address to bbowdstmikes@cox.net

***And/Or join us all in the Parish Hall** on three evenings: **March 4th, March 18th, & April 1st at 6:00 PM.**



WINTER BLOOD DRIVE RESULTS

- 19 Donors
- 18 Pints Collected
- 54 Lives saved

Thank you for your help!



The 2020 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal letters are mailed from the Diocesan Stewardship and Development office. Donations can be returned directly to the Diocese using the donation cards sent in this mailing. Your donation will be credited to our parish. Please feel confident to respond directly to the Appeal through this mailing. The parish will conduct an in-pew appeal later during Lent if you prefer to wait. Let's do our part in supporting the charitable work of the church!



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