

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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Donna M. Capalbo, ext. 0

RELIGIOUS FORMATION DIRECTOR:

Wendy A. Carrier, ext. 3

PARISH OFFICE:..... 231-5119

RELIGIOUS FORMATION:.....231-1340

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HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9:00 AM - 4:00 PM

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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.



3rd SUNDAY OF LENT

Jesus answered and said to her, "If you knew the gift of God and who is saying to you, 'Give me a drink,' you would have asked him and he would have given you living water." - Jn 4:10

We give the definition of ourselves over to so many things. We allow our society, friends, family, work, social groups, ethnicity, and even institutions define, classify, and color how we perceive ourselves. When we listen predominantly to the voices of others, we lose touch with what is happening within our own inner voice. If we listen carefully within, we can easily discover that we are in want and need. We know our incompleteness and also know that loneliness, sadness, and self-images can propel us outward in attempts to fill those gaps. We can become not only victims of our own prejudices but can find ourselves overly self-indulgent in things that can only satisfy for a short time, if at all.

It is no wonder that money and power are things that are so fervently sought after. As long as we can keep a steady supply going, the illusion of fulfillment and satisfaction can falsely persuade us as craftily as a master magician's act. We live with illusions not truth. It is no wonder, then, that some of the wealthiest folks are also really the unhappiest. Whether we admit it, the lies we live and pursue will ultimately expose our superficiality. We all have to wrestle with who we are and what gives our lives purpose and meaning. Learn to listen more deeply, not to what others are saying about you, but to what God is echoing in your heart.

We can easily get confused and misunderstand, not only about who we are but who God is. Even the disciples and the Samaritan woman at the well missed the point Jesus was trying to make. There is only one Person who can satisfy the deepest yearnings and longings of our hearts — Jesus the Messiah. It is not the work of corporate America that will lead us to happiness or greatness but the work of the soul. We continue to resist acknowledging this and are happier in our world of misunderstanding and illusion. The life-giving water we truly need doesn't come from the source of a well but from the Source of Life. Only God can reveal the truth of our sinfulness, the superficiality of our pursuits, and the illusions we hold so dear. Only Jesus can save us from ourselves and give us what we really need. If only our heads can catch up with where our hearts know they need to be, then will we find real contentment and life!



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15b/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf. Ps 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: 2 Sm 7:4-5a, 12-14a, 16/Ps 89:2-3, 4-5, 27 and 29/Rom 4:13, 16-18, 22/Mt 1:16, 18-21, 24a or Lk 2:41-51a
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-1

The 2020 Catholic Charity Fund Appeal



Next weekend,

Linda A'Vant Deishinni, Director of St. Martin de Porres Multi-Service Center, will speak at all masses. She will be sharing information with us about the senior center and how it depends on the generosity of donations to the Catholic Charity Fund. If you have not yet had a chance to respond to the Catholic Charity Appeal mailing from Bishop Tobin with your 2020 donation, we will be having an **in-pew solicitation opportunity next weekend**. Donation envelopes will be available in the pews. You may take an envelope and mail it directly to Catholic Charity or return it to the collection basket. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals. Thank you for your sacrificial help and support.

FOOD BASKETS FOR EASTER



Each year the Social Justice ministry gives food baskets to the members of our community that come to our food closet on a monthly basis. Your generosity throughout the year helps to fill those baskets, and this year we have all the items for a blessed Easter dinner except for the following items: **boxed mashed potatoes, broth, gravy, sugar, and coffee**. The baskets will be given out the week before Easter. If you can assist us with these specific items, please bring them as soon as possible. Thank you!

THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY OF ANN SERAPIGLIA



for requesting that contributions in her memory be given to St. Michael's Church. Thank you for your generosity.

LENT 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

7:00AM Monday, March 16, 2020
 Frances D'Angelo
 4th Anniversary, by Family

5:00 PM Saturday, March 21, 2020
 Nancy Aissis
 3rd Anniversary, by Family

8:00 AM Sunday, March 22, 2020
 Thomas Fagnand
 Remembrance, by Paul and Lucy McIntosh

10:30 AM Robert & Vivian Auerbach, and Dennis Turner
 Remembrance, by Family

Religious Formation

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

St. Michael's Religious Formation policy on COVID-19 will follow along with local schools' policies. We will be monitoring advice from the Department of Health and follow accordingly.

If you are uncomfortable with having your child attend Religious Formation class at this time, there is no penalty for absences. Students will still be allowed to make scheduled sacraments in the spring.

Please contact me with any concerns you may have, Wendy Carrier, Director

Sunday, March 15th

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

Grades 9 & 10 No Class



Monday, March 16th

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

Sunday, March 22nd

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

Grades 9 & 10 6:00pm 7:45pm -last class



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

WHAT'S HAPPENING AROUND THE PARISH

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

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

RCIA: Monday, March 16th, 7pm

Lenten Group: Wednesday, March 18th at 6:00pm, Parish hall

ST. MICHAEL'S LENT 2020 ANIMA



We are using our FORMED.ORG program to watch, and discuss a Video based program called ANIMA. You can still 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: March 18th, & April 1st at 6:00 PM.

3rd Sunday of Lent

Ask Jesus how you can turn to Him more this week to find your deepest thirsts quenched in Him instead of turning to the things of this world.



"Our Lady of Divine Providence" An International Women's Ministry, invites you to breakfast, **Saturday, March 28** 8:30am-Noon, Providence Marriot, Guest Speaker: **Jon Polce** We are honored to have this true servant of God Sharing "Part Two" of his 2016 Testimony and recent Extraordinary journey through his serious illness and recovery. Join us and bring a friend. \$30 per person. For more info. And reservations contact Linda Gatta 401-864-7731



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.

The following items are needed: **canned potatoes, 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!



Worldwide Marriage Encounter

"Everyone who drinks this water will be thirsty again; but whoever drinks the water I shall give will never thirst."

Let Jesus fill your thirst for a blessed marriage by attending a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Weekend. The next Week-ends are Apr 18-19, 2020 in Brewster, MA and Jun 6-7, 2020 in Medway, MA. For more information, call Stephen & Michelle O'Leary at 800-710-9963 or visit them at <https://wwmema.org/>.



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