

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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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

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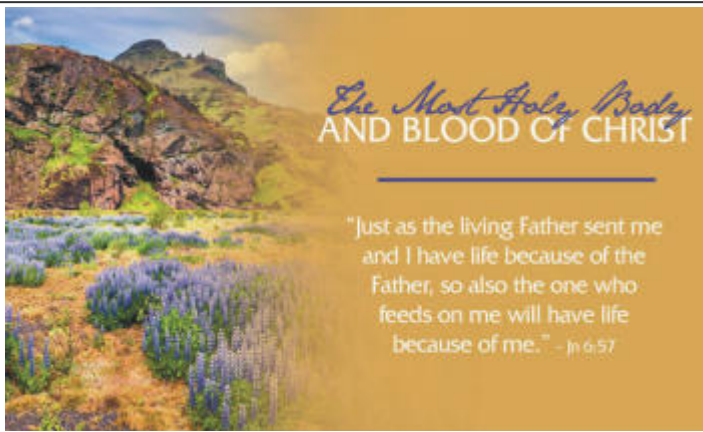
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

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.



It is no wonder that followers of Christ are called the Body of Christ. After all, sharing in the same spiritual food and sacred meal, they become what they eat and reveal the Divine Image. There is so much power for healing in the community of believers. Through the Eucharist, Christ becomes as present in those who have partaken of his Body and Blood as he has the elements themselves. The very presence of God touches the depths of the human soul and visits a part of us that no human being can ever hope to explore. We are God's. The sacred Eucharistic meal is a celebration of intimacy, the reunion of two loves in constant search of and longing for the other.

The community of believers receives the power and the presence to touch and heal in the name of the One they have welcomed within. It is now within their grasp to change the way life is lived and to more intentionally put into practice the Beatitudes that the Divine Guest has revealed. We are asked to be like Christ and work to create a world of sufficiency, where the greed of some no longer creates the want of others but where all of God's children can find a home and a place at the table of life. The One who makes a home within calls us to live a life that transforms. We are changed ourselves and now become agents of change for others. We are the Body of Christ. God is with us. We have been nourished.

Sadly, many are afraid to try. We know what we are called to do, but we struggle with feelings of doubt as to whether God really is the Way, the Truth, and the Life. Do our systems have to change? Is it possible that we somehow missed the mark when we put all of our social networks in place and established the business of our lives? Perhaps we have to radically rethink our approach and that can scare us. We might have to give something up or change, and we don't want to. As long as want, injustice, division, prejudice, and scarcity still exist, there is tremendous work for the Body of Christ.

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

- Sunday: Dt 8:2-3, 14b-16a/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12]/1 Cor 10:16-17/Jn 6:51-58
- Monday: 1 Kgs 21:1-16/Ps 5:2-3ab, 4b-6a, 6b-7 [2b]/Mt 5:38-42
- Tuesday: 1 Kgs 21:17-29/Ps 51:3-4, 5-6ab, 11 and 16 [cf. 3a]/Mt 5:43-48
- Wednesday: 2 Kgs 2:1, 6-14/Ps 31:20, 21, 24 [25]/Mt 6:1-6, 16-18
- Thursday: Sir 48:1-14/Ps 97:1-2, 3-4, 5-6, 7 [12a]/Mt 6:7-15
- Friday: Dt 7:6-11/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8, 10 [cf. 17]/1 Jn 4:7-16/Mt 11:25-30
- Saturday: 2 Chr 24:17-25/Ps 1 Sm 2:1, 4-5, 6-7, 8abcd [cf. 1]/Lk 2:41-51

Returning to the Celebration of Holy Mass

Our capacity is very limited at this time, so we will be using a "reservation" system which can be found on our website. www.stmichaelsmithfield.org
 Procedures will be reviewed regularly and adjusted to best serve the spiritual and safe health needs of our parish community.
 Thank you for your understanding and patience

Catholics continue to be dispensed from Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses.

While public Masses will resume, vulnerable populations, the elderly, and those with underlying health conditions are asked to follow the most up to date health regulations and remain at home. There are many who might feel uncomfortable returning to Mass. They, too, have legitimate reason to remain at home. Bishop Tobin has extended the dispensation from the obligation to attend Sunday Mass and Holy Day Masses until further notice.

WE WILL CONTINUE TO STREAM MASS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM on our YouTube Page.

Spiritual Communion

My Jesus, I believe that You are present in the Most Holy Sacrament. I love You above all things, and I desire to receive You into my soul. Since I cannot at this moment receive You in Holy Communion, come spiritually into my heart. I embrace You as if You were already there and I unite myself completely to You. Never permit me to be separated from You. Amen.



Religious Formation

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



With our social distancing regulations carrying into the summer months, St. Michael's Summer Religious Formation Program will be provided as an *At-Home Model* this year. Registration forms were mailed home to all students who will be in grades 3 through 8 in September. If you did not receive one please notify the Office of Religious Formation at 231-1340 or faithformation80@gmail.com. At this time, registrations are only being taken for grades 3-8 who want to home school this summer. Registrations for all other sessions and grades will be available by September.

Summer school home study is not available for students in sacramental preparation grades which are grades 1, 2, 9 and 10. Once we know the social distancing guidelines for school in the fall, we will decide how these classes will be held. Distance learning might be an option but not at this time. Summer school has always been for grades 3 to 8 only.

First Communion and Confirmation families will be notified with plans for receiving the sacraments when decisions can be made according to health guidelines and directions from the office of Bishop Tobin.

Please continue to pray for God's healing grace upon us.



Parish Prayer Line is available for anyone who wishes to request a special intention: 233-0225
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Why do Catholics pray to Mary and the saints?

One of the statements of faith we make when we pray the Nicene Creed and the Apostles Creed is that we believe in "the communion of saints." The Catechism of the Catholic Church reminds us that this communion (another word for community) includes all the faithful on earth, the souls in Purgatory, and the blessed women, men, and children who are in heaven. This teaching is grounded in our belief that, through Baptism, we are united with Christ and to one another with bonds that are stronger even than death.

And so from the time of the early Church, Christians have turned to other believers for prayers and assistance, including those who have gone before us, confident that God hears the prayers of all of His children. While we ask the saints (and one another) for prayers and support, we remember that the saints join us in prayer. But it is God who blesses and sanctifies us.

When we think of Mary and the saints in heaven, we have to remember that we can turn to them for intercession and assistance because they were faulted, limited human beings, just like us. This means that they are able to understand our struggles, doubts, fears, joys, and hopes. But as we learn their stories, we can also begin to recognize that they stand out in the history of the Church because they persevered in their commitment to follow Christ. Whether they were ordained, vowed religious, martyrs, husbands, wives, or even children, they show us that holiness is possible. We can not only follow their example but also benefit from their prayerful support.

Our devotion to the saints and gratitude for their witness, prayers, and protection should also be an inspiration for us, especially when we become aware of the needs of others or when others ask us to pray for them. We are called to share the blessings we receive. This is also part of our own journey of growing in holiness.



2020 Catholic Communication Campaign

Did you know that because of your support of the annual Catholic Communication Campaign, our diocesan Communications Office has been able to remain open and in touch with the faithful of RI and beyond throughout the COVID-19 Crisis? Thanks to your dona-

tions, we have been able to provide weekly emails with vital information and updates, prayerful messages and videos from Bishop Tobin, schedule of Holy Masses streamed on the web while public worship was suspended, timely spiritual and informational videos, and much more. As expected, support of the 2020 Catholic Communication Campaign is more vital now than ever. We hope we can rely on your support, no matter how small, to help us to continue to share the good news and the Gospel message during this unprecedented time in our Church history. 50% of the funds raised stay in the Diocese of Providence, the other 50% supports national communications efforts as well as projects in developing countries. Learn more - <https://www.dioceseofprovidence.org/catholic-communication-campaign> *NEW for 2020* Make a gift now securely online - <https://www.givecentral.org/dioprovcc>



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