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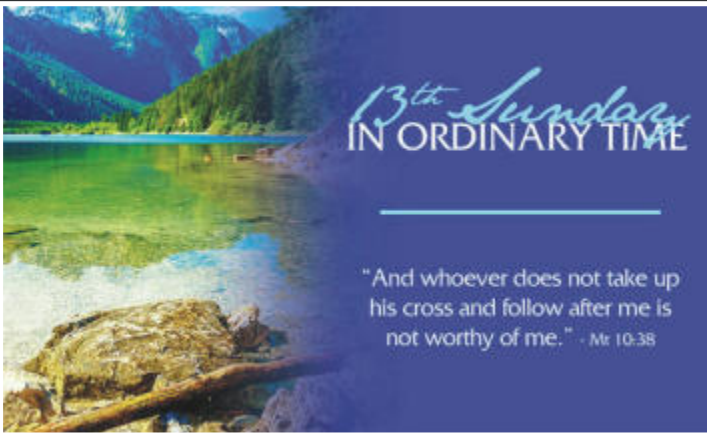
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

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.



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

Colette Jean Cavanaugh

Ellie Elaine Pavao

Kevin Patrick Robenhymer

When we were baptized, we were baptized into Christ's death. Take a moment to ponder these profound words. We were baptized into death. In every sense of the word, we are asked to die. This is not just about our final death but about daily deaths due to inconvenience, discomfort, pain, loss, or others' needs. This is an incredible epiphany given the way we very often approach our lives. We do everything to avoid death, let alone encounter it! Many avoid pain, discomfort, inconvenience, uneasiness, change, interference, and suffering of any kind. We put a lot of energy into finding the easiest and least inconvenient way through many things. Even holding the door open for a stranger or saying hello to someone in the store can be major undertakings.

We are called to die. One of the biggest wake-up calls we can have is realizing that life is not about us! There are millions of other people sharing life on this planet with whom I have a relationship. Does my life celebrate those relationships? The most distracting question we can ask is, "What do I want to do?" The more focused, faith-filled question is, "What do I need to do?" What I need to do may not be what I want to do. However, asking this question more frequently will teach us how to more purposefully and intentionally live so we can be a life giving vessel for others. When we learn to live more sacrificially, to put the needs of others before our own, and to not always seek our own self-interest, we become aware of what baptism into Christ's death is really all about. These are the roots of virtue and the seedbed for justice, tolerance, solidarity, love, and peace.

Learning how to accept all the "small deaths" and sacrifices life calls us to teaches us how to approach our final death. All deaths ask us to empty ourselves into something or someone else. Whether we empty ourselves into the heart and soul of another human being or empty ourselves into God at the moment of our final death, new life is always received and nurtured. A heart that exclusively seeks its own interest is a heart that is closed to love. A heart that pours itself out to others and is content with being emptied is a heart that has been touched by and open to mercy. It is a heart that overflows with joy.

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.

GOOD NEWS! The summer day camp program at Mother of Hope (Mater Spei) is opening this summer! It offers children aged 5-12 daily and weekly options from June 29th through August 14th. Mother of Hope Camp, an agency of the Catholic Diocese of Providence, is located on 126 acres of beautiful woodlands along Echo Lake in Chepachet, RI. MOH Camp's caring and professional staff members engage campers in daily prayer, weekly Mass, as well as many traditional outdoor camp experiences such as swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, nature education, canoeing, sports, and more! Sibling discounts available! Secure, online registration available at www.motherofhopecamp.com Call 401-568-3580 for information and follow Mother of Hope Camp on Facebook and Instagram! Please check our website for updated Covid-19 information.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: 2 Kgs 4:8-11, 14-16a/Ps 89:2-3, 16-17, 18-19 [2a]/Rom 6:3-4, 8-11/Mt 10:37-42
 Monday: Acts 12:1-11/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [5b]/2 Tm 4:6-8, 17-18/Mt 16:13-19
 Tuesday: Am 3:1-8; 4:11-12/Ps 5:4b-6a, 6b-7, 8 [9a]/Mt 8:23-27
 Wednesday: Am 5:14-15, 21-24/Ps 50:7, 8-9, 10-11, 12-13, 16bc-17 [23b]/Mt 8:28-34
 Thursday: Am 7:10-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [10cd]/Mt 9:1-8
 Friday: Eph 2:19-22/Ps 117:1bc, 2 [Mk 16:15]/Jn 20:24-29
 Saturday: Am 9:11-15/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 9b]/Mt 9:14-17

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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 - 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.



Dear Parishioners,

As you know, the process of reopening our state and our churches from the restrictions caused by the coronavirus has begun. Here at St. Michael's our schedule is one mass Saturday at 5:00PM with attendance limited to one hundred people by reservation. You can sign up to attend on our parish website, www.stmichaelsmithfield.org or if you need assistance you can call the rectory. One mass on Sunday will continue to stream online at 10:00AM. We will continue with this schedule for the month of June. By the end of the month we should know if the virus is under control. If it is, we can safely add public masses at that time.

Scheduling the sacraments of First Communion and Confirmation is still not possible until we see how June goes. If all goes well, and if larger congregations become possible we could schedule these sacraments for late summer or early fall. In any case, we already have a few reasonable options in place depending on the level of the public health concerns. Families will be notified directly and with ample time to consider options and to make plans.

I'm grateful that our parish staff has continued to work for the past eleven weeks processing information and contributions, arranging for funerals (we have had twelve since March, four were Covid19 related), cleaning the church and parish hall, planning for religious formation programs and paying bills. And I thank you for your prayers and financial support. You have shown tremendous generosity, cooperation and strength during this difficult time. I appreciate all you have done.

Finally, I hope you are doing reasonably well with all the challenges this virus has caused and I assure you of my prayers. It's important to remember that most of our sacrifices, restrictions and inconveniences are temporary. Only time will tell if we have been successful in managing this public health crisis, but I am confident that what we have each done for the good of our church and community will be the foundation for a safe and healthy future.

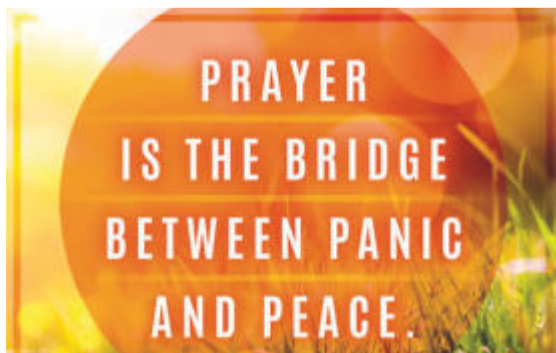
Sincerely,
Father Valentine

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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.



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