

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:

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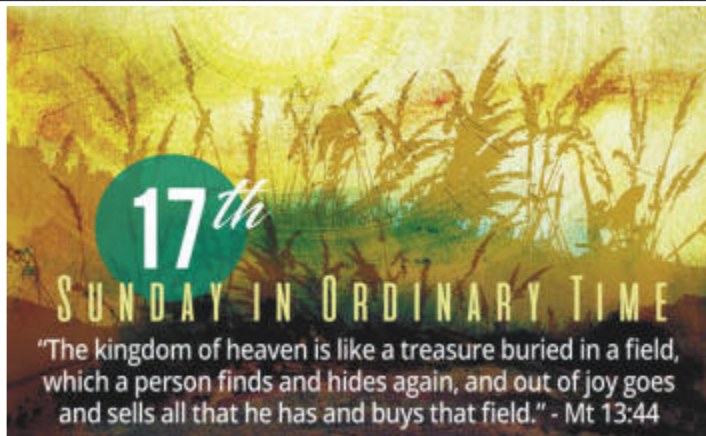
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

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.



A single mother who has a child with special needs works two jobs and sacrifices much of her own pleasures in order to be available for her son. Being the best mother possible is important to her and brings her joy. We are willing to make great and often heroic sacrifices for those people and things that matter most to us. Unless there is something of obvious importance to us in our immediate path, we can easily approach life in a more haphazard and chaotic way. We jump from one thing to another, responding to whatever it is that is competing for our attention at that moment. When everything is important, nothing is important.

If we do not wear the right pair of glasses, we can get all too easily caught up in the superficial stuff and neglect paying attention to the things that really matter. The kingdom of God is like the pearl of great price that is worth selling everything for so that it can be obtained. Based on where I invest my time and energy each day, I really wonder whether I am serving God's kingdom or my own. Have you ever considered tracking how you spend your time? You may be surprised!

We allow our agendas to set the clock of our lives. We forget that joy and a true sense of purpose are not going to be found in following that timepiece. Joy is the expression of the happiness that is discovered when living in the kingdom of God. When our agenda matches God, not only do we leap for joy but God leaps with delight as well. Our well-being is what matters most to God.

Can you imagine God delighting in you? It is easy to deaden our senses to the whole reality of God and the joy that living the Gospel can bring. The demands of secular life and the agendas competing for our attention can quickly do that. We can get tired and spiritually apathetic. But if we can see our way through all of the conflicting voices and hear the voice of God, we can rediscover our zeal and passion and redirect our efforts. When we begin to see as God sees, we can rise each day and notice what really needs our attention and embrace it with exuberance. Be careful, though. It may not be what we originally had on our list. Responding to it, however, will be worth putting everything else aside.

Parish Prayer Line is available for anyone who wishes to request a special intention: 233-0225



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: 1 Kgs 3:5, 7-12/Ps 119:57, 72, 76-77, 127-128, 129-130 [97a]/Rom 8:28-30/Mt 13:44-52 or 13:44-46
 Monday: Jer 13:1-11/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 13:31-35
 Tuesday: Jer 14:17-22/Ps 79:8, 9, 11 and 13 [9]/Mt 13:36-43
 Wednesday: Jer 15:10, 16-21/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-11 [2]/Jn 11:19-27 or Lk 10:38-42
 Thursday: Jer 18:1-6/Ps 146:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6ab [5a]/Mt 13:47-53
 Friday: Jer 26:1-9/Ps 69:5, 8-10, 14 [14c]/Mt 13:54-58
 Saturday: Jer 26:11-16, 24/Ps 69:15-16, 30-31, 33-34 [14c]/Mt 14:1-1



Congratulations to the children who received their First Holy Communion. May God continue to bless them & their families.

- Lillian Alves*
- Eli Beato*
- Grace Borden*
- Dante Braga*
- Anthony Capece*
- Ella Cataldo*
- Avery Cicchitelli*
- Connor Cote*
- Mia Coutu*
- Ryan Farrar*
- Joseph Gagnon*
- Skyler Grist*
- Sophia Lavallee*
- Blaise Manni*
- Benjamin Maroney*
- Jayden McGovern*
- Brianna Mirabile*
- Emily Monteiro*
- Lydia Parsons*
- Nathaniel Perry*
- Zachary Ruotolo*
- Gianna Saraiva*
- Lilia Siravo*
- Colin Smith*
- Ethan Storti*
- Garen Wagner*

Religious Formation

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Summer home school has begun. If you have not received a welcome letter from Sadlier Religion, please contact Wendy, faithformation80@aol.com or 231-1340 ext. 3. All work should be completed by August 15.

Registrations for Summer Home School are closed. There will not be enough time to complete all necessary work. Children who are not doing summer home study will be able to register for fall/winter sessions in August.



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

Julian Thomas Kennedy

Samuel Alexander Matteson

Thor Joseph Pacheco

Stella Rey Terry

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.



The **SUMMER CAMP PROGRAM** at **MOTHER OF HOPE CAMP** (Mater Spei) is open! Families of Children ages 5-12 have a chance to choose **DAILY** and **WEEKLY** options now through August 14th. Mother of Hope Camp, an agency of the Roman 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 **CAMPER FAVORITE OUTDOOR EXPERIENCES** such as swimming, hiking, arts & crafts, nature education, canoeing, sports, and more! **SIBLING & MULTI-WEEK 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! Live.Learn.Grow.

THANK YOU for supporting Mother of Hope Camp's mission to provide young people with opportunities to grow in a Catholic environment!



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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Thank you for your continued support of our parish

Please remember you can also mail your budget envelopes to the parish office.



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