

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

PARISH SECRETARY:

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

WEB SITE: www.stmichaelsmithfield.org

EMAIL: stmikesgeo@gmail.com

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.



We are hardwired for wholeness and crave it. When something is broken, we want it fixed. If a part of our body is not working properly, we want it healed. How often do we find ourselves saying, "I'm tired of struggling with this cold, I can't wait for my surgery to heal, or I want my treatments to make me better." Wholeness and healing restore our relationships and make us free to love as we desire. We know very well how our limitations, imperfections, and brokenness really limit us. They can easily prevent us from being and doing what we want to do.

Our physical and emotional wounds and maladies are easier to identify. If my back hurts, I feel it and know what part of my body needs attention. If I am feeling intense anger, I can identify the emotion and take necessary steps to uncover its cause. Being persistent often brings greater and quicker results. But will pursuing and even achieving our physical and emotional healings really be enough? We forget that there is a deeper healing that we seek and desperately need. As we look around at humanity, there are some physical and emotional wounds and scars that cannot be made whole. They are limitations that must remain and, for one reason or another, cannot be rectified. Does this mean that the wholeness and healing that my being longs for is not possible for me? Must I settle with less than what God promises?

The answer is no. Ultimately, there is a desire that goes deeper than the physical and emotional. It is a desire that resides in our soul. What we really seek and thirst for is healing and wholeness for our soul. Inner strength, conviction, focus, grounding, love, hope, faith, courage, determination, peace, and connectedness are all words that center us on eternity. They direct us to a presence we discover in our core, which is none other than the presence of God. In God, we are healed. When we are persistent in reaching out to and establishing our relationship with God, real healing and wholeness begin to happen.

There are some limitations and some of our brokenness with which we may simply have to live. This does not mean that we have to abandon our journey to wholeness and healing. If we have done our inner soul work, we have worked toward and acquired what and who we ultimately need and desire.

Congratulations to the Newly Confirmed

August 15, 2020

Grace Barden

Michelle Chamberland

Liam Dickson

Finn Eager

Jacob Girard

Zachary Lavallee

Emma Massoyan

Allison Pezzullo

Zachary Poirier

Ashton Renaud

Dominic Sparadeo

Abigail Stiles

Alana Urizar



Sunday: Is 56:1, 6-7/Ps 67:2-3, 5, 6, 8 [4]/Rom 11:13-15, 29-32/
Mt 15:21-28
Monday: Ez 24:15-24/Dt 32:18-19, 20, 21 [cf. 18a]/Mt 19:16-22
Tuesday: Ez 28:1-10/Dt 32:26-27ab, 27cd-28, 30, 35cd-36ab
[39c]/Mt 19:23-30
Wednesday: Ez 34:1-11/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [1]/Mt 20:1-16
Thursday: Ez 36:23-28/Ps 51:12-13, 14-15, 18-19 [Ez 36:25]/Mt
22:1-14
Friday: Ez 37:1-14/Ps 107:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [1]/Mt 22:34-40
Saturday: Ez 43:1-7ab/Ps 85:9ab and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [cf. 10b]/
Mt 23:1-12

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 15, 2020
William and Louise Ardito
Remembrance, by Family

5:00 PM

Religious Formation

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



All summer home school work should have been completed by August 15th.



Children who did not do summer home study may register for fall/winter sessions.

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 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.



ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

To continue helping our friends and neighbors, the following items are needed: mayonnaise, sugar, **coffee**, canned fruit, ketchup, canned ham, chowder, beef stew, tuna, **juice**, canned milk, toilet paper, napkins, and paper towels.

Donations 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.

Thank You!

THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY OF **BERNADETTE SMALL** for requesting that contributions in her memory be given to St. Michael's Church. Thank you for your generosity.



VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

As we prepare to safely add more in person masses to our schedule, we are in need of more volunteers to help clean the church. It should only take about 10 minutes of your time. If you can help please contact the rectory. Thank you!



To make arrangements to have your child baptized Please contact Bill Bowden, our Pastoral Assistant at 231-5120, x 4 or bbowdstmikes@cox.net to answer any questions or to help you prepare for baptism.

e-GIVING

Electronic giving is an automatic transfer program which allows you to make contributions without writing checks. Weekly budget and monthly maintenance contributions can be made automatically from your checking account or credit card. Go to stmichaelsmithfield.org/egiving to set up an account.

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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The Bishop has announced, that the **Annual Wedding Anniversary Mass**, scheduled for the Cathedral of SS. Peter and Paul on Sunday, September 27th, has been cancelled. The Mass is one of the largest and most joyful events in the life of the Diocese, but the need to cancel is unavoidable. The risks to the health of the participants would be significant. In the meantime, the Bishop is still eager to recognize those couples who are celebrating special anniversaries, (e.g. 25, 40, 50, 60 years or more.) Names can be submitted to the Diocese, and a letter and certificate will be mailed to the couples. Please contact the rectory office if you would like to be recognized in this way.



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