

# 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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**PARISH OFFICE:**..... 231-5119

**RELIGIOUS FORMATION:**.....231-1340

**OFFICE FAXNUMBER:**..... 231-0523

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

**WEB SITE:** [www.stmichaelsmithfield.org](http://www.stmichaelsmithfield.org)

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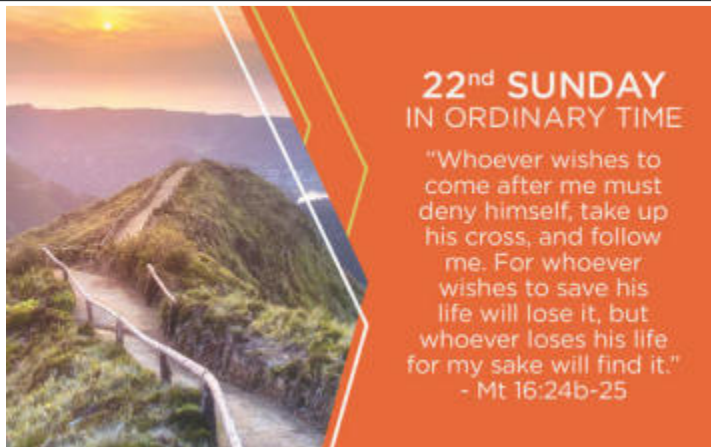
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

**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.



**22<sup>nd</sup> SUNDAY  
IN ORDINARY TIME**


"Whoever wishes to come after me must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it."  
- Mt 16:24b-25

Secular pursuits only bring a temporary amount of satisfaction and fulfillment. As much as we may think that achieving worldly success, economic security, personal well-being, and self-fulfillment are worthy goals to obtain, they all are dependent on external variables and can lead to emptiness. We are trained to be very pragmatic and productive. Unless we are able to check off all of the boxes or comply with specific measurable requirements, our value and worth becomes questionable. Corporations, educational institutions, systems, structures, and secular ideology rarely consider deeper, more spiritual, and human contributions a person can and needs to make.

To the secular mind, the wisdom and ideals of the Gospel are making less and less sense. Consider for a moment this question: "What profit would there be for one to gain the whole world and forfeit his life?" While Jesus is asking this very challenging question to people who are considering his message, many in our world are in a quite different place. Whether we realize it, many folks are asking a much different question. Why would you not want to gain the whole world and secure your life? If you look at where a lot of folks are investing their time, energy, and resources, it becomes obvious where current priorities rest.

Modern day comforts and possibilities are backing us out of our relationship with God. The fire burning in every human heart is trying to find its satisfaction in the things that humans have created and not God. Being altruistic and offering compassion for those most in need becomes a political responsibility or responsible gesture. We realize that our hearts need to be centered on something and someone who calls us out of ourselves, but we struggle and battle with naming the source of that call. God places the desire to seek, find, and love Him in the core of every soul. We are not abandoned and left to fend for ourselves. But we can easily get confused. We know that when we extend ourselves to another self-sacrificially, we are doing what is just and right. We know that we can work through suffering and loss and come out better and more whole on the other side.

Our minds need to be renewed so that they can begin to understand that there is much more to who we are, and that faith plays a pivotal role in achieving our true and everlasting goals. It is when we see that it is only faith that can bring us to this heightened awareness of ourselves and God that it will begin to make sense. Then, we can put things in proper perspective and consider being a disciple.



## MASS SCHEDULE

8:00AM Sunday Mass will return to our in-person Mass schedule beginning on Sunday September 6th. Please go to our parish website <https://stmichaelsmithfield.org/> Or call the rectory to reserve a seat.

**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.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, August 29, 2020**

**5:00 PM**      **Domenic Montefusco**  
1st Anniversary, by Wife and Family



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**



Sunday: Jer 20:7-9/Ps 63:2, 3-4, 5-6, 8-9 [2b]/Rom 12:1-2/Mt 16:21-27  
 Monday: 1 Cor 2:1-5/Ps 119:97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102 [97]/Lk 4:16-30  
 Tuesday: 1 Cor 2:10b-16/Ps 145:8-9, 10-11, 12-13ab, 13cd-14 [17]/Lk 4:31-37  
 Wednesday: 1 Cor 3:1-9/Ps 33:12-13, 14-15, 20-21 [12]/Lk 4:38-44  
 Thursday: 1 Cor 3:18-23/Ps 24:1bc-2, 3-4ab, 5-6 [1]/Lk 5:1-11  
 Friday: 1 Cor 4:1-5/Ps 37:3-4, 5-6, 27-28, 39-40 [39a]/Lk 5:33-39  
 Saturday: 1 Cor 4:6b-15/Ps 145:17-18, 19-20, 21 [18]/Lk 6:1-5

# Religious Formation

401-231-1340, Ext 3  
EMAIL: [faithformation80@aol.com](mailto:faithformation80@aol.com)

Summer school learning has been extended until September 15th. If you are having any difficulties completing online learning, contact Wendy at [faithformaiton80@gmail.com](mailto:faithformaiton80@gmail.com) or 231-1340 ext. 3.



Registrations for Fall/Winter classes were mailed home in July and were due August 16th. Please return them this week so books can be ordered. Thank you.



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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.



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

*Ellie Alyce Falcao*

*Hunter Leo LaCroix*



Wedding Banns

Amanda Cannon

&

David Allen



2020 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Many of you have already invested in this year's Catholic Charity Appeal in response to mailings that were sent from Bishop Tobin. On behalf of those served by the ministries and services funded by the Catholic Charity Appeal, we thank you for your gifts. For those that have not yet had a chance, you can still participate. You can make your gift quickly and securely online, or you can Text to Give by simply texting the word "Appeal" to 401-496-9889. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals.



## 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!

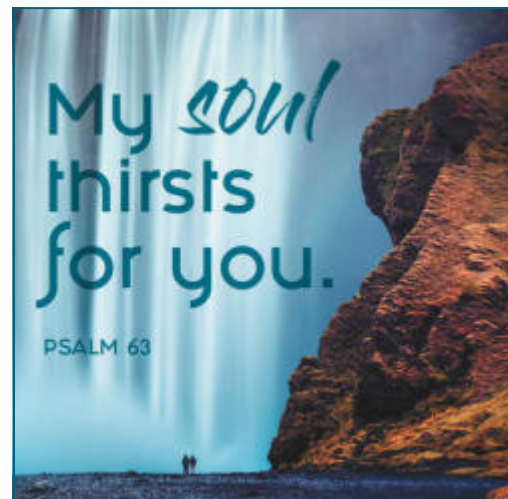


### ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

There will be a Food Closet for our active Food Closet members on **Saturday, September 12th from 11AM-12PM**

The parish food closet depends solely on the generosity of you, our parishioners, and we thank you for everything you donate: food, grocery cards and other financial assistance. The following items are needed for the food closet: 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!





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