

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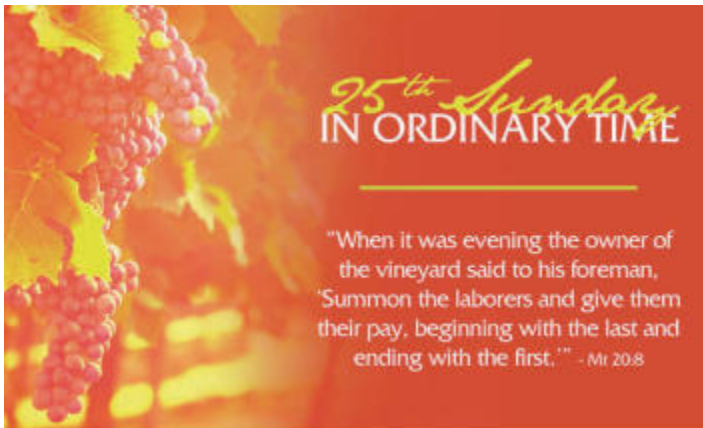
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

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.



If I work for five hours, I expect to get paid for five hours. If I work for two, I expect to get paid for two. What if we worked for a company that paid everyone the same amount regardless of how long they worked? How would we feel going home with the same pay for working eight hours as my co-worker did for working only two hours? Secular wisdom would have a huge problem with this and a visit to the Labor Board would quickly pursue. But this is God's wisdom and God's ways.

We sometimes think that if we pray more, better, or more fervently and go over and above with the practice of our faith, God will somehow reward us and present us with some kind of merit badge. We are so wrong. Spiritual practices have only one true purpose: to deepen our love for God. In deepening our love for God, we also increase our ability to see God's presence around us, living life more purposefully and contemplatively. What if God chooses to treat someone who has come on the scene of faith later in life the same as someone who has devoted their whole lives to it? Does it really matter? If we have the merit badge notion of faith, we can find ourselves feeling a little arrogant and even jealous of folks who have not followed the same path that we have. We can even see ourselves as the privileged few who have a corner on the faith and fully possess it.

That thinking doesn't square with God. God is all about mercy in abundance and is ready to take anyone to himself regardless of when they come. He is only happy that they have come home and delights in their return. After all, if you really and truly love someone, does it matter what they will give you in return or what you receive as a benefit? If relationships were assessed based upon productivity, they would lack authentic love. We invest too much self interest in our prayer and neglect to see it as an opportunity to pursue our Lover and deepen the intimate bond we have with God.

When we breathe our last, all that is of consequence is union with God. If my love for God is real, I am going to want to live the Gospel, abide by the commandments, practice my faith, forgive and love my neighbor, and care for the environment, regardless of how much time it takes or benefits me. We want God to think and behave as we do, and in doing so, we set ourselves up for disappointment. God has a totally different agenda and that's okay.



Senior Priest Retirement Fund
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Diocesan priests may retire at age 70 but are not required to do so. Upon retirement, Diocesan priests lose benefits such as room and board, housing allowance, and car insurance, which balanced off a modest salary. Priests do participate in social security, but salaries were so low years ago (\$50 a month until 1952, then \$100 a month until 1972), that Social Security benefits for the oldest retirees is low. Priests at that time had no health care. Fortunately, retired Diocesan priests now retain very good health insurance but still need to pay for their own Medicare Part B premium. So, the main source of income for retired priests is the Diocesan Priest Pension which today is funded at only a 609 level. Retired priests are not in dire straits but a healthy pension fund is vital.

Today, 92 retired priests receive a pension. About 61 are still active in ministry and helping in parishes though not in leadership positions, e.g. as pastors. Please consider making a contribution to this pension fund for retired priests on the weekend of September 19 & 20. To learn more about how this fund benefits senior priests or to make an online donation please visit www.srpriestri.org. Thank you for your support.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 19, 2020

5:00 PM

Irene Soucy
1st Anniversary, by Bob and Rose Fournier

Sunday, September 20, 2020

8:00 AM

Paul Baglini Sr. and Paul Baglini Jr.
Birthday Remembrance, by Family



PRAYER REQUESTS

Parish Prayer Line is available for anyone who wishes to request a special intention: 233-0225
All requests will remain confidential.



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Is 55:6-9/Ps 145:2-3, 8-9, 17-18 [18a]/Phil 1:20c-24, 27a/Mt 20:1-16a
Monday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Tuesday: Prv 21:1-6, 10-13/Ps 119:1, 27, 30, 34, 35, 44 [35]/Lk 8:19-21
Wednesday: Prv 30:5-9/Ps 119:29, 72, 89, 101, 104, 163 [105]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Eccl 1:2-11/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17bc [1]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Eccl 3:1-11/Ps 144:1b and 2abc, 3-4 [1]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Eccl 11:9—12:8/Ps 90:3-4, 5-6, 12-13, 14 and 17 [1]/Lk 9:43b-45

Religious Formation

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



If you have registered your child for fall/winter classes and still need to pick up their book, please contact Wendy as soon as possible. **231-1340 ext. 3** or faithformation80@gmail.com
Thank you.



Wedding Banns
Laurissa Galipeau
&
Michael Rodzen

St. Michael's has iWave!

It is an air purifying device that has been installed in our air conditioning system. When air passes over the iWave, ions produced by the device reduce pathogens, allergens, particles, smoke and odors in the air, creating a healthy environment without producing any harmful by-products. iWave uses patented technology, called needle-point bi-polar ionization, to create equal amounts of positive and negative ions. When these ions are injected into the air stream, they break down passing pollutants and gases into harmless compounds like oxygen, carbon dioxide, nitrogen and water vapor. When the ions come in contact with viruses, bacteria or mold, they remove the hydrogen molecules – without them, the pathogens have no source of energy and will die. The ions also attach to allergens like pollen and other particles, causing them to band together until they are large enough to be caught by our ventilation system's air filter.



ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

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.

To continue helping our friends and neighbors, the following items are needed: **cold cereals**, sugar, coffee, canned fruit, ketchup, canned ham, chowder, beef stew, tuna, mayonnaise, **juice**, **hamburger helper**, 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!



The mission of the church reflects the mission of Jesus to teach, preach, heal, and forgive. Through these acts, Jesus shares the good news of salvation and invites all people to share in the life and love of God. The church continues this mission in all its ministries, but especially, and perhaps most importantly, through catechesis.

Catechetical Sunday is celebrated on the third Sunday of September. The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community, who by word and example, form young and new members in the way of the Gospel. Parish programs assist parents in teaching the basics of faith through liturgical experience, instruction, and faith formation. This ministry is essential for the parish to grow, for individuals to develop as believers, and for the ongoing spiritual formation of the whole community. It reminds the church that preaching the Gospel and growing in faith are essential to our sacramental practice and our liturgical prayer.



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

Skyla Rose Cicchitelli

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

While public Masses 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.



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