

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

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Donna M. Capalbo, ext. 0

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RELIGIOUS FORMATION:.....231-1340

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

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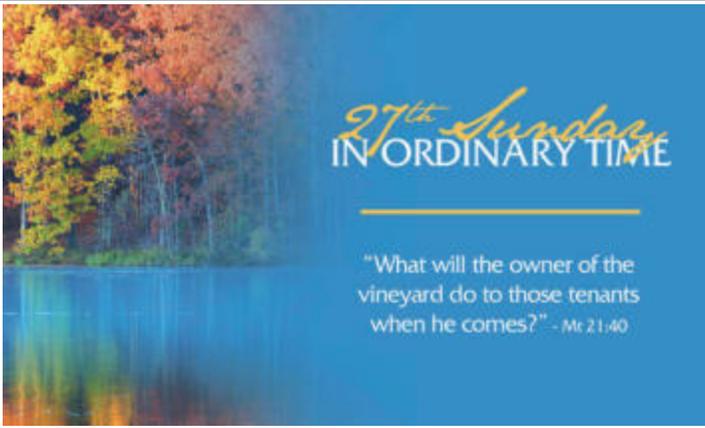
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

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.



Do you ever wonder why things never seem to come together? We see glimpses of consistency, equity, justice, peace, harmony, and wellbeing, but it always falls short. Human life is still expendable and manipulated, people are used for personal advancement, countries are at war, the economy continues to face turbulence, anger and frustration are widespread, and happiness is the possession of just a few and not the many. Could it be that we are serving the wrong kingdom? We keep trying to make our kingdom work and find ourselves still scratching our heads after repeatedly failed attempts to do so. It is almost as if people are saying, "we'll get it right this time if we do ...," as if some new and secret innovation has yet to be tried.

We serve God's kingdom. We may not like hearing that, but it is true. God did not make only a few of us. God made all of humanity and all of humanity is called into service. How often do we defer any of our decision making to God? Secular leaders enjoy winking at the Sacred Scriptures and using them when they advance a cause, but are they really listened to? Even those who consider themselves believers tend to sift through God's Word, taking what seems to fit and apply and discarding the rest. After all, if we were really serving God's kingdom, we would see an abundance of fruit testifying to this fact. But what's growing on the vine is anything other than good Gospel-centered fruit.

Nothing in this world or the next belongs to us. We have such a hard time believing this and live our lives as if everything belongs to us. And, the fruit does not lie. Trees that are neglected and not properly fertilized reveal that fact. They cannot keep these deep secrets from being discovered. If God's kingdom was really being served, then life would have looked much differently after the crucifixion. By now, there would be plenty of fantastic fruit to harvest in abundance: faith, hope, love, prudence, temperance, justice, and fortitude. Do we see these in abundance around us? Why not?

Still we grapple with ownership, privilege, status, and the protection of our rights. It's all about us and what we want, think we need, and expect to acquire. When did this change of focus occur? We may be struggling with this since humanity's day in the garden and have never understood that the focus cannot be on us and the apple but on God and God's justice. Maybe the only answer is that the Kingdom be taken from us and given to someone who is willing to do a better job. Is that the fate we really want?



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

Juliana Theresa Veader



SPONSORS/GODPARENTS

Sponsors and Godparents serve a religious role therefore their faith and religious practice must be the *primary* consideration parents use when choosing godparents for their children. Church law helps the choosing process by stating these requirements: "...those who serve as godparents must have completed their sixteenth year, be a Catholic who has been Confirmed, and who leads a life in harmony with the faith." Parents can avoid hurting the feelings of family and friends by not choosing people who cannot fulfill these basic requirements for a godparent or sponsor.

A *sponsor certificate* is a document which indicates that a person fulfills the requirements needed to serve as a godparent or sponsor. The certificate describes the faith and practice of the person as they are at *the present time*. When selected to be a godparent the individual should contact the parish where he/she is *currently living, registered and attending Mass each week*, for a sponsor certificate.



MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 3, 2020

5:00 PM

Dorothy Sullivan
Birthday Remembrance, by Family

Sunday, October 4, 2020

8:00 AM

Alice Campbell
Remembrance, by Family



THIS WEEK'S READINGS



Sunday: Is 5:1-7/Ps 80:9, 12, 13-14, 15-16, 19-20 [Is 5:7a]/Phil 4:6-9/Mt 21:33-43
Monday: Gal 1:6-12/Ps 111:1b-2, 7-8, 9 and 10c [5]/Lk 10:25-37
Tuesday: Gal 1:13-24/Ps 139:1b-3, 13-14ab, 14c-15 [24b]/Lk 10:38-42
Wednesday: Gal 2:1-2, 7-14/Ps 117:1bc, 2/Lk 11:1-4
Thursday: Gal 3:1-5/Lk 1:69-70, 71-72, 73-75 [68]/Lk 11:5-13
Friday: Gal 3:7-14/Ps 111:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6 [5]/Lk 11:15-26
Saturday: Gal 3:22-29/Ps 105:2-3, 4-5, 6-7 [8a]/Lk 11:27-28

Religious Formation

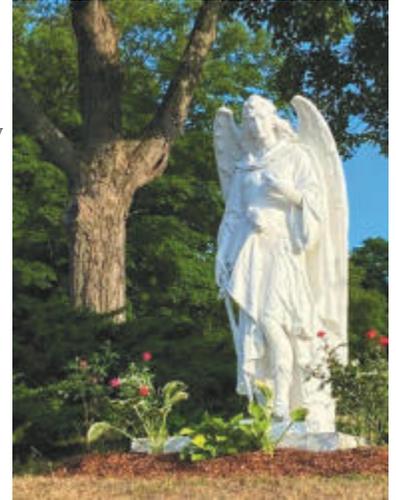
401-231-1340, Ext 3
EMAIL: faithformation80@aol.com

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.



St. Michael the Archangel

Defend us in battle, be our protection against the wickedness and snares of the devil. May God rebuke him we humbly pray; and do thou, O Prince of the Heavenly host, by the power of God, cast into hell Satan and all the evil spirits who prowl about the world seeking the ruin of souls.
Amen.



This year's "Haunted Labyrinth" is open Fri.-Sun., Sept. 25 to Oct. 31 rain or shine! Free indoor waiting is provided to customers in case of inclement weather. The Haunted Labyrinth is celebrating 35 years of being the longest running haunted house in New England.

This non-profit organization is dedicated to enriching the lives of youth. The Labyrinth is run entirely by adult and youth volunteers. The planning, building and staffing of the Haunted Labyrinth encourages leadership and ministry to youth, while providing a scary and fun attraction to the public.

Check website for details and coupons!
www.hauntedlabyrinth.com

Please be reminded that mask-wearing and social distancing will be in compliance with all COVID-19 protocols



Wedding Banns
*Laurissa Galipeau
&
Michael Rodzen*

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.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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

WE CONTINUE TO STREAM MASS ON
SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:00 AM
on our YouTube Page



ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

There will be a Food Closet for our active Food Closet members on **Saturday, October 10th** from 11AM-12PM

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. Thank You!
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

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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