

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

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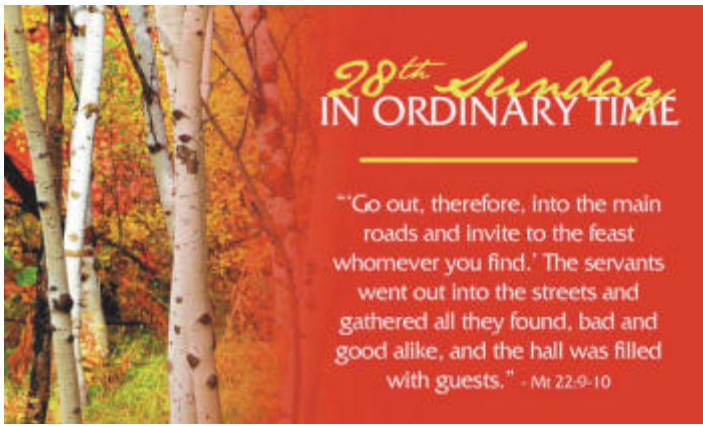
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

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.

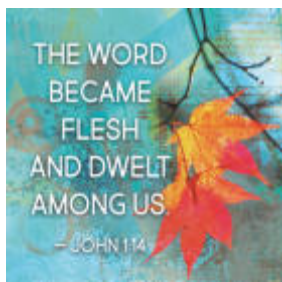


God gives us an invitation to have an abundant life. The banquet is ready, and the tables are set. Come! There is so much to attend to in the everydayness of our lives. We have plans, after all. There is never enough time and so much that needs to be done. There is work, children, and grandchildren, paying the bills, planning for retirement, figuring out the details of our next vacation, making sure we are on top of our game with work, planning social engagements, answering emails, texts, and getting our latest pictures on Facebook. There is always something. What is this about some banquet?

I need another party and commitment like a hole in the head. I can't manage what I already have, and someone is asking me to do more! Seriously? I saw the invitation; I think it came in the mail the other day. Did I leave it on the table? Oh wait, it may have gotten thrown away. I can't remember. In any case, I'm managing things pretty well on my own, I think. Thanks for thinking of me, but no thanks. My life is only as good as I make it and I have to be sure that all is in order! Oh, another invitation came today! This guy's being persistent. Now, I'm getting angry. I wish he would just leave me alone and stop with this invitation nonsense.

I woke up feeling a bit unsettled this morning. The kids have left the house, the grandchildren are busy with their lives, my retirement fund is losing ground, I'm worried about my health, folks have moved away, and I find myself alone. I am unhappy. I remember getting an invitation some time ago to a banquet promising new life and life in abundance. Did I miss something? I think I may have. I am finally discovering that life is not about me and my world. I think I've ignored the God who made me and the God who is the reason for my life, my hope, and my joy. It's always been about me. I have not really discovered Eternal Love.

Is the invitation still open? Can I come to the banquet? I think I'd like to come.



Next week is World Mission Sunday

We are called through our Baptism to be part of the Church's missionary efforts, through prayer, self-sacrifice, and support of the Mission Church through material aid. This year, Pope Francis asks us to respond to that call, saying, **"Here I Am, Send Me!"**

To "send" ourselves, we can:

PRAY for the Church's worldwide missionary work

OFFER financial **HELP** and **CHARITY** through the collection for the Society for the Propagation of the Faith for vulnerable communities throughout Asia, Africa, Latin America and the Pacific Islands.

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS

- Are you Catholic but you never received all the sacraments of initiation? (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)
- Have you been away from the church, and have now returned but want to know more?

We would like to help you in your Faith Journey! RCIA classes start in November and the reception of the sacraments occur at the Easter Vigil mass. Please call Bill Bowden, our Pastoral Assistant at 231-5120, x 4 or email bbowdstmikes@cox.net with any questions or for more details.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, October 10, 2020

5:00 PM **Joan C. Smith**
Birthday Remembrance, by Family

Sunday, October 11, 2020

8:00 AM **Donald Patrick Stoeckel**
Remembrance, by Family

READINGS FOR THE WEEK

Sunday: Is 25:6-10a/Ps 23:1-3a, 3b-4, 5, 6 [6cd]/Phil 4:12-14, 19-20/ Mt 22:1-14 or 22:1-10

Monday: Gal 4:22-24, 26-27, 31—5:1/Ps 113:1b-2, 3-4, 5a and 6-7 [cf. 2]/Lk 11:29-32

Tuesday: Gal 5:1-6/Ps 119:41, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48 [41a]/Lk 11:37-41

Wednesday: Gal 5:18-25/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [cf. Jn 8:12]/Lk 11:42-46

Thursday: Eph 1:1-10/Ps 98:1, 2-3ab, 3cd-4, 5-6 [2a]/Lk 11:47-54

Friday: Eph 1:11-14/Ps 33:1-2, 4-5, 12-13 [12]/Lk 12:1-7

Saturday: Eph 1:15-23/Ps 8:2-3ab, 4-5, 6-7 [7]/Lk 12:8-12

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.

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

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



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

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!



The parish offices will be closed on Monday, October 12th, for Columbus Day.



At Thanksgiving and Christmas, the Parish Food Closet and the Social Justice Committee provide food baskets for families in our town. Each basket contains items that would allow these families to have a special dinner on those days. A typical basket contains **stuffing mix, broth, boxed white or canned sweet potatoes, cranberry sauce, gravy, canned fruit, coffee, sugar and cake mixes.** (We already have plenty of canned vegetables). As you shop each week, one or two items mentioned above, added to your list and brought to mass on the weekend, would help this ministry to fulfill their goal. Thank you.

"He dispatched his servants to summon the invited guests to the feast, but they refused to come." God invites your marriage to be filled with His graces. Accept His invitation by participating in a Worldwide Marriage Encounter Experience via Zoom for seven sessions every Monday and Thursday evenings starting on November 2 - 23 from 7-9:30 PM. Registration is limited and a \$100 application fee is required. For more information or to apply, call John and Toni Torio at 718-344-3700 or visit us at <http://www.wwme.org/>



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



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