

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

OFFICE FAXNUMBER:..... 231-0523

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

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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 need history. We need it in order to understand ourselves, personally and collectively. The pieces of our histories may not have always been the most positive, honest, exemplary, dignified, proud and best moments of our lives, but they are ours. We have to acknowledge, remember, accept, and often heal them. We cannot forget them or pretend that they never existed. As horrible as the atrocities of events like Auschwitz, brutal injustices committed throughout the human journey, or personal painful experiences in our own stories, we need to remember. These times when humanity in general or people in particular have lost their way are times that need to be reconciled and redeemed.

If we lose the memories, we will make the same mistakes again. The human soul needs a strong sense of affirmation, direction, and clear purpose. Without these essentials, we will easily run amuck and repeat the sins of our past. God's voice throughout history has spoken precisely about this! We are reminded through the voices and example of many prophets and witnesses not to make the same mistakes again, come back to center, discover the purpose given to us by God, maintain a sense of proper direction, seek healing for wounds and be reconciled to our Creator.

Baptism is so incredibly important for the salvation of humankind, not only eternally but here and now. Our existence depends upon it. It gives us the affirmation we need from God by gifting us with the same intimate relationship Jesus had with the Father. We are blessed with the direction and clear purpose we need in order to be productive stewards and faithful Christians. Baptism calls us to remember, accept, and deal with the sins and inequities of our past regardless of how hurtful and serious. We consciously choose to turn away from them and put on the new life of Christ. To do this well, we must look hard and long at our sins and failings, listen to what they are saying and learn from them. If we ignore the past, collectively or personally, or pretend that it never happened, we will never grow. We will surely die.

People need to hear the message, lived and spoken, delivered by the baptized members of the Body of Christ. It is an essential message of hope that is layered with visions of justice, peace, reconciliation, redemption, blessing, and healing. It is a message that helps us remember what has gone before, the graces and the sins, and bring ourselves by God's help where we need to be. We are called to do much more than sit home behind our closed doors. We have a message to deliver. Are we ready to do so?



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

Ava Virginia Bruno

SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM

If you are a registered member of St. Michael's Parish and would like 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 and to help you prepare for baptism.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, January 9, 2021

5:00 PM

Robert Fournier

Remembrance, By Family

Sunday, January 10, 2021

8:00 AM

Robert DeAngelis

Remembrance, By Family

10:30AM

Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael's



The 2021 mass book is available. Please call the parish office if you would like to reserve a Mass date. Thank You



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Is 42:1-4, 6-7/Ps 29:1-2, 3-4, 3, 9-10 [11b]/Acts 10:34-38/Mk 1:7-11 or Is 55:1-11/Is 12:2-3, 4bcd, 5-6 [3])/1 Jn 5:1-9/Mk 1:7-11
 Monday: Heb 1:1-6/Ps 97:1 and 2b, 6 and 7c, 9 [cf. 7c]/Mk 1:14-20
 Tuesday: Heb 2:5-12/Ps 8:2ab and 5, 6-7, 8-9 [cf. 7]/Mk 1:21-28
 Wednesday: Heb 2:14-18/Ps 105:1-2, 3-4, 6-7, 8-9 [8a]/Mk 1:29-39
 Thursday: Heb 3:7-14/Ps 95:6-7c, 8-9, 10-11 [8]/Mk 1:40-45
 Friday: Heb 4:1-5, 11/Ps 78:3 and 4bc, 6c-7, 8 [cf. 7b]/Mk 2:1-12
 Saturday: Heb 4:12-16/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 15 [cf. Jn 6:63c]/Mk 2:13-17

Religious Formation

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



Continue with home learning for the winter months. All work should be kept in the book or folder you were given in September. Contact Wendy if you have any questions, 231-1340 or faithformation80@gmail.com

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

As a reminder, Bishop Tobin continues to dispense Catholics in the Diocese of Providence from the obligation to attend Sunday Masses and other Holy Days of Obligation. 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 until further notice.

WE CONTINUE TO STREAM MASS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS AT 10:30 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

The following items are needed for the food closet: **instant oatmeal**, jelly, jarred tomato sauce, sugar, hamburger helper, canned fruit, coffee, juices, **paper towels**, **napkins**, **toilet paper** and **tissues**.

Donations to the food closet 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 9am-4pm.

THANK YOU!



To become a registered member, please fill out the form on our web site www.stmichaelsmithfield.org. Being a registered member of the parish is required in order to receive mailings, register for sacramental programs, Religious Formation classes, or to receive sponsor certificates.

Keep the Heat On: Help or Be Helped

If you would like to help local families this winter, please send tax-deductible donations to: Keep the Heat On, One Cathedral Square, Providence, RI 02903 or visit www.heatRI.com to make a secure credit card donation. You may also support Keep the Heat On using Text-To-Give --text **keepheat** to **401-496-9889**.



If you, or someone you know, is in need of assistance, please visit the web site, www.heatRI.com, or call 401/421-7833 for additional information.



PRAYER REQUESTS

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



PLANNING A WEDDING?

Marriage has been raised by Christ to the dignity of a sacrament.

To be married in the Catholic Church means far more than to have the wedding ceremony in a church building. To be married in the presence of God's people means a man and a woman are joined together in a lasting bond of love.

If you have become engaged recently and are planning a wedding at St. Michael's, you should contact the parish office as soon as possible. Wedding plans should be made about one year in advance.

Many of us experience a letdown after the excitement of Christmas; others may feel relieved that life is returning to normal. Liturgically, we end the Christmas season today by reflecting on the importance of Jesus' baptism. Jesus' baptism prepared him for his public ministry. What will we take from this Christmas season to carry us forward into Ordinary Time, to renew and strengthen our life of Christian discipleship?

*God indeed is my savior;
I am confident and unafraid.
My strength and my courage is the LORD,
and he has been my savior.
With joy you will draw water
at the fountain of salvation.
--Isaiah 12:2-3*



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