

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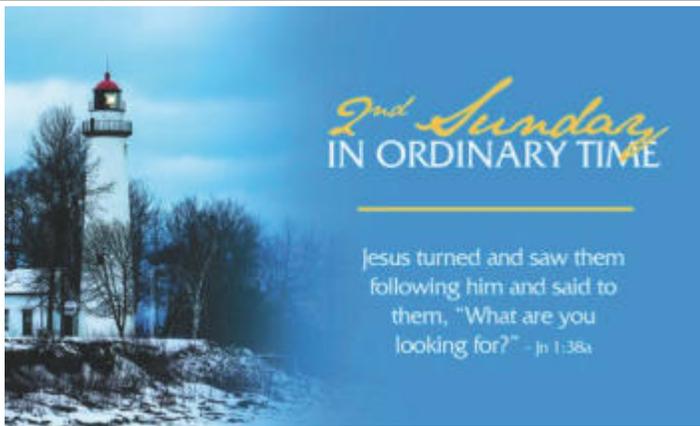
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

**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.



Our faith is not just about ideas. It's really about having an encounter with God and, in particular, the Risen Christ! Once we give ourselves over to the notion of God's presence, we have to train ourselves to listen for God's voice and be attentive to God's call. Having companions on our faith journeys is so incredibly important as they can help us fine-tune our listening skills and discern God's voice from others we may be hearing. Faith is all about having these profound encounters not only with God but with our brothers and sisters, and creation itself. Anyone or anything that is alive with God's presence becomes an occasion for God to speak and call us to deeper graces and experiences. "Come, and you will see."

The example and teaching of Jesus, the lives of the saints, those living among us and those glorified in heaven, and the wonder and beauty of creation can all serve to help us listen more clearly and assist in positioning ourselves for this profound God meeting. It is an encounter that can quickly and easily lead to a friendship and intimate intertwining of our souls to their Maker, making a claim on us like no other. Then, the Word of God moves from being just a body of ideas to something we simply accept and do. The person of Jesus Christ swiftly moves from being just a good prophet in word and deed to the incarnate presence of God Himself, the Lamb of God. The voice leads us to the Person behind it.

The Gospel is hard to follow. We can intellectually debate whether what Jesus said is really what we are asked to do. The Gospel ideas do not always make sense in our practical, secular world. The person of God always does. We can debate the practicality and sense of ideas and doing so often keeps the more difficult ones at a safe distance away from us. Jesus said to love our enemy, but we really don't need to do that, our minds try to convince us. It just doesn't make sense. Yet, if we are truly in love with the God who is behind the voice of those words, they make perfect sense. Our deep and intimate love of this God would even find us laying down our lives for Him if necessary. Speak Lord, your servant is listening.



**Mass Intentions**

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



To become a registered member, please fill out the form on our web site [www.stmichaelsmithfield.org](http://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.



**Monday, January 18th**  
Parish Offices will be closed for the holiday.

*"The time is always right to do what is right."  
- Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, January 16, 2021**

**5:00 PM** **Dorothy Sullivan**  
Remembrance, By Family

**Sunday, January 17, 2021**

**8:00 AM** **Ralph Pari**  
1st Anniversary, By Family

**10:30AM** **Vincent Ferri**  
Remembrance, By Family



**THIS WEEK'S READINGS**



Sunday: 1 Sm 3:3b-10, 19/Ps 40:2, 4, 7-8, 8-9, 10 [8a, 9a]/1 Cor 6:13c-15a, 17-20/Jn 1:35-42  
Monday: Heb 5:1-10/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 2:18-22  
Tuesday: Heb 6:10-20/Ps 111:1-2, 4-5, 9 and 10c [5]/Mk 2:23-28  
Wednesday: Heb 7:1-3, 15-17/Ps 110:1, 2, 3, 4 [4b]/Mk 3:1-6  
Thursday: Heb 7:25—8:6/Ps 40:7-8a, 8b-9, 10, 17 [8a and 9a]/Mk 3:7-12  
Friday: Heb 8:6-13/Ps 85:8 and 10, 11-12, 13-14 [11a]/Mk 3:13-19  
Saturday: Heb 9:2-3, 11-14/Ps 47:2-3, 6-7, 8-9 [6]/Mk 3:20-21

## Religious Formation

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



Please 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](mailto:faithformation80@gmail.com)

### PRAYER OF ST. ANSELM

*O my God teach my heart where and how to seek you, where and how to find you . . .*

*You are my God and you are my All and I have never seen you. You have made me and remade me, You have bestowed on me all the good things I possess, Still I do not know you . . .*

*I have not yet done that for which I was made. . . . Teach me to seek you . . .*

*I cannot seek you unless you teach me or find you unless you show yourself to me. Let me seek you in my desire, let me desire you in my seeking. Let me find you by loving you, let me love you when I find you. Amen.*

January 22, 2021

### Day of Prayer for the

**LEGAL PROTECTION OF UNBORN CHILDREN**

*A great prayer for life is urgently needed, a prayer which will rise up throughout the world. Through special initiatives and in daily prayer, may an impassioned plea rise to God, the Creator and lover of life, from every Christian community, from every group and association, from every family and from the heart of every believer.*

Pope Saint John Paul II

### 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.



### 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.



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 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: **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.

### 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](http://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**.



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