

# ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

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## Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM - Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM  
Holy Days: As announced in bulletin

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**PASTORAL ASSISTANT:**

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**RELIGIOUS FORMATION:**.....231-1340

**OFFICE FAXNUMBER:**..... 231-0523

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

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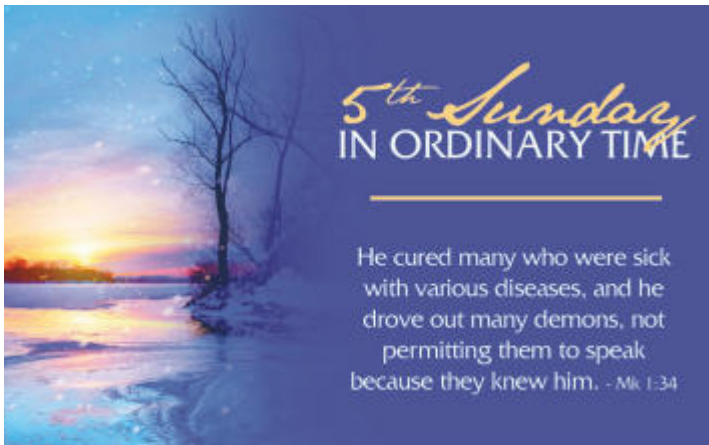
**SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM:** Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

**SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION:** 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.



**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.*

**2020 TAX LETTERS**

Your 2020 contribution information has been mailed. If you have any questions or concerns, please call or email the rectory. Donations to the Catholic Charity Fund and Grateful for God's providence Campaign are not included in this letter. Please call the Stewardship and Development Office at 277-2121 for this information.

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, February 6, 2021**  
**5:00 PM Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael's**

**Sunday, February 7, 2021**  
**8:00 AM Eugene Bielecki**  
 Remembrance, By Family

**10:30AM Deacon Anthony Muscatelli**  
 Remembrance, By Family

**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**

Sunday: Jb 7:1-4, 6-7/Ps 147:1-2, 3-4, 5-6 [cf. 3a]/1 Cor 9:16-19, 22-23/Mk 1:29-39  
 Monday: Gn 1:1-19/Ps 104:1-2a, 5-6, 10 and 12, 24 and 35c [31b]/Mk 6:53-56  
 Tuesday: Gn 1:20—2:4a/Ps 8:4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [2ab]/Mk 7:1-13  
 Wednesday: Gn 2:4b-9, 15-17/Ps 104:1-2a, 27-28, 29bc-30 [1a]/Mk 7:14-23  
 Thursday: Gn 2:18-25/Ps 128:1-2, 3, 4-5 [cf. 1a]/Mk 7:24-30  
 Friday: Gn 3:1-8/Ps 32:1-2, 5, 6, 7 [1a]/Mk 7:31-37  
 Saturday: Gn 3:9-24/Ps 90:2, 3-4abc, 5-6, 12-13 [1]/Mk 8:1-10

If I only knew then what I know now, how different life would be. This sentiment, expressed in myriad ways, is found on every human being's lips at one point or another. Life may have brought us to a vulnerable place where we see some of the poor choices we made and the effects they are having. Perhaps we fell into some destructive and dysfunctional relationships or behaviors and are finding how they held us captive. Our zeal and passion for life may have drifted away and we are waking up to the reasons apathy has taken hold. Life can be hard. In fact, some would describe their lives as a drudgery. They walk through each day with an anxious unsettledness, wondering when their restlessness will cease. There is a temptation to believe that what I see is all I will get. Mortality and hopelessness await the dawn. If I could only have known what would come in the future, I could have made better choices and avoided all of this misery!

Really? While we can certainly give into weakness, sin, impulsiveness, and idiosyncrasies that cause us to stumble over ourselves, life is really a journey. If we don't make the mistake of wallowing in the mire of self-pity and realize the new life God is calling us to, then there are thrills, adventures, surprises, and soul-searching graces we can surely miss. We are not tethered to our past nor are we bound to the ills life can bring upon us. We are never hopeless or helpless. The problem is that our myopic vision only allows us to see the misery and misfortune that is before us, not the potential that can come from choosing healthier and more life-giving options. Jesus came that we might have fullness of life. We need to learn how to reach for Jesus' hand and let him help us to our feet.

We need to allow God into our pain and heal our past. We have to wrestle with our histories, agonize and search and cry out for the Divine healing we need to restore our faith, hope, and love. Job could not see how his story would end or trust the guidance of the God who called him. We live in that same blindness and suffer from the same lack of confidence. Once we allow ourselves to be touched by God's healing power, we begin to see that all of the pieces of our lives are necessary parts of a greater whole. Along the way of our lives, God uses our omissions and failures to create new things and possibilities. When doors close, others open and we can be amazed by the joyful and unexpected surprises we receive. Once we know the power of God's creative, healing, life-giving, forgiving, and dynamic presence, it is no wonder we want to put ourselves at the service of others and show them what life can be.

# 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)



## ATTENTION PARENTS OF CATHOLIC SCHOOL STUDENTS

The Diocese of Providence requests that each parish provide tuition assistance to families who have children enrolled in a Catholic School – Kindergarten through Grade 8. Anyone who is an active, registered member of St. Michael's for at least one year can apply for these funds. Please email [smcg.billing@gmail.com](mailto:smcg.billing@gmail.com) for an application. Requests must be received before May 31<sup>st</sup> for the 2021-2022 school year.

St. Michael's Food Closet services members of our parish and families living in our community. If you or a family you know of would benefit from food assistance, please come to the next food closet scheduled for February 13th, 11AM-12PM in the parish hall.

### Help is Available

If you know of someone who could benefit from *Keep the Heat On* please call 401.421.7833, ext. 207 or visit [www.HeatRI.com](http://www.HeatRI.com).

*No Rhode Islander should be forced to endure frigid temperatures during the winter months!*



## ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

The Food Closet will be open for our active members on Saturday, February 13th from 11AM-12PM.

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.

To continue helping our friends and neighbors, the following items are needed: boxed mashed potatoes, sugar, canned fruit, instant oatmeal, coffee, juices, **paper towels, napkins, toilet paper and tissues.**



THANK YOU!



### 2021 Catholic Charity Appeal

Letters have been mailed from the Diocesan Stewardship and Development office. Because of the pandemic, our parish goal was reduced for this year. Donations can be returned directly to the Diocese using the donation cards sent in the mailing.

Your donation will be credited to our parish. Your tax-deductible gift to the CCA helps thousands of people in need every year. In addition to supporting the hungry, homeless and those most in need, the CCA also provides funding to vital church programs like Youth Ministry, Health Care Ministry, Faith Formation, Special Religious Education, support for Catholic School tuition assistance, and much more. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support the 2021 Appeal to the best of your ability. You can return the pledge card in the mail, or visit [givecentral.org/2021CCA](http://givecentral.org/2021CCA). Thank you

### Low-Gluten Hosts



We Have low-gluten Hosts for those who are gluten-intolerant. If you wish to receive a low-gluten Host during Holy Communion time at Mass, please stop by the sacristy before

Mass begins and let Fr. know that you want to receive a low-gluten host. Then, at Holy Communion time, receive from the priest who is celebrating the Mass, they will have your low-gluten Host. These Hosts are kept separate from the other Hosts in a special container. The priest will offer you the low-gluten Host in the usual manner of receiving Holy Communion.

**Parish Prayer Line** is available for anyone who wishes to request a special intention: 233-0225  
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FORMED

PICK OF THE WEEK

February 7, 2021

### BERNADETTE

Millions of people each year go on pilgrimage to Lourdes, a place where miracles frequently occur. Explore the origins of this miraculous place of encounter with the Lord in this movie which depicts Mary's apparitions to St. Bernadette.



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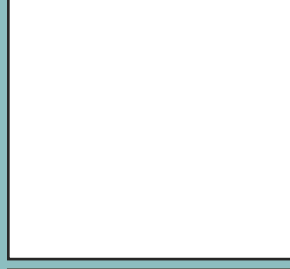
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