

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

80 FARNUM PIKE, GEORGIAVILLE, RHODE ISLAND



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM - Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 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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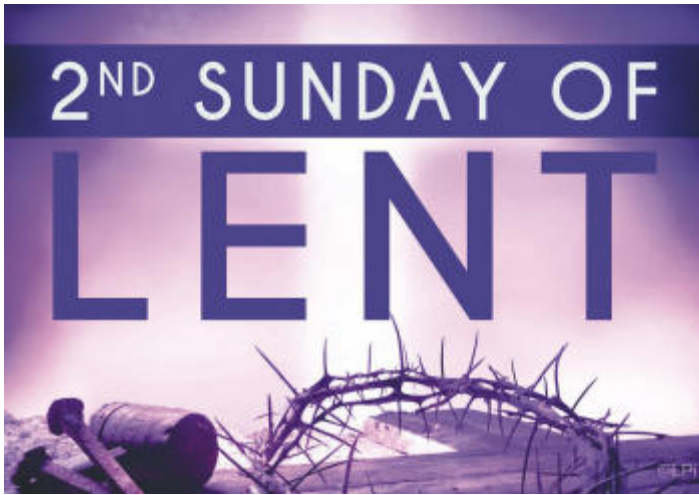
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

SACRAMENT OF RECONCILIATION: 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.



It seems to happen every year, like clockwork: we drag a bit, as we enter into the second week of Lent. On Ash Wednesday, we feel a bit like soldiers banging our shields, rushing into battle. “We’re ready, God!” our hearts cry out. “Transform us through sacrifice! Your will be done!”

But by now, these Lenten resolutions are no longer novelties — they’ve joined the ranks of everyday inconveniences, which somehow are the hardest to bear. Because transformation, in real life, happens in inches, just as a battle is won slowly in the crash of one sword against another. It’s not always a dramatic thing, to the naked eye. It’s the perseverance in prayer despite weariness, or the continual denial of some pleasure even though there’s that nagging voice in our minds saying: go ahead, God doesn’t really mind.

It’s a week when we all need a shock to the system — and wouldn’t you know it, this Sunday God gives us a double-whammy of dramatic sacrificial scenes. We picture Abraham, who also cried “Ready!” when God called, never imagining what He would ask: the surrender of his long-awaited son. We see Christ himself transfigured, as God shows us what He is ready to give up for love of us.

We must remain committed, persevering daily in acknowledging that everything belongs to God. What we sacrifice, we simply give back to Him.

If God is for us, who can be against us? Can we still reply, “Ready!” when we hear the call of God?



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Gn 22:1-2, 9a, 10-13, 15-18/Ps 116:10, 15, 16-17, 18-19 [9]/Rom 8:31b-34/Mk 9:2-10
 Monday: Dn 9:4b-10/Ps 79:8, 9 11 and 13 [cf. 103:10a]/Lk 6:36-38
 Tuesday: Is 1:10, 16-20/Ps 50:8-9, 16bc-17, 21 and 23 [23b]/Mt 23:1-12
 Wednesday: Jer 18:18-20/Ps 31:5-6, 14, 15-16 [17b]/Mt 20:17-28
 Thursday: Jer 17:5-10/Ps 1:1-2, 3, 4 and 6 [40:5a]/Lk 16:19-31
 Friday: Gn 37:3-4, 12-13a, 17b-28a/Ps 105:16-17, 18-19, 20-21 [5a]/Mt 21:33-43, 45-46
 Saturday: Mi 7:14-15, 18-20/Ps 103:1-2, 3-4, 9-10, 11-12 [8a]/Lk 15:1-3, 11-3



If you are a registered member of St. Michael’s 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.



Did you know?

The **Catholic Charity Appeal** helps fund the diocesan Health Care Ministry. The program covers the costs associated with our diocesan priests visiting the sick in hospitals, nursing homes and private residences. As Catholics, we know how comforting it is to have a priest with us in such difficult times.

Because of your generosity, this program is funded every year, along with 30+ other ministries and services. Please prayerfully consider making a gift to support the 2021 Appeal to the best of your ability. You can return a pledge card in the mail, or visit givecentral.org/2021CCA. Thank you.

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.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, February 27, 2021

5:00 PM Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael’s

Sunday, February 28, 2021

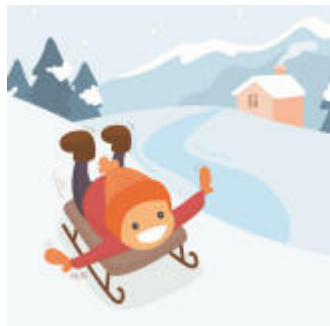
8:00 AM Janet Bouchard Birthday Remembrance, By Family

10:30AM Thomas Kyle and Patrick James Drummond Remembrance, By Drummond Clan

Religious Formation

401-231-1340, Ext 3
EMAIL: 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



Each one of us had times when we have mistreated others and neglected God. A great opportunity to make things right and regain our peace is through the Sacrament of Confession.

You are invited to **All Day Confessions**
Saturday March 13th, 8:00am-2:00pm
at St. Joseph's Parish
1200 Mendon Road
Woonsocket RI

Never doubt God's readiness to forgive you!

LENTEN REGULATIONS

ABSTINENCE from meat is to be observed by all Catholics 14 years and older on Ash Wednesday and on ALL the Fridays of Lent.

FASTING is to be observed on Ash Wednesday and Good Friday by all Catholics 18 – 59 years of age. Those who are bound by this may take only one full meal. Two smaller meals are permitted if medically necessary, but eating solid foods between meals is not permitted.

These Lenten laws are meant to create a spirit of penance and sacrifice. However, serious health conditions can excuse a person from these disciplines.



Please consider supporting high school student, and parishioner Elizabeth Shepard in her effort to raise money in honor of her grandfather, for life-saving blood cancer research. Learn more and donate to her

campaign at <https://events.lls.org/ma/bostonsoy21/eshepard> or checks can be made out to LLS (with Elizabeth's name in memo) and mailed to 23 Farnum Pike, Apt 1, Smithfield, RI 02917. Thank You

FOOD BASKETS FOR EASTER

Each year the Social Justice ministry gives food baskets to the members of our community that come to our food closet on a monthly basis. Your generosity through the year helps to fill those baskets and this year we have all the items for a blessed Easter dinner except for the following items: **sugar, coffee, broth, stuffing, cake mixes, boxed mashed potatoes, canned fruit, gravy, and cranberry.** The baskets will be given out the week before Easter. If you can assist us with these specific items, please bring them as soon as possible. Thank you!



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 for an application. Requests must be received before May 31st for the 2021-2022 school year.

ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET



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

The following items are needed: boxed mashed potatoes, sugar, canned fruit, coffee, juices, mayonnaise, canned hams, soap, toothpaste, shampoo, 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!

PRAYER REQUESTS



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



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.

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



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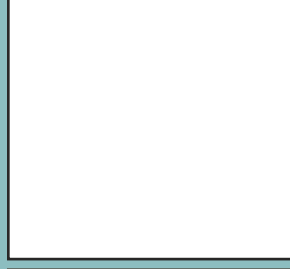
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