

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

OFFICE FAXNUMBER:..... 231-0523

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

WEB SITE: www.stmichaelsmithfield.org

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: 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.



Many prefer a “create as you go” approach to life where laws and protocols primarily exist to secure and protect liberties rather than dictate and outline proper and right behavior. There are no real benchmarks for acceptable ethical and moral behavior, with a “you can’t tell me what to do” attitude prevailing. Parents are even limited in what they can request of their children, and dealing with threatening behaviors, especially from adults, are a challenge as well. Acceptable and expected conduct seems to amount to safeguarding each other’s space rather than increasing awareness of necessary relationships that require a more refined and higher response.

We have lost our axis to the world of “anything goes” and no longer see the Ten Commandments as practical and wise guideposts to effective living. We live on “relativism island” where only a possible suggestion to “love and do not harm” may be the only standard able to be preached. While Jesus most certainly emphasized love above anything else, it was never about warm fuzzy feelings or halfhearted humanitarian efforts. The love of which Jesus spoke establishes an intimate connection with God, neighbor, self, and creation. Because this love, who is God Himself, is at the foundational core of our lives, it demands actions and attitudes that serve to build up, increase, and free up those relationships. Love requires proper conduct. Preserving and enhancing these love centered relationships is at the heart of the Ten Commandments (and the Beatitudes) and the reason for Jesus’ display of anger in the temple.

The Ten Commandments can save the world from turmoil and conflict by instilling basic moral and relational principles within us. They also hold a healthy sense of sin in balance and always remind us of our relationship with God and the freedom God offers. Our faith preserves these jewels of truth that we often look beyond, dismiss altogether, or seek to remove from public view. Human beings can be so arrogant at times. Our Lenten journey, especially when embarked upon with sincerity and resolve, can restore all of our essential relationships. When we get absorbed in life’s preoccupations and demands, things can quickly get distorted and we can find ourselves way off track. In short, we find ourselves in sin. Humanity is losing a sense of both grace and sin. We need both to understand what is real and true. Until we do, the oppressive systems and ideologies that hurt so many will never change. We will never change. We are grateful for those courageous souls who willingly embrace the conversion and hard work Lent demands and stand against antiquated systems and ideologies. They give us hope that all is not lost.

Why should I give to the Catholic Charity Appeal?

Your sacrificial gift to the CCA immediately goes to work, providing direct support to the poor, the hungry and homeless, to immigration services, to emergency rent and medical aid, regardless of their race, creed, or background. Your gift also has an immediate impact on services that include health care ministry, seminarian education, two youth centers, youth ministry programs, evangelization efforts, Pro-life support through the Life and Family ministry, and much more. 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



In one way or another, we have all neglected God. None of us have lived a perfect life. No matter what we have done, we can always return home. An opportunity to do just that is 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!

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, March 6, 2021

5:00 PM **Norman I. Bellemore**
 Birthday Remembrance, By Daughter

Sunday, March 7, 2021

8:00 AM **Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael's**

10:30AM **Mark Frezza**
 Remembrance, By Pauline and Bob Anthony

Saturday, March 13, 2021

5:00 PM **Alfred Trottier**
 10th Anniversary, By Family

Sunday, March 14, 2021

8:00 AM **Deceased Parishioners of St. Michael's**

10:30AM **Vivian & Roger Auerbach, & Dennis Turner**
 Remembrance, By Family



THIS WEEK'S READINGS



Sunday: Ex 20:1-17 or 20:1-3, 7-8, 12-17/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11 [Jn 6:68c]/1 Cor 1:22-25/Jn 2:13-25 or Ex 17:3-7/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Rom 5:1-2, 5-8/Jn 4:5-42 or 4:5-15, 19b-26, 39a, 40-42
 Monday: 2 Kgs 5:1-15ab/Ps 42:2, 3; 43:3, 4 [cf 42:3]/Lk 4:24-30
 Tuesday: Dn 3:25, 34-43/Ps 25:4-5ab, 6 and 7bc, 8-9 [6a]/Mt 18:21-35
 Wednesday: Dt 4:1, 5-9/Ps 147:12-13, 15-16, 19-20/Mt 5:17-19
 Thursday: Jer 7:23-28/Ps 95:1-2, 6-7, 8-9 [8]/Lk 11:14-23
 Friday: Hos 14:2-10/Ps 81:6c-8a, 8bc-9, 10-11ab, 14 and 17 [cf. 11 and 9a]/Mk 12:28-34
 Saturday: Hos 6:1-6/Ps 51:3-4, 18-19, 20-21ab [cf. Hos 6:6]/Lk 18:9-14

Religious Formation

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

Please continue with home learning. 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



*Reminder that Daylight Saving Time begins next weekend, March 14th. Don't forget to 'Spring Forward' next Saturday night.



GRATEFUL
for God's Providence
CELEBRATING 110 YEARS
DIOCESE OF PROVIDENCE

A few years ago our parish began the Diocesan program, Grateful for God's Providence. At the time, \$366,416 was pledged by our families. This gave the parish an opportunity to receive approximately \$146,500 to be used for special projects

within the parish. As you know, the heating system for the church and parish hall was updated and converted from oil to gas in order to lower heating costs. The cost for this replacement was \$123,167. Some parish funds were temporarily used in order to have the work completed in the fall of 2019.

Each quarter, we receive our campaign share from the Diocese. As of January 2021, we have received \$104,380. We still have the potential to receive an additional \$42,187.

It has been very gratifying to see that even through the upsets of the past year, our parishioners have continued to meet their obligation to this campaign enabling the parish to continue to grow and meet the needs of our church buildings and parish families. Thank you for your support and sacrifice.

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.



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, instant oatmeal, 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!



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 or **grocery gift cards** please bring them as soon as possible. Thank you!

THREE EVENINGS OF REFLECTION FOR THE HOLY SEASON OF LENT

At the Cathedral of Saint Peter & Paul, in Providence
Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday
Evenings
at 7PM
March 15th, 16th & 17th

Father Peter Mongeon, Homilist

Holy Mass will be celebrated each evening.

Confessions will be heard each evening from 6PM until 6:45PM.

"For God so loved the world that He gave us His only Son that whoever believes in Him may not perish but have everlasting life" (John 3:16)

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.



The LIGHTING SHOPPE
AT CROWN SUPPLY
TheLightingShoppe
(401) 861-6329 .com

ROBBINS FUNERAL HOME
231-9307
Geoffrey Greene
Jennifer Fagan
Directors




Vaughn Oil
Your Dependable Full Service Oil Company
RESIDENTIAL / COMMERCIAL

Automatic Delivery • Budget Payments
Annual Service Contracts
Burner Cleanings
24-Hour Emergency Service
COMPLETE INSTALLATION OF
HIGH-EFFICIENCY HEATING SYSTEMS



949-1000
264 Putnam Pike
(Rte. 44) Smithfield

GREENVILLE, RI
The Village
AT WATERMAN LAKE
ALZHEIMER'S CARE
CATERED RETIREMENT & ASSISTED LIVING
SKILLED NURSING
401-949-1333
www.villageretirement.com



Heritage Hills
Nursing & Rehabilitation Center
A HEALTH CONCEPTS, LTD. FACILITY
Rehabilitation • Skilled Nursing • Long-term Care • Palliative Care
Visit us for a personal tour!
80 Douglas Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917 | 401-231-2700
www.healthconceptsltd.com/heritage-hills

ADT-Monitored Home Security
Get 24-Hour Protection From a Name You Can Trust

- Burglary
- Fire Safety
- Flood Detection
- Carbon Monoxide



ADT Authorized Provider | SafeStreets | **1-855-225-4251**

LACHAPELLE OIL
Budgets • Discount Fuel Oil
Fuel Assistance Vendor
231-0289
www.lachapelleoil.com Lic # 322



MARIANAPOLIS
Founded in 1926
Online Learning Since 2012
A Catholic, independent, co-educational, boarding and day school for grades 9-12
26 Chase Rd., Thompson, CT 06277
(860) 923-9565
www.marianapolis.org



CARJON
Heating Cooling Indoor Air Quality™
232-9400 | carjon.com
Live in a World of Total Comfort.

AVAILABLE FOR A LIMITED TIME

ADVERTISE YOUR BUSINESS HERE

Contact **Mary Hoffman** to place an ad today!
mhoffman@4LPi.com or (800) 477-4574 x6340



BIAGIO'S PIZZERIA & BAR

Food Made With Passion Service From The Heart

401-830-5477
970 DOUGLAS PIKE • SMITHFIELD, RI Free Delivery Every Day!
Visit biagiospizzeria.com

Barbara A. Scanlon
Broker Associate
ABR, CPDE, CRS, e-PRO, PMN, SRES
(401) 480-8282
Licensed Since 1985



RE/MAX Town & Country
barbarascanlon.com
barbara@barbarascanlon.com

Ocean State Analytical Services LLC
Jo Saltzman, Ph.D.
Air, Water, Radon, Mold Testing
Phone: 401-474-6586
Fax: 401-231-5577
Email: jlsaltzman@aol.com
Parishioner

Jenkins Heating



24 Hour Burner Service
401-349-3934
Emergency # 401-391-2329
www.JENKINSHEATING.com
ARE YOU BEING FORCED TO PAY TOP DOLLAR FOR OIL TO GUARANTEE QUALITY SERVICE?
Purchase your service contract from Jenkins Heating for less than the big oil companies and you can shop for reasonable oil prices. Thereby, saving money on both.
Annual Burner Cleanings - \$150
Annual 24 Hr Service Contract - \$250 (includes burner cleaning)
Installations - Call for Quote
Fully Licensed & Insured MP#7805

Atwill-Conroy Dental Associates



EXCELLENCE IN FAMILY DENTISTRY

- New Patient Exams
- Digital X-Rays
- General Dentistry
- Teeth Whitening
- Composite Fillings
- Crowns
- Cosmetic Dentistry
- Periodontics
- Root Canal
- Fixed Bridges
- Porcelain Veneers
- Dental Implants

1 Thurber Blvd., Smithfield 401-231-7390 | 481-A Old Post Road, North Attleboro 508-695-7031 | 1196 Smith St., Providence 401-351-3090

TUCKER~QUINN FUNERAL CHAPEL
Family Owned and Operated Since 1857

Traditional Funerals to Simple Cremation Services
Pre-Arrangements & Pre-Financing Available.

Directors

Michael F. Quinn, Patrick J. Quinn,
Jerome D. Quinn, Christopher P. Quinn,
John H. Grover, Paul A. Falso, Jr.

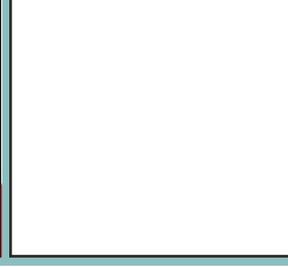
401-949-1370
www.TuckerQuinnFuneralChapel.com
643 Putnam Avenue, Greenville, RI

PROTECTING SENIORS NATIONWIDE MEDICAL ALERT SYSTEM



\$29.95/MO
BILLED QUARTERLY PLUS SPECIAL OFFER

CALL NOW! 1.877.801.7772
WWW.24-7MEDALARM.COM



Your Real Estate Counselor,
Damien Edsall
A Realtor who's here for YOU
Call or Text
401-300-9165
damien@slocumrealty.com

