

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:

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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.



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.

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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
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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 & Robert 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 faithfomation80@gmail.com



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



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.

LENTE 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.



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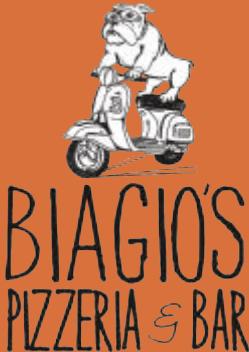
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