

# 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

**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

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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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**EMAIL:** [stmikesgeo@gmail.com](mailto: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.



St. Michael's Church  
May 2, 2021

*Avery Domenico*

*Stella Nunes*

*Anastasia Poyourow*

*Jackson Regniere*

*James Rinaldi*

*Vivian Slader*

*Courtney Smith*

*Mackenzie Smith*

*Jacob Storti*

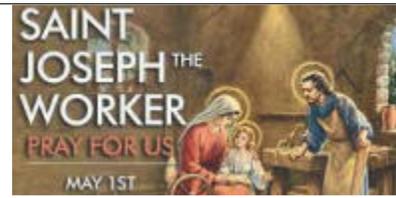
*Eva Taveras*

*Declan Trainor*

*Brayden Travers*

*Paige Tsonos*

*Brayden Whalen*



*Glorious St. Joseph,  
model of all those who are devoted to labor,  
obtain for me the grace to work conscientiously,  
putting the call of duty above my many sins;  
to work with thankfulness and joy,  
considering it an honor to employ and develop,  
by means of labor, the gifts received from God;  
to work with order, peace, prudence and patience,  
never surrendering to weariness or difficulties;  
to work, above all, with purity of intention,  
and with detachment from self,  
having always death before my eyes  
and the account which I must render of time lost,  
of talents wasted, of good omitted,  
of vain complacency in success so fatal to the work of God.  
All for Jesus, all for Mary, all after thy example,  
O Patriarch Joseph. Such shall be my motto in life and death.  
Amen.*



*By God's gift through water & the Holy Spirit, we are reborn to Everlasting Life. May God bless the newly baptized and their family.*

*Kyle Jose Vazquez Jr.*

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**Saturday, May 1, 2021**

5:00 PM **Virginia Nero**  
1st Anniversary, By Family

**Sunday, May 2, 2021**

8:00 AM **Jean Marie Ciotola-Perez**  
Birthday Remembrance, By Paul & Lucy McIntosh

10:30AM **We pray for all those making their First Communion**

**Saturday, May 8 and Sunday, May 9, 2021**  
**We pray for all of our Mothers, living and deceased**



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



Sunday: Acts 9:26-31/Ps 22:26-27, 28, 30, 31-32 [26a]/1 Jn 3:18-24/Jn 15:1-8  
Monday: 1 Cor 15:1-8/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Jn 14:6-14  
Tuesday: Acts 14:19-28/Ps 145:10-11, 12-13ab, 21 [cf. 12]/Jn 14:27-31a  
Wednesday: Acts 15:1-6/Ps 122:1-2, 3-4ab, 4cd-5 [cf. 1]/Jn 15:1-8  
Thursday: Acts 15:7-21/Ps 96:1-2a, 2b-3, 10 [3]/Jn 15:9-11  
Friday: Acts 15:22-31/Ps 57:8-9, 10 and 12 [10a]/Jn 15:12-17  
Saturday: Acts 16:1-10/Ps 100:1b-2, 3, 5/Jn 15:18-21

# Religious Formation

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



Thank you to all parents, grandparents, friends, and family members who were involved in the children's home leaning this year. You did an amazing job sharing the faith with your child.

There are no plans at this time for summer school. Decisions will be made as time grows closer and all health and safety regulations can be put in place.



## CONFIRMATION

Thirty-five young adults will receive their Confirmation on **Saturday, May 15th at the 5 PM Mass**. Let us keep our youth in our prayers during the coming weeks.



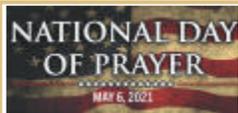
## ALTAR SERVERS NEEDED

It is an honor and a special privilege for a young person to serve at Mass. If your son or daughter will be entering Grade 4 or above in September, and they would like to serve St. Michael's in this very special way, please call the Parish Office at 231-5120, ext 4 and speak to Bill Bowden for more information. Serving at Mass can help to fulfill service hours for students in Grades 9 and 10.



## 2021 CATHOLIC CHARITY APPEAL

Please do not forget to complete your 2021 Catholic Charity donation. All gifts, regardless of size, help to make a difference in the lives of so many individuals. Our goal can only be reached with your sacrificial help and support. We are thankful for our 219 donors so far. As of this week, there is \$3,624 left to make our goal. 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](http://givecentral.org/2021CCA). Thank you



The National Day of Prayer is an annual observance held on the first Thursday of May, inviting people of all faiths to pray for the nation. The national observance is based on the understanding that this country was birthed in prayer and in reverence for the God of the Bible.

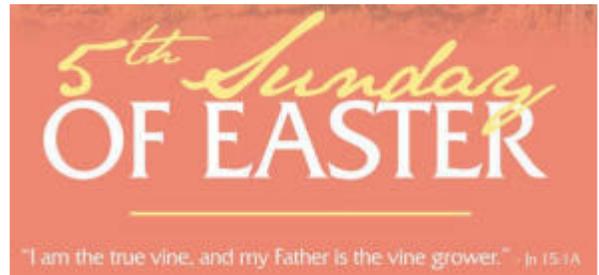


## ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

The Food Closet will be open for our active members on **Saturday, May 8th from 11AM-12PM**.

The following items are needed: **cookies and crackers**, juices, **hamburger helper**, canned ham, sugar, coffee, 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!



"Spiraling out of control," is a phrase that can easily describe the current display of human existence. In addition to the violence, unrest, uneasiness and turmoil that are common elements of our daily news, other essential pieces are misplaced or missing. Many lack an objective center around which to order and structure their lives or a clear set of definable goals or mores to act as guideposts and life directives. It appears that "feelings" have become a "new god" and traditional structures and ideals set aside. It is almost as if history only shows that we got this whole thing wrong and many are determined to finally set things right. The real truth, however, is that while wrongs and errors are certainly a part of our often-checkered past, it is hardly the case that all was wrong. It is not our task to rewrite the history of our lives, but to learn from mistakes that were made, and preserve the perennial wisdom at the root of our successes. Learning is an essential part of being human.

The question becomes, however, from whom do we learn? Some have such a hard time placing God in that position, but that is precisely where God needs to be. God is the Master Teacher from whom all of humanity learns and gets its cues. It is in and through this relationship with the Gardener of Life that we are fashioned and pruned into the people we are intended to be and can be. It is only in God that we are able to find our best selves. Sadly, many think that religion too, as well as history in general, has also gotten all this wrong. Yet, our resurrection faith tells us differently. We are reminded, today especially, that we are meant to remain in Christ as Christ remains in us. We are also reminded that Jesus, the Incarnate God, is the vine upon which we grow, the branches that flow from the source of God's life.

Giving up our will to God's can be a painful endeavor. It is not easy to set our own desires and wants aside and allow God to step in and direct and guide our growth. But this is the only way to prevent deadly weeds from overtaking us and bringing us to a place of self-destruction. God's commandments are the very guideposts and benchmarks we need, yet many seek to remove them from all public view because they appear to limit self-expression and suppress what is considered by many to be "human freedom." They are the only way we can find freedom, however. And, until we learn this fundamental lesson, we will continue to spiral out of control, never really knowing who we are, what our potential can be or how life really can be lived. We will not know peace.

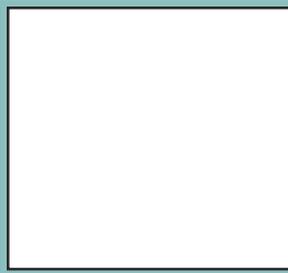


**Part time Custodian Needed.** Duties include general custodial work and sidewalk snow removal in winter. Individual would also be responsible for setup of classrooms and parish events. The ideal candidate will have flexibility to work additional hours to accommodate parish activities when needed. Applicants should submit a letter of interest to: Saint Michael's Church Attn: Bill Bowden, 80 Farnum Pike, Smithfield, RI 02917 or via email at: [bbowdstmikes@cox.net](mailto:bbowdstmikes@cox.net) 401-231-5120



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