

ST. MICHAEL'S CHURCH

80 FARNUM PIKE, GEORGIAVILLE, RHODE ISLAND



Mass Schedule

Saturday: 5:00 PM - Sunday: 8:00 & 10:30 AM - Mon-Wed: 7:00 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

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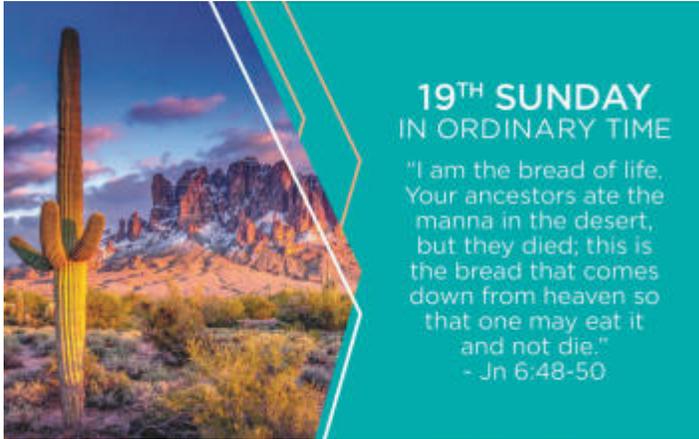
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

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.



**19TH SUNDAY
IN ORDINARY TIME**

"I am the bread of life. Your ancestors ate the manna in the desert, but they died; this is the bread that comes down from heaven so that one may eat it and not die."
- Jn 6:48-50

The lens through which we view life makes a difference. It also determines who we choose to learn from and what we allow to shape our thoughts and feelings. For many, life is simply what it appears to be, a given that either through evolution or some other means just came to be. There is no apparent rhyme or reason to things and things can be dissected and understood only in terms of what they empirically present. To the person using this lens, a tree is a tree and a flower is a flower. Their composition and existence can be understood only to the extent that current human knowledge allows. Through this lens, what gives life purpose and meaning? This lens has an essentially unknown beginning and definite end. Once those are accepted, the middle becomes some kind of pursuit of happiness, with values and principles being things that are self-created and found acceptable.

But there is a Divine lens that also exists and deserves mention. It is found when one stumbles upon faith and begins to see things differently. This lens is of God and reveals a Divine Energy and Life that flows through and in all things. Faith then shows us that all that lives come from this one Source of Love. This is the only true lens that can give human beings the purpose and meaning they desperately need. From this perspective, all of life is much more than what is immediately apparent! It now tells and reveals a story about God generous, creative, and unconditional love! The unfolding of the human story is the unfolding of God's story. What meaning our lives have when they are viewed as a part of God's love affair with humanity! We are indeed special.

The lens of our faith asks us to learn from Jesus Christ. Jesus, as the real Bread of Life, shows us our eternal destiny and completes and frames our lives. It is only in allowing ourselves to be taught by Jesus, that faith, hope, and love take on much greater importance. All the relationships in our lives are now structured and ordered using God's primary commandment of love. Jesus, then, is not just some man who lived at some point in history. Jesus is the incarnate Son of God who shows us the way, the truth, and the life. Using this lens changes things up a great deal. Looking at the creation that surrounds you and the special unique people you love, what is God trying to teach you about His love for you and the eternal life He wants you to have?



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

*Giovanna Anita DeCristofaro
Andrew Charles Flagg*

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, August 7, 2021

5:00 PM Alyssa Wright
4th Anniversary, By Family

Sunday, August 8, 2021

8:00 AM Kathleen and Leonard Thornton
Remembrance, By Family

10:30AM James Lawrence Adams
Remembrance, By Robert and Pauline Anthony

Saturday, August 14, 2021

5:00 PM William, Luise, and Linda Ardito
Remembrance, By Family

Sunday, August 15, 2021

8:00 AM Frank Villella
1st Anniversary, By Family

10:30AM Henry Shepard
10th Anniversary, By Family

WEEKLY IN OUR PARISH

Weekday Mass: Monday–Wednesday 7:00 AM

Communal Recitation of the Rosary: Mondays at 6:30 PM

In observance of Victory Day, the Parish offices will be closed Monday, August 9th.

"Our prayer today is one of gratitude, Oh, Lord, that peace has come to bless the earth, but above all we pray for wisdom and for the spirit of love in the hearts of men, for without that spirit, wisdom will avail us little." – Eleanor Roosevelt, Speech on V-J Day Columbia Broadcasting Company



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: 1 Kgs 19:4-8/Ps 34:2-3, 4-5, 6-7, 8-9 [9a]/Eph 4:30—5:2/Jn 6:41-51
Monday: Dt 10:12-22/Ps 147:12-13, 14-15, 19-20 [12a]/Mt 17:22-27
Tuesday: 2 Cor 9:6-10/Ps 112:1-2, 5-6, 7-8, 9 [5]/Jn 12:24-26
Wednesday: Dt 34:1-12/Ps 66:1-3a, 5 and 8, 16-17 [cf. 20a and 10b]/Mt 18:15-20
Thursday: Jos 3:7-10a, 11, 13-17/Ps 114:1-2, 3-4, 5-6/Mt 18:21—19:1
Friday: Jos 24:1-13/Ps 136:1-3, 16-18, 21-22 and 24/Mt 19:3-12
Saturday: Jos 24:14-29/Ps 16:1-2a, and 5, 7-8, 11 [cf. 5a]/Mt 19:13-15

Religious Formation

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



For all grades, if you did not attend the summer session, please send in your registration forms for the Fall as soon as possible.

Children in first grade need to attend classes in order to receive the Sacrament of First Reconciliation and First Eucharist in second grade.

If you have a child entering first grade in September and did not receive a registration form, call Wendy, 231-1340 ext. 3.

If you have a child in first grade in Catholic School, they do not have to attend classes until second grade.

Confirmation program is a two-year program. Students who are in 9th grade need to attend classes in order to receive the sacrament of Confirmation in 10th grade. If your teenager is in Catholic High School for 9th grade, they do not need to attend classes however they do need to attend classes in 10th grade. Please contact Wendy if your child will be attending Catholic High School for 9th grade.

St. Michael's Religious Formation is in need of volunteers to teach Grades 4, 7, 9 and 10. Training and support is provided, books and materials are easy to follow.

If you would like more information on what is involved, please contact Wendy. Please consider sharing your faith with our young people!



ROMAN CATHOLIC
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25th, 40th, 50th and Over
Annual Wedding
Anniversary Celebration

Sunday, September 26, 2021 at 1:00pm
Cathedral of SS. Peter & Paul, Providence

Married couples who are celebrating their 25th, 40th, 50th and Over 50 years wedding anniversary in 2021 will be honored at this celebration. Couples who would like to attend must register for this event through their parish before August 20th. To register, Please email: stmikesgeo@gmail.com, or call the rectory 231-5119.



SUMMER BLOOD DRIVE

Sunday, August 22nd
8:30 AM—12:00 PM Parish Hall

Please bring your driver's license or another form of identification.

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.



If you are new to the Smithfield area or if you have just been away for a while, please fill out the form on our web site www.stmichaelsmithfield.org or call the Rectory at 231-5119 to become a registered member. Also, once a child becomes an adult or is out of college, they should register separately from their parents, even if they still live at home. Being a registered member of the parish is required in order to receive mailings, register for sacramental programs, Religious Formation classes, or to receive sponsor certificates.



Serving the Spiritual Needs of Grieving Parents Whose Children of any Age Have Died by Any Cause, No Matter How Long Ago.

Losing a child under any circumstance is horrific. Focusing on the spirituality of the grieving process can help tremendously. Please join us. All are welcome.

One-Day In-Person Spiritual Retreat August 14, 2021
Our Lady of Lourdes Parish, Carver, MA

Weekend In-Person Spiritual Retreat November 5-7, 2021
Miramar Retreat Center, Duxbury, MA

For more information or to register,
Call Diane at 800-919-9332 or go to www.emfpg.org

Part time Custodian Needed

Duties include general custodial work. Individual would also be responsible for setup of classrooms and parish events. The schedule is flexible and candidate will have opportunity for additional hours to accommodate parish activities when needed. Applicants should submit a letter of interest to:

Saint Michael's Church, Attn: Bill Bowden,
at: bbowdstmikes@cox.net or call 401-231-5120



ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

The Food Closet will be open
Saturday, August 14th
from 10AM-12PM.

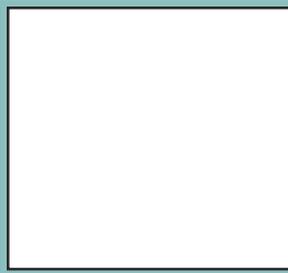
Donations to the food closet can be made on weekends during mass time or if you have a large amount, please bring your donations to the rectory, Monday-Thursday, 9am-4pm
Thank You!





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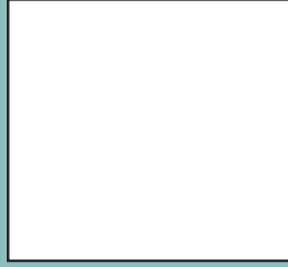


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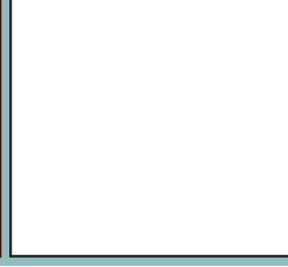

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