

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

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

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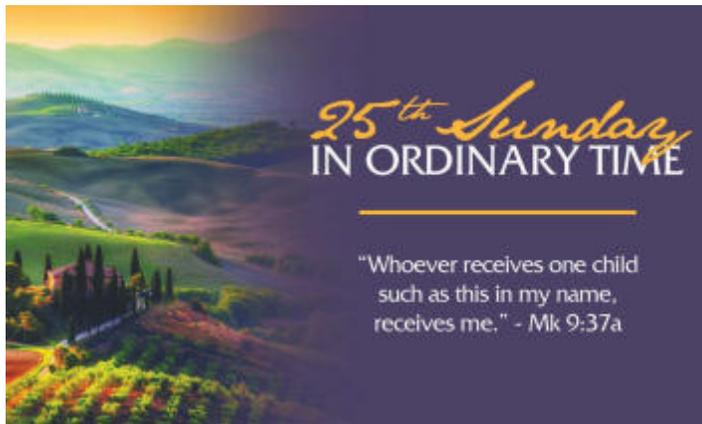
SACRAMENT OF BAPTISM: Parents should contact the Pastoral Assistant, ext. 4, at least four months before the birth of their baby to discuss baptismal plans.

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.



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

- Kennedy Marie Clinton*
- Anthony Lawrence Eckman*
- Kazuhiro Francis Ichiba*
- Julian Patrick Zimmerman*

There is something about being first. Whether it be first in line, first to be picked for the team, or the first one to finish their work, great satisfaction is achieved. Our egos love being first. It somehow sets us apart from everyone else, gives us a sense of pride and positions us to feel better than others. When we are first, we can glory in our efforts, skills, and achievements. Isn't that what really matters? After all, we are taught from a very young age to be proficient, stay on top, be the best at what we do, and win the praise and esteem of others. This is the stuff that makes us successful and provides us with a comfortable, satisfying life.

Jesus wants none of it. All of the details we anguish over mean little to the kingdom of God. You want to be first? Then, be a servant and welcome a child. All of this is the opposite of our often vehement pursuits. If we are serious about following Jesus and living the Gospel, then we must put the needs of others before our own. If we continue to listen only to the noise of the world, we are going to continue to believe the illusions we inherit. Those illusions come in many forms, but all have things in common: me before you, being on top and not the bottom, us versus them, personal security over universal harmony and peace. When are we going to learn that always striving to be the best and first is an empty pursuit in our struggle for happiness? While satisfying our ego with this momentary boost of esteem may feel good for a moment, is it what we really desire?

If we can break from the world's noise and create a space of sacred silence in our lives, we can begin to listen and see that we are being called in another direction. What we really desire is not the bolstering of our egos but the innocence we lost somewhere along the way. When we can be playful, joyful, and even somewhat carefree, life is good. We want our relationships to work, a place to call home, and to live peaceful lives with our sisters and brothers. Only a servant can do this. The servant's prayer seeks to detach from self-concern in order to be used by God. Rather than worrying about being first and coming out on top, we can be inspired, guided, empowered, and led to do good works. Stop worrying about being first and put greater energy into feeling joy.

MASS INTENTIONS

Saturday, September 18, 2021

5:00 PM **Wright and Sorbello Families**
Remembrance, By Family

Sunday, September 19, 2021

8:00 AM **Elizabeth & Michael Vallee & Diane McCain**
6th, 12th, and 1st Anniversary, By Family

10:30AM **Sherry Hunt - Robert**
Anniversary Remembrance, By Husband

Tuesday, September 21, 2021

7:00AM **Donald Patrick Stoeckel**
Remembrance, By Family

Wednesday, September 22, 2021

7:00AM **Frances D'Angelo**
5th Anniversary & Birthday Remembrance, By Family

Saturday, September 25, 2021

5:00 PM **Daniel Scotti**
10th Anniversary, By Family

Sunday, September 26, 2021

8:00 AM **Cecil and Adrienne McIntosh**
Remembrance, By Paul and Lucy McIntosh

10:30AM **Joseph Cappelli**
Birthday Remembrance, By Family



READINGS FOR THE WEEK



Sunday: Wis 2:12, 17-20/Ps 54:3-4, 5, 6-8 [6b]/Jas 3:16—4:3/
Mk 9:30-37
Monday: Ezr 1:1-6/Ps 126:1b-2ab, 2cd-3, 4-5, 6 [3]/Lk 8:16-18
Tuesday: Eph 4:1-7, 11-13/Ps 19:2-3, 4-5 [5]/Mt 9:9-13
Wednesday: Ezr 9:5-9/Tb 13:2, 3-4a, 4befghn, 7-8 [1b]/Lk 9:1-6
Thursday: Hg 1:1-8/Ps 149:1b-2, 3-4, 5-6a and 9b [cf. 4a]/Lk 9:7-9
Friday: Hg 2:1-9/Ps 43:1, 2, 3, 4 [5]/Lk 9:18-22
Saturday: Zec 2:5-9, 14-15a/Jer 31:10, 11-12ab, 13 [cf. 10d]/Lk 9:43b-45

WEEKLY IN OUR PARISH

- Morning Prayer: Monday – Wednesday 6:35 AM
- Weekday Mass: Monday–Wednesday 7:00 AM
- Communal Recitation of the Rosary: Mondays at 6:30 PM

Religious Formation

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

Fall Classes Start

GRADES: 1 & 2: SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 19TH
FIRST CLASS 9:15-10:15 AM

GRADES: 3 - 8: MONDAY, OCTOBER 4TH
FIRST CLASS: 6:30-7:45 PM

GRADE: 9: TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 28TH
PARENT MEETING: 7 PM

GRADE 10: SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD
FIRST CLASS: 6:00-7:45 PM

Please remember, First Communion and Confirmation are two year programs. The student must attend both years unless they are in Catholic School.



St. Michael's Religious Formation is in need of volunteers to teach all grade levels, 1st grade through 10th grade. 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!

RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



- Have you been worshipping with us, but never officially took the step to become Catholic?
- Have you been away from the church, and have now returned but want to know more?
- Are you Catholic but you never received all the sacraments of initiation? (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)
- Have you joined us from a different faith and would now like to find out more about the Catholic Church?

If any of these questions apply to you or if you know a family member or friend who could answer YES to any of the above questions we would like to help you in your Faith Journey! RCIA classes start in November and the reception of the sacraments occur at the Easter Vigil mass. Please call Bill Bowden, our Pastoral Assistant at 231-5120, x 4 or email bbowdstmikes@cox.net with any questions or for more details.

ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

The following items are needed for the food closet: mayonnaise, juice, sugar, paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins

Donations 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

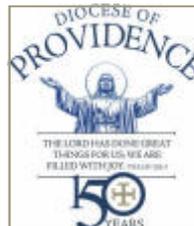
Thank You!



Catechetical Sunday always takes place the third Sunday in September. This year, Catechetical Sunday will happen on September 19. Catechetical Sunday is an opportunity for all Catholics to rededicate themselves to the mission of handing on the faith and being a witness to the Gospel as a community of faith

"The task of handing on the Gospel is entrusted to the whole community."

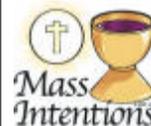
Please pray for the volunteers who will teach our faith to our youth.



Mike Aquilina: September 21 St. Philip Church - 7:00 PM

Popular author of works on Catholic Church history speaks on "St. Joseph and His Work: The life of St. Joseph, as we find it in the Gospels and other sources, teaches us a remarkable and revolutionary approach to our everyday labor."

The Diocese of Providence will celebrate the sesquicentennial of its foundation through a series of events running through June 2022. For more information on this event and other anniversary events, visit dioceseofprovidence.org/150



2022 MASS BOOK

The 2022 mass book is available. Please call the rectory Monday -Thursday, 10 AM - 3 PM to book your mass intentions. for next year.

The 2021 Parish Annual Collection will take place Next weekend, September 25 & 26.

THANK YOU TO THE FAMILY OF RITA PLUCHINO

for requesting that contributions in her memory be given to St. Michael's Church.

Thank you for your generosity.



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 contact Bill Bowden at: bbowdstmikes@cox.net or 401-231-5120



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