

# 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.

**26<sup>TH</sup> SUNDAY IN ORDINARY TIME**



At that time, John said to Jesus, "Teacher, we saw someone driving out demons in your name, and we tried to prevent him because he does not follow us." Jesus replied, "Do not prevent him. There is no one who performs a mighty deed in my name who can at the same time speak ill of me." - Mk 9:38-39

What are the little ones? They are the poor, the marginalized, the women and men at the well, the Zacchaeus' looking for Jesus from a tree, those mired in sin, the blind who want to see, and the lame who want to walk. They are the lepers and the different ones who have been told that they are unclean, and the ones who suffer from abuse and grave injustices and oppression. They are children who want nothing more than to be loved and enjoy celebrating their innocence. These are all the little ones and they are all vulnerable. Life already brings them burdens, we don't need to add to them.

St. Oscar Romero said, "When the church hears the cry of the oppressed it cannot but denounce the social structures that give rise to and perpetuate the misery from which the cry arises."

Why are so many people still so gravely hurting? We have the resources and the means to make things better. We choose not to. There are still those things called greed, pride, lust, apathy, jealousy, gluttony, and anger that prevent us from seeing each other and people to be loved and not objects to be used. Is this how God intended things to be?

God loves what is good and upright. It doesn't matter who did it or where it came from. In God's eyes, the end result is always faith, hope, and love. Those will always unite a person with God. We fill our lives with many things that are not good either for ourselves or for others. All of us have to work to discover what it is, exactly, that leads to the world's brokenness. There are people, systems, and ideologies in place that foster oppression and injustice rather than equity and fairness. Sadly, our complacency can be the greatest evil. Turning a blind eye, ignoring the truth, and believing that we are helpless to fix so great a problem, does little to move us closer to the kingdom of God. As members of the Body of Christ, we cannot condone anything that keeps people in misery.

As it is said, charity begins at home. Perhaps a good place to start is with our own households and making sure their foundations are properly laid.



**READINGS FOR THE WEEK**



Sunday: Nm 11:25-29/Ps 19:8, 10, 12-13, 14 [9a]/Jas 5:1-6/Mk 9:38-43, 45, 47-48  
 Monday: Zec 8:1-8/Ps 102:16-18, 19-21, 29 and 22-23 [17]/Lk 9:46-50  
 Tuesday: Zec 8:20-23/Ps 87:1b-3, 4-5, 6-7 [Zec 8:23]/Lk 9:51-56  
 Wednesday: Dn 7:9-10, 13-14 or Rv 12:7-12a/Ps 138:1-2ab, 2cde-3, 4-5 [1]/Jn 1:47-51  
 Thursday: Neh 8:1-4a, 5-6, 7b-12/Ps 19:8, 9, 10, 11[9ab]/Lk 10:1-12  
 Friday: Bar 1:15-22/Ps 79:1b-2, 3-5, 8, 9 [9]/Lk 10:13-16  
 Saturday: Bar 4:5-12, 27-29/Ps 69:33-35, 36-37 [34]/Mt 18:1-5, 10

**A Prayer for Our Parish**

Gracious and loving God, we ask you to send your Holy Spirit upon our parish to fill us with love. Make us instruments of your love to everyone that we encounter at home, at work, in our neighborhoods, and in our parish community.

Work through us so that we can bring your truth to those who are searching for you.

Help us to grow in gratitude so that we can recognize and thank you for all the good things you have given us.

Instill in us a deep sense of generosity so that we are willing to share our gifts, our talents, our time and our financial resources.

Deepen our desire to follow your will and to do things for your honor and glory. We ask this through Jesus Christ, our Lord and Savior. Amen.



**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

**MASS INTENTIONS**

**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

**Monday, September 27, 2021**

**7:00 AM Therese Girouard**  
1 Month Anniversary, By Tetreault Family

**Wednesday, September 29, 2021**

**7:00 AM Angelina Landolfi**  
Remembrance By Granddaughter

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**Saturday, October 2, 2021**

**5:00 PM Dorothy Sullivan**  
Birthday Remembrance, By Family

**Sunday, October 3, 2021**

**8:00 AM Margaret Rose Slader**  
5th Anniversary, By Family

**10:30AM Russell Bedard**  
Remembrance, By Family

# Religious Formation

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

## GRADE 10 TEACHER NEEDED

Training and support is provided, books and materials are easy to follow. Please consider sharing your faith with our young people! For more information please contact Wendy: 231-1340 or [faithformation80@aol.com](mailto:faithformation80@aol.com)

## Fall Classes Start

**SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 26TH**  
GRADES: 1 & 2: 9:15-10:15 AM

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

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 3RD**  
GRADES: 1 & 2: CLASS 9:15-10:15 AM  
GRADE 1: PARENT MEETING 9:15AM  
GRADES 9 & 10: CLASS: 6:00-7:45 PM

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

\*Grades 3 – 8 will be starting class on October 4. Your child needs to be registered before they can attend classes. Registration forms can not be accepted on the first night of class. Please call Wendy to register.



## FEAST OF ST. MICHAEL September 29th

Angels often appear in scripture at important moments to help people know that God is near. Their presence points to the Holy. Their ministry is guidance, companionship and reassurance. Their message is almost always: **Do not be afraid!**

As we celebrate St. Michael, the angelic patron saint of our parish, it is striking to note how similar the presence and ministry of a parish community can be to the ministry of angels as described in scripture. Parish communities often celebrate important moments in people's lives: birth, growth, commitment, death, with rituals that remind us that God is near. Like angels, parish communities point to the Holy – to God, when gathered in prayer and especially in the Sunday celebration of the Eucharist. Religious education, which forms and guides us, companionship which lets us know that we are not alone, and the many ways we are reassured that God loves us – from the daily life of being part of a parish community. **HAPPY FEAST DAY!**

## RITE OF CHRISTIAN INITIATION FOR ADULTS



- Are you Catholic but you never received all the sacraments of initiation? (Baptism, Eucharist, or Confirmation)
  - Have you been away from the church, and have now returned but want to know more?
- 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](mailto:bbowdstmikes@cox.net) with any questions or for more details.



## Saint Raphael Academy - Open House Sunday, October 3rd

Families of middle school students are invited to visit the Academy located at 194 Walcott Street in Pawtucket between noon and 3:00pm to tour the college-style campus and learn about all that is offered. The Academy is a diverse community of engaged learners, dedicated faculty and coaches, and caring parents. Learn more about the school and begin to imagine how you and your child will fit into the Saint Raphael Academy family!

## 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](mailto:bbowdstmikes@cox.net) or 401-231-5120



## ST. MICHAEL'S FOOD CLOSET

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

To continue helping our friends and neighbors, the following items are needed: mayonnaise, juice, sugar, paper towels, toilet paper, and napkins  
*Thank You!*

## 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.



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](http://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.

## The Diocesan Office of Life and Family Ministry Rachel's Weekend Retreat

If you have experienced an abortion, there is hope and healing. Come back to Jesus with all of your heart and experience His healing power. The next retreat is:  
**Friday October 29 through Sunday, October 31, 2021**  
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